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Newsletter

A Word from the President

Welcome to another year, hopefully the fishing will be good as most of the lakes are full.

We will be releasing the dollar for dollar fish on Saturday the 14th of January at 10am. All members are invited to come along, they will be released at Noreuil Park near the umpires rooms.

Some of you may have seen an article in the Border Mail in relation to Murray Cod only being catch and release from the 1st of January to the 31st of July in the Murray river. This only applies to the South Australian section of the Murray, and does not affect us.

The first trip for the year is to Anglers Reach on Lake Eucumbene. More information is on page 2.

The trip after that is Lake Mulwala and the dates in the last newsletter were incorrect, the correct dates are Friday the 2nd to Sunday the 4th of March.

Attached to the newsletter is a nomination for committee form. Nominations need to be to the secretary no later than Wednesday the 29th of February to allow for any ballots that may need to be organised.

A big thankyou to everyone who helped make the Christmas party such a great success. 55 adults and over a dozen children made for a great day.

The boat raffle is progressing well, remember if you cant sell your tickets to get them back to the secretary for those who want more. If you want more tickets, pleas contact the secretary.

Adrian Kent
President

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Murray cod fishers checked at season opening

An operation targeting recreational fishers in the State's south west on the opening of the Murray cod weekend resulted in the seizure of a number of fish and illegal fishing gear.

NSW DPI Fisheries Compliance Director, Glenn Tritton, said the operation was conducted in the Hume, Riverina, South West Slopes and Far West Districts of the south west zone during the opening of the Murray cod season on 1 December.

"Five teams of NSW DPI Fisheries Officers targeted the Murray River between Howlong and Echuca, the Darling River from Wilcannia to Pooncarie, Edward River, Gulpa Creek, Billabong Creek, Wakool River, Niemur River as well as Lakes Mulwala, Blowering, Burrinjuck, Copago and Teryawynua as part of Operation DPI Alpha Mike 11," Mr Tritton said.

"A total of 628 fishers were checked over the four days, including participants in the annual Mulwala Cod Classic, and Blowering Dam's Hammy Cup, with 90% of fishers found to be doing the right thing.

"A total of 38 penalty notices and 34 written cautions were issued for offences including failing to purchase and/or carry a recreational fishing licence, possess undersize fish, possess mutilated fish, possess illegal fishing gear and harm threatened species.

"Illegal fishing gear including 24 yabby traps, 11 fish traps, 1 gill net and 18 setlines were seized as well as a number of native and threatened fish species including trout cod, golden perch, silver perch and Murray cod.

"Despite the few illegal fishing matters detected, it appears that more fishers are doing the right thing and indicates that the message is getting through."

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Calendar 2010-2011

December 11th	Children's Christmas party
January 20th-23rd 2012	Eucumbene Anglers reach
March 2nd-4th 2012	Mulwala
April	Salt water/ Dartmouth
April 27th	AGM

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Eucumbene trip

Our next trip is on the 20th to the 23rd of January to Lake Eucumbene staying at Anglers reach. The competition will run from noon on the Friday and weigh-in will be at 5pm on the Sunday. Friday evening meal will be self cater with the club providing a barbeque meal on the Saturday evening. On the Sunday evening we will do smoked trout and a bit of a barby. Members are asked to contribute a fish or two for the smoking, we will need these on the Saturday evening to allow for their preparation.

Reports indicate that fly fishermen will do well at dawn and dusk so will those who troll. Fish are still being caught on the troll throughout the day but may take a bit more work.

Cold smoked trout

Cold smoking is a different kettle of fish. You can buy your own cold smoking mixture in fishing tackle shops, and the method is easy to follow, however I do my own cold smoking. For cold smoking it is important that you use filleted trout only, and it goes like this:

Fillet your fish (using the "along the bone" method), but keep the skin on. Once the fish is filleted, dip the fillets in a salt water mixture (1/2 cup of salt to four litres of water for two fillets - this will help drain off the excess blood). After leaving the fillets in the salt water dip for about half an hour, dry them with a paper towel, then with tweezers pick the remaining bones from the fish.

1. On top of each fillet put some brown sugar and chopped dill.
2. Put the fillets on top of each other, place in a sealed plastic bag, and keep in the fridge for two or three days, turning the bag every night. After the second or third day has elapsed, open the bag and wash the fillets in clean water, then dry them.
3. They are now ready to be eaten or frozen.



Hint: When hot smoking my trout, I always mix some chopped bay leaves or mixed herbs into the sawdust. Here in Tasmania I used peppermint saw dust, but saw dust is sold in tackle shops all over Australia. I also rub some chopped fresh dill on the fillet.



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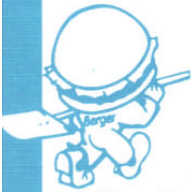


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