



#### LAKE ADVANCETOWN REVIEW JUNE 2025

#### INFORMATION RATING



Stocking group: Hinze Dam Stocking Committee

Species: Australian Bass, Golden Perch, Mary River Cod, Southern Saratoga, Eeltail Catfish (not

stocked)

Stocking timeframe: 2012-2022 Fish timeframe: 2016-June 2025 Fisher timeframe: 2021-June2025

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Lake Advancetown has been stocked with Australian Bass, Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Southern Saratoga and Mary River Cod. From 2012-2022 there were 517,450 Bass, 59,800 Golden Perch and 1,500 Mary River Cod fingerlings stocked. For every 10,000 fingerlings stocked there have been 164 Bass and 4 Golden Perch tagged. Eeltail Catfish are not stocked and are a self-sustaining native species.

The lake is primarily an experiential fishery mostly fished by locals. Fishers recapturing fish are mostly from the Gold Coast, Ipswich and Brisbane (south of the Brisbane River). In Mar-Apr 2024 there were visits from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast fishers while Lake Baroon on the Sunshine Coast was closed to fishing due to spilling.

Fishing in the lake is limited to electric motors only resulting in lower effort and lower recapture rates than other similar impoundments. Tag rates are high with a 10-year average of 14.1 fish/day however this is strongly influenced by some taggers using bait since 2020.

The spilling of Lake Advancetown in 2022 resulted in reduced tagging and fishing effort during the early part of that year. Tagging was reduced from Oct 2023-Jun 2024 due to a shortage of tags so tag rates over that time were lower than the actual catch rates.

Bass spilled from the lake during 2022 and 20 were recaptured below the dam in the Nerang River and 1 well upstream in the Coomera River from Apr 2022-2024. There have not been any recaptures reported from below the dam since Nov 2023. The lake spilled again at the end of 2024 and from Jan-May 2025 however no additional recaptures were made below the dam.



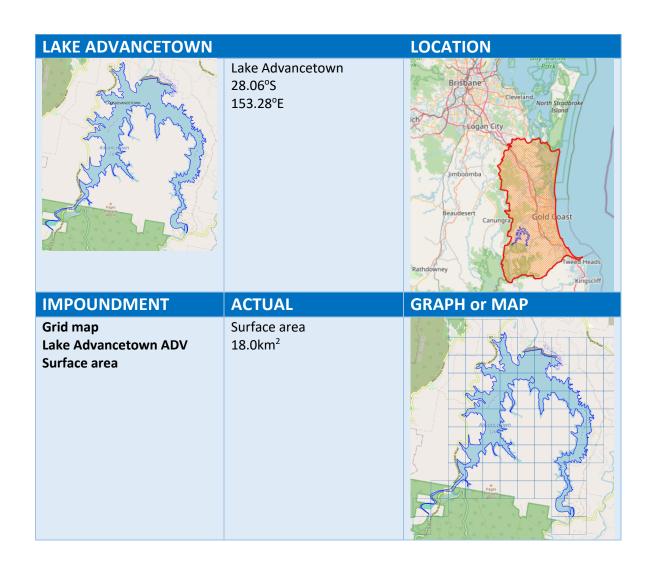


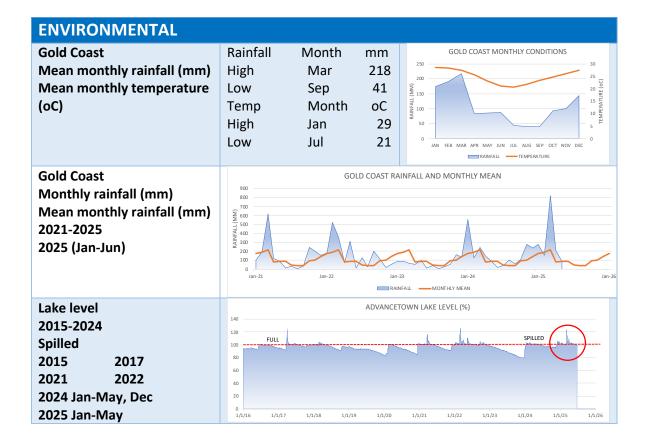




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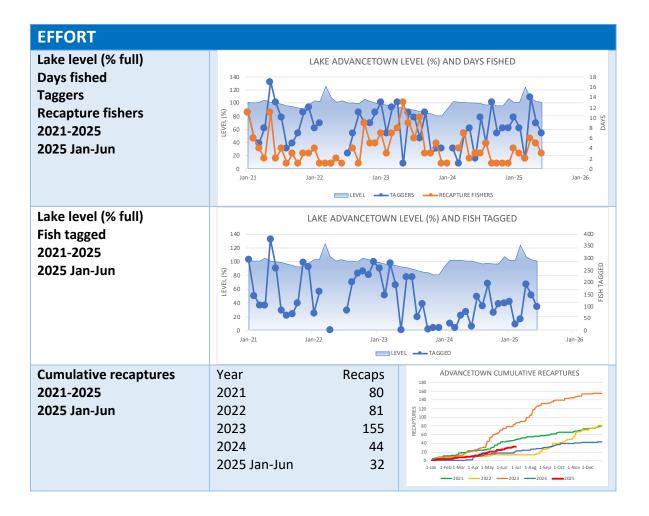
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FISHERS	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
DATA RELIABILITY		
Sample size (days fished) Tag days (blue arrow) Recaptures (orange arrow) Confidence % Error % 2021-2025	Reliability level         LOW           Samples         10         41         6           Confidence         80%         80%         Error         10%         10%	MODERATE   MODERATE   384   664
TYPE OF FISHERY		
Seasonality Mean rainfall (mm) and temperature (oC) Days combined (598) Taggers Recapture fishers 2021-2025	Months most fished Fishers combined Jan Apr May	ADVANCETOWN FISHING SEASONALITY  250  70  60  90  70  60  90  40  90  30  AB  20  11  10  10  10  10  10  10  10  10
Harvest or experiential Release rate of recaptured legal Bass by recfishers (ex-taggers) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Bass legal fish harvest rate Legal fish 133 Kept 5 (4%) Released 128 (96%)	TYPE OF FISHERY  HARVEST  0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%  REPT RELEASED
Local or visitor fishery Where recapture fishers live 2021-2025	Recapture fishers 397 Local* 257 (65%) Visitor 140 (35%) *within Gold Coast LGA	TYPE OF FISHER    LOCAL
Gender of recapture fishers (ex-taggers) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Recapture fishers 235 Male 231 (98%) Female 4 (2%)	GENDER OF RECAPTURE FISHERS  MALE  0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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ACTIVITY  Monthly activity (days fished) Taggers (395) Recapture fishers (203) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Combined	Month Jan Apr May	% 11% 11% 11%	ADVANCETOWN ACTIVITY BY MONTH  16% 12% 10% 5% 6% 6% 10% 1AN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC  TAGGERS RECAPTURE FISHERS COMBINED
Weekday activity (days fished) Taggers (395) Recapture fishers (203) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Combined	Days Weekend Weekdays	% 43% 57%	ADVANCETOWN ACTIVITY BY WEEKDAY  35% 30% 25% 10% 5% MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN  374 GGERS RECAPTURE FISHERS COMBINED
Location activity Fish tagged (6707) (redorange heat map) Recaptured (395) (blue fish) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun			Pages Printracial ACID. III	



TRAVEL			
Cumulative distance (km) where fishers live to recapture location (ex-interstate) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun  Distance (km) home to recapture location Local Intrastate Bars show distance range Dots show outliers 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Year 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Jan-Jun	Kms 1838 1874 5072 2674 1212	ADVANCETOWN CUMULATIVE DISTANCE  5000  4000  3 3000  1000  1 Jan 1-feb 1-Mar 1-Apr 1-May 1-Jun 1-Jul 1-Aug 1-Sep 1-Oct 1-Nov 1-Dec  2021  2022  2023  2024  2025  DISTANCE ADDRESS TO RECAPTURE LOCATION (KM)  160  140  120  100  100  100  100  100  10
Proxy travel (km) home to recapture location Local (<60km) Intrastate (>=60 Qld) Interstate (not Qld) 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun Proxy travel average distance (km) home to recapture location 2021-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Trips  Local Intrastate Interstate Graph excludes from Romsey Vir Trips Average of Local Intrastate Interstate		ADVANCETOWN PROXY TRAVEL DISTANCE (KM)  200 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 180 1

# WHERE RECAPTURE FISHERS LIVE Where recapture fishers Recapture fishers 397 WHERE RECAPTURE FISHERS LIVE Local 345 (87%) 2021-2025 Intrastate 40 (19%) 2025 Jan-Jun Interstate 12 (3%) ■ LOCAL ■INTRASTATE ■INTERSTATE Where fishers recapturing Local LGA (pink houses) (257) Visitors outside LGA (maroon houses) (140) fish live 2021-2025 Not shown 3 fishers from Romsey Vic 2025 Jan-Jun Recaptures (blue fish) Sunshine Coast Yarraman Woodford Caboolture Dayboro Crows Nest Moreton Bay Marine Hampton Marburg Rosewood Harrisville Warwick Woodenbong Urbenville Mullupbimby Old Bonalbo Mallanganee

SPECIES	ACTUAL		GRAPH or MAP
AUSTRALIAN BASS	GOLDEN PERC	Н	MARY RIVER COD
EELTAIL CATFISH	SILVER PERCH		SOUTHERN SARATOGA
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STOCKED			
Fingerlings stocked 2012-2022	Bass Golden Perch Mary River Cod	Fingerlings 517,450 59,800 1,500	ADVANCETOWN STOCKED FISH 2012-2022  60000  50000  40000  20000  10000  0  AUSTRALIAN BASS GOLDEN PERCH MARY RIVER COD
Fingerlings stocked 2012-2022	2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2022	Bass 87,000 93,400 58,700 61,100 77,800 59,400	ADVANCETOWN STOCKED FISH  100000 90000 80000 90000 10000 10000 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022  ■AUSTRALIAN BASS ■GOLDEN PERCH
Fish tagged 2015-2024 per 10,000 fish stocked 2012-2022	Tagged/10,000 Bass Golden Perch		FISH TAGGED PER 10000 FISH STOCKED  180  160  140  120  51  80  60  40  20  0  BASS GOIDEN PERCH MARY RIVER COD
TAGGED			
Species tagged 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Bass Golden Perch Eeltail Catfish Silver Perch Saratoga	Tagged 8510 22 187 2 19	ADVANCETOWN SPECIES TAGGED  2000  2000  2000  2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025  BASS © GOLDEN PERCH © CATFISH © SILVER PERCH © SARATOGA

# **BASS**



## **DATA RELIABILITY**

Sample size (fish/year)
Tagged (blue arrow)
Recaptures (orange arrow)
Confidence %
Error %
2020-2024

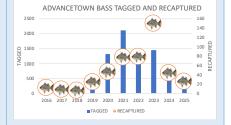
Reliabilit	ty level	LOW		MODERATE	MODERATE		HIGH
Samples		10	41	68	271	384	664
Confiden	ice	80%	80%	90%	90%	95%	99%
Error		20%	10%	10%	5%	5%	5%





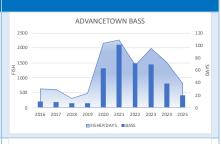
### **TAGGED**

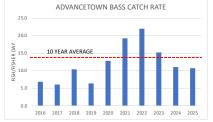
Bass Tagged Recaptured 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun Tagged Recaptured 8510 476 Recapture rate 5.6% Tagged 2025 Jan-Jun 594



## **TAG RATE**

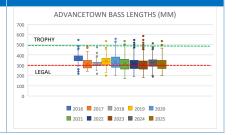
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Catch and effort taggers	High	Low	Now
number of fish	Catch		
fisher days	2021	2019	2025
2016-2025	2098	146	594
2025 Jan-Jun	Days		
	2021	2018	2025
	109	15	39
Tag rate	High	Low	Now
Fish/day	2022	2017	2025
2016-2025	22.0	6.1	10.7
2025 Jan-Jun			
Tag rate boosted by bait	10 year	average	14.1
fishing			



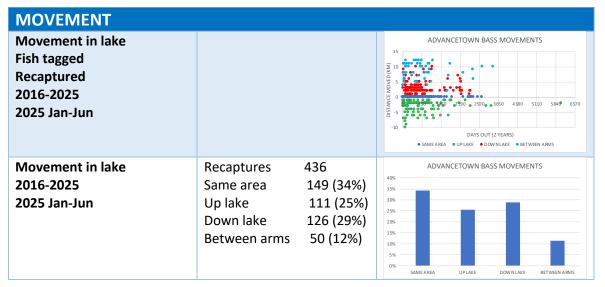


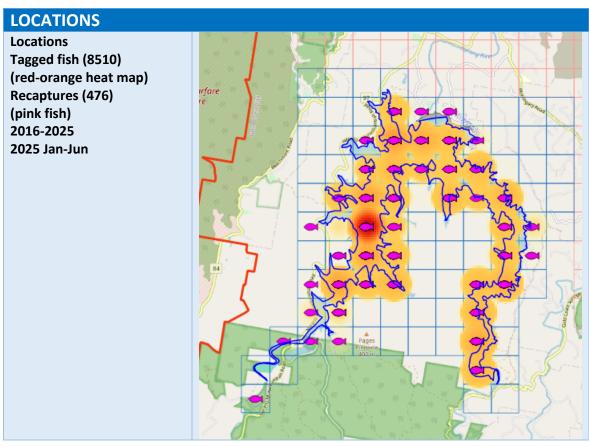
## 2020-2025 LENGTHS

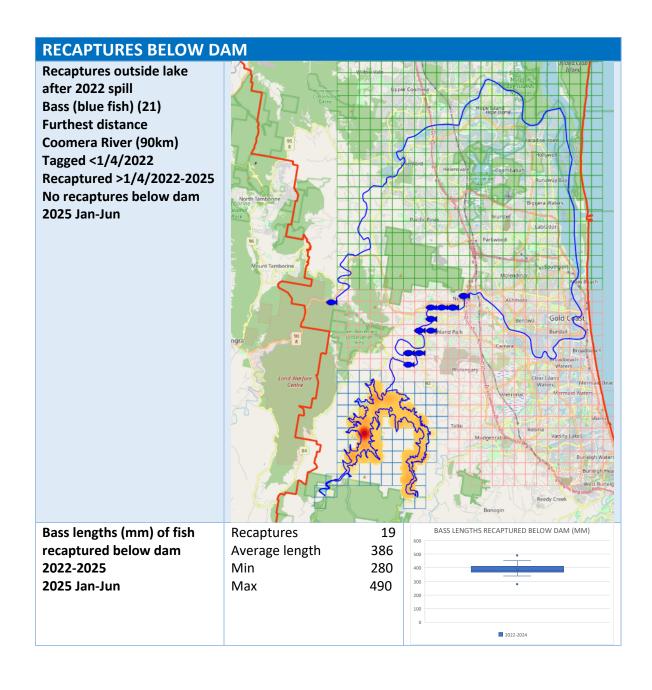
Average length (mm) High Low Now Bars show length range Average length **Dots show outliers** 2016 2023 2025 2016-2025 367 307 310 2025 Jan-Jun Largest 2023 2018 2025 590 480 540



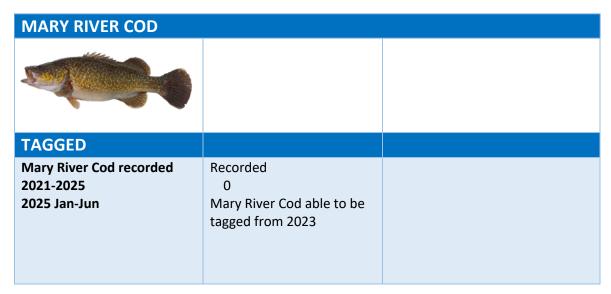
Fish length percentage (%) Undersize <300mm Legal 300-499mm Trophy 500+mm 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun  FATE Legal Bass recaptures kept and released by recfishers (ex-taggers) Legal length 300mm 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	High Low Now Legal-trophy 2016 2023 2025 92% 52% 53% Trophy 2020 2018 2025 3% 0% 0.5% Recaptures 199 Kept 8 (4%) Released 191 (96%)	ADVANCETOWN BASS LENGTHS  100% 90% 90% 100% 100% 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025  © UNDERSIZE © LEGAL © TROPHY  RECAPTURED LEGAL BASS  100% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90%
GROWTH  Bass growth based on recaptures of fish tagged 200-300mm 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Recaptures 165 Annual growth (mm) Year 1 52 Year 2 82 Year 3 102 Year 4 115 Year 5 125	ADVANCETOWN BASS GROWTH  300 y = 45.657ln(x) - 217.62  y = 45.657ln(x) - 217.62  0 365 730 1095 1460 1825 2190 2555 2920 DAYS OUT (YEARS)
SURVIVAL  Bass survival based on recaptures by years out after tagging All years	Survival rate by years out Year Recaptures 1 485 5 67 10 4 Longest time out (years) 16.6	ADVANCETOWN BASS SURVIVAL  600  500  2 200  100  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  YEARS
Survival rates each year based on recaptures by years out after tagging Years 1-8	Average annual survival rate 0.64 (64%)	ANNUAL SURVIVAL RATE  0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 0 SURVIVAL RATE







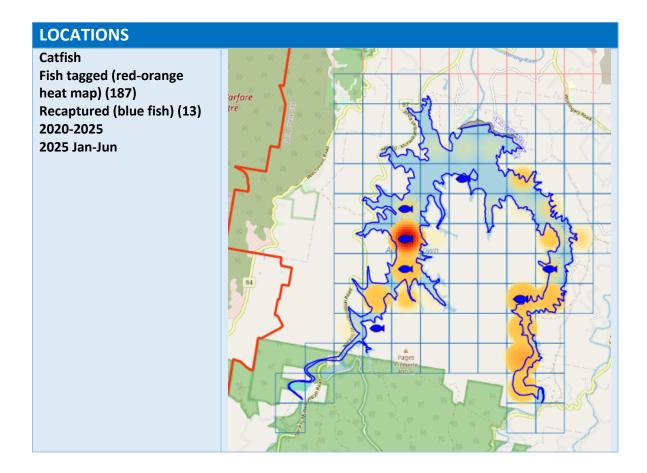
GOLDEN PERCH	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
TAGGED		
Golden Perch tagged and recaptured 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Tagged Recaptured 22 1 Recapture rate 4.5% Tagged 2025 0	ADVANCETOWN GOLDEN PERCH TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  SO  GE 40  OV  2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2025 2025



SILVER PERCH	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
TAGGED		
Silver Perch tagged and recaptured 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Tagged Recaptured 2 0 Recapture rate 0% Tagged 2025 0	ADVANCETOWN SILVER PERCH TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  10  8  8  6  6  99 4  2  2  2  10  2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

SOUTHERN SARATOGA	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
TAGGED		
Southern Saratoga tagged and recaptured 2016-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Tagged Reca 19 Recapture rate 15.8% Tagged 2025 0	ADVANCETOWN SARATOGA TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  10  8  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0

EELTAIL CATFISH	ACTUAL			GRAPH
	Native fish	not stoc	ked	
TAGGED				
Eeltail Catfish tagged and recaptured Only tagged since 2020 2020-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	Tagged 187 Recapture 7.0% Tagged 20 28	rate	aptured 13	ADVANCETOWN CATFISH TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 9 8 7 6 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
TAG RATE				
Catch and effort taggers Fish tagged Days fished 2020-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	High Catch 2021 50 Days 2023 47	2022 11 2022 26	Now 2025 28 2025 49	ADVANCETOWN CATFISH  60  50  40  40  40  40  50  40  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  20  2
Catch rate Fish/day 2020-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	High Catch rate 2021 1.3 6 year ave	2022 0.4	Now 2025 0.6	ADVANCETOWN CATFISH CATCH RATE  1.4  1.2  2.10  1.0
	- <b>,</b>			0.0 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025
LENGTH				
Average length (mm) Bars show length range Dots show outliers 2020-2025 2025 Jan-Jun	High Average le 2020 464 Largest	Low ength 2021 453	Now 2025 456	ADVANCETOWN CATFISH LENGTHS (MM)  TROPHY  LEGAL
	2021 530	2020 500	2025 480	■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025



#### **Data sources**

Data used in the Lake Advancetown Crystal Bowl are:

- Tag records and recapture records for the impoundment at <a href="http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/">http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/</a>.
- Dam level data from SEQwater at https://www.seqwater.com.au/historic-dam-levels.
- Stocked fish records from <a href="https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/">https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/</a>.

# **Basis for analysis**

- Data reliability based on the sample size over the past 5 years for days fished by taggers, by fishers recapturing fish and fish tagged and recaptured.
- Catch rates calculated as number of fish tagged/fisher/day for T20 fishers (taggers) with a minimum of 12 fisher days (at least 1 per month) to provide a reliable catch rate.
- Undersized Bass are <300mm, legal fish are >=300 and <500mm and trophy fish are >=500mm.
- Growth calculated using logarithmic curve from recaptures where fish were out for 90 days or more and had positive growth.
- Locations based on Infofish grid map ADV for the impoundment and other grid maps where fish were recaptured outside the impoundment.
- Survival rates are calculated based on a model that uses the reduction in the numbers of recaptures each year after tagging.