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Opening of the Inland Fisheries Trout Hatchery at New Norfolk



Minister for Inland Fisheries, David Llewellyn opening the new hatchery

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Mr David Llewellyn officially opened the new Inland Fisheries Trout Hatchery at New Norfolk on Friday 24 August. The event was well attended with the Deputy Premier, Steve Kons and Treasurer, Mike Aird as well as the Mayor of New Norfolk, Nick Cracknell plus about 60 invited guests from industry, government and the angling community.

The Minister, David Llewellyn acknowledged the value of Tasmania's world-renowned trout fishery worth approximately \$110 Million to State's economy and its importance to regional communities. He remarked that the hatchery development marked a new era in fishery management and reported the benefits to the Government and Tasmanian public, as well as specific benefits to anglers and other stakeholders of the fishery.

John Diggle, Director of Inland Fisheries also spoke at the opening, providing detail about the new hatchery. He stated that it would complement the Salmon Ponds operation and would give the Service essential control over its core business, the annual production and stocking of wild trout into public waters around the State.

John explained how the new hatchery uses contemporary aquaculture technology and a recirculating water system, which reuses water and increases productivity, compared with the conventional flow-through system used at the Ponds. He said that it enabled the Service to control the optimal conditions for fish growth such as water quality, temperature, light exposure and dissolved oxygen, and means that the Service can release larger, healthier specimens back into the wild at the most favourable times of the year, thus improving stocking effectiveness.

Ultimately, the newly constructed hatchery will benefit the Service in its sustainable management of the fishery. For the angler, the benefits are simply a better product and greater angling satisfaction, consistently over the long term. The first batch of brown trout grown at the new hatchery will be ready for stocking in November this year while the eggs from wild rainbows will be collected shortly and added to the production line.

First FISH4CASH trout caught on opening weekend

The opening of the trout season earlier this month was successful for many anglers around the State but for one angler in particular, it paid off enormously with the catch of the day – the Inland Fisheries Service' money fish – worth \$1,000 in this season's *Fish4Cash* promotion.

Mr Glen Dickson, from South Hobart hooked the tagged female rainbow trout, weighing over 6 kg, at Lake Binney on Sunday at about 1.30 pm whilst trolling from his boat. Mr Dickson dropped into the Inland Fisheries Service Office in New Norfolk on his return from a rewarding weekend's fishing in the Bronte chain of lakes, to deliver the tagged fish for inspection and to collect his \$1,000 cash.

"We caught 11 fish in total at Bradys and Binney over the weekend – three brook, two rainbows and six brown trout – but this money fish really made the weekend's fishing worthwhile," Mr Dickson said.

The fish caught by Mr Dickson was the first of six to be released into waters around the State, each worth \$1,000, in the *Fish4Cash* promotion run by the Service with the aim of encouraging more freshwater anglers.



Mr Dickson and his \$1000 fish

The tagged rainbow trout was released into Bradys Lake less than a week prior to the season opening. Another tagged fish will be released over the next few weeks and the details of the location will be promoted on the Inland Fisheries website at www.ifs.tas.gov.au.

FISH4CASH

2007-08 Angling Season Promotion

Over the first six months of the season, six tagged fish will be released into waters around the State. Each fish is worth \$1000 cash to the angler who returns the tag together with the whole fish and current licence details to the Service before the end of July 2008. Details of the timing and exact location of each fish release will be published in **Angler News** and on the Service website (www.ifs.tas.gov.au) along with the latest results of the competition.

Avoca Primary School get taught a lesson in angling

Earlier this month Senior Inspector Viv Spencer assisted Fishcare Volunteers conduct a training session for 38 children along with their teachers on the sport of angling at Avoca Primary School. The event included, fly tying, plug casting along with bait fishing in the St.Pauls River. On conclusion Fishcare provided a sausage sizzle and Viv gave each student a Trout Fish Tasmania lure and Trout Fish Tasmania sticker.

The weather was kind and the children and teachers were very appreciative of the efforts of Fishcare and the IFS.



Fishcare Volunteers and the IFS' Viv Spencer demonstrating angling techniques to the students of Avoca Primary School

New webcam at Arthurs Lake

Want to know what the weather in the highlands looks like before you decide to go? Well thanks to a collaborative project between Coastview, Anglers Alliance Tasmania and the Inland Fisheries Service, you now can. A webcam has been set up at Pumphouse Bay, Arthurs Lake. This camera gives a view over Arthurs Lake to Brazendale Island, the Morass and beyond.

The camera available for viewing from the IFS, AAT, Coastview websites.



The view from the new webcam

Longford Angling Club opens new junior angling venue

On Saturday the 11th of August the Longford Angling Club opened a new juvenile angling dam with an extremely successful event. Over 50 mums, dads and kids enjoyed a beautiful sunny day after the rough wet weather of previous days. As well as the sunshine the fish were on the bite with twenty two fish being caught up to 2.5kg. Eight of these were returned to the water for another day. This and other clubs should be congratulated for the assistance given to our young anglers.

Ulverstone Young Anglers

The Ulverstone Anglers Club's Young Anglers Development held its first open day for 2007 and it was a huge success. The day was well supported by Wings Farm Park, Cripps Nu Bake, Betta Milk and Motors Ulverstone.

The Inland Fisheries Service supported the program by donating 6 trophy size fish for release into Frombergs dam just prior to the day and transported many loads of smaller fish.

Around 60 junior members joined up on the day and nearly all caught at least one fish. The highlight of the day were the trophy fish caught by Emma Johnston (4 years old) 6 kg fish, Ryan Mather (14 years old) 6.35 kg and Matthew Russell (7 years old) with a whopping 7.7 kg monster. What a treat for all of them.

The Young Anglers Development hold one open day per month on the last Sunday during the trout season. Membership cost is \$10 for the entire season. Members are permitted to fish up to the age of 16.

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Stocking since July 2007

Water	Number	Species	Weight (g)
Lake Echo	6874	rainbow trout	35
Dee Lagoon	2583	rainbow trout	35
Big Waterhouse	2890	rainbow trout	35
Little Waterhouse	2900	rainbow trout	35
Blackmans Lagoon	5530	rainbow trout	35

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