

# GETAWAY OUTDOORS

## LOCAL FISHING REPORT



### GERALDTON REGION

4th April 2017

#### OFFSHORE

Anglers heading offshore have been greeted with mostly fine conditions over the last week.

The Abrolhos Islands have turned up the usual suspects with good numbers of coral trout and baldchin groper in the shallows, whilst dhufish, spangled emperor, rankin cod and occasional red emperor can be found on some of the deeper lumps. Spanish mackerel have been of good size with most fish averaging the 12-13kg mark, whilst plenty of long tail tuna and occasional yellowfin are also getting about.

African reef has produced a few nice hauls lately with pink snapper up to 75cm along with a few dhufish to 8kg. The coral patches are producing of baldchin groper, red –throat emperor, dhufish to 6kg and the occasional estuary cod. Striped tuna and yellowfin tuna can be found out in the 5 -6mile range with most fish averaging between 5 -8 kg.

#### LANDBASED

Coronation Beach has been producing the best results for tailor recently with catches being reported at Oakagee, Oakabella and Jackson's Hole. Sizes are averaging around 40cm with some of the better fish pushing closer to 60cm.

South of town better results have come from Westbank, Flatrocks and Headbutts with the latter producing at least one mulloway of 120cm estimated at around 15kg. Schools of mullet have been moving through this area in recent times providing some fresh bait or a tasty meal.

Land based dhufish action has started early with at least 2 fish around the 7kg mark being landed south of Greenough in the past week.

The Batavia Coast Marina has provided plenty of action with black bream to 32cm, morwong and estuary cod hitting baits and soft plastics in tight to the structure.

#### FISHING NEWS

Recfishwest, in partnership with Healthway, is bringing the 'Fish Today for Tomorrow' messages to Geraldton with a free fishing clinic.

Come along and have fun, learn new skills and make new friends. There will be lots of giveaways and you may even win a prize! All fishing gear, tackle, bait and sunscreen will be provided. Places are limited. Feel free to bring your own gear.

When: Thursday 13 April 2017

Where: Town Beach (across from the Geraldton Visitor Centre)

Time: Clinic 1: 9.30 – 11.30am / Clinic 2: 12.30 – 2.30pm

Please register at Getaway Outdoors Geraldton, 208 NW Coastal Highway, Geraldton

### SAFE FISHING!

THE TEAM AT GETAWAY OUTDOORS GERALDTON