

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



"Home of the Golden Lure"

Issue #2 – August 2025

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome back to all our members.

This month, we're proud to showcase the incredible efforts and triumphs of our local anglers, share vital updates on club events, and provide insights into the Port Macquarie Game fishing scene.

Your contributions make our club great – dive in and see what's new!

Hey Crew,

Hope everyone's staying warm this winter, and a huge shout-out to every single one of you rocking your club jumpers, Great to see so many been worn promoting the club.

We've had some cracking reports of early season striped marlin already tearing it up out there in our local waters!

It's been absolutely awesome to see our members getting amongst them, landing some early beauties and setting the standard for what's shaping up to be a red-hot season.

Reminder: First marlin for major points is still out there, waiting for the chase!
So get a crew together and go for a look.

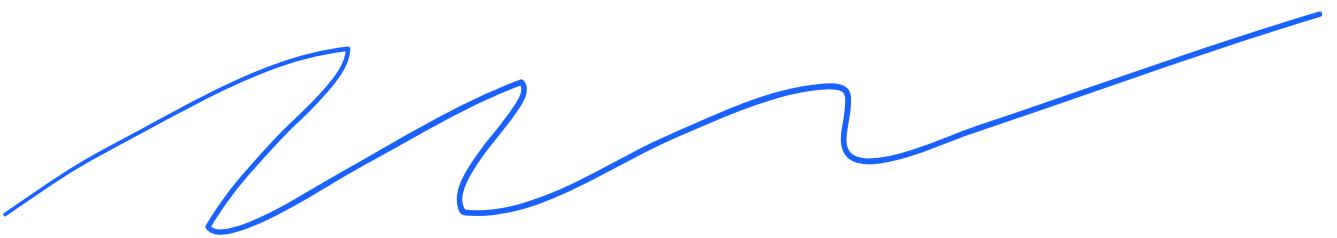
Can't wait to see every single one of your faces at our 2024-2025 club presentation!

Cheers

Club President - Matthew Hobbs

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Hobbs".

UPCOMING EVENTS

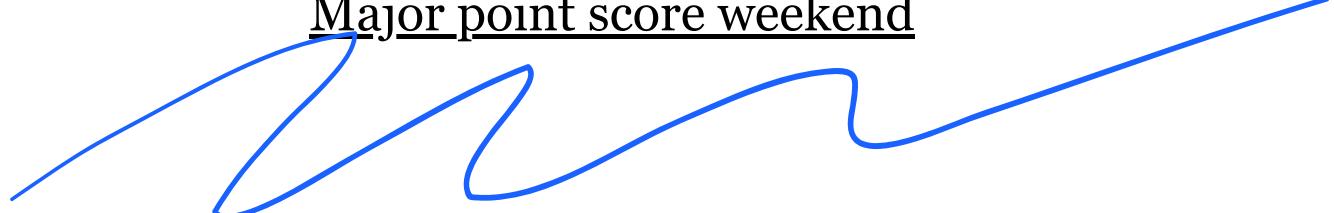


Saturday 2nd August & Sunday 3rd August
Major point score weekend

Saturday 9th August
CLUB PRESENTATION



Saturday 16th August & Sunday 17th August
Major point score weekend



Website Under Maintenance



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We are currently making some improvements.
Apologies for any inconvenience.

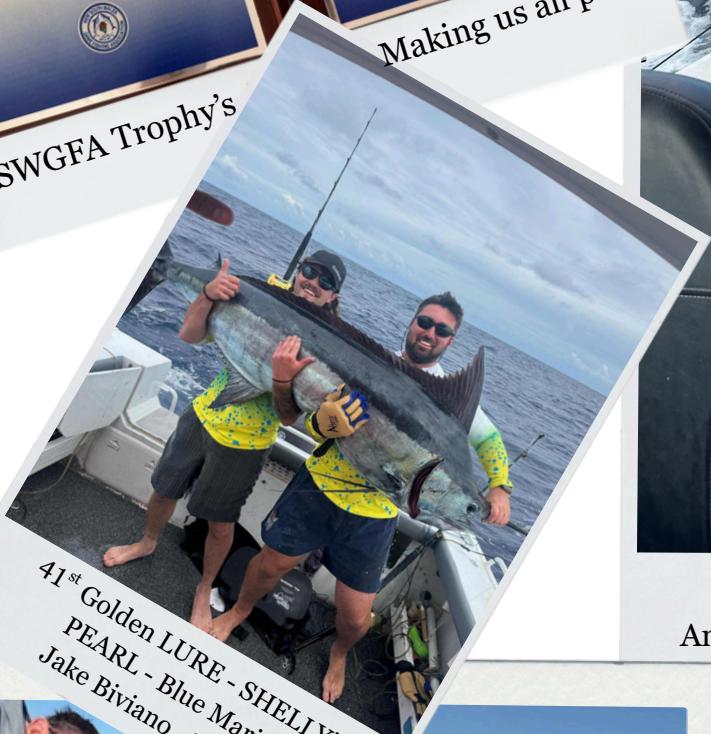
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HIGHLIGHTS



Making us all proud



Amanda Lamond
Winning
NSWGFA Interclub day 3
HEAVIEST MARLIN

Filling in your Tag Cards

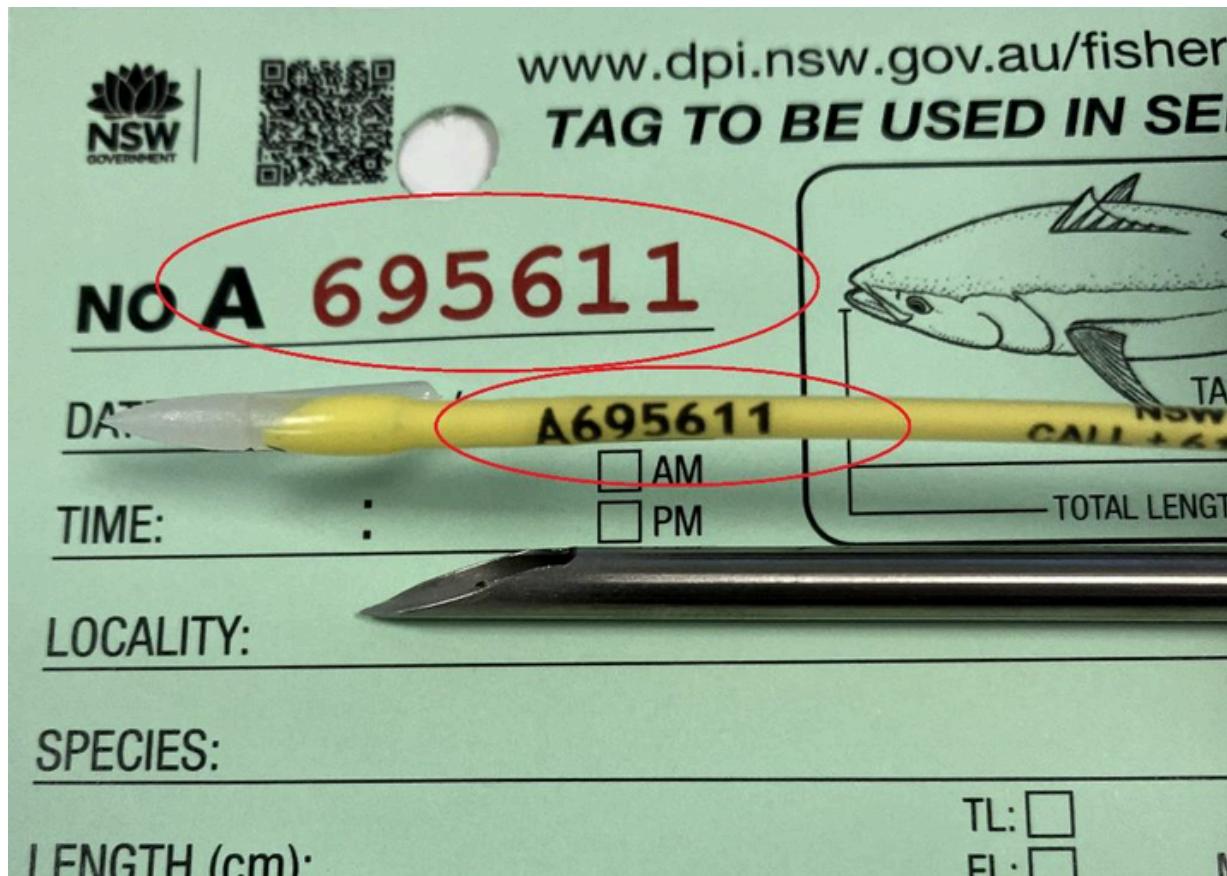
A little bit of preparation and planning before heading out on the water will make tagging and filling out tag cards much easier. It is best to familiarise yourself with the tag cards, what species can be tagged and minimum sizes for tagging before heading out on the water.

You can check eligible species and minimum sizes for tagging by scanning the QR code on the top right of the tag card or you can access the list here:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging>

It is a good idea to have the tags and tagging device accessible and ready to use before catching fish. For example, a tag can be attached to the handle of the tagging device by a tight rubber band and ready to go in an accessible location. This will save rummaging around to find the tag and tag cards while the fish is out of the water. Also keeping a few pens with the tag cards and double bagging them is a good idea. Having a simple 'system' or routine makes tagging quicker and easier. Fishing with a buddy also makes the tagging process easier. One person can call out measurements while the other fills in the tag card. The tag card can be filled out in any order, but the below order focuses on pertinent and easily forgettable information first.

1. Check the tag number matches with the tag card and is correct for the species and size of fish being tagged. Ideally the only tag card without a tag should match the tag ready to go in you



<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging/how-to-tag-game-fish>

2. Tag the fish after securing the fish with correct handling (billfish and sharks secured or led boatside, or for smaller fish, netted and placed on a wet brag mat). The fish should be tagged with the correct depth and angle as indicated on the diagram on the tag card.

3. Measure the fish and estimate the fish's weight. Fill out the length and estimated weight section on the tag card in centimetres (cm) and kilograms (kg) respectively. Tick the boxes to indicate the type of length measurement used, either total length (TL) or fork length (FL) and whether the measurement was estimated or an actual measurement. This information is the easiest to forget so it is best to do this first. Take note of where the fish is hooked, if it is bleeding from the gills and its condition. These parts of the tag card should be filled out next.

NSW GOVERNMENT  www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries or +61 (0)2 6691 9602

TAG TO BE USED IN BILLFISH ONLY

NO B 223601

DATE: / / TIME: : AM PM

LOCALITY: LAT: LONG:

SPECIES: 1 FIGHT TIME: HOURS: MINUTES:

LENGTH (cm): 200 TL: EST: MEASURE: EST WEIGHT (kg): 80kg

LJFL: YES YES NO CIRCLE HOOK: YES NO NON OFF-SET: NO

METHOD: DEAD BAIT: LURE: LINE CLASS (kg): 2 YES EXCELLENT: LIVE: MARGINAL:

HOOK LOCATION: MOUTH: GUT: THROAT: BODY: BLEEDING FROM GILLS: NO YES FISH CONDITION:

ANGLERS NAME: PHONE:

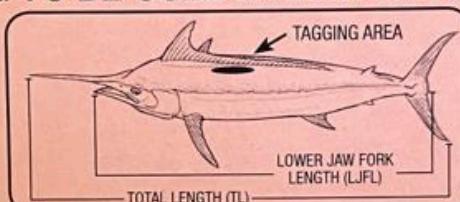
ADDRESS: P/C:

CLUB: BOAT NAME: SKIPPER:

REMARKS:

FIRST BILLFISH TAG & RELEASE?

PLEASE COMPLETE & MAIL TODAY, OTHERWISE TAGGING IS OF NO VALUE.



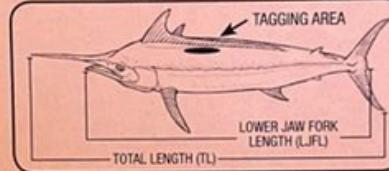
4. Release the fish

5. Complete the rest of the tag card from top to bottom in block letters. Filling out the tag card in this way allows the fish to be released back into the water as soon as possible without delay. With practice you should be aiming to have the fish tagged and released in the shortest possible time you can increase its chance of survival



NO B 223601

DATE: 25 / 07 / 2024

TIME: 1 : 00 AM PMWAS FISH PREVIOUSLY TAGGED?
IF YES
TAG No:

LOCALITY: SYDNEY 20 NM E

LAT: 33° 50'S LONG: 151° 40'E

SPECIES: BLACK MARLIN

FIGHT TIME: HOURS: 20

LENGTH (cm): 200 TL: LJFL: EST: MEASURE: EST WEIGHT (kg): 80
 METHOD: DEAD BAIT: LURE: LINE CLASS (kg): 24 CIRCLE HOOK: NO YES NON OFF-SET: NO
 MOUTH: GUT: YES EXCELLENT:
 HOOK LOCATION: THROAT: BODY: BLEEDING FROM GILLS: NO FISH CONDITION: LIVE: MARGINAL:

ANGLERS NAME: JOHN SMITH

PHONE: 04123456789

ADDRESS: 123 FISHER ST FISHERVILLE NSW

P/C: 2400

CLUB: NORTH COAST GFO BOAT NAME: BILLFISHER

SKIPPER: J. SMITH

REMARKS: UNABLE TO REMOVE HOOK, LEFT IN

FIRST BILLFISH TAG & RELEASE?

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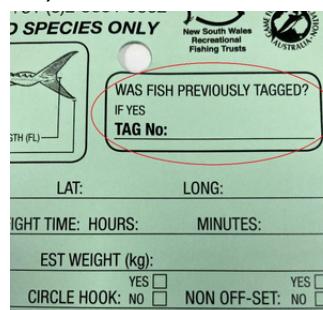
Note the 'Locality' is the port, followed by distance and direction. If John just wrote 'Sydney' with no coordinates this would not be accepted. If John was fishing on or near a well-known location, 'Long Reef' for example, he could just write 'Long Reef' without the coordinates. More information is best, but with the latitude and longitude, coordinates only need to be down to minutes. More detailed coordinates down to seconds are not necessary.

What if the fish is already tagged?

If the tag is in good condition, leave the tag in. There is no need to re-tag the fish. Removing a perfectly good tag and retagging the fish with a new tag will just introduce another potential infection point for the fish and use up a tag that could be used on new untagged fish. Note that marine growth can make a new tag look old after several weeks. All that is needed is to record the information that you would normally put on a tag card and report the recapture to the Game Fish Tagging Program either;

1. On our online report form (be sure to include your e-mail address) here:
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fish-tagging/game-fish-tagging/gamefish-recapture>
2. By e-mail gamefish.tagging@dpird.nsw.gov.au or
3. By phone 02 6691 9602 (please leave your name and number in a voice message if you don't get an answer)

If the tag already in the fish is unreadable or damaged, you can remove this tag by cutting it off at the base and retagging the fish with a new tag. The tag number of the original tag (tag already in the fish) can be recorded in the box at the top right of the tag card.



Game Fish Tagging Program

The Game Fish Tagging Program is the largest saltwater tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973.

It is used to obtain information on the biology (distribution, movement, growth, exploitation) of billfish, tunas, sharks and sport fish and encourages game fishers to participate in the management of the fishery.

How the tagging program works

Tags are issued to anglers and when an angler catches a fish it is tagged and released, the details of the capture are recorded on a tag card with the corresponding tag number. The card is returned to the department.

How to tag game fish

When a tagged fish is recaptured, catch information is linked to the original tag and release and compared to the recapture information. Details of the distance that the fish travelled, and its growth are sent to the anglers who first tagged the fish and the anglers who recaptured it. A recapture certificate is also issued.

Report a game fish recapture

Pelagic Tag (A series)

Over 60cm for Tuna, Mackerel, Dolphinfish and Wahoo, and over 70cm for Kingfish.



Steel Head Shark Tag (S Series)

Sharks only.



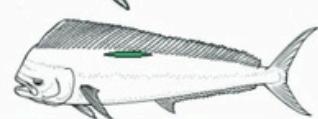
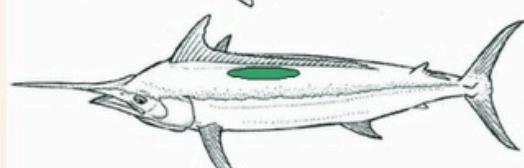
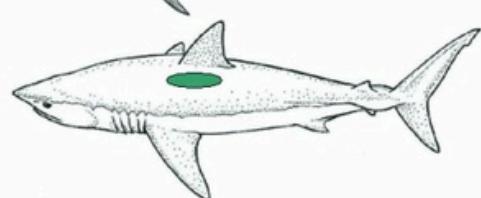
Billfish Tag (B Series)

Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish and Spearfish only.



Recommended Tagging Areas

The images below show the recommended tagging areas on game fish:



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AUGUST @ PANTHERS - WHATS ON



Weekly Raffles

BUY \$10 WORTH OF RAFFLE TICKETS RECEIVE \$10 FREE*

THURSDAY
TICKETS ON SALE 5.30PM
RAFFLE DRAWN 6.45PM

Fathers Day Special
THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
EXTRA \$200 MEAT TRAY + BOX OF BEER UP FOR GRABS!

FRIDAY
TICKETS ON SALE 5.30PM
RAFFLE DRAWN 6.45PM

SUNDAY
TICKETS ON SALE 10.30AM
RAFFLE DRAWN 12PM

WIN THE ULTIMATE PIZZA MAKING PACKAGE FOR FATHERS DAY



PURCHASE A SCHOONER OF ANY TOOHEYS, HAHN, STONE & WOOD OR HEINEKEN PRODUCT TO ENTER THE DRAW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

TOOHEYS HAHN STONE & WOOD HEINEKEN

TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY. SEE STAFF FOR DETAILS.



FATHER'S DAY

SUN 7 SEP

LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS
AT THE KOVE KITCHEN & TAPP BAR

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
MAT BROOKER IN THE TAPP
11AM - 2PM

CALL 02 6580 2300 FOR THE KOVE KITCHEN & TAPP BOOKINGS

LIVE SHOWS



SLEUTHED
SECRETS, SHADOWS & THE CRIMINAL MIND

SAT 13 SEP



RUNNING IN THE SHADOWS
FLEETWOOD MAC SHOW

SAT 20 SEP



UK COMEDY HYPNOTIST
PETER POWERS
HALLOWEEN EDITION

FRI 31 OCT



MEMBERS SHOW
THE LAST MAN STANDING
RONNIE LEE

SUN 3 AUG | 10:30AM

TICKETS \$5 | BOOK AT RECEPTION

BOOKINGS: 13 28 49 TICKETEK PORTMACQUARIEPANTHERS.COM.AU



Rock n Roll
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

GARY KING
FROM 3.30PM

EVEN STEPHENS DUO

SAT 3 AUG

SAT 9 AUG

SAT 23 AUG

RETROFEST

FROM 7.30PM
KOVE LOUNGE

THE TAPP
BEER - WINE - EATS

LIVE MUSIC

August

FRI & SAT FROM 8PM

FRI 1ST SAM BUCKLEY
SAT 2ND WHO'S CHARLIE

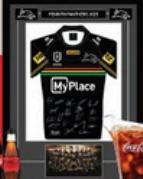
FRI 8TH LATIN NIGHT
SAT 9TH GOTCHA COVERED

FRI 15TH DAN HOPKINS
SAT 16TH AUTUMN BLUE

ENTERTAINMENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

WIN

a Signed 2025
PANTHERS JERSEY



PURCHASE ANY 2 GLASSES/CANS OR A JUG OF COCA-COLA VARIETIES AND SWIPE YOUR MEMBERS CARD AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

Coca-Cola, Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Lilt

THE TAPP AUGUST DRINK SPECIALS

BEER - WINE - EATS

BEER OF THE MONTH
GUINNESS PINT \$10

SPRIT OF THE MONTH
KRAKEN SPICED RUM & MIXER \$8

COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH
LEMON BASIL SMASH \$12

Live music
EVERY FRI & SAT

*MEMBERS PRICING LISTED ABOVE Get the facts: DrinkWise.org.au

AUGUST

WHAT'S ON

at Panthers Port Macquarie



PANTHERS PORT MACQUARIE

PORT MACQUARIE GAME FISHING CLUB



Email: admin@pmgfc.com.au
 Web: www.pmgfc.com.au

President: Matthew Hobbs 0429 539 163 Vice President: Adam Garvey 0406 536 446
 Secretary: Rebecca Dingeldei 0402 261 796 Treasurer: Jenny Lamond 0408 400 892

CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

July 2025			January 2026		
Wednesday 2nd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Wednesday 7th	General Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday 5th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Thursday 8th	2026 GOLDEN LURE	TBC
Sunday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Friday 9th	Sponsors Evening	6:00pm
Saturday 12th	Social BBQ	12:00pm	Saturday 10th	Briefing Night	9:00am - 5:00pm
Fri 18th - Sun 20th	NSWGFA AGM & Interclub Preso		Sunday 11th	Day 1 - Fishing	7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 19th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Monday 12th	Day 2 - Fishing	6:00pm
Sunday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Tuesday 13th	Skipper & Crew Night	8:00am - 4:00pm
August 2025			Wednesday 14th	Ladies & Junior's Day	9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Thursday 15th	Kids Onshore Day	7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 3rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Friday 16th	Day 3 - Fishing	7:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Saturday 17th	Day 4 - Fishing	11:30am
Saturday 9th	Club Presentation	2:00pm	Saturday 24th	Presentation	7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 17th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	February 2026		
September 2025			Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Friday 6th	Social BBQ	6:00pm
Friday 12th	Season Opener Challenge BBQ	6:00pm	Saturday 7th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 13th	Seaon Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 8th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 14th	Season Opener Challenge MP	7:00am - 2:00pm	Saturday 21st	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 22nd	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	March 2026		
October 2025			Wednesday 4th	General Meeting	6:30pm
Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm	Friday 13th	In House Comp BBQ	6:00pm
Friday 10th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Saturday 14th	In House Comp MP	7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 11th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 15th	In House Comp MP	7:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday 12th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 29th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	April 2026		
November 2025			Wednesday 1st	General Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday 1st	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 10th	In House Comp BBQ	6:00pm
Sunday 2nd	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 11th	In House Comp MP	7:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 5th	General Meeting	6:30pm	Sunday 12th	In House Comp MP	7:00am - 2:00pm
Friday 14th	Social BBQ	6:00pm	Saturday 25th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 15th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 26th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 16th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday 30th	Annual General Meeting	6:00pm
December 2025			May 2026		
Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm	Wednesday 6th	General Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday 6th	Christmas Party	12:00pm	Saturday 9th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 13th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 10th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 14th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 16th	Social BBQ	12:00pm
Saturday 27th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Saturday 23rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 28th	Major Points	7:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 24th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
June 2026			Wednesday 3rd	General Meeting	6:30pm
Saturday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 6th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 7th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Saturday 13th	Social BBQ	12:00pm
Saturday 13th	Social BBQ	12:00pm	Saturday 20th	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 23rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm	Sunday 23rd	Major Points	7:00am - 4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: DAYS MAY BE ADDED OR MOVED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PMGFC COMMITTEE

CONTACT US

Website: www.pmgfc.com.au - **Currently Under Maintenance**
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Facebook: [Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club](https://www.facebook.com/PortMacquarieGameFishingClub)

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Wanting to become a member of PMGFC?
Complete the membership Form, email @ admin@pmgfc.com.au

That's a wrap for this month from the PMGFC Newsletter Team!!

We truly hope you got a good read out of it and feel connected to everything happening in the club. Don't forget to swing by the club's social pages regularly so you're always in the loop.

See you next month – make those rods sing!





Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1934) ABN: 50 295 547 720

Boat Safety Rescue Form

Boat name:			
Rego No:		Make:	
Colour – Hull:		Topside:	
Length:		Construction:	
Full Cabin/ Half Cabin/ Runabout/ Other:			
Number of engines:		Inboard/ Outboard	Fuel: Cruising
Fuel capacity (ltrs):		Range:	speed: Call sign:
Radios	27MHz:	Call sign:	
	VHF:		
Mobile phone no's on board			

Please note: Each boat must have at least a working VHF Transceiver with ch16, ch77 and ch80

Please indicate what safety gear is on board

EPIRB (Registration number):		Expiry date:	
Number of flares:		Expiry date:	Colour:
No of life jackets:	First aid kit:	Bilge pumps:	Paddle:
GPS:	Compass:	Radar:	Torch:
Sea anchor:	V-Sheet:	Signalling mirror:	Bailer:
Emergency rations:		How many:	
Fresh water (2ltrs per person):		How many people on board:	

All boats must comply with the Current Waterways Authority Regulations for safety gear and procedures currently in force

Insurance Information

Insurance Company:		
Policy Number:		Type:
Current: Yes/ No		Expiry date:

Please attach your Certificate of Currency of insurance to this form

Signed:	Name:	Date:
Witnessed:	Name:	Date:
Skippers name:		Boat licence no:
Skipper signature:		Date:

Please return Boat Safety Forms to admin@pmgfc.com.au or

PO Box 981, Port Macquarie, NSW, 2444



Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1934) ABN: 50 295 547 720

Membership Application Form

I, (Full name)	Of,	
(address)		
Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone:	Mobile:	
Email:		

Hereby apply for renewal/membership of Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc.

I apply to become a new member/ renewal of Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Inc.

Membership fees for the year 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026		
Senior: \$150 (Early Bird fee payable \$125 if paid prior to 31/7/2025)		\$
Discounted rate of \$125 for membership from 1/2/2026 to 30/6/2026		\$
Junior: \$30 (15 Years and under)	DOB:	\$
Small Fry: \$30 (10 Years and under)	DOB:	\$
Non Fishing Member: \$30		\$
Total:		\$
Please note: Day Memberships are no longer available		

I agree to be bound by the Rules & By Laws of the Association (currently in force)

Signature	Date
To be completed for New Membership Application	
Have you ever been suspended from another club?	Yes/No
If yes, please state reason:	
Proposer and seconder must be a member with at least 1 year standing.	
Proposed by:	Signed:
Seconded by:	Signed:

Please return Membership Application Forms to admin@pmgfc.com.au or

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Payments to be made to BSB: 932-000 Account: 5000 99486 using your name as a reference.

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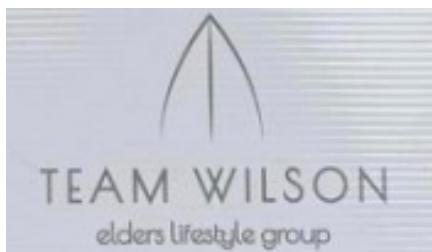
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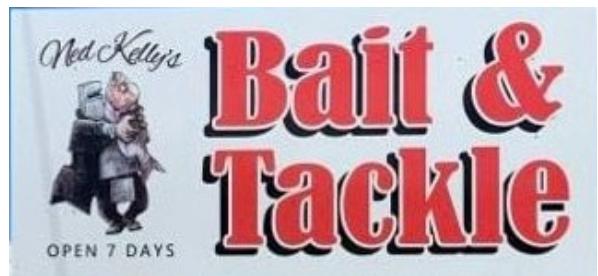
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