**MONSTER GARAGE in support of FISHABILITY QLD**

A huge range of items, large and small, from more than 20 households, are being sold off in a Monster Garage Sale – all in support of **Fishability Queensland**. Several local businesses have also contributed to the garage sale, to be held this coming Saturday, July 6th.

Fishability QLD provide a range of socially inclusive fishing opportunities for people in the community who are marginalised and have complex needs. Some of these fishing enthusiasts are homeless or formerly homeless, some are culturally disadvantaged or Forgotten Australians and some struggle with mental or physical disability. Without support and assistance, social isolation can impact on a person’s ability to participate in the community; it can contribute to or exacerbate depression, anxiety, loneliness and further impact people's lives leading to homelessness, suicidal ideation and substance abuse.

Some of you would have heard about Fishability QLD through the annual Bribie Island Boat Charters Challenge. This is a year-long program held at Bribie Island Boat Charters, in Spinnaker Sound Marina, at Sandstone Point. Qualified staff and volunteers venture out with participants into the Pumicestone Passage on wheelchair accessible BBQ boats, regularly, to compete in a fishing competition. It culminates with an End of Year Awards celebration!

Fishability QLD are constantly working around the clock to organise events and activities in South East QLD. The next local event will be held at the **Bongaree Jetty on Thursday 8th August 10:30 – 2pm**. Fishability community “fish off events” are held on fishing platforms and locations that feature access for people with disabilities.

Spokesperson for Fishability QLD, Emma Dyson, said “We are working closely with local councils and government to promote inclusive social and leisure opportunities, however we need support from the community to make it happen. We hope to see lots of people at our Monster Garage Sale, on Saturday 6th July. Please support this worthy cause - come along and grab a bargain at the event in Bongaree. Most importantly, don’t forget to bring $3 for the sausage sizzle.”

**WHERE: 24 Ford St, Bongaree
WHEN: Saturday 6th July, 2019
TIME: 7.00am-5.00pm
COST: FREE ($3 for the sausage sizzle)**