

High Rise bream, we had a ball on the Nerang river fishing in the backyard of the rich and famous pulling out bream after bream from around their docks and pontoons.

The Weekend Fisherman with Kim Bain

# Bream Fishin' The Trendy Canals

In just about every Australian capital city or major regional community, waterfront homes and canals are synonymous with a great Aussie lifestyle - and some terrific estuary fishing. In this interesting feature, Kim Bain explains some old and some very new techniques for plucking a feed of bream from the backyards of the often rich and sometimes famous!

**M**y last article took us on a family trip to the bountiful barra fishing of Rockhampton's Fitzroy River. This month we stick to a similar theme and fish "gentleman's hours" for bream on southeast Queensland's Gold Coast.

Bream angling would have to be one of Australia's most popular angling pastimes. Using either baits or artificials, like hard-bodied lures or soft plastics, bream can be caught almost anywhere in coastal Australia. Even in well populated areas, bream are the staple catch of family estuary anglers all around our wonderful country.

From man made structures such as breakwalls, jetties and pontoons to natural mangrove, mud and sand banks, good numbers of bream can be found just about anywhere.

If you're one that enjoys fishing techniques that provide a lot of rewarding interaction, bream fishing is definitely an option for

The weighted white pilchard rig which we used with guide Chris Kearns to great effect.



you. Don't let their size fool you, a feisty 500g plus bream can give quite a workout to small threadline outfits spooled with light lines.

With good fortune I recently spent three half days on the water with some guys that can really catch them. My Mum & I baitfished the Broadwater with professional guide Chris Kearns; Dad & I lure fished the Coomera River with Slider Pro Staffer Mike Connolly, while the third

outing allowed me to fish alongside Tracy Johnson and Mark Lawson on the Nerang River (Mark's backyard) in Mark's super slick custom Quintrex Hornet. Collectively these guys tutored some tips that helped us to score a feed. Additionally I was able to enjoy fishing one of my favourite areas through the eyes of some other anglers, giving a lot of depth to this area report.

**Bait** Merely days after my

return from Alaska, my Mum, Lynn, and I enjoyed a wonderful day on a guided fishing trip around the Broadwater with local guide Chris Kearns of Mac's Sportfishing Charters.

We used white pilchards (which can be purchased by the bag at tackle/bait shops) on no.2 or 1 sized long shank hooks with the smallest "pea" sinkers possible. Of course sinker choice is dependant upon the strength of the current