

Hey, Fishos 🐟

Last night we wrapped up the season with a wind-up meeting for the fishing committee — a chance to go over our three comps, talk through what worked (and what didn't), and confirm who's sticking around and who's heading off.

All in all, I reckon it's been a solid season. We managed to get all three comps out on the water — even if the conditions were a bit “character building” at times!

As fishing coordinator, I'll be honest — my job's the easy one. The real heavy lifting happens behind the scenes:

- Huge thanks to Kevin Giles for lining up sponsors and sorting all the prizes
- Glenda for keeping entries, minutes, and financials running smoothly
- Wayne, our weighmaster, who's been turning up weekend after weekend for the past 25–30 years — an outstanding effort
- And the rest of the team... while I mostly just turn up, hand out prizes, and enjoy a couple of cold beers 🍺

A big thank you as well to our sponsors, the crew at the boat club, and all the fishos who got involved and made it a great season.

We've ended the year with a small profit, which is awesome. That gives us the chance to put a bit back into the club and boating facilities. This year we've already:

- Added a new 80-inch TV at the club (which has been a hit)
- Installed a new radio repeater at the surf club (around \$5k — not the most exciting spend, but absolutely essential)
- Put some funds into bands for the comps and a new mobile speaker system

Out on the water, May's been treating us pretty well — apart from the storm debris slowly drifting out to sea. There are still plenty of hungry snapper around, so make the most of it before winter really kicks in.

Looking ahead to next season, we're on the hunt for:

- **A sponsorship coordinator**
- **A secretary/treasurer**

These are key roles — we simply can't run comps without them. We'd also love a few extra helpers for sponsorship support, photos, and general tech stuff. If you're keen to get involved, get in touch!

I'll be overseas for a bit, but when I'm back over winter, we're looking at trialling some “pop-up” fishing comps — picking a good weather window, calling it, and running a quick comp. Turn up at the ramp with cash, fish for the day, and all entry money goes straight into prizes at the club that night. Should be a bit of fun!

I'll be back next season for more fishing comp chaos and good times.

See you out on the water, at the ramp, or at the club for a cold one 🍺

Tight lines,
Matt Whiteman