



# ANGLER NEWS

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## Fishing platform at Windsor's Corner to allow access for all

The IFS attended the opening of the Windsor's Corner Rehabilitation and Angler Access Project on Tuesday 5 February. Derwent Valley Mayor, Tony Nicholson officially opened the site in front of 50 guests.>NNLAA Treasurer Ray Aitchison, the driving force behind the project, spoke of the history of the site and the project.

This project was initiated and undertaken by the New Norfolk Licensed Anglers Association (NNLAA). The NNLAA in conjunction with Greening Australia applied successfully for funding under the Federal Government's Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme.

On the banks of the Derwent River 4km north of New Norfolk, the popular fishing spot has undergone a dramatic transformation. Always a rewarding fishing spot, particularly early in the trout season, the site suffered from illegal rubbish dumping. It is hoped that the cleared and developed site will deter this activity in the future.

The site has been cleared and levelled with the car park extended and defined with treated pine logs. A concrete pathway leads past picnic tables down to the waters edge where a fishing platform has level access for elderly and disabled persons and can easily accommodate several anglers. Around 20m of riverbank has been now cleared to allow more anglers and a greater area to fish.

The project was made possible through the generosity of MSD Constructions, Geoff Williams, Hazel Bros., Tas Timber Industries, Gretna Fire Brigade and DV Concrete.>NNLAA is very grateful for this support.



*Derwent Valley Council Deputy Mayor Scott Shaw leads the guests through the landscaped site at Windsor's Corner*

## Third trout caught in FISH4CASH promotion

The third trout released as part of the FISH4CASH promotion has been caught. The tagged rainbow trout which was 7 kg when it was released in October into Lake Meadowbank was caught December 27, 2007.

The lucky angler, Darren Collins is from NSW and was visiting his Tasmanian family when he was taken fishing to Meadowbank by his brother. Darren received \$1000 for capturing one of the fish released as part of the promotion.



*Darren Collins looks in awe at his prize winning fish*

## Final FISH4CASH releases

Two tagged brown trout have been released as the final fish for the IFS FISH4CASH promotion. The trout from Great Lake were released into Lake Barrington and Great Lake on January 3 and 4 respectively and are worth \$1000 each to the lucky anglers who capture them.

So far three of the four tagged trout released for the promotion have been captured with the fish at Lake Burbury still a chance for an angler to catch themselves \$1000.



*The final fish of the FISH4CASH promotion being released into Great Lake*

# 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 is published in **Angler News** and on the Service website ([www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)) along with the latest results of the competition.

## Time to keep an eye on water levels

With water levels at many of the State's prime fishing waters at or close to historical lows, it is important that anglers think carefully about boating.

Lake levels at Hydro storages can be seen by going to this URL <http://www.hydro.com.au/home/Tourism+and+Recreation/Lake+Levels.htm>

It is important to check the level of waters that you intend to fish for the sake of safety as well as for the prospect of fishing success.

The current level of Great Lake means that majority of boat ramps will soon be unserviceable leaving Boundary Bay the as the only safe location for the launch and retrieve of all but the smallest of boats. When the level drops below 17 m FSL only the Boundary Bay ramp is useable.

With low water levels there is an increasing likelihood that previously submerged hazards will now be exposed or close to the water surface. Anglers should exercise caution if they are unfamiliar with waters at the current low levels.

## Stocking since December 2007

Water	Number	Species	Weight (grams)
Lake Echo	41 000	rainbow trout	25
Bradys Lake	22 000	rainbow trout	25
Brushy Lagoon	21 000	rainbow trout	25

## Seaport Marine Tasmanian Trout Classic 2008 on February 25 –27

The Seaport Marine Tasmanian Trout Classic is on again in 2008! After the very successful inaugural one day event in March 2007, the organisers have expanded the event to two days and on two different venues. Based at Miena in the Tasmanian Central Highlands, this is a fantastic fun event for teams of two anglers in Australia's best trout fishery.

This is an ABT (Australian Bream, Barra, Bass Tournaments) event, and is staged between the two Tasmanian ABT bream qualifiers. The two days of competition are on February 26 and 27, with a one day pre-fish on February 25. The event is run along ABT Classic guidelines, with teams of two anglers competing.

This is a catch and release event. Anglers lay their fish on the provided brag mat, photograph the fish with a digital camera to show its length, take another snap of the happy angler with fish, and then release the fish. Scoring is based on total length of all fish the team catches. As this is a catch and release tournament, there is no limit to the number of fish that can be caught.

Last year the winning team caught 19 fish, with the second placed team interstate anglers catching 17. Overall there were 128 fish caught between 20 teams last year, and with the addition of Great Lake as a day two venue we can expect to see that record smashed.

This year there is a massive prize pool for competitors, with a 12volt 55lb thrust MotorGuide electric bowmount engine supplied by Seaport Marine for the first placed team as well as at least \$1000 in cash. In addition to this there are heaps of prizes and give aways from Daiwa and Berkley, a \$250 prize for the longest trout caught over the two days and heaps more.

For more information log onto [www.sportsfishtasmania.com](http://www.sportsfishtasmania.com) or [www.tasmaniansportsfisher.com.au](http://www.tasmaniansportsfisher.com.au) for the complete competition information pack and entry forms. Phone enquires can be directed to Neil Grose on 0407 879 941.

Entries close on the February 15, so don't leave it too late.

## Dee Dam works and road diversion

The IFS advises that works are being undertaken by Hydro Tasmania on the Dee Dam and will be completed by May.

During this period there will be traffic delays on the Victoria Valley Rd near Dee Lagoon. A temporary road has been constructed to divert traffic around the Dee Dam. The public are urged to be patient should delays occur and follow directions if necessary.

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