

A number of fishing events have been held over the last month that have allowed new comers to the sport to try their hand at fishing without buying a licence.

Fishcare held a free fishing day for seniors on the Huon River at Huonville that was attended by a number of keen older anglers. Viv Spencer from the IFS attended to provide some advice. A couple of brown trout and some hefty mullet were caught.

Neil Morrow and Phil Potter represented the IFS at the Deloraine Craft Fair. Here junior anglers got to try trout fishing for a \$5 donation. Many fine rainbow trout were caught giving the young anglers a real thrill.

On the 12th of November the IFS Free Fishing Day was held statewide with clubs holding events at various venues. The events were well attended and many fish caught.

At Robertson's Dam near Yolla there were a 150 anglers and 150 fish caught. At Lake Waverley 50 people accounted for 40 fish and in the South Elderslie Dam was attended by 90 people taking 50 fish.

It is encouraging that these events are drawing in people to trout fishing and ensuring this worthwhile recreation will continue into the next generation.



*A very happy young angler with a hefty rainbow trout from the Deloraine Craft Fair*

### Another good year for Great Lake rainbows

This years' assessment of rainbow trout spawners was undertaken in late September. Over 240 fish were weighed and measured. The table below shows the details.

After being weighed and measured the fish were stripped of their eggs and milt. This year the fish were stripped using modern dry stripping techniques which has resulted in a higher hatch rate. From four visits 534,000 eggs were collected some of which have already hatched and are now free swimming fry. These fish will be carefully nurtured and released sometime in spring next year when they will be around 20 to 25 grams. Thus ensuring a good survival rate.

The rainbows of Great Lake are a very important resource for restocking Tasmania's wild fisheries. The majority of fish raised from the harvested ova will be restocked into Great Lake which is already seeing the benefits of the IFS strategy to replenish its rainbow trout stocks. The remaining stocks will be liberated at Penstock Lagoon, Bronte Lagoon and Little Blue Lagoon.

The average size and condition of the fish weighed and measured was excellent, decreasing only marginally on last years run. The average weight had decreased by 68 grams and the average length had increased by 1 mm, overall the fish were in very good condition. With the average weight being around 1,300 grams the rainbow trout at Great Lake are very worthy quarry for the angler.



*A female (above) and male (below) from this year's run. Examples of the fine conditioned rainbows.*



	Number sampled	Average length (mm)	Minimum length (mm)	Maximum length (mm)	Average weight (g)	Minimum weight (g)	Maximum weight (g)
Males	142	500	320	582	1316	730	1810
Females	101	489	328	568	1328	390	1740
Combined		496			1321		
2005		495			1389		
change		+1 (mm)			-68 (g)		

## Waters stocked since October 2006

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Lake	Average Weight (g)	Species	Numbers
Lake Waverly	1000	rainbow trout	100
Pawleena Dam	1000	rainbow trout	100

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## Four Springs car park extended

The opening weekend of this season saw severe congestion problems at the boat ramp at Four Springs Lake.

The IFS invested a significant sum towards extending the carp park. The work was recently completed providing enough room for cars and trailers even on the busiest of weekends.



The new Improved car park at Four Springs Lake

## Hall of Fame induction ceremony

Tasmanian Angling Museum & Hall of Fame inc will be inducting three more legends into the Hall of Fame on Sunday 26th November 2006 11 Am at the Hall of Fame -Salmon Ponds - Plenty.

Two of those being inducted were born in the mid 1800's and contributed greatly to the establishment of the State's trout fishery.

The third inductee is of more recent times carrying on the tradition of promoting and writing books on trout fishing.

These three inductees are in a long line of worthy recipients who by their efforts have made trout fishing a Tasmanian recreational tradition.

The ceremony will commence at 11 Am and those attending will be allowed free entry by the operators of the Salmon Ponds - just advise the kiosk staff that you are going to the induction ceremony.

The restaurant will be open for meals and BBQ's facilities are available for those wishing to bring their own food.

## Don't use imported raw prawns as bait

Prawns imported from Asia have recently been found to carry viruses which could potentially threaten our native crustacean species.

The use of prawns and other "fish" baits is illegal in most Tasmanian inland waters but is permitted in estuaries and is widely practised by those who fish for bream.

Please do not use prawns or any other fish product that are not labelled as Australian caught or farmed. Be aware that even your left over prawns intended for human consumption should not be used as bait as they may carry these potentially devastating viruses.

## Don't use imported green (uncooked) prawns as bait

### Diseases in prawns

Imported green (uncooked) prawns may carry viruses.

Although not dangerous to humans, these viruses could have devastating consequences for the Australian prawn industry (farmed and wild-caught).

Recreational fishers who use imported green (uncooked) prawns as bait may unknowingly introduce serious diseases to the Australian prawn industry.

You can help keep Australian produce safe.

Introduced fish and shellfish diseases will have long-term effects on our aquaculture industries, marine and fishing industries and aquatic ecosystems. It is critical that everyone understands their role in keeping Australian fisheries safe.

### What you can do

- Only use Australian prawns for bait (check the packaging for information about country of origin).
- Never use imported green (uncooked) prawn as bait or heads and tails as berley.
- Only use bait caught in your local region.
- Don't turf in the surf – always dispose of prawns thoughtfully. Never throw green (uncooked) prawn waste into waterways.