

Press Release

February 2016 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 2016 event with over 200 fish going through the catch and release section and another 316 in the gilled and gutted section. The biggest Yellowbelly of the event was weighed in at 2.25kg.

The competition set new records with a huge attendance of 835 entrants including 202 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 62% which together with the good weather conditions 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 4.5 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boondooma.

The Catch and Release category of longest Native targeting Australian Bass and Yellowbelly was won by Mark Bleys of Proston with a Bass measuring in at 515mm and taking home over \$300 cash prizes and trophy.

Dylan Brandley of Kingaroy 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 17 fish.

The Heaviest Yellowbelly title was claimed by Bart Fraser of Bli Bli with a Yellowbelly of 2.175kg. Bart took home over \$360 cash plus prizes and trophy. Sponsored by Corey and Nikki of the Lake Boondooma Kiosk.

The winner of the heaviest Bass section sponsored by Wondai Accounting and Tax Services was Lincoln Neal of Tara with a Bass of 1.75kg. Lincoln fished the lower end of the lake using bait to secure a pay cheque of \$320 plus prizes and trophy.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers for Yellowbelly were Alex Lindsay of Dalby with a Yellowbelly of 2.25kg. The Bass was claimed by Brady Cullinan of Toowoomba with a bass weighing in at 1.46kg.

The 3.4m Bluefin boat was won by Nicole Kussiow. Proudly sponsored by Lake Boondooma kiosk and Bluefin Boats.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you 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 11th and 12th February 2017. 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 \$25,000 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

