



# *Sooty Grunter*

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## *Teemburra, Eungella & Kinchant Dams*

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**\$27.50 per family per**  
**year**

With winter upon us stocking activities have quietened down meaning there is not a lot to report.

### **SOCIAL BBQ (22<sup>nd</sup> May 2005)**

Nine members recently enjoyed a Sunday lunch at the picturesque Shoal Point picnic area. The weather was great and the conversation was obviously related to fishing. Thankyou to those members that took the time to make an appearance and to those who couldn't make it, we hope to see you next time.

### **MAFSA WEBSITE**

We are pleased to say that the MAFSA website is now up and running thanks to the hard work of Darren Jennings. Although some pages are still under construction, please take the time to check it out. This website is a great source of information about MAFSA and its projects. The website also contains information about local dams and waterways including maps. Darren would like as much input from members as possible to enhance the site. There are also several links to other stocking organization websites. The website address is now [www.mafsa.org](http://www.mafsa.org)

### **NORTHERN STOCKING GROUP WORKSHOP**

Darren Jennings, Brent Taylor and Herman Conradie recently attended the Northern Stocking Group Workshop. Darren informs me that it was a very informative weekend and there will be a detailed summary of the weekends events at this months general meeting.

### **HATCHERY**

Both systems at the hatchery have been shutdown for the winter break with only the brood stock tank holding a few barra. We have recently required some earth fill for the back of the hatchery and would be interested if anyone has access to a backhoe/bobcat for the moving and levelling of this material. If so could you please contact Russel Bilney.

### **DAM LEVELS**

Kinchant Dam - 36% (as of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005), Teemburra Dam - 28% (as of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005), Eungella Dam - 19% (as of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Annual General Meeting* - This years meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at the Gordon White Library, North Mackay. All positions will be vacant, so if you're interested in any of these positions we would be glad to hear from you.

*Surveys* - We have two surveys planned for later in the year. The first is for those who love winter fishing and this is at Eungella Dam on the 29/30<sup>th</sup> July 2005. The second survey is to be at Teemburra Dam on the 11/12<sup>th</sup> of November 2005.

*River Surveys* - We hope to run a number of surveys on the three pioneer river weirs some time this year to gauge the fish populations before we introduce barra fingerlings. From recent reports the sooty population in these weirs are very healthy with some good catches recently.

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005 - at the Gordon White Library, North Mackay @ 7.30pm.