

# Testimonials

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Dear Neil and Katherine,

Our experience with the Fishing Charter over the June Long Weekend was absolutely fantastic. Tim (skipper) and Ben (deckhand) informed us that we were the first all female charter.

The group was made up of family members ranging in age from 21 to 59 and a school friend aged 54+. We had all enjoyed fishing from a very young age and had owned our boats etc. One of the girls father has volunteered for the Coast Guard for the past 30 years. The crew were not to know this and were concerned if the weather became a bit rough we might want to bale.

The fishing was fantastic with all of us catching big fish. The assistance from Ben and Tim could not be better; they were attentive and enjoyed our highs and lows with vigor. The planning of meals and the coordination of the 2 days more than met our expectations. The weather unfortunately became a bit ugly and weather warnings were issued. The skipper was excellent in his approach and motored for shelter. The next day was very interesting with us motoring into the weather, to arrive at 1770, were we had a few hours of fishing in the sheltered waters.

Our thanks to the Skipper, Tim and Ben for making our time memorable, I have attached some photos, please feel free to use in promoting your service. Yes we will be back, look out for us in 18months.

Kind regards

Cheryl Borton

**Charter date:** 7/8 June 2008

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Hi Neil & Nathan

Just a quick note to thank both of you for making our trip on the MV James Cook something that was very special and will always be remembered.

All the activities that we experienced from fishing and snorkling on all the different coral reefs, turtle watching on Lady Musgrave Island through to shell collecting and more snorkelling at Pancake Creek, provided everyone with variety and the opportunity to really relax and enjoy themselves.

The children have left today for Victoria but asked me to thank you both for making their trip so enjoyable. Mitchell particularly liked the "bow surfing" on the return to 1770, Hannah the fishing and snorkel-

ling with Neil at Lady Musgrave and Lilly the snorkelling everywhere (and sleeping).

Although the trip from Pancake Creek to 1770 was rough, it was an experience in itself and one that I personally enjoyed. It was very reassuring to see the way Nathan moved around on the back deck of the MV James Cook during this part of the trip. Whenever anyone ventured towards the rail - he was right there beside them - thank you again Nathan!

We wish you both good health and success in the future and would welcome the opportunity to catch up if either of you are down here on the Gold Coast. Our contact details are:

Wally and Mary-Lou Bowden

***Charter date:*** 31 Dec 2007 – 6 Jan 2008