

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



“Home of the Golden Lure”
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Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome to the March edition!

It's been a busy few weeks for all members, with some amazing tournaments taking place and plenty of great fishing out on the water. It's fantastic to see so many boats getting involved, representing the club and enjoying some great conditions along the way.

Congratulations to everyone who had been amongst the great conditions so far.

The effort, sportsmanship, and camaraderie shown, continues to make our club something special.

From early morning starts to long days on the water, it's great to see members supporting each other and sharing in the excitement of the season.

We're looking forward to seeing what the rest of the months brings, with plenty more opportunities to get out there, chase some fish, and enjoy time on the water.

Tight lines to everyone and good luck to all boats heading out this month!

Club President
Matthew Hobbs

UPCOMING EVENTS

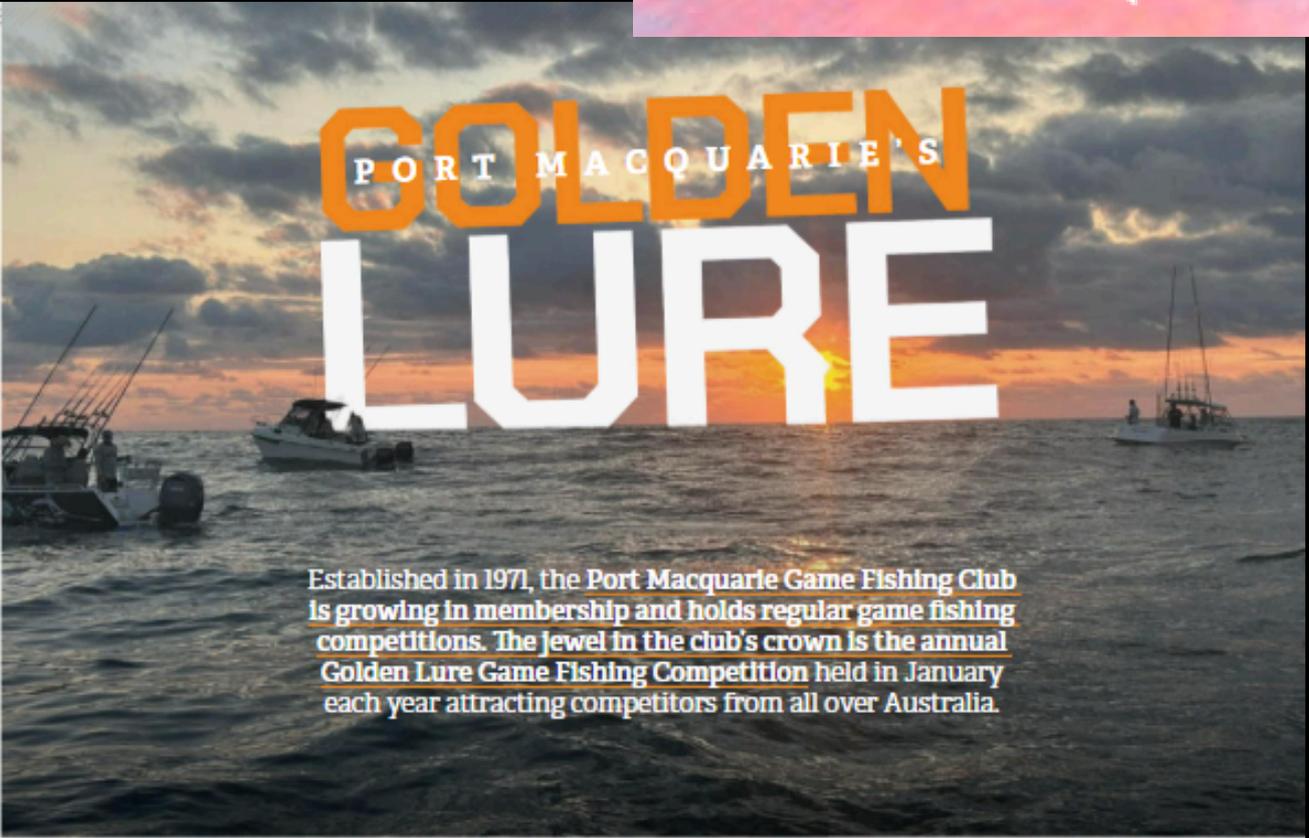
Wednesday 4th March
General Meeting - Club House

Saturday 7th March - Sunday 8th March
Northern Zone

Friday 13th March - Sunday 15th March
In house Comp Weekend Comp
Major Points Weekend

Saturday 28th March - Sunday 29th March
Major Points Weekend





PORT MACQUARIE'S GOLDEN LURE

Established in 1971, the Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club is growing in membership and holds regular game fishing competitions. The jewel in the club's crown is the annual Golden Lure Game Fishing Competition held in January each year attracting competitors from all over Australia.

As Port Macquarie's Golden Lure wraps up for another year, the group has seen some outstanding results achieved. Focus caught up with the club to find out all about their love for the sport and all things on the agenda for the year ahead.

Hi team, thanks so much for your time. Can you tell us a little about the origin of the club.

The Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club was established in 1971 and today boasts a strong membership base of over 150 members. The club hosts regular game fishing competitions throughout the year and plays an active and respected role within the local fishing and boating community.

The jewel in the club's crown is the annual Golden Lure Game Fishing Tournament, held each January. This iconic event attracts more than 200 competitors from across Australia and is widely regarded as

one of the premier game fishing tournaments in the country. The Golden Lure Tournament has now been running for 42 years. Prior to this, the club successfully hosted the New Year Open Invitation Tournament for many years, continuing a long-standing tradition of competitive game fishing in Port Macquarie.

A key component of the tournament program is the Ladies and Juniors Charity Day, which has proudly raised significant funds for the Mid North Coast Cancer Institute. Junior anglers are also encouraged to participate through a dedicated on-shore angling event, ensuring the next generation of fishers is supported, educated, and engaged.

Over the years, the Club has also made substantial financial contributions to the Port Macquarie Marine Rescue Group, recognising the vital role they play in ensuring boating safety within our region.

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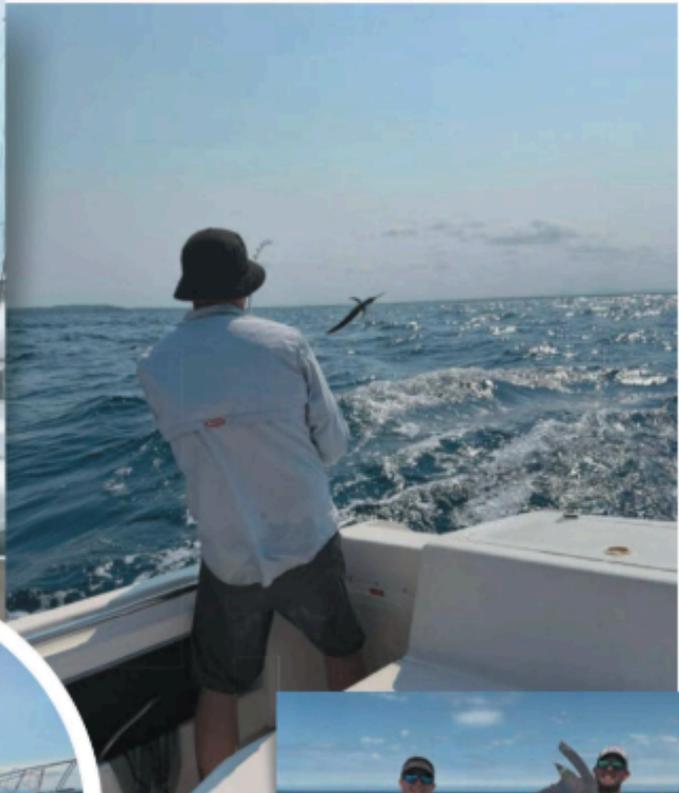
This year's Golden Lure saw some amazing results. Can you share some of those with us?

This year's Golden Lure delivered some outstanding results despite extremely average sea conditions. Persistent strong winds made for uncomfortable fishing at times, but they also contributed to a tightly contested

and exciting tournament. The boat Rare Breed claimed the Offshore Division honours, while Bear dominated the Inshore Division

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and also secured Highest Points Overall.

A standout moment of the tournament came from local junior angler Jack Cunneen, who captured a Blue Marlin weighing 130.9kg. Maddison Fairlie also impressed, landing a 201kg Mako Shark to take out the award for Heaviest Shark.

It was particularly rewarding to see a number of anglers tagging their first-ever marlin during the tournament, a highlight that perfectly reflects the spirit and success of the Golden Lure.

The club is committed to keeping all members informed, organising exciting and inclusive family events, and of course sharing in the fun of getting out on the water for some great fishing. What is it

you all love about the sport?

The Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club

is committed to getting families involved by organising inclusive events and creating opportunities to share the fun of being out on the water together. From on-shore activities to on-water experiences, the club aims to foster a relaxed, family-friendly environment where members of all ages can learn, participate and enjoy the sport of game fishing.

By encouraging families to be part of club events, the Game Fishing Club helps build strong community connections, pass on fishing skills to the next generation and ensure the enjoyment of game fishing continues for

years to come.

What is on the club's busy agenda for 2026 and beyond?

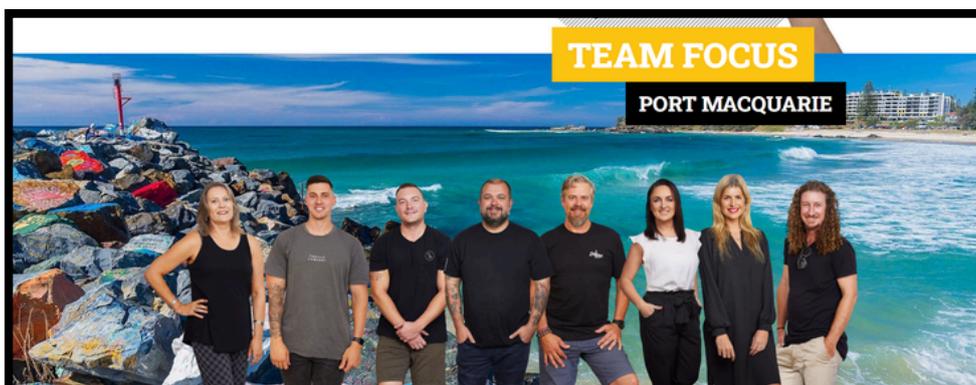
In 2026, the club aims to further increase member involvement through regular club days and enjoyable social events that brings members together on and off the water.

For people interested in finding out more about the group or being involved, how can they best get in touch?

If you're interested in becoming a member of the Game Fishing Club, we'd love to hear from you, please contact us via email at admin@pmgfc.com.au

Thanks guys. Interview: Sarah Baker.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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100.7, 106.7
MID NORTH COAST

Triple M Mid North Coast 100.7 &
106.7



Blake's Adventures

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Welcome to Blake's fishing adventures. A keen little fisherman with a big personality. Not afraid to have a go....even at a Marlin!

FROM THE DECK TO THE AIRWAVES: BLAKEO IS CRUSHING IT!

If you haven't heard the name Blake Herbert (aka Blakeo) lately, you need to google search. One of our very own PMGFC Juniors is taking the fishing world by storm, and we couldn't be prouder. Blake Herbert (aka Blakeo) is an absolute legend in the Port Macquarie fishing scene and his work as an ambassador for dyslexia awareness, he's doing way more than just catching flathead. He's clearly got that infectious energy that makes everyone want to grab a rod and head down to the Hastings River or jump on boat for the big ones!

THE BIG ONE: 212kg OF BLUE MARLIN MAYHEM!

Blake recently proved he's got what it takes to handle the heavy tackle. While competing in the Coffs Harbour Hot Current Tournament, Blake and the crew landed a monstrous 212kg Blue Marlin! Landing a fish of that size requires nerves of steel and perfect teamwork. It was an absolute heart-stopper and a massive achievement that has the whole coast talking.

TUNE IN: "WHAT'S BITING WITH BLAKEO"

Blake isn't just catching 'em; he's calling 'em! Catch our local legend every Friday morning on Triple M Mid North Coast.

In his segment, "What's Biting with Blakeo," he teams up with Sarge to give you the inside scoop on:
Where the fish are hitting.
What lures are doing the damage.
Expert tips from a Junior who is out-fishing!

FOLLOW THE JOURNEY

Don't miss a single strike. Blake is blowing up on social media, documenting every sunrise, hook-ups, and epic release. Follow along to see what a PMGFC Junior can achieve when they trade the screen for the saltwater!

"From the Hastings River to the deep blue, Blakeo is showing everyone exactly why Port Mac is the place to be for fishing!"

<https://radio-au.com/triple-m-mid-north-coast/>

[Facebook: Blake's Adventures](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

Well done to all the PMGFC

Great results:

- 2nd Place T&R – Bear (Primal)
- Highest Point Score Boat T&R Shark – Millennium Falcon
- Highest Point Score Boat T&R Tuna – Chasing Skirt
- Highest Point Score Boat T&R Other Game Fish – Bear (Primal)

Our female anglers are killing it with some outstanding performances:

- Champion Female T&R Angler – Imogen Dingeldei
- Champion Female Capture Angler – Rene Carroll



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CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE ANGLER



AND THE
WINNER IS

EDDIE BROOKES
REEL INSALT - PMGFC
37,500 POINTS



CHAMPION TAG & RELEASE TEAM 8 AND THE WINNER IS

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37,500 ON C/B 10.48AM
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Junior's getting results.

Well done Eddie Brookes
and the Team
Reel Insalt



Junior's getting results.

Jack Cunneen!!

Fished the Garmin Billfish shootout at Port Stephens selected in the Junior team, onboard - boat Tantrum.

Big thanks to Glenn and Karen Wright for supporting our Juniors.

Jack Captured a Shortbill Spearfish.
well done Jack what a awesome experience.

Huge thanks to Team Tantrum getting the team on the fish.



Pending... NSW Female Record

20.3kg - Cobia - 15th January, 10kg line

Angler - Rene Carroll

Game boat - Still Play'n up

Tournament - Golden Lure

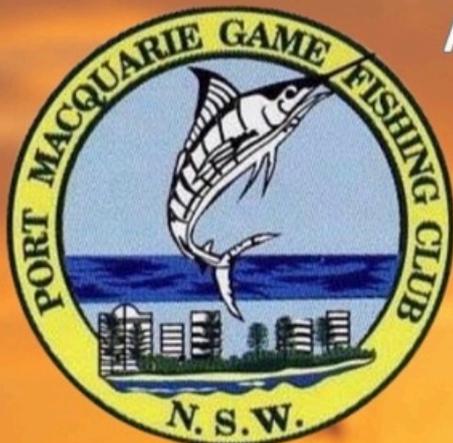
Watch this space!!



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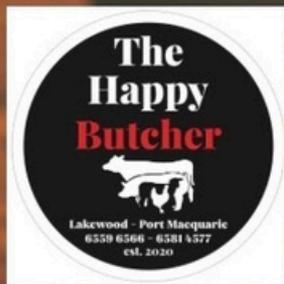
PMGFC In House Comp

All financial club members are invited to attend the in house comp



Briefing/BBQ - Friday 13th March @ 6pm
(PMGFC Club House)
Fishing - Saturday 14th 7am-5pm
Sunday 15th 7am-2pm
Presentation- Sunday 15th 5pm

\$100 Entry Fee per boat!



PRIZES!
1st, 2nd, 3rd T&R
Highest Point Scoring Capture
Heaviest Other Game Fish

All club fishing rules apply. All entries must be in by Friday 13th at 6pm



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Wanting to become a member of PMGFC?

Complete the membership Form, email @ admin@pmgfc.com.au

That's a wrap.

From the weigh-in station to the one's that got away, it's been a month to remember.

Huge thanks to our contributors for giving us a front-row seat to the action.

Your support is what makes this newsletter possible, and we're already looking forward to sharing more great stories and updates next month.

Stay safe and fish hard!

From the PMGFC Newsletter Team



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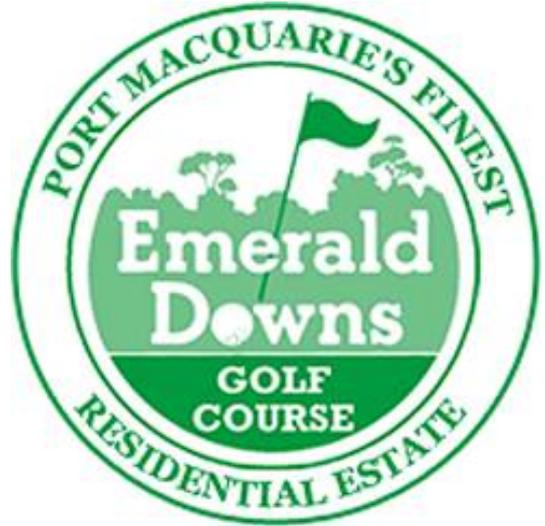
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