



# ANGLER NEWS

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## Liawenee Open Weekend May 19 and 20 10 am—3pm

With the works by Hydro Tasmania finished on the Liawenee Canal there is now plenty of water entering Great Lake. This means great news for fisheries management tasks with thousands of fish available for stripping and transferring to other fisheries for the start of next season. Best of all it means there will be plenty to see and do at this years Liawenee Open Weekend or Trout Weekend as it is now being known as.

Whilst it is the annual spawning run of brown trout that the weekend centres around there is a lot more to it and this year there are a couple of new and exciting attractions.

A junior angler pond has been created where junior anglers (under 14 years) will be able to fish for hungry rainbow trout. The pond will be fully supervised and restricted to 5 young fishers at a time. The fish can be kept by the kids and for those lucky enough to catch a tagged trout there will be prizes. Apart from the junior angler pond there will be many activities for kids including competitions and give aways.



*Tours of the new trapping facility will be part of the attraction of this years' Open Weekend*

Also new this year will be bus tours down to the 'bottom trap', this is where the real action happens. Visitors to the trap will see how a modern fish trap works and how we can now easily move fish with minimal manual handling.



*The new 'junior angler pond' will provide some great fun for the kids.*



*Brown trout, the star attraction of Open Weekend*

Of course as well as everything IFS there will be trade exhibitions featuring outdoor and fishing gear, fly tying, casting and many other demonstrations.

Hot food and beverages will be available. All you need to remember is to **dress warmly!**



## Stocking since April 2007

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Great Lake	25 000	rainbow trout	9
Bradys Lake	200	brown trout	200
Lake Mikany	3 000	rainbow trout	20
Talbots Lagoon	4 000	rainbow trout	9
Meadowbank Dam	159	Atlantic salmon	1 400

## Atlantic salmon stocking for Meadowbank Dam

During the last week in April 159 Atlantic salmon were released into Meadowbank Lake. The fish averaged 1.4 kg and are in good condition. The salmon have been kindly donated by SALTAS.

As with the last stocking of salmon the fish have been PIT tagged as part of the SALTAS breeding program. The tags are located on the left side (looking towards the head) of the fish's dorsal fin. The tags are quite small and should be removed prior to eating the fish.

Lake Meadowbank along with Brushy Lagoon will remain open all year from the end of last season.

Stocking of Atlantic salmon into Lake Barrington and Brushy Lagoon is planned for late May or early June. It is likely the fish will be of a similar size to those that went into Meadowbank.



*Two of the PIT tags of the type implanted into the breeding program salmon. These will be located in the shoulder of the fish near the dorsal fin. The tags should be removed before the fish is prepared for the table.*

## Australian Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programs

Five Tasmanian freshwater fishing projects were successful in attracting grant funding from round 4 of the RFCGP. The total funding received is over \$114,000. Projects are funded on a dollar for dollar basis therefore the total value of the five projects is in excess of \$228,000. The Inland Fisheries Service Recreational Fishing Program will be providing in-kind and technical support for these projects.

This is great news for investment in recreational freshwater fishing projects in Tasmania. The successful projects and applicant organisations are:

Access Plan Interpretative signs and brochures (Anglers Alliance Tasmania). This project will see the installation of interpretative signs and supporting brochures and maps including angling information at major lake fisheries throughout Tasmania.

The Southern Tasmania Accessible Fishing Program (Paraquod Tasmania) will establish and maintain infrastructure and associated facilities to provide disabled angling opportunities at Risdon Brook Dam and the Plenty River.

Windsor's Corner Rehabilitation and Angler Access Improvement Project (New Norfolk Anglers Association) will improve access to this popular spot on the Derwent River for able bodied and disabled anglers.

The Junior Anglers Development Dam Project (Devonport Anglers Club Inc) will provide improvements in water levels and access to Taylors Dam near Devonport for young anglers.

Flowerdale River Stocking and Tagging project (North West Fly Fishers Club) will see the release of 500 tagged adult brown trout to overcome several years of poor recruitment.

The IFS congratulates all the successful applicants on their commitment and vision for the future of freshwater angling in Tasmania.

## Closure of Jonah Bay Track, Arthurs Lake

The Jonah Bay track at Arthurs Lake will be closed from Sunday 20 May until Saturday 28 July 2007. This is to help protect stocks of brown trout, which are spawning in the area. Arthurs Lake will reopen to fishing at the start of the brown trout season on Saturday 4 August 2007 this year.

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