

October 2002

# Billy Taylor

## BARRAWATCH

### BRIEFS

## OVER 2000 BARRAMUNDI!

Congratulations! After the latest entry of log sheets the **Billy Taylor Barrawatch program has officially recorded over 2,000 Barramundi!** 2,089 to be exact, 78% of these being released which indicates a huge change in attitude towards catch and release methods.

I would now like to distract you from this thrilling information to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Administration Officer for AFANT. My name is Ann Hutchinson and I took over the reins from Kristina Oberhardt in July this year.

The Barrawatch program has been up and running now for almost two years which means that the funding from the Natural Heritage Trust has almost come to an end. But you will be happy to know that AFANT is going to continue the program for some years to come. We are now starting to get some really viable results as you will see from the stats in this newsletter. These sort of results can only be achieved with the time and effort put in by the Barrawatch anglers who to date have contributed 3,245 hours to the cause.

In the not too distant future John Harrison and myself will be making a trip to Katherine in order to meet with the anglers and clubs involved

and to present the latest release initiative certificates.

Due to the huge success of the Barrawatch Program, AFANT is currently in the process of implementing two new fish tally programs. The McArthur River Fish Tally Program and the Adelaide Barra Census. The McArthur will be targeting a number of different species through its studies but the operation of the program will be very similar to Barrawatch.

Another tagged fish has been recently caught by Ernie Bowditch of Katherine about 2km downstream from its original capture location.

Data relating to the fish are:

Size: 69cm

On: 17/09/02

Location: Curiosity Peak V2

Originally the fish was caught by: Victoria River Barra Fishing Safaris.

Size: 67cm

On: 07/04/02

Location: Sandy Creek V2



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### We Want Your Fishy Photo's

Do you have photos of you participating in BarraWatch? Why not email or send them to us so you can see your mug in the newsletter!

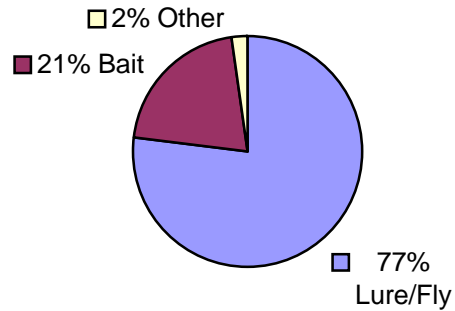
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# Statistics to Date

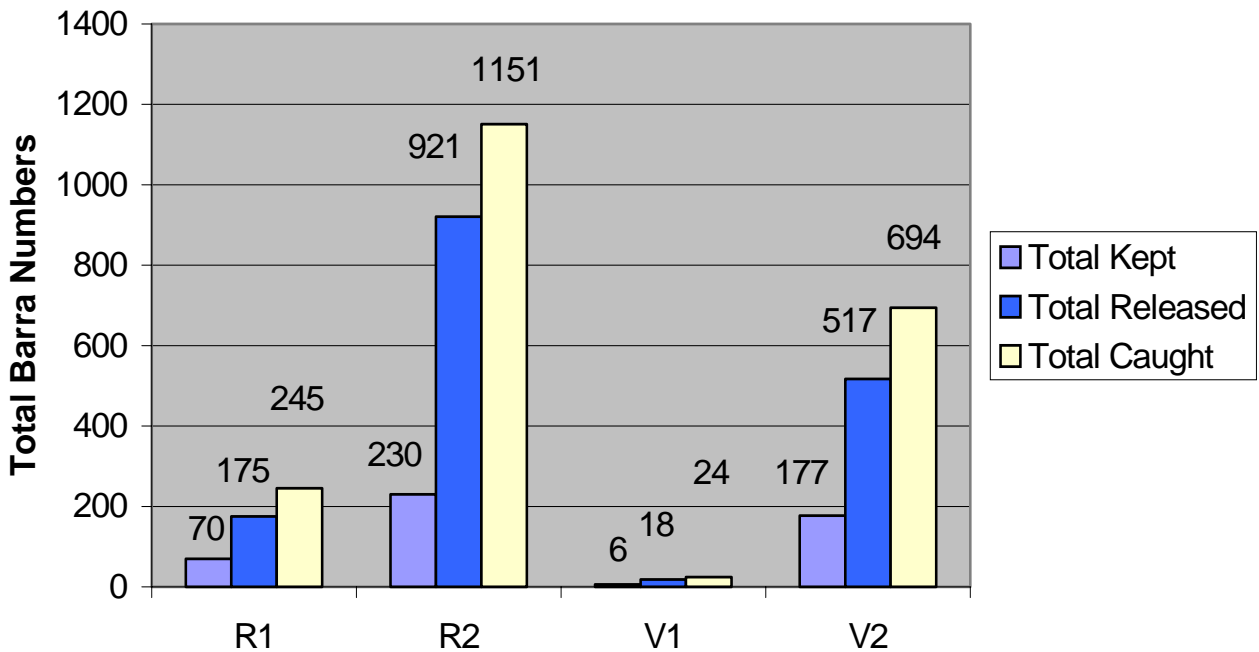
Total Caught	2089
Total Released	1631
Total Kept	483
Total Fishing Hours	3245

Keep an eye on this space for further statistics in Issue 6.

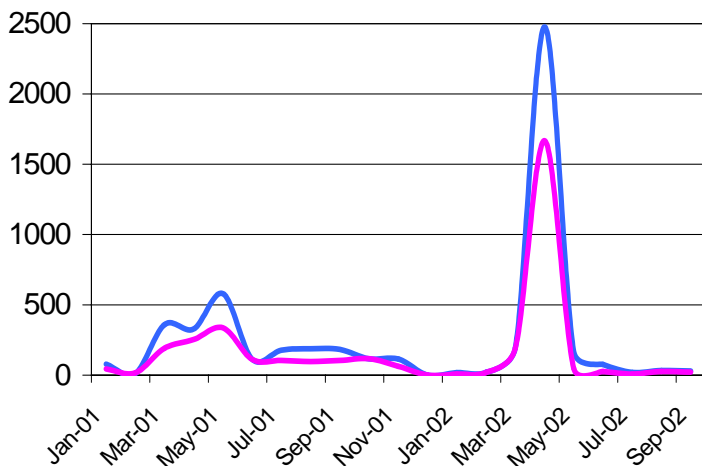
Method Used Jan 01 - Sep 02  
Victoria & Roper Rivers



Numbers Caught by Location Jan 01 - Sep 02



Hours Fished v Fish Caught  
(Victoria & Roper) Jan 01 - Sep 02



For those not involved with collecting data, a description of where these areas are:

- V1 is upstream from the rocks at Policemen's Point
- V2 is downstream from Policemen's Point
- R1 is upstream from Roper Bar Crossing
- R2 is downstream from Roper Bar Crossing

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