

Press Release

February 2019 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 2019 event with 157 fish going through the catch and release section and another 145 in the gilled and gutted section. The biggest Yellowbelly of the event was weighed in at 2.085kg.

The competition for 2019 saw a huge attendance of 945 entrants including 236 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 39% which together with the clear 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 5.3 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boondooma.

The Catch and Release categories were increased this year to include Yellowbelly, Bass, Jew, Silver Perch and Spangled Perch with anglers utilising the Track my fish app to photograph and release the fish which proved to be successful with Michael Jarvis of Coolum Beach, winning the Yellowbelly with a fish of 550mm. Wendal Maroski of Murgon Won the longest Bass with a 505mm fish.

The Heaviest Yellowbelly title was claimed by Mick Turner of Boonah with a Yellowbelly of 2.085kg. Mick took home over \$400 cash and prizes with a trophy. Sponsored by Stanwell Power

The winner of the heaviest Bass section sponsored by Wondai Accounting and Tax Services was Jeffery Kinsella of Moffatdale with a Bass of 1.525kg to secure a pay cheque of \$350 plus prizes and trophy.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers for Yellowbelly were Blake Manthey of Kingaroy with a Yellowbelly of 1.470kg. The Bass was claimed by Jake Johnson of Chinchilla with a bass weighing in at 1.355kg.

The 3.6m Quintrex Boat 9.9hp Motor and Trailer package was won by Anthea White of Bellbird Park. Proudly sponsored by South Burnett Regional Council. The Dragon Kayak was won by Callam Craig of Alexandra Hills.

Congratulations to all the winners and thankyou to everyone who attended and made the event such a success. All profit made from the weekend goes back into purchasing more fingerlings, the future for Lake Boondooma fishery is looking very healthy.

The annual competition for 2020 will be held on 8th and 9th February. Entry costs for the February event will remain at \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under. 2020 will be the 30th year and there will be even bigger and better and will be one you don't want to miss.

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 \$50,000 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

