

Rob Kearvell - Tasmania FEB/APR25 Fishing Report

This is a fishing report from 8 marvellous weeks Sue and I had travelling around Tasmania, it was the best caravan trip we have ever had, even better than the trip in 2023 so good in 2027 we will be going back again. Anyone wanting to travel to Tassie give me a buzz because not being egotistical we have done so many trips to the Apple Isle we have a wealth of info and advice about the place.

01-03FEB25 - Horsham

Wimmera River has a very healthy population of native fish and Redfin Perch, sadly I only got a couple of small Redfin but better than a poke in the eye with a rusty nail.

21-26FEB25 - Strahan

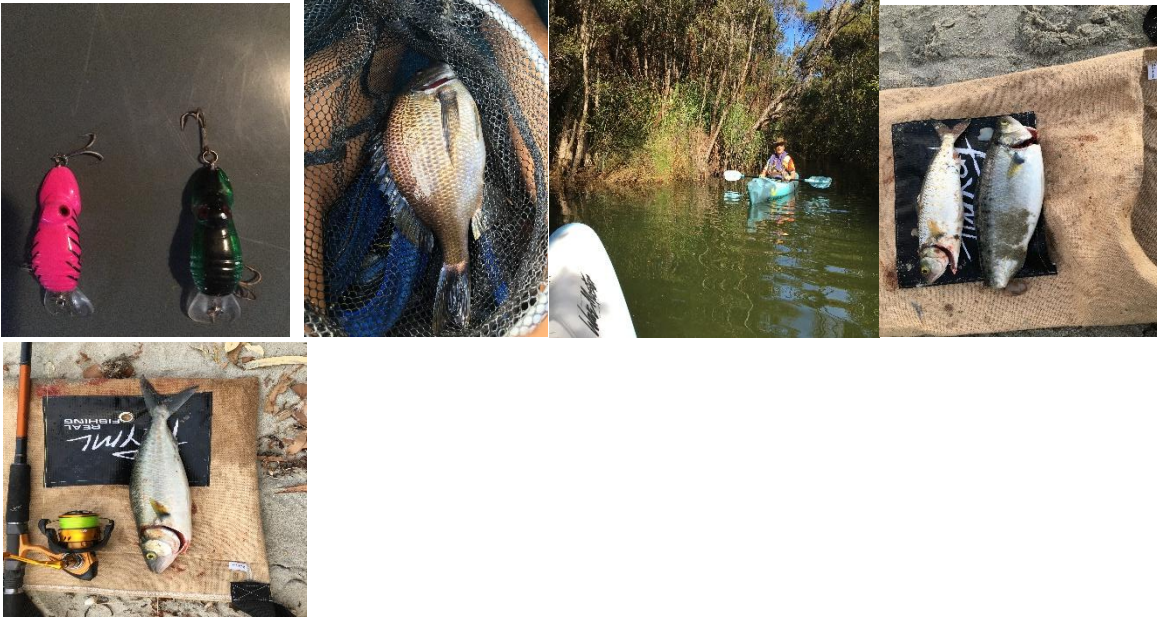
Only fished in the Macquarie Harbour on the sandy spit about 500m to the right of the Caravan Park. Caught a few Salmon Trout but small, all on metal lures. The drop off here is to about 15m, very deceptive channel. A big pod of Dolphins were a pleasant surprise.

05-10MAR25 - Bruny Island

Fished Captain Cook Creek which runs behind the Adventure Bay Caravan Park. Took the Kayak out, excellent creek for Kayak. Caught 4 Bream all around 38cm, excellent fight. Caught all Bream on my favourite gun lure the Pink or Green Smiling Jack Shrimp pattern (refer pic below), salmon were all from Adventure Bay Beach in front of the Caravan Park and caught on squid. Plenty of Flathead but all undersize, legal size and catch limits for Flathead are confusing so be careful, they also change in different regional areas.

Went out on a charter mainly in the Adventure Bay area reef fishing catching Gurnard, Grey Cod (excellent eating) and red mullet. Trolled with little success, I caught a squid on a Salmon metal lure and one Salmon.

The Salmon without a tail was because I lassoed it in a tangle and had to cut it off, consequently not much of a fight.



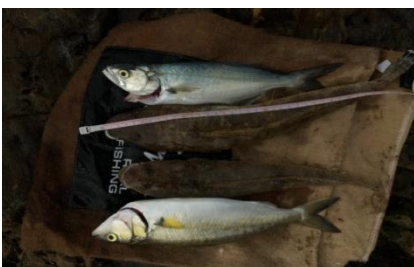
10-13MAR25 - White Beach



Straight down near the Caravan Park, fellow beach goer took a great picture. Got one legal Flathead off the beach on a white paddle tail plastic, a number of other small ones. Took the Kayak out next day around the Brother and Sister Island and got a couple of legal Flathead, a squid, Salmon, mackerel and a monster Gurnard.

Used squid bait throughout the trip and seemed to be the go to bait here.

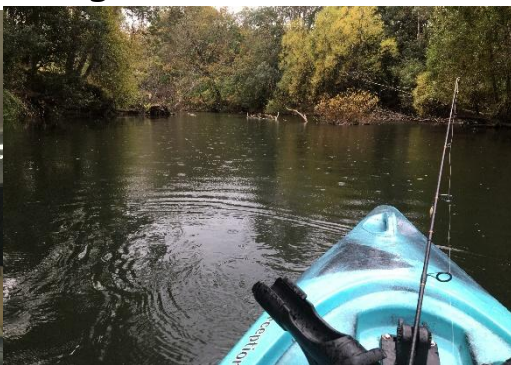
21-27MAR25 - Bridport (North East Tasmania)



Fishing right in front of the caravan park off one of many rocky headlands. Again variety of catches not quantity. Salmon and Tailor on metal lures, squid bait for Mackerel and Flathead. Obviously the place to fish as numerous pvc downpipes concreted into the rocks. Also got a few salmon on metal lures of the rock wall of the local estuary, Trent Water, also the port for the King Island ferry.

27MAR-04APR25 - Longford and Deloraine

Both Caravan Parks had frontage to rivers. Saw plenty of small Redfin and also trout rising. Did a couple of kayak trips in the rivers but only caught a few baby Redfin but in one instance hooked up a big trout for a short fight before it won its freedom, some you win some you lose. A number of trout rising at times but not interested.



Lost Trout

07-13APR25 - Devonport



Didn't get the chance to fish much in Devonport but the bay straight in front of the Caravan Park and bordered by the harbour breakwater had previously produced good size but not many fish. Got the Kayak out and picked up an excellent Flathead around 43cm and a big

Leatherjacket, both on squid bait and both a great fight from the Kayak.

13-16APR25 - Horsham

Fished the Wimmera River in front of the Caravan park both off the back and from the kayak. Plenty of Redfin but mostly small, got one that was worthy of keeping. The River looks very fishy but I just couldn't produce the goods. Ones I did get were on a white paddle tail plastic about 4cm

05MAY25 - Victor Harbor RSL Caravan Group Trip

Only fished once, took the Kayak out onto Encounter Lakes, like a mini version of West Lakes. Council rules, no PIRSA make this lake catch and release only. Trolling my favourite Bream lures, Smiling Jack hooked up solid within 50m of the beach area I launched from and had a fantastic fight. On 2kg light gear it was a lot of fun. Ended up with a 40cm Bream that had flattened the rear trebles on the lure. Must have really wanted it.. Hooked up on a number of small bream before again being solidly slammed and another excellent fight to produce another 40cm Bream, truly amazing. All fish were returned to the water to fight another day. This was my first fish in Encounter Lakes and what a fun session in only 1.5 hours on the water. Will definitely be doing a return trip. All fish both big and small were in excellent condition and fat.



Until the next time.

Tight Lines, Rob Kearvell