

## SEQ Fly Fishers April update 2014

Hi all, Dean here again with a bit of a read for a bit of a catch up .Recently we have had outings to Bli Bli Barra Park and Clarrie Hall as well the April meeting.  
Bli Bli Barra Ponds

Some time ago I was reading the forum and opened up one of Angus's posts informing members that if they were interested we could go up for an outing as he had just taken up the role as manager of the fishing side of things at this Sunshine Coast water park. Well I'm not really a fan of pond fishing but having taken on the role of Vice President I thought that the club was in need of some social interaction and started to plan a bus trip to Bli Bli.



Having the rental van 12 seater sorted and Brian K attending the food catering seemed simple enough, then it was time to watch the forum to fill the 11 spots in the mini bus.

Ok, filled the spots on the hire van/bus and now the schedule pickups and away we go.

Everyone is in and we stop to water the road edge just the once and hang out in front of the water park for a while waiting for our host, Angus.

Angus arrives and pumps us up with a talk about what to expect when fishing these two ponds ,one very large and one quite small ,then he wanders off to his office area and throws pellets into the water that creates a frenzy of at least a dozen barra to boof and splash about.

Fly fisherman took up there places and couldn't entice fish to any solid hook ups in the large pond so after an hour or so we all gather around the "big boys pond".

After a few boils and hits we see Andrew up the far end with a bit of a fight on his hand but surprisingly it was an estuary cod that he landed.



Then his fishing buddy Vince is on with a pond hog barra on his 5 weight and locks it up and after a minute or so the fish rubs through his line and we don't get a photo .So then Angus(candy man) comes along with his pellet can and gets them going and we convert to pellet flies that were just bits of round black thong rubber on a cheap hook. Our skills were then tested with ultra fast takes and boils but no solid hook ups as these large pallet pond predators were a little more cunning than we had presumed and many of us didn't get any attention at the end of our lines.

Besides the low catch rate we all had a great day and Angus presently has plans to heavily stock all ponds as the park was undergoing renovations and ponds re vegetation on our outing there. So if you guys are up for it we can do it again next year no sweat, but I won't be using Thrifty again for vehicle rentals and that is another story.

#### APRIL MEETING

The April meetings attendance was excellent, well done guys. We discussed upcoming events and went out on the greens to cast some Greys fly rods that Gavin Platz kindly brought along for us to try. We also handled some nice reels that Gavin has in stock that can be used for different applications like serious game and general salt use. So thanks Gavin for the chance to put our hands on some very nice graphite with the latest that Greys' has put out.

#### CLARRIE HALL

Sunday the 13th saw members lined up at the gate of one of our premier bass fisheries to try our luck on a beautiful ,still overcast day .Surface fishing in some areas was productive with bass whisperer Rick Slennett fooling a dirty dozen to his surface fly .Most of us did tangle with a few bass and a lovely lunch awaited us provided by Peter , thanks Peter keep your receipt mate.



#### Upcoming Events

\*May outing, Sunday 18th Tweed River Fingal Head

\*June Outing T.B.A

\*26th July/Saturday evening & 27th Sunday all day Club public display day with workshops and all things fly fishing.

\*9-10th August ,Lure & Fly Expo, yes we will be there.

#### July Club/public day

\*The club are putting on a evening/day of all things fly fishing and club related activity information to generally let the fishing population of the broader South East know who we are and what we are about.

For the experienced there is something for you as well with casting and tying, workshops and a chance to grab some tackle as Gavin will have a display. Saturday evening we are putting on

food as well as Sunday. Please stay tuned for this will be great.