

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



"Home of the Golden Lure"

Issue #8 – February 2026

Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome members to the February edition!

The 42nd Golden Lure went off with a bang! 🎉

With 54 boats and over 200 anglers, it was five huge days of non-stop action on the water.

Five days straight of fishing, and while the weather gods weren't exactly on our side, spirits stayed high and the fishing delivered.

Despite the conditions, we still had an absolute cracker of a tournament. Huge thanks to everyone who took part and made it another unforgettable Golden Lure.

See you next year.

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone has had a great start to the year. From a club point of view, we certainly have. Our Golden Lure produced some fantastic results, and it was great to see so many members there supporting the event.

We're looking forward to the month ahead. The fish are still around, the Spanish are starting to show up, and it's shaping up to be a great year.

The Coffs Coast Game Fishing Club will be hosting their Hot Current Tournament, and we hope to see plenty of Port Macquarie anglers heading up to represent our club.

Enjoy these red-hot months of fishing, and I look forward to seeing it all when I get back from work.

Cheers!

Club President
Matthew Hobbs

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th February
Coffs Harbour - Hot Current Tournament

Friday 6th February
Social BBQ
Club House @6pm

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February
Major Point Score Weekend + Northern Zone
7am - 5pm

Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th February
Port Stephens - Billfish Shootout

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd February
NSWGFA Interclub State Championships

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd February
Major Points Weekend



GOLDEN LURE MOMENTS



🏆 Champion Boat Overall T&R
Bear (PMGFC) – 103,781 points

🎣 Inshore T&R

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Inshore T&R

 **Uwishn (LMGFC)**
95,000 points

 **Wasted Seaman
(PMGFC) – 80,155
points**



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Offshore T&R

1 Rare Breed (PMGFC)

33,000 points

2 Quality Time (GLGFC) 30,000 points

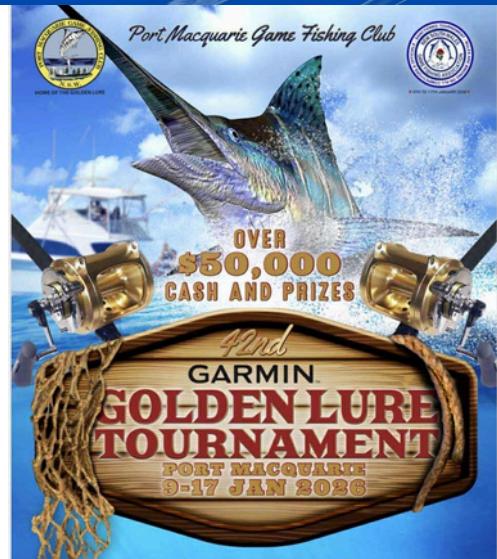
3 Care Factor Zero (PMGFC) 24,000 point



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TOURNAMENT 2026 RESULTS

- 1st Billfish Tagged: Patrick Lawler – Cruel Intentions
- Last Billfish Tagged: Imogen Dingeldei – Care Factor Zero
- Best Dressed Boat: Care Factor Zero
- Furthest Boat by Sea: Tantrum (Sydney)
- Furthest Boat by Road: OnStrike Hervey Bay, QLD
- Early Bird Entry: Seaborn



Champion Captures

- Junior Female: Abby Fairlie – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 80.3kg Black Marlin (10kg line) – 14,830.61 points
- Junior Male: Jack Cunneen – Dorado 11 (PMGFC) 130.9kg Blue Marlin (15kg line) – 17,134.81 points
- Female: Madison Fairlie – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 201kg Mako Shark (24kg line)
- Male: Murray Howard – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 101.3kg Blue Marlin (24kg line) – 3,871.76 points
- Heaviest Shark (over 200kg): No Excuse (NPSGFC) 201kg Mako on (24kg line)
- Heaviest Tuna: Rampage (BBGFC)
43.2kg Yellowfin Tuna (37kg line)
- Heaviest Other Game Fish: Still Play'n Up (JBGFC) 20.3kg Cobia (10kg line)
- Most Meritorious Capture: Dorado 11 (PMGFC) 130.9kg Blue Marlin on (15kg line)

T&R Angler Awards

- Champion Small Fry Female: Ruby Dyson – Tiny Time (PMGFC) – 12 points
- Champion Small Fry Male: Judd Morgan – Da Mistress (PMGFC) – 3,750 points
- Runner-up: Lachlan Burton – Time Out (PMGFC) – 39 points
- Champion Junior Female: Indi Garvey – Makajiki (PMGFC) – 12,513 points
- Runner-up: April Dyson – Tinny Time (PMGFC) – 12 points
- Champion Junior Male: Riley McLeod – OnStrike (HBGFC)
- Runner-up: Jack Cunneen – Dorado 11 (PMGFC) – 17,000 points
- Champion Female: Mandy Lamond – Rare Breed (PMGFC) – 33,000 points
- Runner-up: Imogen Dingeldei – Care Factor Zero (PMGFC) – 24,000 points
- Champion Male: Troy Boese – Bear (PMGFC) – 103,781 points
- Runner-up: Dylan Wilson – Uwishn (LMGFC) – 95,000 points
- Most Tagged OGF: Riley Baker – Wasted Seaman (PMGFC) – 5 Mahi Mahi
- Most Tagged Marlin: Troy Boese – Bear (PMGFC) – 8 Marlin
- Special Junior Award: Billy Baird
- Special Small Fry Award: Noah Fairlie

Congratulations to all winners and competitors — another outstanding Golden Lure Tournament.

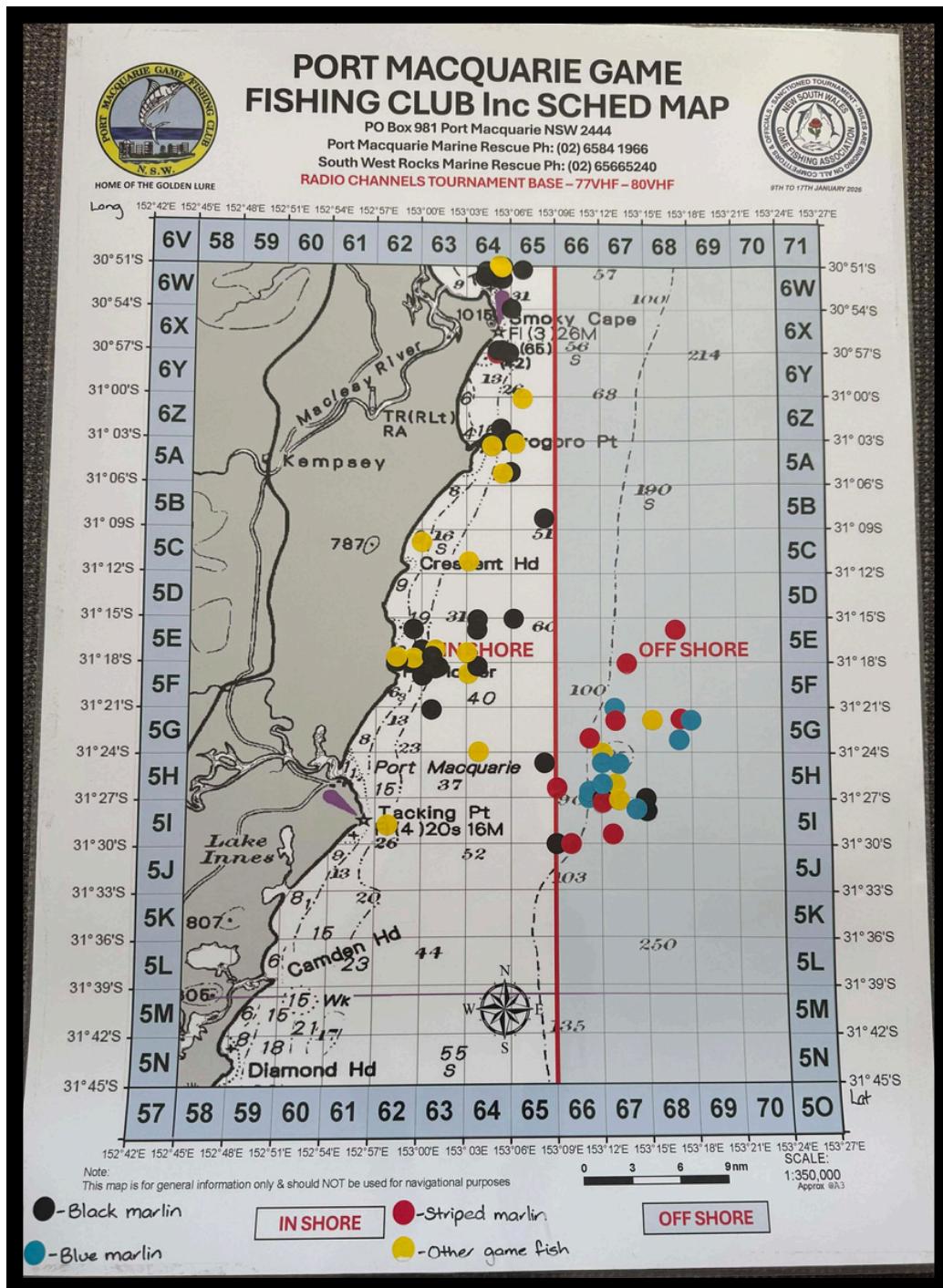


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54 boats and over 200 anglers, five huge days of non-stop action on the water.

Catch highlights

- 83 Black Marlin
- 14 Striped Marlin
- 11 Blue Marlin
- 1 Sailfish
- 1 Shortbill Spearfish
- 1 Tiger Shark
- 7 Hammerhead Sharks
- 7 Whalers
- 8 Yellowfin Tuna
- 6 Striped Tuna
- 19 Mahi Mahi
- 2 Cobia



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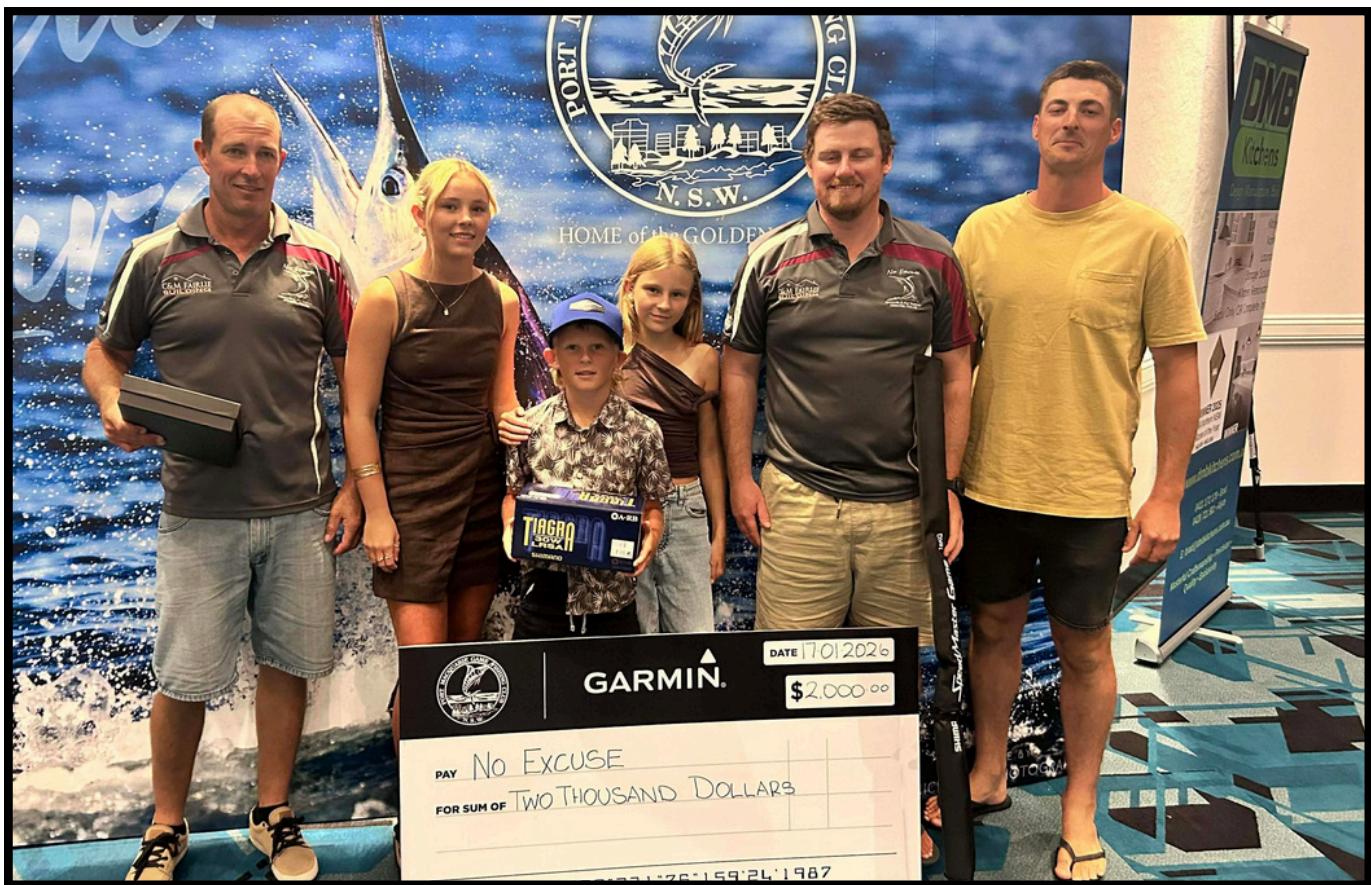
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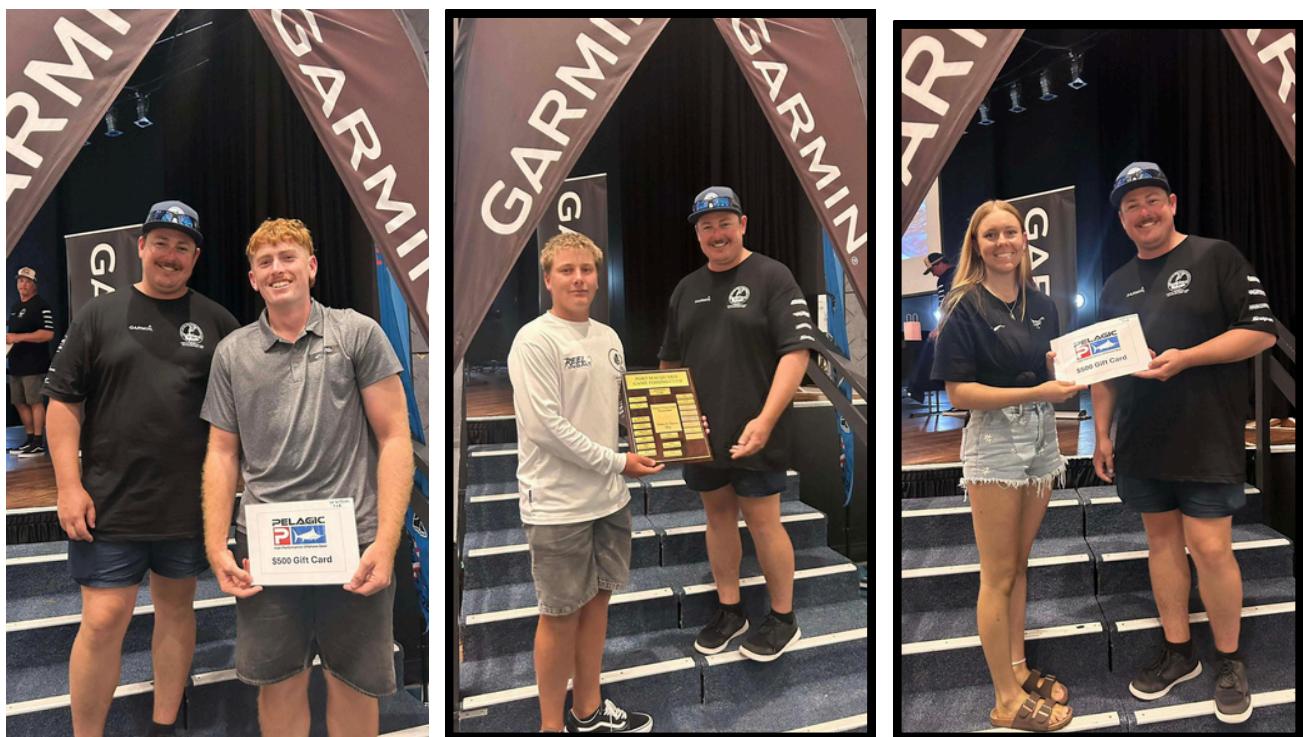
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HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Junior Fishers,

On behalf of the selection panel and everyone involved with the Garmin Billfish Shootout, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you who applied for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team.

We were genuinely impressed by the number of applications and, more importantly, by the passion, commitment, and sportsmanship shown by all of you. The standard was extremely high, which made the selection process very tough. Please understand that missing out this year is in no way a reflection of your ability or enthusiasm for fishing.

You should all be proud of putting your hand up and having a go — that alone shows maturity, confidence, and a real love for the sport.

After careful consideration, we would like to congratulate the following successful applicants who have been selected for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team:

- Sean Leeman – Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- Jack Cunneen – Port Macquarie GFC
- Brae Geelan – Port Hacking GFC
- Flynn Vernon – Sydney GFC
- Kai Delaney – Canberra GFC
- Jye McDonough – Shellharbour GFC

To those selected, congratulations — this is a fantastic achievement and a well-earned opportunity. We look forward to seeing you represent the junior anglers with pride, respect, and good sportsmanship on and off the water.

To those who were not selected this time, we strongly encourage you to keep fishing, keep learning, and apply again in the future. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and opportunities like this will come again.

We will be in contact with the selected Juniors closer to the Tournament date.

Thank you once again to all applicants. The future of fishing is in very good hands.

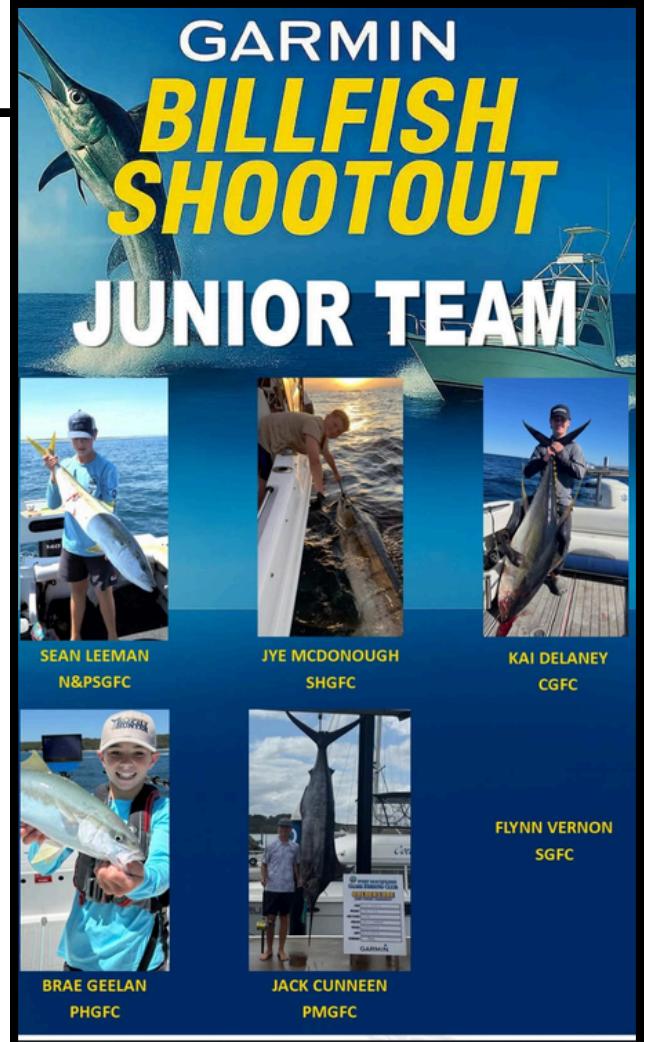
Tight lines and all the best,
Troy Radford

President NPSGFC

Jack Cunneen one of
our own!!!

2026 Garmin Billfish
Shoot Out
Junior Team.

PMGFC is so proud of
you and we all wish
you luck.



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CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

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

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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!! 🎉

Thanks to everyone who contributed, shared their stories, photos, and results. It's been another great month for the club, both on and off the water.

We appreciate all the support from our members and look forward to bringing you more updates, highlights, and news in the months ahead.

Tight lines and safe fishing!



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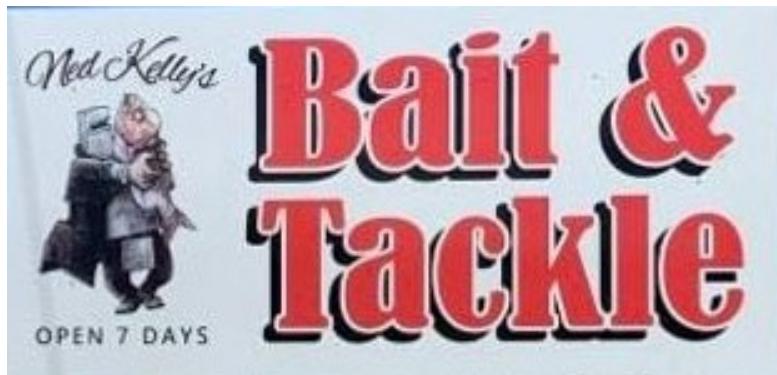
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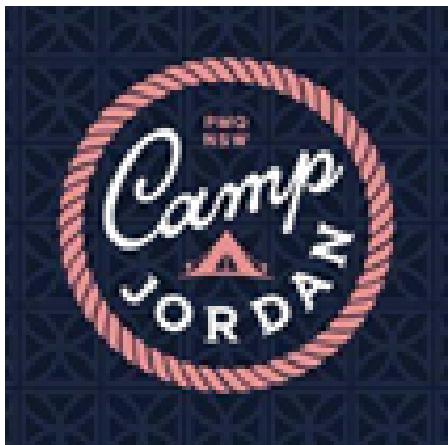
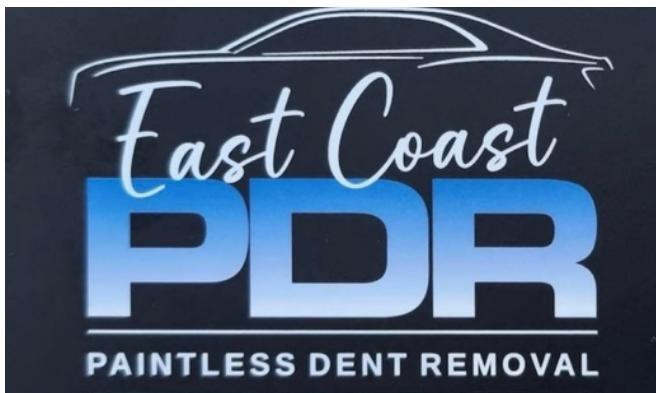


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