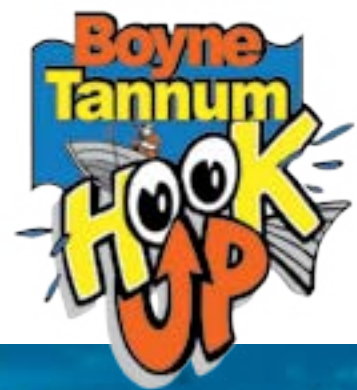


# HOOKUP NEWS



## Three day program - INSIDE

29th April, 30th April & 1st May, 2022



Part of the Boyne Tannum HookUp committee with the boat worth \$97,000.

# Let's get hooked

By Liam Emerton

Welcome to the 2022 Boyne Tannum HookUp and we're glad to have you here in our beautiful region

After battling through a pandemic in 2020 and working with restrictions in 2021, this year is certainly going to be our best in a number of years.

As the world returns to normality the Boyne Tannum HookUp has stepped up its

game in 2022.

And before we get any further, one lucky winner will tow away a 630 Sea Jay Vision powered by a 200hp Yamaha Outboard with Raymarine electronics fitted by Modern Marine Electronics worth \$90,000.

Alongside the gorgeous boat, there's plenty of prizes up for offer this weekend.

But away from the prizes, it's the family atmosphere and the love of fishing that brings

thousands of people to Boyne Tannum's Bray Park each year.

This year will be no different and the HookUp is so proud to be a welcomed part of the great community.

From the very start of the HookUp, back 26 years ago, it has always been about promoting the community and bringing people together to see our gorgeous region.

There's plenty of action at Bray Park this

weekend too with free live music by local Central Queensland artists, seafood cooking, learn to fish and fish filleting demonstrations, and a firework display to close out the huge weekend.

Don't forget you can catch the fish weigh ins each afternoon from 2.30pm where there will be some monsters from the deep on display for the crowd.

So head down to Bray Park this weekend for one of Gladstone's premier events and embrace the Boyne Tannum HookUp for 2022.

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# Tourism Minister's welcome

**Message from the Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement. The Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP**

Welcome to Boyne Tannum Hook Up, a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Boyne Island's local culture and community, and hopefully explore some of the superb tourism experiences on offer here in the Gladstone.

The impacts of the pandemic have provided incredible challenges, but thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders our state was one of the first to put in place a COVID Safe Event Framework which paved the way for events such as this one to take place.

The Queensland Government is proud to support Boyne Tannum Hook Up, through Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program and it is a feature on our It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Events are an important part of our state's economic recovery from the pandemic because they attract visitors to the region which stimulates the local economy and supports local jobs. Events are also an important opportunity for communities, friends, families and visitors to come together, creating community pride and reconnecting us.

Congratulations to the event organisers and all those involved in organising this event – may it be a successful one.

If you are visiting for the event, I encourage you to make some time to explore the diverse tourism experiences on offer in this beautiful region.



The Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP



# President welcomes all to the HookUp

**By Boyne Tannum HookUp president Andrew Davis**

Hi Fishing Enthusiasts,

This year the Boyne Tannum HookUp celebrates its 27th year as Australia's Biggest Family Fishing Competition. The HookUp brings together family, friends, businesses, supporters and sponsors from all around Australia to enjoy a great community event that showcases all that the Gladstone Region has to offer as a premier fishing location with the southern Great Barrier Reef, local estuaries and Lake Awoonga Dam at our doorstep.

The Boyne Tannum HookUp is a 3-day fishing competition with adult, junior and team categories and prizes along with random promotional prize draws with a prize pool worth over \$375,000.

The fishing competition kicks off at 7am on Friday, 29 April with daily prize draws starting from 6pm each of the three nights.

Prizes include junior bikes, fishing category cash prizes, junior boats, senior boats, a WR450F Yamaha bike and the Major Promotional Boat Prize – a 630 Sea Jay Vision boat powered by a 200hp Yamaha outboard with Raymarine electronics fitted by Modern Marine Electronics and valued at over \$97,000!!

Over the 3-day weekend, Bray Park will be filled with plenty of activities and fun for the entire family, including fish weigh-ins, cooking demonstrations, delicious food and drinks with a licensed bar, free kids activities and fishing lessons, rides, live music, fireworks on Sunday night and much more!

The Boyne Tannum HookUp Association is a not-for-profit organisation that works incredibly hard to make the Boyne Tannum HookUp one of the Gladstone Region's most professional and prestigious events, creating opportunities for several local community groups to raise money and to promote the Boyne Tannum area.

If you haven't already got your ticket, it's not too late! Hope to see you and your family out enjoying the 2022 HookUp!



Boyne Tannum HookUp president Andrew Davis.



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The main raffle prize, the 630 Sea Jay Vision worth \$90,000.



The Senior WR450F Yamaha Bike.

# Huge prizes on offer

By Liam Emerton

There's so many prizes up for grabs at the 2022 Boyne Tannum HookUp that you'd be crazy to miss out on heading down to Bray Park to throw your hat in the ring.

And you don't even need to fish to score a big one, with promotional prizes on offer for those who have a ticket but haven't weighed a fish.

The catch is, you'll have to be at Bray Park to pick up your prize and you only have two minutes to collect it, except for the major raffle prizes.

And you certainly won't be wanting to miss some of the big prizes on offer this year.

The big one is the major boat prize which is a 630 Sea Jay Vision powered by a 200hp Ya-

maha Outboard with Raymarine electronics fitted by Modern Marine Electronics drawn on the last night of the competition for all ticket holders.

That's over \$90,000 worth of boat right there, that you can win just for being a part of the HookUp.

The HookUp Raffle will also feature a Senior WR450F Yamaha Bike which will be up for grabs at Bray Park.

Alongside those there will be junior and senior boat and bike prizes on offer and of course chances to win for those who have fished the event this year.

All the terms and conditions for these prizes can be found on the Boyne Tannum HookUp website.



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The ALLSTARS INSALT team weighing in at 2021's event.

# Tips and hints for HookUp

By All Stars Insalt's Joe McGuire

I have fished the Boyne Tannum HookUp family fishing competition since it started 27 years ago. I need to declare that I'm a huge fan of the comp organisers as my wife Jen was the President for almost 7-years and continues as an active committee member and volunteer. The committee work on delivering the event for 11-months of the year!

During the 2021 HookUp we had numerous ALLSTARS Anglers successfully fish and win the HookUp, and I expect to see more onstage this year claiming the fishing comp prizes. But have you ever wondered why some people are successful when it comes to fishing? What is it that makes these people stand out from the others? There's a saying that 10% of anglers catch 90% of the fish. In my opinion it doesn't come down to luck. Rather key areas, such as, hard earned knowledge, fishing optimum times, preparedness, equipment selection and capability. So, for the novice anglers out there I'm going to give you some fishing tips for the HookUp.

Knowledge is the key to cracking the code on catching fish be it behaviours or methods and the only way to achieve this is time around the water. If you are lucky enough to be brought up in a fishing family you are already

ahead of the game because interested kids are like sponges and I've seen first-hand how fishing traits have been passed on through generations, particularly in the commercial sector. But what if you aren't lucky enough to come from a fishing background. How can you gain that fishing knowledge?

Start by concentrating on one particular species and jump on the internet for any articles pertaining to that species. There are books available that are easily discovered with a search that are based solely on individual species. There's also a huge number of videos to watch on YouTube. Facebook fishing groups are great to see what's being caught with the odd tip or two. There are also magazine subscriptions that cover many different species and keep anglers up to date with the latest and greatest in fishing equipment.

Many fish are targeted on a seasonal basis, and this will become apparent with some research enabling you to choose your species wisely. Once you've selected your target fish species it's then up to you to get out around the water and to have a crack. Hopefully from your research you will have a general idea about what is the optimum times throughout the lunar phases to target your species along with the terrain to look for where your target species hangs out. For example, rocks, reef,

sand, gravel, mud, mangroves, structure and weed. Keeping an eye and an ear out for actively feeding fish, food sources, water currents, water flows, water transition points and even birds can get you even closer to your target species.

Keeping a log of the environment you observe, and the conditions is vital, because you can learn from your experiences. This is where the information that's easily forgotten or not even considered is recorded and when studied later forms a pattern. All fish have bite/feeding windows that are usually small in duration. Most people commonly think that bite times is mostly linked to the mighty sport fish – the Barramundi. But this is not the case. So don't limit your angler thinking. You can learn from every fishing trip.

Skilled anglers targeting a fish species hone in on the triggers that contribute to the bite windows allows. This identification of the bite window allows the skilled angler to target specific species at precise predicted bite time. Some of the triggers that should be observed and noted, particularly at the precise time when fish bite are as follows... time of day/night, ambient and water temperature, wind speed and direction, moon phase and position, current flow, water clarity, tide size/ time, cloud types and atmospheric pressure.

Also observe and note if there was a particular food source in the area at that time. What were the general weather conditions and did any conditions change before and after the bite? What part of the breeding cycle was the fish at?

Another important thing to analyse if you kill your fish is to check their gut content for what they have been feeding on as well as what stage of the breeding cycle they are at. Check for roe and milt condition and document to give an idea when spawning is occurring.

All this information once studied will eventually help identify optimum fishing times and behaviours so be patient and learn from your experience.

Everyone has a phone with a camera so whenever you catch a fish take a photo and then place your photos in a fishing album. All digital photos are date and time stamped and this allows anglers to scroll through their catches and highlight what you caught and when.

Learning from your mistakes when fishing is essential and there is always a better way of doing things whether it be location identification, gear selection, bait/lure selection/presentation and fishing techniques. The list could go on forever.



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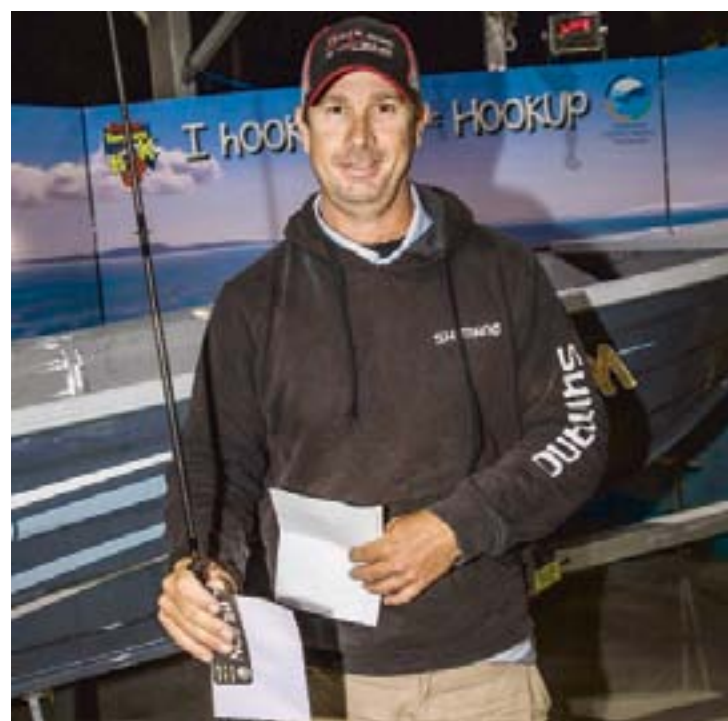




Left, ALLSTARS entrant Wayne Baldry with his winning Cobia.



ALLSTARS entrant Ryan Paterson with his winning prize fishing rod and cash.



ALLSTARS entrant Braith Young with his winning prize fishing rod and cash.

Preparedness for fishing is a key area for me. For me to be a skilled angler and successfully target fish species it requires many hours spent in my shed preparing the fishing gear, while listening to music and sipping on a few bourbons. This involves anything from tying of doubles and leaders, hook and split ring upgrades, lure fabrication, multi hook and wire trace assembly. My point is you don't want to arrive at your fishing destination when a hot bite starts and you're rigging up instead of fishing and consequently miss the small bite window.

Another aspect to highlight regarding preparedness, is how well you maintain your gear post fishing trip.

Aside from a yearly reel service, your gear needs attention after each use. This includes, washing with fresh water and spraying to prevent a collapsed roller bearing or seized handle bearing at the wrong time.

Modern fishing gear seriously gives fishermen the upper hand with lightweight carbon fi-

bre rods matching reels with ridiculous drag capabilities spooled with braid strong enough to pull a grown man overboard. Having said that, successful anglers have an outfit or two suitable to specific target species and won't mix them around. Just looking at my own gear I have outfits for Whiting, Salmon, Barramundi, bottom reef fish, flats reef fish and Spanish Mackerel. All these outfits obviously have different breaking strain line and are suited to the respective species. An example of why we have different outfits for specific species - my Spanish outfits are 20,000 size spin reels and although very capable of being utilized for casting over flats for reef fish, they are way too heavy an outfit and you end up with sore arms and shoulders within 15 minutes of continual casting. Whereas the 10,000-size reel specific for the task can be cast all day. I would suggest talking to your local tackle store for advice on what to purchase for the species you want to target.

The same goes for electronics, so talk to your local marine electronics store for advice.

Modern electronic mapping systems and electric motors pinpoint an angler to anywhere on the planet. In addition, when it comes to sonar technology - nothing is left to the imagination these days whether it be 2D sonar, down/side imaging, or live scope technology.

This technology doesn't lie and to see schools of your target species right in front of you and not biting can be downright frustrating, but just like humans - fish don't eat 24/7. A fish's metabolism is ever changing due to its life stage, environment and their behaviour so don't expect them to eat constantly.

Just like people, fish have also evolved and are becoming smarter. They have impressive communication abilities, long-term memories and sophisticated social structures. They can learn so when a fish is caught or hooked and released it can remember. So, this begs the question... are older fish harder to catch because they have seen a hook or two? I remember many years ago Longtail and Mac Tuna could be caught throwing the heaviest

of slugs over and through the school. These days if a heavy slug lands anywhere near the school they instantly head deep in avoidance. Consequently, much lighter, smaller slugs and plastics are needed these days to entice a bite. Is this another example of fish evolving? This is where thinking outside the box come into its own. Experimenting with home-made lures and or adaptations to existing lures for example can get outstanding results. Fish can get used to the same "run of the mill" mass produced lures especially in pressured areas. So don't be afraid to experiment.

So, with this information processed and put into practice it's once again time around water that increases an anglers fishing capability to successfully target a fish species and actually catch it.

This brings us back to where you think you fit into the 10% of anglers catching 90% of the fish. The standout leaders in my ALLSTARS competition fit into the 10.

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# President ready for 2022

By Liam Emerton

Boyne Tannum HookUp president Andrew Davis can't wait for the 2022 edition of the biggest family fishing competition in Australia.

It takes around 11 months of planning from the volunteer committee who put all of the hard work in so that everyone can enjoy a great time.

And that's what it's all about for Mr Davis who said that this year will be a great chance to get back into the swing of things.

"Hopefully we get the numbers back this year. The first year we came back was really last year and we had a good turn out for that and we're looking to do the same this year," he said.

"Hoping the three long-weekends in a row doesn't take too many people away from the region.

"It's back to the way it should be. There will still be social distancing and the cleaning stations.

"It's the 27th year this year so it's been running for a long time.

"The turnout seems to get bigger and bigger each year so hopefully that continues."

It's not all about the fishing, there's fun rides and kids entertainment, and all of that is thanks to the sponsors.

Even the luring throwing competitions and fishing lessons for the kids all create a beautiful family atmosphere at the event for people of all ages to enjoy.

All of those great parts of the HookUp wouldn't happen without the hard work and dedication of volunteers as well as the support from local businesses.

"It is all run by volunteers, basically straight after the HookUp we have a rest for that month and then it's back into it," said Davis.

"It's a half-a-million dollar show so it's a lot of work and commitment from the eight or nine committee members and all the volun-



There's plenty to do at this year's 2022 event.

teers that we pull in during the year.

"We can have about 100 volunteers there during the event.

"It takes three to four days to set it all up and then basically after 12 months of work it takes just half a day on Monday to pack it all up.

"Once again it's the prizes and the sponsors which help make the event happen.

"We're very fortunate with the industry and the Council, along with all the sponsors that there's so many you couldn't name them all.

"Even during Covid they all had their hands in their pockets to help keep the event going.

"It's pretty amazing that even though some of those companies weren't doing so well they

still had enough sponsorship there to keep us going."

Davis' last quick tip was to reach out to any committee member, who will be wearing a bright pink shirt, if there's anything they can help you with.

Even if that is a few fishing tips, they're always happy to help out.

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# How the HookUp began

Initially launched on June 7 1996, the Boyne Tannum HookUp has since then has run annually for the past 26 years.

The hope is to continue as an event for families to enjoy all that the Gladstone Region has to offer as a premier fishing location.

The idea for the popular fishing competition came from Gladstone local and now HookUp life member Darryl Branthwaite started discussing the idea with business locals Zach Simmons, Paul Simmons and Ned Beaumont of Boyne and Tannum.

Don Colyer and Robyn Shepherd joined the team in 1993 and that was when the first committee for Boyne Tannum HookUp was formed.

The Boyne Tannum HookUp has since become the largest fishing competition in Australia and each year since its inception it has attracted over 3000 entrants in the competition, over 10,000 people in attendance each night of the event and millions of dollars in prizes.

“The Boyne Tannum HookUp has been successful because of local passion, good planning, excellent event recipe, good marketing and promotion, excellent engagement from industry, council and small businesses,” said Darryl Branthwaite.

“ They are proud to be associated with the event as it adds livability to the region”.

In 2016 an entirely new committee formed, who are all volunteers, and they continue to host this community based event each Queensland May Day long weekend from Bray Park, Boyne Island.

The HookUp has even had to improvise during the pandemic era where in 2020 the event went virtual.

That was a strange time for all of us, however the return of the HookUp in 2021 made for a special year, and this year will be just as amazing.

With borders open and vaccination restrictions relaxed, this could certainly be the biggest Boyne Tannum HookUp of the decade.



The history of the HookUp is built on some great work from some brilliant committees.

**Battery World Gladstone would like to wish everyone participating in the Boyne Tannum Hook Up good luck. Have a fun and safe weekend.**

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# Event Program - What's On



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## 29th April 2022 Friday

7:00 AM	<p><b>EVENT OPENS</b> at Bray Park, Boyne Island with Queensland Water Police Safety brief, flare demonstration &amp; MSQ Life Jacket demonstration</p> <p><b>HookUp Merchandise on Sale</b> with HookUp shirts, stubby coolers &amp; brag mats</p> <p><b>HookUp Raffle Tickets on Sale</b> WIN a tinny, large camping fridges or PW50 motorcycle</p> <p><b>Collect a free</b> HookUp Barramundi and Teams Brag Mat <b>sticker*</b></p>
7:30 AM	<b>Early Bird Random Prize Draws</b>
8:00 AM	<p><b>Live fish weigh-in opens at Bray Park, Boyne Island.</b> Operates 8:00am to 4:00pm on Friday</p> <p><b>Book a FREE kids learn to fish lesson</b> at the HookUp Youth Ambassadors marquee</p> <p><b>FREE children's activities in the park</b></p> <p><b>Food Stalls operating</b> Thanks to our local community group partners</p> <p><b>FREE Supertank live fishing demonstrations</b> All Day</p>
9:00:00 AM	<p><b>Gladstone Marina satellite fish weigh-in opens at the main boat ramp, Alf O'Rourke, Gladstone</b></p> <p>Operates 9:00am to 3:00pm on Friday. Entrants can <b>weigh in both live and non-live fish</b> at the satellite fish weigh-in.</p>
10:00:00 AM	<b>Release of live fish by Gladstone Sportfishing</b> , additional release times 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:30pm
10:00AM - 11:00AM	<b>Non live fish weigh in at Bray Park, Boyne Island</b>
12:00:00 PM	<b>Bar operating</b> thanks to our local community groups
10:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>FREE live music in Bray Park, Boyne Island</b> by local CQ artists
1:00PM - 3:00PM	<b>FREE live music in Bray Park, Boyne Island</b> by local CQ artists
1:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>FREE Sponsor demonstrations &amp; interactions</b> in the park
3.00PM	Gladstone Marina satellite fish weigh-in at Alf O'Rourke, Gladstone closes
2:00PM - 4:00PM	<b>Non-live Fish weigh-in at Bray Park, Boyne Island</b>
4:00:00 PM	Live fish weigh-in station at Bray Park, Boyne Island closes
4:00:00 PM	Junior learn to fish lesson with HookUp Youth Ambassadors ( <i>prior booking required at the HookUp Youth Ambassador marquee</i> )
6:00PM Prize draws from Bray Park	<p>Hosted by Andy Phipps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Announcement of daily fishing competition category winners*</b></li> <li>• <b>Promotional prize draws &amp; live stream; including junior &amp; senior boats</b></li> <li>• <b>HookUp Youth Ambassadors Colouring In Competition prizes announced</b></li> </ul>
7:30:00 PM	<b>FREE live entertainment with a CQ band</b>
10:00:00 PM	<b>CLOSE</b>

\*Available to collect each day

## 30th April 2022 Saturday

7:00 AM	<p><b>Bray Park, Boyne Island OPENS</b></p> <p><b>HookUp merchandise on sale</b> with HookUp shirts, stubby coolers &amp; brag mats</p> <p><b>HookUp raffle tickets on sale</b> WIN a tinny, large camping fridges or PW50 motorcycle</p>
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# Event Program - What's On



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## 30th April 2022 Saturday

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1:30 PM	FREE kids lure throwing competition on the Boyne River at Hodgie floating on a pink flamingo
2:00PM - 4:00PM	Non-Live fish weigh-in station at Bray Park, Boyne Island
3.00PM	Gladstone Marina satellite fish weigh-in at Alf O'Rourke, Gladstone closes
3.00PM	Junior learn to fish lesson with HookUp Youth Ambassadors <i>(prior booking required at the HookUp Youth Ambassador marquee)</i>
4:00 PM	Live fish weigh-in station at Bray Park, Boyne Island closes
3:00PM - 6:00PM	FREE live music in the park by local CQ artists
6:00PM Prize draws from bray park	Hosted by Andy Phipps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement of daily fishing competition category winners*</li> <li>Promotional prize draws &amp; live stream; including junior boat &amp; senior WR450F Yamaha Bike</li> </ul>
7:30 PM	FREE live entertainment with a CQ band
10:00 PM	CLOSE

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## 1st May 2022 Sunday

7:00AM Bray Park, Boyne Island	HookUp merchandise on sale with HookUp shirts, stubby coolers & brag mats HookUp raffle tickets on sale WIN a tinny, large camping fridges or PW50 motorcycle
8:00 AM	Live fish weigh-in opens at Bray Park, Boyne Island. Operates 8:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday Book a FREE kids learn to fish lesson at the HookUp Youth Ambassadors marquee FREE children's activities in the park Food Stalls operating thanks to our local community group partners FREE Supertank live fishing demonstrations all day
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3.00PM	FINAL - Junior learn to fish lesson with HookUp Youth Ambassadors
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10:00 PM	CLOSE

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# Safety check with VMR

Gladstone's Volunteer Marine Rescue have asked people to be diligent with safety this Boyne Tannum HookUp.

And there's plenty of things to check before you head out on the water including life jackets, your engine, bilge pump and many more things to keep in mind before you attempt to reel in that huge fish.

Gladstone VMR president Jeff Caldwell said boaties should be weary of expiry dates and maintenance before they hit the water.

"The number one important thing is that

people have the correct and appropriate safety gear on their boats," he said.

"And that the safety gear is in good condition and not expired, for example flares have an expiry date.

"EPIRBs (Electronic Position Indication Radio Beacons) have to be registered and renewed every two years.

"People forget about life jackets. They can fall to bits, the straps can rot after years so they need to be checked.

"More and more boaties are getting inflat-

able lifejackets but they need to be checked regularly to make sure that the CO2 cylinder is in good condition and fitted correctly."

Another problem that the VMR sees a lot of is people either running out of fuel or having old fuel that isn't up to standards.

"People have to make sure that they have adequate fuel for the journey," said Mr Caldwell.

"So we always recommend that people have enough fuel to get to where they're going, enough to get home plus another third.

"Because when conditions deteriorate you

use a lot more fuel than you would usually in clear conditions. "We rescue a lot of people who have ran out of fuel.

"Also you have to make sure that the fuel is fresh. It's amazing how many boaties have problems with dirty fuel."

There's plenty more to look out for before heading out into the Boyne Tannum but Gladstone Gladstone VMR will be down at Bray Park with their own marquee to talk to people about what VMR does and how people can get involved.

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# Hooking the big ones

Let's look back at the Boyne Tannum HookUp 2021 and the event that it was.

The success of the physical return of the competition brought out thousands of people to Bray Park for a great three-day event.

Here are our favourite shots from last year's event and look out for this year's photos in Gladstone Today's next edition.



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# Let's talk the HookUp

This special edition of Let's Talk Sport features 4RO's **AARON STEVENS** and Gladstone Today journalist **LIAM EMERTON** talking all about the Boyne Tannum HookUp and their best fishing stories.

**Liam:** The Boyne Tannum HookUp returns this weekend, it's the 27th time that it's graced our shores here, what an event and how good is it to have it back once again!

**Aaron:** I have to ask mate are you a fisherman?

**Liam:** Not as much as I should be. My dad is a keen fisherman and I will be buying him one of those gorgeous fishing shirts this weekend.

And one of my brothers is also but I just like to eat what they catch especially when it's a nice big flathead from Yamba in New South Wales.

I do enjoy at least going out once a year and wetting the line in my frustrated attempt to catch a fish.

**Aaron:** I like to fish, anytime you want to go out feel free to borrow my Broncos fishing shirt at no cost at all.

I love fishing, and I've entered competitions in my time but I never catch anything because the competitions are too intense.

But I like to sit there, dipping a line and not being at work haha.

I'm not the greatest fisherman but I just enjoy wetting a line.

What's incredible about the Boyne Tannum HookUp is that it's not intense, it's something that brings families and friends together and that's the best thing about it.

When you look through the winner's list every year there's people from ages five to 80 who take part and make the winner's list.

The numbers of different varieties of fish from last year was incredible.

Some of the sizes of fish that they catch are just amazing and that says two things to me.

One, this is a wonderful region to go fishing.



The HookUp can be as relaxing as they come for many.

Two, the Boyne Tannum HookUp have done a terrific job respecting and preserving the wonderful fishing region that we've got.

**Liam:** You can have these comps and they can seriously damage the ecosystems but this doesn't and it's been running successfully for 26 years now and that's because there's respect.

The people who have run the committee have all grown up here and they've all learnt about the river all their lives.

And now they're looking after it, it's all about preservation here and it's a family-oriented atmosphere and it's so great to see.

Also an event like this creates lasting mem-

ories. Which is only a good thing for families and especially kids.

**Aaron:** I remember I once went out fishing and I caught what I thought was a very, very big fish. But as I was dragging it in the line went limp.

I thought I had lost it but I kept dragging it in and there was the biggest coral trout head you've ever seen.

A shark got it on the way up! I compared it to other fish that had been caught that day on the boat and it had to be a five kilo coral trout.

So when I see photos of coral trout that big I always think about the one that got away.

**Liam:** The only fishing story I have is that mum, dad and I were out fishing on the boat one day.

Dad was being our tour guide and he decided to flick a lure out and he caught onto this huge flathead.

And it was unbelievable because mum and I jumped up onto the seats. We were so scared.

This thing was monstrous, I remember specifically that the size of the head was like two of my hands together.

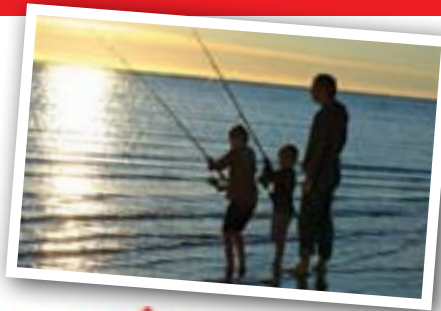
It was amazing, and hopefully someone gets to pick up a fish that big, and I know they will, this weekend.



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# 2021 Hookup Hall of Fame

## Overall Senior Winners from 2021

Name	City	Species	Weight/Length
Mitchell Robertson	Beecher	Live Flat Head	2.350 kg
Braith Young	Millbank	Live Whiting	0.425 kg
Cameron Gillett	Benaraby	Live Fingermark	4.090 kg
Jonathan Dunn	Boyne Island	Live Mangrove Jack	2.820 kg
Corey Pearse	North lakes	Live Yellowfin Bream	1.030 kg
Tony Seng	Kingaroy	Live Grunter	4.000 kg
Evan Speer	Tannum Sands	Live Barramundi	1,110 mm
Ryan Paterson	Gladstone	Salmon (Blue Threadfin & King Threadfin)	11.235 kg
Lochlan Gill	Main Beach	Red Emperor	10.825 kg
Greg Guy	Capalaba	Snapper	3.445 kg
Jaison Guljas	Elanora	Spanish Mackerel	20.190 kg
Daniel Argus	Deception Bay	Parrot (Tusk Fish)	4.175 kg
Wayne Baldry	Bundaberg	Cobia (Black Kingfish)	11.120 kg
Mark Cross	Agnes Water	Coral Trout	5.515 kg
Tyler Spinks	Tannum sands	Large Mouth Nannygai	10.200 kg
John Flessler	Agnes Water	Red Throat Emperor (Sweetlip)	2.410 kg

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