



Barralodge June 2009 **Newsletter**

Includes update on our Bird Week currently underway- see page 4

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All the reports from the lodge are currently confirming that

“The Barra are Biting like Crazy”!!!

While Client numbers were down a little early in the month the Barra didn't back off at all, defying general opinion that barra don't bite during our cooler “dry Season” months. Dave our Lodge Manager informs me that the barra are belting lures like there is no tomorrow & out on the blue-water the trevally & mackerel are at boiling point!

Trevor Clark travelled from the Gold Coast & dropped into a barra biting frenzy. If the barra fishing didn't wear him out the ravenous Spanish mackerel bite on his final day wore him to the point of exhaustion, so much so, they left them biting big time!



Trevor Clark with a one of his many Barra & Spanish Mackerel

Trevor really enjoys a meal of freshly cooked mudcrab so the guides slipped in a couple pots for him. The results; well, the following pictures show Trevor enjoying a mudcrab extravaganza!!



Trevor enjoying his fabulous mudcrab entrée!

Shortly after, we entertained three corporate clients who had a great time enjoying the fishing & lodge hospitality. Steve Kruk took the honours scoring a terrific 93cm barra in Rolling Bay, amongst a swag of other fish.



Blast off! Steve Kruk battles his 93cm Barra & is happy to win the contest.

Trevor Symons & Greg Trezise travelled up from Adelaide in mid June & both Trevor & Greg reckoned that the fishing at Arnhemland Barra Lodge was the “best fishing spot they had ever been to” in 4 days they accounted for over a hundred barra caught and released plus tangled with plenty of others that outsmarted them! Trevor said that the “guides, the food, all the staff were fantastic and they can’t wait to come again”!

Josh & Catherine Kennedy White were our most recent guests & they scored heaps of Barra & other species including a nice cobia. Speaking on the phone Josh recounted the day they caught & released over 60 barra between 68 & 73cm not a bad days fishing by any standards!! Catherine had not caught a barra before her trip to the lodge & once the first barramundi hit the landing net there was no stopping her. They also enjoyed a great barra fishing session on one of the lodges remote freshwater billabongs amid spectacular surrounds.



Josh with a nice cobia & wife Catherine shows off an Arnhemland barra



Catherine with a great Coral Trout & Josh with an “all lit up” billabong barra



Our guide Mick shows off a barra from one of our spectacular billabongs

We still have a few spaces left for July between 5 – 10th. Also check out our specials in the attachment to this email. Bookings for the second half of the year are starting to come in now so don't delay reserve your "**best ever**" fishing trip now.

Our Bird Week

As I write this our annual Arnhemland Bird Week & Aboriginal Cultural Adventure is currently underway. Bird week runs from the 22nd –29th June and has been **completely sold out**. Early indications are excellent and that a number of our less common species of birds including the Chestnut Rail, Northern Shrike Tit & Hooded Parrot and flocks of Gouldian Finches have already been sighted. All this on Day One! This has been exciting news for all attending and the focus is on locating more bird species, that, while they may be coming less common in more populated regions appear to be found in reliable numbers in the Arnhemland wilderness. We will have a more detailed report available at the end of bird week. Don't forget that we will have another dedicated Bird Tour titled "Late Dry Season Bird Safari" from the 6 – 11 of September 2009.

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