Where is Burrum Heads?

Welcome to my part of the fishing world. The fishing village of Burrum Heads is situated approximately 35 minutes North of Hervey Bay. It’s a great fishing location with the Isis, Gregory, and the Cherwell rivers flowing into the Burrum River catchment system and they all produce a wide range of fish species.

The best times for action in the Burrum River system has been on the incoming tide around early morning or late afternoon. The fish seem to get busy on the chew in the deeper holes and around the structures on the bottom or the top of the tide.

Baits have been producing in the Burrum recently, with live baits such as yabbies, herring, poddy mullet, mullet fillets, squid, cut pilchards, blood worms, and prawn (medium whole or peeled) doing great business. They have been catching reasonable numbers and decent sizes of bream (yellowfin, tarwhine and black), cod, flathead (2.1kg/70cm), whiting, queen fish, and grunter.

**TIP:** Good quality light gear will ensure the catch and great action.

**reef systems**

If estuary fishing is not your speed, you can blast out of the Burrum River and reach the drop-offs and the reef systems in less than 20 minutes. Over the last month on our regular offshore fishing jaunts we have been in great form with a wide variety of fish being caught including trigger fish, red emperor, hussar, golden trevally, bream, flathead, mackerel and grunter.

Live baits such as herring, stripey, slimies, and poddy mullet work a treat on trigger fish, golden trevally and red emperor. Using a selection of fillets and frames such as mullet, pilchards, and grinner will also give you a wider range of species. Don’t forget the squid or prawns either!

The best time to head offshore is anytime the conditions are good! The incoming tide through to the top of the tide is the very productive, but the neap tide will give you some of the best action around the Southern Gutters, Fairway Beacon, and 50 fathom hole.

**TIP:** Grinner is a pest at the best of times, but the upside is they make great live bait or fillets.

**Fishing Ahead**

In July we will be eagerly awaiting the winter whiting turning up en masse outside Toogoom and Woodgate Beach along with the eagerly anticipated prawn run.

The whopping bait balls have recently moved into offshore waters and this is a great sign for the bay and offshore anglers who are gearing up for the great snapper and mackerel runs.

Winter is a brilliant time at Burrum Heads as the options are aplenty for anglers. So get up here and experience some of the best fishing on the east coast.

**TIP:** Once you have filleted your whiting ready for a tasty feed, freeze the frames and heads as they make great bait for parrot, grassy sweetlip and nannygai.

Images
These golden trevally were from members of the Burrum Heads Amateur Fishing Club at the 8 Mile Reef.