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COMMERCIAL CLUB
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Fishing Section

2024

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News and information

The next event is the Dart interclub, 12-14th July. Minimum size for weigh-in is 35cm. There will be a weigh-in Saturday evening and again on the Sunday. A maximum of five fish to be weighed on each day. Names to me or another committee member before Tuesday the 9th July please.

Cost for the weekend will be \$20.00 per head.

The event to the Mother club utilising the golf club was well supported with 26 in attendance.

By all accounts the meals were good and everyone enjoyed the night. We will use this facility again I think.

We have two members with boats for sale.

The first belongs to Greg Taylor. I know it only has a small amount of hours and comes fairly well appointed. Contact me and I will give you his number for more information.

The second boat is Geoff Agnew's. It is a 460 Bay raider with a 50hp Yamaha. Contact myself or Adrian for more information.

The calendar is on page two. Some events do not have dates at this stage as we need to confirm dates for some of the other events and work back from there.

Happy birthday to the following member/members, Les and Kath.

Memberships are now open for the 2024/25 season. Please pay.

NSW PWC and boat licence fees increased by 88%

From 1 July 2024 PWC (personal watercraft) licence fees will increase by up to 88 per cent and general boat licences increase by 30%. A 10-year licence fee for PWC will cost almost \$2000.

There are more than 90,000 PWC licence holders and 460,000 boat licence holders in NSW. The number of PWC licence holders in the state grew by 44 per cent in the past five years.

PWC licence fee increases in NSW from 1 July 2024:

- 1 year PWC licence: was \$210, now \$245 (up 17 per cent)
- 3 year PWC licence: was \$460, now \$662 (up 44 per cent)
- 5 year PWC licence: was \$720, now \$1042 (up 45 per cent)
- 10 year PWC licence: was \$1043, now \$1961 (up 88 per cent)

The NSW PWC licence fees compare to \$124 for a lifetime licence for a PWC in Queensland, and \$45 for a one-year licence for a PWC in Victoria.

General Boat licence fees increases in NSW from 1 July 2024:

- 1 year Boat licence: was \$69, now \$77 (up 12 per cent)
- 3 year Boat licence: was \$185, now \$220 (up 19 per cent)
- 5 year Boat licence: was \$292, now \$351 (up 20 per cent)
- 10 year Boat licence: was \$521, now \$679 (up 30 per cent)

Committee 2024—2025

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Calendar 2023-2024

Jul 12-14	Interclub
Aug	Lake Hume, weigh-in at Ludlows
Sep	Khancoban
Oct 6	Go fish day
Oct 18-20	Lake Hume classic
Nov	Jindabyne
Dec 7-8	Lake Hume weigh-in Bowna
Dec 14	Christmas party
Feb	Sue city
Mar 14-17	Eden
April	AGM
May 16-18	Eucumbene
June	In House
July	Dart interclub

Big Trout finally looking respectable

Adaminaby's Big Trout has had another repaint, after community and angler outcry over the ridiculously un-trout-like 2023 effort.

The uproar resulted in Snowy Monaro Regional Council organising to repaint the trout to give it a more realistic look.

To be fair, last year the restoration company also had to fix the internal structure of the fish, which had fallen into disrepair, and when they got to the painting stage howling winds apparently made the job extremely difficult.

The Snowy Monaro Regional Council used a \$318,000 state government grant to repair and renew the Big Trout to mark its 50th anniversary. It was unveiled last December and met with instant contempt, causing the council to hold a public vote on a new colour scheme. That drew more than 2,600 responses (Adaminaby only has 350 residents) which was much more than even when they surveyed the community on rate rises last year.

Gaden Trout Hatchery seasonal report

Gaden Trout Hatchery manager Mitchel Elkins has sent out the report for the completion of fish releases for the 2023/24 season.

Key points

- Climatic conditions saw a relatively mild spring of warm temperatures and periodic rain events set the hatchery and the rest of Monaro up for what looked to be another fantastic period leading into summer. December again saw good rains and mild temperatures no higher than 30°C, but unfortunately this was short lived with 2024 bringing periods of low rainfall and warm temperatures.
- The Thredbo River was running at extremely low levels over summer and autumn, with relieving rains finally hitting the region towards the end of May and into June. The flows in the Thredbo were the lowest since the drought years of 2018-2019.
- In May 2020, Gaden hatchery received a grant from the NSW government to revitalise the tourist centre and help boost tourism and jobs in the region. Gaden was also awarded another grant under the government's bushfire relief package which included upgrades to the hatchery. These upgrades will give Gaden the potential to grow out larger numbers of trout and also protect the hatchery in times of low flows and drought conditions.

Works were started in April 2023, with a completion date of the hatchery mid-winter 2024, and the tourist centre by the end of the year.

Several areas of hatchery production and tourism that will benefit from these upgrades have been identified, including;

- RAS (recirculating aquaculture systems) - for temperature control and fingerling grow out.
- Water security- additional water storage, upgraded intake/ back up supply.
- Biosecurity- technical room for dissections/disease protocols, isolation areas.
- Temperature controlled room - biosecure area for additional species (as outlined in the brief for grant funding and dependant on external funding).

Tourist centre upgrades - including upgraded aquaria (which has the capacity to showcase the work of DPI restocking programs), showcase of Gaden history, trout industry significance and potential externally run café

Fish Stocking

Releases for the 23/24 season commenced in August, with sub-adult rainbow, tiger and brown trout released into impoundments across the state. The majority of these fish made their way into waterways which also hold redfin. The trout were released at 16 cm and above and can withstand predation by redfin and other species. Sub-adult fish produced at Gaden this year exceeded 28,500 fish, with plans to produce over 40,000 this coming year!

September saw rainbow trout fry released into streams across the Monaro and Central regions. Approximately 263,500 brown trout fry, closely followed in October, with a total of 157,000 stocked into streams by trout acclimatisation society members.

Fingerling releases began in November, with large numbers of fish being rolled out for release into impoundments and streams.

Larger sub adult rainbow trout were again released into lakes Eucumbene and Jindabyne. 30,000 of these larger 16 cm fish were released in March/April by boat with the help of the Monaro Acclimatisation Society volunteers.

Tiger trout

2023/2024 production marked the final year of a three-year trial stocking tiger trout in Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace, and Thompsons Creek Dam. This trial has been put in place to identify if redfin numbers can be effectively controlled by these largely piscivorous species. All fish released into Lake Lyell and Lake Wallace for 2024 were sub adults (16-20 cm), where fish for Thompsons Creek Dam were released as fingerlings (non-redfin waters) and later an additional stocking of larger tagged sub-adult fish. Reports from the releases have been widely received and extremely popular within the recreational fishing fraternity. Then economic and environmental findings of the tiger trout releases will be gathered by DPI and released in the foreseeable future.

Production 2024/25

The production period for 2024 is well underway, with 30,000 brook trout eggs and 25,000 Atlantic salmon eggs laid down in our new hatching facility. We are using the warm water upwellers system to speed up the development of the eggs to ensure less fungal growth and better overall health. Dutton Hatchery will receive around 500,000 brown trout eggs from Gaden Hatchery this breeding season, to supplement brown fry releases in our Central Acclimatisation Society and New England Trout Acclimatisation Society stocking areas.



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