



Australian Bass, MACQUARIA NOVEMACULEATA



# THE BRONZE BATTLER

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## President's Message



**TECHNICAL  
DIFFICULTIES**

**PLEASE STAND BY**

## NEWS

Congratulations to Bass Sydney member Chris Hanaghan and his wife who had a baby girl on Xmas Eve, the club extends to you our warmest belated wishes to you and your family.

The new 2014/15 Bass Sydney Events calendar will be available to collect from John Stokes at the General Meeting on June 10 at Northmead Bowling Club.

**The Editors message:** Well it's come and gone, June 1 marks the end of Bass season. I managed to get out for one last cast in the Minnow in some tight small water in hope of one last surface bite. Time of day was about 11am and the sun was high and bright and the water was super clear and the colder weather meant less leaves on the trees and less shade, so I was fairly realistic in that I wasn't expecting too much action. Within about 5 mins of casting a bank I was pleasantly greeted by a subtle slurp on the surface and my Megabass Siglett was taken down....I lifted the rod tip and I was on...nice! As the silver flash approached the yak with ease I was surprised to see what looked like a decent yet docile fish....that was until he saw the kayak and my net, after a few hard darts and a trip under the kayak which had my trusty rod doubled over, I managed to land this healthy fat fellow. I left my measure in the boot of the car but I estimate him to be somewhere between 370-380. I switched to subsurface and managed a few smaller Bass before my back pain in the Minnow forced me to retire early. All in all, a nice little hurrah to the fish I love.....for now....I'm off to chase some cod!

– Tight lines, Pete.



*A few local end of season surface Bass.*

### **World Fish Migration Day**

On Saturday, 24th May the *Let there be fish!*, held for World Fish Migration Day was held at Lane Cove Weir.

About 25 people were in attendance, including the DPI Fisheries, Don Barton, President & Chairman of NSWCFA and of course Bass Sydney, who were co-sponsors for the event and represented with good attendance.

Don Barton observed some huge carp on the upstream (freshwater) side of the weir. There were talks about how to address and eliminate the Carp upstream of the weir, due to the finite amount of water, this may become a strong possibility.

Alan gave a great presentation on the work being done by Bass Sydney on riparian rehabilitation, and made the point well as to the relationship between more fish and improved riparian habitat for the terrestrials.

There were also talks dedicated to conservation of invertebrates and the importance of salt marshes – which state that they are absolutely invaluable for certain species of crabs and the fecund little things release prodigious amounts of larvae which of course are great food for the estuary fish. Here are some pictures of the day.





### Lane Cove Planting Day – May 27, 2014

Bass Sydney Members Alan, Milton, Ron, Andre, Tham, Damian and Ashley participated in a planting day at the Lane Cove River National Park. Over 500 trees were planted following clearing and de-weeding. Great work fellas!



## Bass Season Close

Anglers are reminded that the annual fishing closure for Australian bass and estuary perch from all rivers and estuaries in NSW commences on 1 June. Bass are also off limits throughout Queensland from 1 June until 31 August 2014.

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have stated the zero bag limit protects Australian Bass while they spawn.

An annual three month closure for Australian bass and estuary perch was introduced after feedback from the community during the review of recreational fishing rules in 2007. During the winter months bass become vulnerable to overfishing as they form large groups and migrate to parts of estuaries with the right salinity to trigger spawning. This closure protects the fish species during this spawning period to ensure they can remain a popular catch with recreational fishers for many generations to come.

The zero bag limit does not apply to Australian bass and estuary perch caught in freshwater impoundments and dams, as they do not breed in these areas.

All fish in freshwater impoundments, like Glenbawn Dam and Glennies Creek Dam in the Hunter Valley, Brogo Dam near Bega and Clarrie Hall and Toonumbar Dams in the northeast are stocked fisheries, meaning anglers may continue to fish for these species in those waters all year round.

Any Australian bass or estuary perch caught in rivers during the closure must be returned to the water immediately with the least possible harm. Anyone caught retaining Australian bass or estuary perch will be issued with a penalty notice or in more serious matters will face local court.

A proposal to extend the closed season to ensure spawning protection for bass in all areas of the State can be found at <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/review>. Detailed information on fishing rules is at [www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au).



<https://www.facebook.com/BassSydneyFishing>

**Next Meeting is on Tuesday  
June 10 - 7:30pm at  
Northmead Bowling Club**

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## Monthly Fishing Cartoon Funny



Fly fishing really bugs me..



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