

EC Lowe Weekend Stephen Long

With the weather patterns promising much early in the week and news that the Gummies and Jassids were about, this weekend promised to finally deliver the goods, even at Bronte Lagoon. Such was not to be as the weather man was promising us that it was all about to change, wind, rain, and snow, and this wasn't even Winter.

Friday evening saw six hardy, or foolish, souls settled in at the shack and with two fish caught that evening, anticipation was high for the next days angling and promises of things to come. Next morning saw two early starters chancing the elements but after two hours of fishing decided that the shack, coffee, and hot food had more to offer than Bronte Lagoon. As they arrived back the smart ones were venturing out to take their chances but in reality it was looking as if it was going to be a hard day on the water. Mother nature was having a field day, no pun intended, as she sent at regular intervals strong winds, rain, and hail across the lagoon. At times there was even some sunshine to make the day bearable but conditions were not conducive to good fishing, it was starting to become a game of what will I see first, a fish moving or some insect life to tempt a fish.

Lunch time had one fish in the bag for the weighmaster and zilch for the rest, this in spite of all the more popular and proven fish areas being fished quite heavily. Late afternoon and the weather was definitely winning as a vicious wind and hail storm convinced all on the lake that the best place to be was at the shack in front of the fire, and still with one hour of fishing time left. It now became apparent that the same angler who caught the earlier one had caught another fish. If this was true the fireside could be somewhat boring during the evening as he relived his exploits to all present. Weigh in proved it to be all too true; one angler caught the only two fish to be presented. It was at this time that I recalled a certain person back in October muttering, "if the weighmaster did not catch a fish he should not be required to weigh in any others". How it had changed, the weighmaster had no hesitation in weighing and measuring both fish seeing as how he was the one with the fish this time. Congratulations Hayden on a nice Brown and a superb Bowie of 1.5.kg and well done to all those who attended and made it a successful day in spite of the weather