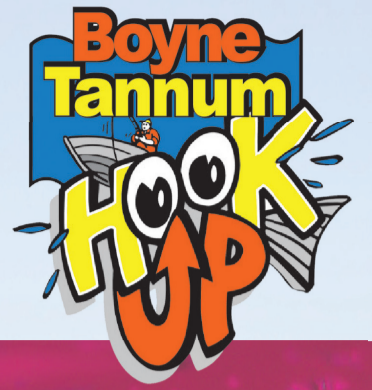


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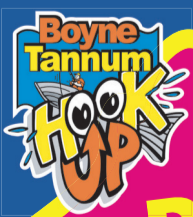
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Welcoming in a new era

By Boyne Tannum HookUp Association president Karen Windress

Welcome fishing enthusiasts, families, visitors, and local community members!

This year the Boyne Tannum HookUp celebrates its 29th year of bringing together family, friends, sponsors, businesses, community groups and supporters from across Australia to enjoy our magnificent community event showcasing the Gladstone Region as a premier fishing location. Australia's Biggest Family Fishing Competition 2024 will offer its BIGGEST PRIZE POOL EVER with over \$450,000 worth of prizes to be won across the three-day weekend.

The Boyne Tannum HookUp Association is a not-for-profit organisation with a management committee who works tirelessly all year long to deliver this professional and prestigious event for the Gladstone Region. We are grateful for the support from our 53 amazing sponsors to make the 2024 HookUp event possible, especially our Platinum Sponsor, the Gladstone Regional Council. The HookUp creates opportunities for our 20 community group partners to raise money for their worthy organisations all while promoting the Boyne Tannum area.

Following our 2023 event Key Learnings, the HookUp management committee agreed to put a focus on saying thank you to the anglers who participate and sustainable fishing.

At the 2024 event you will notice a few new things, including:

- We wanted to give back to the anglers and participants and so our prize pool reflects just that.
- 16 eligible fish species, reintroduction of the Black Jewfish to the Non-Live fish category.
- Flathead and Grunter species being moved from the Live fish category to a Live Catch and Release category.
- So there are now four Live Catch and Release species, Barramundi, Flathead, Grunter,



Boyne Tannum HookUp Association president Karen Windress, left, is happy to welcome everyone back to the Boyne Tannum HookUp in 2024. Picture: SUPPLIED

- Salmon (Blue Threadfin and King Threadfin)
- Brand new inaugural Ladies Fish and Sip sessions – just for the ladies who want to learn to fish and have an enjoyable time doing so!

We saw an increase in fish weigh-ins at our Gladstone satellite weigh-in station last year and we will once again offer weigh-in stations at Bray Park and the Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp.

Junior and Senior anglers compete in the fishing competition to win daily and overall cash prizes totalling over \$18,000 along with overall angler trophies, fishing charters and the major prize angler boats. We have created the Elite Angler – Largest Fish prize for the event. The Elite Angler prize will be awarded to one angler who weighs-in the largest fish during the three-day competition. This can be a senior or junior angler, male or female. The Elite Angler prize winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, plus a charter prize and trophy.

Those anglers putting together a team have the chance to win an amazing Heron Island holiday prize and one lucky family will win the \$1,000 Pat O'Reilly Memorial Family Tri-fecta. To all those anglers fishing at the beautiful Lake Awoonga, keep an eye out for the three tagged barramundi worth \$5,000 each if caught during the HookUp weekend!

If you're not a keen angler (or may not have luck catching anything) and would rather enjoy the event from inside the park, there's still plenty of prizes to win just for buying a ticket. We will have three nights of promotional prize draws featuring the Senior 590 Sea Jay Titan Boat valued at over \$112,000, junior, and senior boats, tackle combos, junior bikes and more.

You will have until 3pm on Sunday, 5 May 2024 to purchase your tickets to win.

On top of the great fishing and prizes, there will be heaps of activities for the whole family to enjoy across the weekend, including food and drinks, free kid's activities and fishing lessons, the Boyne Island McDonald's Junior Lure Throwing Competition, rides, and live music. The event will finish with a bang as we light up the sky over the Boyne River on Sunday night with the region's best fireworks.

Get out there this May Day long weekend with your family and mates to enjoy fishing and taking in all that the Boyne Tannum HookUp has to offer.

Event highlights the uniqueness of Gladstone

By Minister for Tourism and Sport, The Hon. Michael Healy MP

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Boyne Tannum HookUp which highlights the personality and uniqueness of Gladstone.

Boyne Tannum HookUp is supported by the Queensland Government through Round 25 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Queensland Destination Events Program, which strives to highlight the vital link between the wonderful events we host in our great state and the diverse destinations in which they take place.

Events such as Boyne Tannum HookUp foster community pride, impart local culture

with all who visit and make meaningful contributions to the local economy.

Beyond Boyne Tannum HookUp, there is so much to see, do and experience in Gladstone. I encourage all visitors from far and wide to soak in all the delights of the Gladstone region and make the most of all the experiences unique to this special part of Queensland.

Congratulations to the organisers plus all those involved in working tirelessly to stage such a great event and for being part of the Queensland Destination Events Program.

The Minister for Tourism and Sport, The Hon. Michael Healy MP



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Similar junior tinnies to those won at the 2023 BTHU will be up for grabs again.



Last year's major prize winner Simon Heikkinen from Boyne Island was stoked when announced as the new owner of the Major Sea Jay 630 Vision Boat.

More prizes up for grabs

By Liam Emerton

At this year's Boyne Tannum HookUp the committee is aiming to give more back to the anglers.

In 2024 the prize pool has grown to over \$450,000 in prizes and cash, including the major prize of the Seajay 590 Titan Samurai Hull with a 150hp Yamaha outboard and Outta Range marine electronics fitout worth over \$112,000.

Nine additional Seajay tinnies will also be up for grabs, complete with the Yamaha outboards.

But the prize that will be on every anglers' minds on Sunday will be the inaugural Elite Angler award.

The Elite Angler prize will be awarded to one angler who weighs-in the largest fish during the three-day competition.

This can be a senior or junior angler, male or female with the winner receiving a \$1,000 cash prize, plus a charter prize and trophy.

There's also \$20,000 cash to be won across the weekend including \$100 per winning fish category and \$300 for each overall winner of the species.

With 100s of rods and reels combos up for grabs there's plenty to win this year at the HookUp.

HOW TO CLAIM:

Fishing competition prizes:

To claim the fishing competition category prizes, the winner must be in Bray Park, Boyne Island; however, they do not need to adhere to the 2-minute timer.

If no entrant can be identified, then the prize will not be awarded at the event. For example: if no one catches a tagged Barramundi at Lake Awoonga.

Prize winners will be required to present



The new major prize at this year's event: Seajay 590 Titan Samurai Hull with a 150hp Yamaha outboard and Outta Range marine electronics fitout worth over \$112,000. Pictures: SUPPLIED

their electronic/printed ticket and formal identification to claim their prize.

Accepted forms of identification for junior prize winners are their student ID or other formal identification; if they do not have their own ID then they need to be accompanied by a parent or carer with their formal identification and the junior's electronic or printed ticket.

Promotional prizes

To claim the promotional prizes, the winner must be in Bray Park, Boyne Island and make themselves known to the HookUp Management Committee or the master of ceremony on stage within the two-minute timer to claim their prize; otherwise, it will be redrawn until a winner is identified within a two-minute period.

Prize winners will be required to present their electronic or printed ticket and formal identification to claim their prize.

For entertainment purposes only, the promotional prize draws will be live streamed from 6pm each evening and can be watched on the links contained on the HookUp's website, Facebook live stream and YouTube.

Gladstone Ports Corporation is proud to sponsor the Youth Engagement Program supporting sustainable fishing at this year's Boyne Tannum Hookup event.

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The history of the HookUp has been building for 30 years.

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Thirty years in the making

By Liam Emerton

Over 30 years ago, a young and energetic Darryl Branthwaite started discussions with local business people around Boyne Island and Tannum Sands about bringing a premier fishing competition to the region.

They discussed this idea and many more, calibrated and made it happen. With Zach Simmons, Paul Simmons, Ned Beaumont, Don Collier and Robyn Shepherd, the first committee for Boyne Tannum HookUp was formed and in 1995, the event was born.

"It was created by the Boyne Tannum and Bernerby Chamber of Commerce way back in 1993, 94 and 95," Mr Branthwaite said.

"The idea was to try and give Boyne Tannum an event it could call its own and be proud of.

"It showcased our lifestyle and our small businesses.

"It was one of those things to drive visitation with the seasonality of Central Queensland and the coast here.

"The grey nomads were passing through our region so it was ideal to keep them here."

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 at Bray Park and millions of dollars in prizes.

"I think it is amazing that it is still going," Mr Branthwaite said.

"It has changed a fair bit but it's still going, which is really good for our community."

The formula for success stems from the incredible volunteers who work hard each year

to hold the iconic annual event.

Which has led to a consistent strong number of anglers as well as sponsors and supporters.

The Boyne Tannum HookUp life member also had some tips for those chasing the big fish, including the new elite angler prize.

"Bigger hooks, bigger baits means bigger fish," Mr Branthwaite said.

"The pressure zones of the reef where the weather faces on to it, those sorts of places.

"Look for bumps on the bottom, look for structures with trees or rocks fallen over."

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Passing it down the line

By Liam Emerton

The Richardson family have long enjoyed the Boyne Tannum HookUp and now they're passing that tradition down.

Tracey and Reece Richardson enjoyed the HookUp growing up and now they can share the fun with their daughters Millie and Lennox.

Millie has been to the Boyne Tannum Hook-Up before and Tracey said that she is excited to enjoy see Millie enjoy it more and more while this year will be Lennox's first time having been around four months ago.

"It's always a good celebration for our family," she said.

"My husband and I grew up here, both our families live away now but they come to town for it.

"Now that our family is growing it is even more exciting to bring them along and keep that tradition going."

As their family grows Tracey said it's exciting to see how their little ones will develop alongside the local event.

"I was just saying to my husband that last year our now almost two-year-old would have been one and it was funny as we had little ear muffs for her for the fireworks," she said.

"As she grows she will enjoy different parts of it because it tends to suit every age.

"This year she will be more into the rides and now we have a 16-week-old who will be another one with her little earmuffs on.

"It's really cool to see them grow with the competition."

And as Millie and Lennox begin to hold onto their memories, Tracey believes it's important to help teach kids new life-skills like fishing while experiencing moments that will last a lifetime for the whole family.

"We remember ourselves growing up with the competition and we know how it feels," she said.



Tracey, Reece and Millie Richardson alongside a monster large mouth nannygai.

"Depending on the weather we will either go out in the bigger boat or the tinnie which I won a few years ago at the HookUp.

"There's heaps of prizes for kids and you see them all excited to collect when they win.

"Whether you fish or not there's still things that you can do to be involved.

"You see the creeks are a lot busier with families trying to teach their kids.

"I think it is really good to introduce them to the hobby with such a major event like this."



Tracey and Millie Richardson enjoying last year's Boyne Tannum HookUp.

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Advice and tips for you

Boyne Tannum HookUp Association vice president James Moore has handed out some major advice for those chasing the big ones at this year's event.

A full list featuring every species across the three separate categories has been meticulously thought through and is now available for those who seek the advice.

The biggest fish on the list come off-shore of course with a few extremely tempting places outside boasting the monsters of the deep.

At Outer Rock, Pancake Creek, there's plenty of the sought after Spanish Mackerel waiting to be reeled in.

Most years the Spanish Mackerel is the fish that drops jaws as it's weighed in at Bray Park, and for those chasing that rush it will be ideal to slowly troll large wolf herring or gar fish.

The best place to pick the Spanish Mackerel up is in nice and clean water and before you know it you will have an incredible fight on your hands.

The always impressive Red Emperors can certainly be found at Dougal Shoals within the deep water.

Moore's advice is to look out for isolated bommies, promising the better fish are usually found on them, while using a Hussar fillet for bait.

Over at the 12 Mile Reef, a whole squid on gang hooks is your best option if you're aiming to pick up the mighty snapper.

Make sure to fish the ledges in the early morning hours for your best chance.

Inside the confines of the Calliope River is the elusive Mangrove Jack which can be a prize



A pair of sweetlips could be caught at Rock Cod shoals.

for any keen angler.

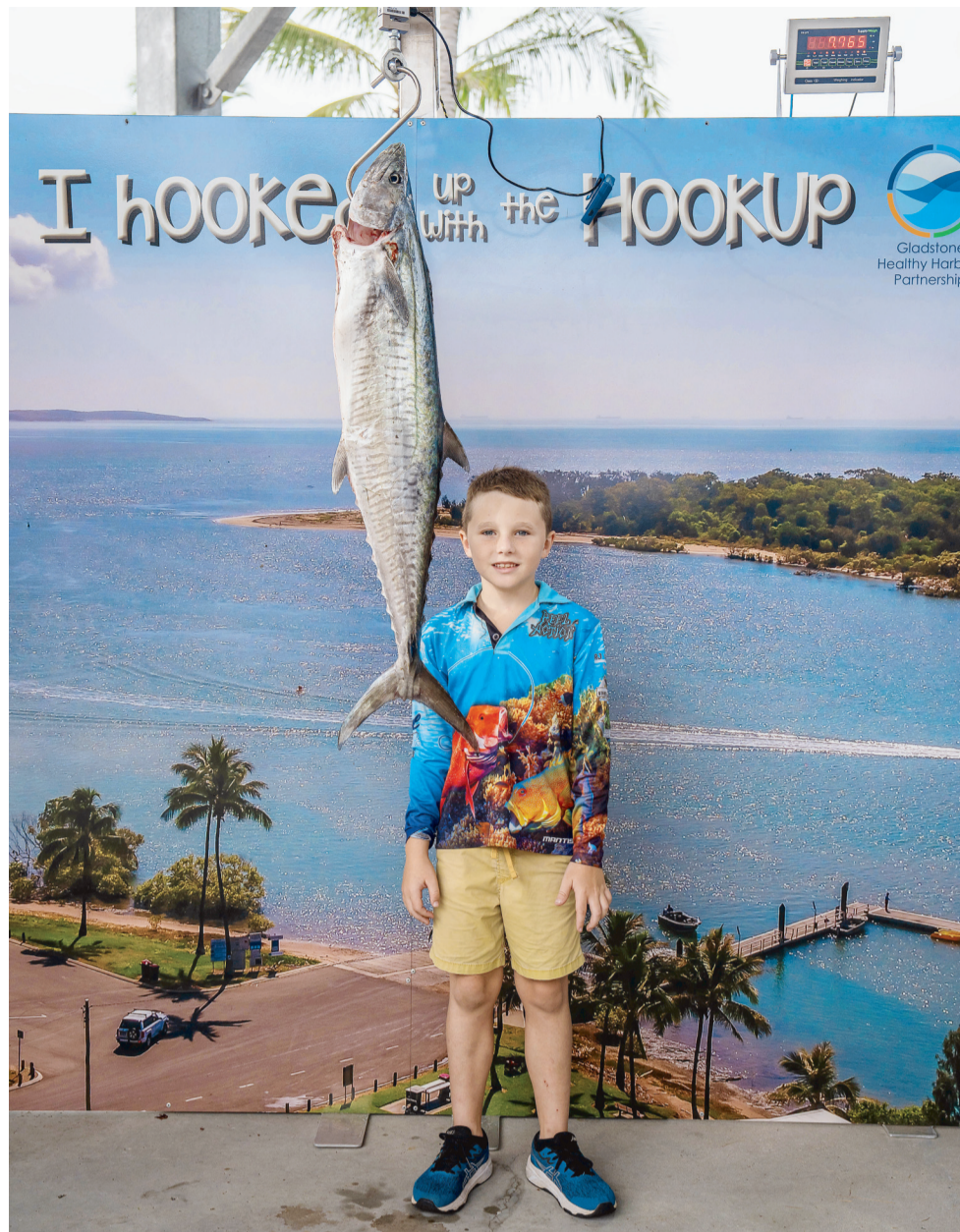
Live mullet is your best while casting deep into rock bars but make sure to tighten the drag and hold on for an incredible fight.

Prawns are an ideal bait for a number of fish including Yellowfin and Pikey Bream, both found in the Boyne River, Black Jewfish and Grunter.

Although make sure those prawns used are ones designed for fishing and not from the supermarket.

For those anglers not keen to run with bait the iconic Awoonga Dam barramundi, King threadfin Salmon, Flathead and Grunters can all be reeled in using a range of different tackle.

For all of the other advice see the next page for the full list of species, where to find them and what to use.



The awesome Spanish Mackerel has a sweet spot at Outer Rock, Pancake Creek.

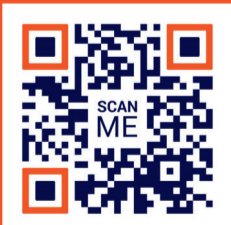
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	Species	Location	Catch methods and tips
LIVE FISH	Whiting	Wild cattle creek	Fresh pumped yabbies. Use a light rod to fish the incoming tide over the sand flats
	Fingermark (Golden Snapper)	Rocky outcrops in gladstone harbour	Look for schooling herring on fish finder. Use mullet, herring or lures resemble that these types of bait
	Mangrove Jack	Calliope river	Live mullet. Cast deep into rock bars or snags. Tighten drags and hang on!
	Yellowfin Bream	Boyne river	Prawns for bait. For best results peel the prawn and a light pea sinker
	Pikey Bream	Boyne river (benaraby)	Prawns for bait. For best results peel the prawn and a light pea sinker
NON LIVE	Red Emperor	Douglas Shoals	Hussar fillet. Look for deep water. Better fish are found on isolated bommies
	Snapper	12 mile reef	Whole squid on gang hooks. Fish the ledges in the early morning hours
	Red Throat Emperor (Sweetlip)	Rock Cod shoals	Squid or pilchards. Fish the drop offs from shoals. Use enough weight to get to bottom but not too much
	Black Jewfish	Shipping channel markers	Large prawns or herring. (Only use prawns designated for fishing not the ones from the grocers)
	Spanish Mackerel	Outer rock (pancake Creek)	Slow troll large wolf herring or gar. Look for clean water
	Cobia (Black King Fish)	Shipping channel markers	Large squid or strip bait. Often found in schools and show up on the sounder well
	Coral Trout	Masthead Island	Light weighted pilchard on running sinker rig. Look for pressure points around isolated bommies
LIVE CATCH & RELEASE	Largemouth Nannygai	Bindaree Wreck	Live squid on paternoster rig. Fish tide changes before run gets too strong
	Barramundi	Awoonga Dam	Fish the points with a large paddle tail plastic or 100mm hardbody lure. Early morning try surface lures in the shallows
	Salmon (Blue Threadfin)	Grahams Creek	3 inch paddle tail soft plastic. Can be found practically anywhere in the creek and harbour system
	Salmon (King Threadfin)	The narrows	95mm soft vibe lure. Look for indents in the mud banks where threadies have been feeding
	Flathead	Turkey beach	Alpha lures Yabbie. Drift or slow wind with rod tip twitches now and then. Look for drain entrances
	Grunter	South trees inlet	Use a live prawns or gulp lure. Drift fish or slow wind in about 3m of water



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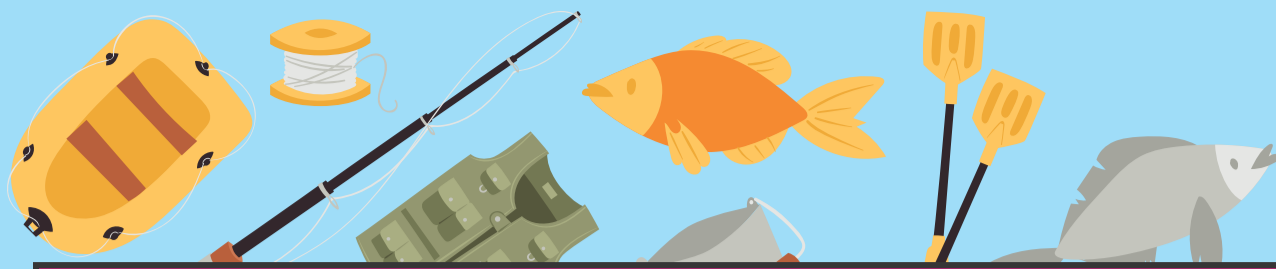
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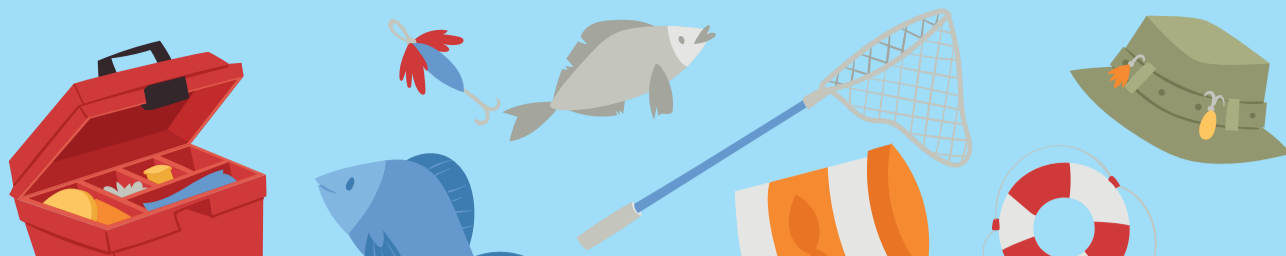
6:00AM - 6:00PM	HookUp merchandise on sale including HookUp fishing shirts, bucket hats, stubby coolers & brag mats. HookUp raffle tickets on sale WIN a tinny, camping fridges or generator. Collect a free 2024 HookUp brag mat sticker* for Live Catch and Release & Team categories
6:00AM	Food vendors open 6am Friday
7:00AM	EVENT OPENS at Bray Park, Boyne Island with Queensland Water Police safety brief, flare demonstration & MSQ Life Jacket demonstration
7:30AM	Early bird prize draws in Bray Park
8:00AM	Live Fish Weigh-In Station opens at Bray Park, Boyne Island operating 8:00am to 4:00pm Food Stalls operating thanks to our local community group partners and stallholders
9:00AM	Live & Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station opens at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp operating 9:00am to 3:00pm
10:00AM	Release of live fish by Gladstone Sportfishing Club with additional release times 12:00pm, 2:00pm & 4:30pm
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
12:00PM	Bar operating thanks to our local community groups
1:30PM - 3:30PM	FREE Sponsor demonstrations & interactions in the park
2:00PM - 4:00PM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
2:00PM - 6:00PM	FREE live music in Bray Park, Boyne Island by local CQ artists
3:00PM	Live & Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp closes
4:00PM	Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Bray Park, Boyne Island closes
FROM 6:00PM	Daily prize draws from Bray Park, Boyne Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPC Youth Engagement Program Colouring in Competition prizes announced • Announcement of daily fishing competition species winners* • Fishing Competitor prize draws, including Major Prize Junior Angler & Senior Angler Boats • Promotional prize draws, including Major Prizes - Friday Junior & Senior Boats
7:30PM	FREE live entertainment with by local artists
10:00PM	Close

SATURDAY, 4TH MAY 2024

7:00AM	Bray Park, Boyne Island OPENS Collect a free 2024 HookUp brag mat sticker* for Live Catch and Release & Team categories Food vendors open 7am
9:00AM - 6:00PM	HookUp merchandise on sale until 6pm including HookUp fishing shirts, bucket hats, stubby coolers & brag mats HookUp raffle tickets on sale until 6pm WIN a tinny, camping fridges or generator
9:00AM	Live & Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station opens at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp operating 9:00am to 3:00pm
10:00AM	Release of live fish by Gladstone Sportfishing Club with additional release times 12:00pm, 2:00pm & 4:30pm
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
10:00AM - 2:30PM	GAWB Fishing Education Marquee open in Bray Park featuring a variety of educational speakers and demonstrations, including seafood cooking and filleting
11:30AM - 2:30PM	Education Tent runs Saturday & Sunday only 11.30am to 2.30pm
12:00PM	Bar operating thanks to our local community groups
12:30PM	FREE Sponsor demonstrations & interactions in the park
1:30PM	FREE Boyne Island McDonald's Junior Lure Throwing Competition with Hodgie on a giant pink flamingo on the Boyne River (<i>meet at the pontoon</i>)

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SATURDAY, 4TH MAY 2024

2:00PM - 4PM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
3:00PM	Live & Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp closes
3:00PM	HookUp Youth Ambassadors (prior booking required at GPC Youth Engagement Marquee)
3:00PM - 6:00PM	FREE live music in Bray Park, Boyne Island by local CQ artists
4:00PM	Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Bray Park, Boyne Island closes 4pm Ladies Fish & Sip
FROM 6:00PM	Daily prize draws from Bray Park, Boyne Island hosted by Andy Phipps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of daily fishing competition species winners* • Fishing Competitor prize draws, including Major Prize Junior Angler & Senior Angler Boats • Promotional prize draws, including Sponsor prizes and Junior bike
7:30PM	FREE live entertainment with a CQ band
10:00PM	Close

SUNDAY, 5TH MAY 2024

7:00AM	Bray Park, Boyne Island OPENS Collect a free 2023 HookUp brag mat sticker* for Live Catch and Release & Team categories Food vendors open 7am
9:00AM - 6:00PM	HookUp merchandise on sale including HookUp fishing shirts, bucket hats, stubby coolers & brag mats HookUp raffle tickets on sale WIN a tinny, camping fridges or generator
9:00AM	Live & Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station opens at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp operating 9:00am to 2:30pm for live fish weigh-ins and 9:00am to 3:00pm for non-live fish weigh-ins
10:00AM	Release of live fish by Gladstone Sportfishing Club with additional release times 12:00pm, 2:00pm & 4:30pm
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
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12:00PM	Bar operating thanks to our local community groups
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1:30PM	FREE Boyne Island McDonald's Junior Lure Throwing Competition with Hodgie on a giant pink flamingo on the Boyne River (meet at the pontoon)
2:00PM - 4:00PM	Non-Live Fish Weigh-In open at Bray Park, Boyne Island
2:30 - 6:00pm	Free Live music in Bray Park, Boyne Island by local CQ Artists
2:30PM	Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp closes
3:00PM	2024 event registrations close. Non-Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Gladstone Main VMR Boat Ramp closes
3:30PM	Live Fish Weigh-In Station at Bray Park, Boyne Island closes 4pm Ladies Fish & Sip
FROM 6:00PM	Daily prize draws from Bray Park, Boyne Island hosted by Andy Phipps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of daily fishing competition category winners* • Fireworks Display at 7:30pm • Raffle prize draws • Announcement of the overall fish species winners and drawing of Major Prize Overall Junior & Senior Angler Boats • Announcement of Major Promotional Prize draw, Senior Sea Jay 590 Titan Half Cabin Boat
10:00PM	Close

*available to collect each day

2023 Hookup Hall of Fame

Overall Senior Winners from 2023

Name	City	Species	Weight/Length
Wayne Watson	Burua	Live Flathead	2.635 kg
Braith Young	Millbank	Live Whiting	0.390 kg
Brye Busby	Clinton	Live Fingermark	8.825 kg
Benny Doherty	Spring Hill	Live Mangrove Jack	2.585 kg
Paul Urane	Gladstone	Live Yellowfin Bream and Pikey Bream	1.190 kg
Harmen Krul	Boyne Island	Live Grunter	4.025 kg
Troy Everett	Boyne Island	Live Barramundi	1120 mm
Ryan Paterson	Gladstone	Live Salmon (Blue Threadfin and King Threadfin)	1,450 mm
Nick Buck	Beachmere	Red Emperor	9.150 kg
Corey Weier	Palmview	Snapper	4.745 kg
Andrew Thomas	Boyne Island	Spanish Mackerel	22.370 kg
Mark Cross	Agnes Water	Cobia (Black Kingfish)	13.625 kg
Wayne Baldry	Innes Park	Coral Trout	6.350 kg
Steve Coates	Innes Park	Large Mouth Nannygai	9.465 kg
Benjamin Berry	Targinnie	Red Throat Emperor (Sweetlip)	2.670 kg

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Grayson Modystack	Calliope	Live Flathead	1.495 kg
Cooper Young	Millbank	Live Whiting	0.335 kg
Jacob Linke	Clinton	Live Fingermark	1.135 kg
Mia Everett	Boyne Island	Live Mangrove Jack	2.280 kg
Arlo Cryer	West Gladstone	Live Yellowfin Bream and Pikey Bream	0.830 kg
Ethan Rea	Boyne Island	Live Grunter	3.100 kg
Justin Callow	Burua	Live Barramundi	900 mm
Mason Spice	Gladstone	Live Salmon (Blue Threadfin and King Threadfin)	1,080 mm
Taylah Jarram	Gladstone	Red Emperor	5.525 kg
Christine Hopkins	Benaraby	Snapper	4.505 kg
Graci Dean	Burua	Spanish Mackerel	25.095 kg
Bryton Hayward	Burua	Cobia (Black Kingfish)	6.940 kg
Chayse Werry	Boyne Island	Coral Trout	4.355 kg
Tristan Platen	Calliope	Large Mouth Nannygai	5.960 kg
Dylan Jaavuo	Tannum Sands	Red Throat Emperor (Sweetlip)	2.225 kg

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Boyne Tannum HookUp photographer **WEZZY CRÜZE** was on hand at last year's event and captured some wonderful moments and mammoth fish.

Snapshots of '23 HookUp





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Ladies' lures and laughs

By Liam Emerton

The Boyne Tannum HookUp is always innovating their program and this year is no different.

One brand new event which will be hosted each afternoon across the weekend is the Ladies' Fish and Sip sessions.

The idea was brought forward by the committee to help see a growth in women fishing at all times including the HookUp itself.

Ladies who want to learn how to fish will be taught how by experts in the field no matter what experience they have.

Attendees are encouraged to bring along their favourite beverage to accompany the provided platters as they learn how to tie the perfect knot, take part in interactive casting demonstrations and pick up some handy fishing tips while enjoying the scenery of the beautiful patch of Central Queensland coastline.

It is set to be an amazing couple of afternoons filled with fishing, laughter and sipping by the water with amazing vibes in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

As part of the session, the Boyne Tannum HookUp will provide all fishing rods, reels, tackle and bait for participants to use for the activity.

The Boyne Tannum HookUp wants participants to really embrace the nature of the Ladies Fish and Sip Sessions and for there to be a fun atmosphere with many laughs and much enjoyment.

The Association's volunteers and related sponsor representatives will ensure to lead the sessions in a professional manner and they hope to see the attendees using their skills back on the water again soon.



Eliza McGuire, winner of the 2023 overall female angler prize.

Pictures: WEZZY CRUZE



The Ladies Fish and Sip sessions have the BTHU committee hoping that more women will come on board and start fishing.



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Sustaining the fishing fun

By Liam Emerton

Fishing is a fun and exciting hobby for every age and that means the importance of keeping our rivers and oceans sustainable and flowing with life is undeniable.

With thousands of competitors taking to the HookUp each year the team knew they needed to help safe and feasible fishing within the local waters.

And that's what the Boyne Tannum Hook-Up Environmental Education Program is there to do; encourage fun while also teaching lots about fishing.

The program, which takes place at the education tent, sees the encouragement of sustainable fishing.

It also teaches kids and young adults about the importance of minimising their environmental footprint.

That includes marine debris awareness with attendees educated on how to make sure they're playing their part in cleaning up their bait and tackle wherever possible.

Part of engaging future anglers also sees the program share an acknowledgement of traditional lands and respecting the sacred parts of our coastline.

Education regarding fish species, cooking demonstrations and local fish locations is also high on the team's priority list as they look to make the local fishing scene grow.

After a successful marquee last year, the team is looking forward to stepping up their efforts to keep the region's fishing beautiful and plentiful.



The Education Tent will be full of learning and fun for those keen on fishing.
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