

## **Press Release**

# **February 2017 Boondooma Dam Fishing Competition Results and Wrap Up**

Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that the lake fished extremely well for the 2017 event with 260 fish going through the catch and release section and another 329 in the gilled and gutted section. The biggest Yellowbelly of the event was weighed in at 2.40kg.

The competition set new records for the second year in a row with a huge attendance of 1013 entrants including 208 juniors. Cash and other prizes were presented at the end of each of the three sessions as well as overall competition winners at the conclusion of the event.

The water level in the lake was at 33% which together with the extreme heat and blue skies set the scene for a great weekend of camping, fishing and family activities.

Profits from the event are used to supplement fishing permit funds from the Queensland Government and to date approximately 4.9 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boondooma.

The Catch and Release category of longest Native targeting Australian Bass and Yellowbelly was won by Sheldon Free of Palmwoods with a Yellowbelly measuring in at 540mm and taking home over \$300 cash prizes and trophy, proudly sponsored by Thug Lures.

Jye Gilmore put in a solid effort to walk away with the most fish (Bass and Yellowbelly) caught and released throughout the competition with a total tally of 11 fish presented to the weighmaster.

The Heaviest Yellowbelly title was claimed by Jim Dunn of Wondai with a Yellowbelly of 2.405kg. Bart took home over \$410 cash plus prizes and trophy. Sponsored by Corey and Nikki Goldie of the Lake Boondooma Kiosk.

The winner of the heaviest Bass section sponsored by Wondai Accounting and Tax Services was Russell Gscheidle with a Bass of 1.270kg to secure a pay cheque of \$370 plus prizes and trophy.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers for Yellowbelly were Nicolas Holmes of Mt Rascal with a Yellowbelly of 1.985kg. The Bass was claimed by Jake Richter of Toogoolawah with a bass weighing in at 1.38kg.

The 3.4m Bluefin Boat Motor and Trailer package was won by Matthew Wyrill of Yarraman. Proudly sponsored by Lake Boondooma kiosk and South Burnett Regional Council. The Dragon Kayak was won by Daniel Gleeson of Chinchilla.

Congratulations to all the winners and thankyou to everyone who attended and made the event such a success. With over \$20,000 profit made from the weekend, the future for Lake Boondooma fishery is looking very healthy.

The annual competition for next year will be held on 10th and 11th February 2018. Entry costs for the February event will remain at \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under.

The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors ensured that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws were available for all competitors giving away over \$40,000 worth of cash and prizes.

Food and drinks stalls were provided by local community groups over the weekend and the great camping facilities provided by the South Burnett Regional Council was put to great use for campers staying at the lake.

Additional information on the local area and past fishing competitions can be found on the Proston Online website, [www.prostononline.info](http://www.prostononline.info)

