

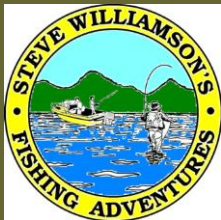
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# Steve Williamson's Trout Tales



HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!



Special  
Accommodation  
Deals



Steve Williamson's Trout Fishing Adventures.

## Steve's Comments



Well just once again like to thank you for your support for the past 12 months and look forward to catching up over the coming year.

I think with the way the seasons have been last few months we should be in for a good trout autumn and maybe even an early spawning season once again if the rain keeps up like it has been over recent months.

As I write we are experiencing our first hot days with temperatures in the mid 30's and yesterday it was 36 when even Penrith in Sydney was only 34 deg C.

### Here's a nice story.

Whilst holidaying in the Snowy Mountains in 1993, Norm Gould picked up a copy of the Snowy Times in Jindabyne and whilst reading a fascinating article on how to trout fish written by Steve Williamson, decided to keep the copy of the

paper (Volume 6 number 2) for future reference.

Over the following years Norm often referred to the article whenever he holidayed in Jindabyne.

When Norm's daughter married Christopher Kolder, Norm passed Steve Williamson's informative article to keen angler Chris so he too could learn the art of trout fishing.

On a recent trip to Jindabyne last January 2012, the Kolder family returned once again bringing with them the original copy of the Snowy Times for young 16 year old Cameron Kolder to 'study' Steve's expert tips on how to trout fish.

**19 years and 3 generations are still enjoying an informative article written by Steve Williamson on how to trout fish, that was first published in the Snowy Times in October 1993.**



Cameron with his first Rainbow Trout.



16 year old Cameron and Dad Chris Kolder



Steve (standing on his toes) with Cameron and Chris Kolder.

## Latest Industry News

From RFA Fishing Access – Anglers know that recreational fishing is under continual threat from many directions. The Minister was informed by Max Castle, Vice President of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, of the outcomes from recent discussions with the NPWS staff in relation to developing improved relationships in this area. Other fishing access concerns raised related to the retention of retain fishing access to all electricity power station cooling water impoundments continue on in perpetuity in the event of sale of such power generation assets and the land associated with such operations.

Unfortunately time did not permit to provide the Minister with a progress report on the NSW Angler Access Project, being managed by RFA and funded by the NSW Recreational Salt and Freshwater Fishing Trusts, in partnership with Crown Lands and NSW Fisheries, but this will be a topic for a future meeting.

**Gaden Trout Hatchery** – Concerns were raised by the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers and other Recreational Fishing Alliance representatives as to how the planning for this valuable asset is progressing. The minister indicated that further inquires would be made on progressing and improving

this particular partnership between the NSW Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust and NSW Fisheries and the Minister-appointed Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee.

### **New rescue boat for Lake Eucumbene**

A 7.5 m Sailfish 20, to be known as Alpine Lakes 20 was delivered in October for duty on Lake Eucumbene. Supplied by NSW Marine Rescue and manned by local volunteers it will be fully operational by March next year.

The craft will be used to train crews in all aspects of search and rescue.

A radio station with 27 MHZ UHF and VHF has also been set up and should be fully operational by November. It will be on the Lake during the Snowy Mountains Trout Festival. If you are interested in volunteering for service talk to the crews or see [www.marinerescuensw.com.au](http://www.marinerescuensw.com.au) and follow the links to join up.



**Lake Jindabyne boating conditions** have changed

Boating conditions have changed considerably on the lake in the past month after more than 88,000 megalitres were released over 19 days – starting in the first week of October - from Lake Jindabyne into the Snowy River.

Lake Jindabyne now is three metres more shallow than in spring.

This has caused conditions to change on the waterway, with the potential now for boaters to come across more unmarked navigation hazards, such as trees.

NSW Maritime has previously warned kayakers and canoeists to avoid the Snowy River due to the faster flow of the river, which could carry debris, which will continue in the short term.

NSW Maritime produces boating maps of all waterways in NSW, including Lake Jindabyne and the Snowy River, which include contour lines to assist with interpreting the map under different conditions, such as when the percentage of water is higher or lower.

### **NSW Angler Access Project**

The project achieved a few significant milestones in the past month. The NSW government has gazetted the project's first angling access reserve, over the Lake Macquarie recreational fishing artificial reef. Other

reserves are slowly but surely moving through the approvals pipeline.

The RFA of NSW also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation (MinCorp). MinCorp is the reserve trust manager of various Crown reserves and the Memorandum of Understanding outlines the operational protocols to be observed by the RFA in the administration and management of specific Crown reserves for the express purpose of recreational fishing. MinCorp retains its role as the reserve Trust manager for all other purposes.

The NSW government has also gazetted the creation of the NSW Angler Access Reserves Reserve Trust. This body will oversee the governance of angling reserves formed by the project. RFA of NSW members of the Reserve Trust are Malcolm Poole, Stan Konstantaras and Peter Gibson. There are also two ex-officio members of the trust: Bryan van der Walt from NSW DPI (Fisheries) and Adrian Harte from NSW DPI (Crown Lands).

More information on the website at [www.nswangleraccess.com.au](http://www.nswangleraccess.com.au).



**Jindabyne Trout Fishing Adventures** has just created a NEW Facebook page which will be monitored almost daily throughout the fishing season with updates on the VERY latest fishing conditions with anglers reports as they come to hand.

You will be able to check out the latest photos of anglers catches and there will also be some amazing give aways and discounted tackle and even trout fishing tours and lessons. For the first 50 likes on the site a FREE Tasmanian Devil lure and leading up to Christmas lots of other give aways as well.

From time to time we will also has some wholesalers products that need testing to be given away in exchange for some honest angler reports.

Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Steve-Williamsons-Lake-Jindabyne-Trout-Fishing-Adventures/286736598024666>



Yes another year and a older crankier Steve. Along with other retailers we had a very slow Christmas with sales well down and while some blame the internet, ebay and such it is much more likely with the current government and insecurity of jobs that people have just tightened their belts. However that doesn't help shop owners that have rent and leases to hold them in contract, but for many you have already seen it , retailers are closing shops one by one and smaller shopping centres are fast becoming the 'dead centres'. While people shop on line overseas you must remember that when an

### Cranky old Steve's say!

Australian shop closes, jobs are lost.

It's time we also looked at wages on public holidays! I this year, saw many shops that just did not open. How can you open a coffee shop and sell a cup of coffee and make a profit with a huge wage bill? It's OK if people buy a piece of cake when they have a coffee but as stated already, people have tightened their belts and are not buying the little extras.

I did not employ any staff on public holidays this year, preferring to work the shop myself with the help from Christine.

It might have been better just to close, but we decided, given that there are so many people on holidays that we would open to service the public. Maybe it would be better if we just went back to the old days and we all just closed our doors – yes it was illegal to open in the old days – we can then all go to the beach. Remember when

everything was closed on Sundays so we could all go to church?

I guess it if we can't get back to letting people have a choice if they want to work at normal rates on a public holidays, we just close the doors and those that need the money can just miss out on a days pay and yes we can all enjoy a day off!

Bring back the old days I say!

I would just like to also point out that it doesn't matter if you vote Labor or Liberal, both Governments are to blame for the current mess, however it is the current Government that is responsible for the current problems we face and unless we get back to basics we are doomed to huge unemployment and a negative economy and maybe it might be just the time to tell the Greens to go to hell and maybe start another big project like another Snowy Mountains Scheme or a Very Fast Train or something that will give us an increase in

employment opportunities. We have lost most of our manufacturing and were relying on tourism, but that has also gone with the current economic crisis and so where else can we head?

**How about** the biggest joke of the century when the Labour Government hoodwinked the public again by diverting our attention away from important debates by bringing in the motion to change our gay marriage laws?

How stupid are we?

How stupid are they!



*When the results were announced, Senator Penny Wong hugged Prime Minister Julia Gillard, while delegates on the floor clapped and cheered.*

*"It was the right decision, I wanted to have a conscience vote and we will," Julia told reporters.*



### Beginner Fly Fishing Weekend – February 2011

**My beginner fly fishing weekend date has now been set for 2012**

**As usual there is limit to the number of participants.**

**The dates are –11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**Prices are – \$390 per person.**

This weekend takes you from the very beginning of rigging up and covers both lake and river fishing techniques. If your interested then send me an e-mail and I will send you a complete itinerary and booking sheets.

As always numbers are limited.

If you can get 6 people

together you can always book a private fly fishing weekend.

Again e-mail me if you're interested and I will custom a fly fishing course to suit your needs.

One day courses are also available and we even tailor corporate fly fishing events to your needs.

## Exploring Khancoban – Taking February and March Bookings NOW!



Join us for this fun weekend! You don't need to be an expert fly caster, I am there to help out and set you up so as if nothing else you will learn heaps!

This weekend is being set up for those fly anglers that would like to explore the other side of the Snowy Mountains. As many rivers, streams and lakes will be explored over the weekend as we can, but at a relaxed pace to ensure you also have time to take in the beauty of the Khancoban area.

You do not have to be an expert fly angler as instruction will be provided for those that still need some help and I can also provide all rods, reels and tackle if required.

Your accommodation at Queens Cottage in Khancoban will be trip back in fly fishing history.

Our Itinerary is usually meeting at my shop on Friday lunchtime when we all head over for a stop and warm up fish on the Swampy River.

From there we head to Queens Cottage and settle in and then have dinner.

Next morning we head off for a days fishing before returning again to Queens Cottage for a dip in the 30 degree Celsius plunge pool or if you wish just a relax and a drink.

After dinner it's an early night (for some) before a Sunday on different water for a different experience.

Monday morning you get to have a sleep in before heading off home.

### Ask for quote!

#### INCLUDED -

2 ½ days of Fishing. All Meals 2 nights accommodation (3<sup>rd</sup> night extra if wanted)

#### You need to bring-

Your own alcohol and nibbles.

Rods and Reel

Flies can be purchased.

Can be provided FREE.

Rod and reel and Waders

#### BONUS

Free accommodation on Thursday night at Rainbow Lodge for those that want to come down the night before!

3 rooms ONLY available!

Next DATES are-

17th, 18th and 19th February 2011

Numbers are limited to 6 people only.

**COSTS.\$1,390 all inc.**

Cheaper if you only need 2 nights accommodation.

Share accommodation rates cheaper again!



## New Fishing Package - 4 people – 8 hours Fishing and 2 nights accommodation - \$980

New for this season is a package that may suit a group of anglers or a family that not only wants to participate in a little guided fishing but also have time to look around the area.

I provide two 4 hour fishing trips with the methods of your choice and provide 2 nights accommodation at our own 3 bedroom self

contained flat.

You can choose a mornings trolling or maybe a little fly fishing or lure spinning and we provide all tackle.

Extra night's accommodation can also be booked if required.

If you would like to book you will need to call 0264561551 during shop hours and mention this package.

Subject to availability of accommodation.



*"Two 4 hour fishing trips with everything supplied and 2 night's accommodation for 4 people for \$980 or \$245 each."*



### Snowy Mountains Fly Fishing Weekend

The very popular Snowy Mountains fly fishing weekend is a great way for those that have just learnt to fly fish or those that want to learn more about the best locations in the Snowy Mountains and how to fish them.

Over the weekend we head off to as many locations we can close by and learn how to fish the

location and then have a fish and then onto a new location.

If you want to learn how to get to more locations this is your chance to explore some of my favourite spots.

The whole weekend is spent on the water (weather permitting) and you get to learn some of the secrets to catching

more trout from the experts.

There is a very strict number of places available and I am already taking bookings so be quick if you want a place. Special accommodation deals are also available.

**2012 Date.**

**March date to be confirmed.**

**Last one for the season!**

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### Lake Crackenback Resort Open Day

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

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#### WE HIRE :

Rods – spin & fly  
Downriggers  
Lead lines  
Sounders  
Trolling motors  
Electric Motor  
Fly Vests  
Fly Jackets  
Waders  
Landing nets

### Casting Competition **Rapala**

Lake Crackenback will be holding their open day this month and as part of the activities we will be holding a casting completion with instant prizes as well as a couple of major prizes bringing the total up to over \$1000.

Rapala and Wigston Lures are our major supporters and as well as the casting competition you will be able to have a go at fly casting and we will also be giving kids casting lessons with spin rods. We will also have some

Silstar and Okuma rod combos to try out if you are thinking of purchasing and outfit and they will all be on a very special price for the day. Rapala will also be demonstrating some lures and we will have some special deals.

### Jindabyne's Complete Tackle Hire Service

There is no doubt that Steve Williamson's Tackle shop has the largest range of trout fishing tackle for hire possibly in all of Australia.

We specialise in hire and even have an 2hp outboard motor in case your motor trolls too fast or you're trolling motor breaks down and yes we also have a transom mount electric motor for hire as well.

For the fly angler we have

everything you could want including a fly vest fully equipped with all accessories to make your days fishing as easy as it gets.

We even have vests for spin anglers and can also provide lures on a 'you loose you pay' basis.

If the fish are deep then we can rent you a lead core line or a downrigger when the trout are at their deepest in the summer months.



# Join my Trout Fishing Club

## **\$50 joining fee**

Those that took up my Christmas offer to join my fishing club were presently surprised to receive a Christmas membership package valued at over \$200.

**Sorry TOO LATE now for Christmas offer but for the next 20 people to join you will receive –**

- ✓ Limited edition numbered and signed 'Fishing and Camping the Snowy Mountains'
- ✓ Trevor Hawkins "Snowy Mountains Print"
- ✓ Steve Williamson Fishing Adventures T Shirt
- ✓ 4 x Steve Williamson Personalised Tasmanian Devil Lures
- ✓ Steve Williamson Tasmanian Devil key ring
- ✓ Rapala Cap

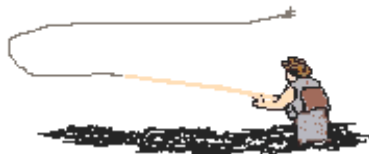
**BONUS – Steve Williamson's Club Membership Card with 10% Discount off tours\* and tackle purchases valid for 12 months.**

\* Tours must be booked outside of holiday periods. \*Must show your card for shop discounts.

*And from time to time you get FREE test lures to try out over the next 12 months from our suppliers.*

Steve Williamson's Tackle Shop

## **Membership Card**



*Membership is valid for 12 months.*

**Just e-mail your details to – [sales@swtroutfishing.com.au](mailto:sales@swtroutfishing.com.au)  
or call **02 64561551** during BH.**

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**www.swtroutfishing.  
com.au**

## Shop News – Specials

Gillies have a new downrigger out with an option for a counter. They are available in both base mount and clamp on.

The good news is for those of you that are currently using Scotty rod holders is that the Gillies base mount will fit straight into the Scotty base. At around \$150 these downriggers are great value.



The New Gillies Feathertail spinner has been catching lots of fish in the rivers and streams. Normally around \$9.90 each we are doing 3 for \$20 at the moment and we can post out free if you purchase 6 or more.

## GIFT CERTIFICATES

Remember all it takes is a phone call and a credit card to have a personalised gift certificate sent.

Gift certificates are valid until they are used and you only have to pay for any price increases that may occur if the certificate is not taken

with in 12 months of the purchase date.

You can always organise a gift certificate and have the recipient call us at a later date to customize their own trip.

Gift certificates can be sent by post or e-mailed so you can print it out yourself, if you

need one in a hurry.

Just give us a call during Shop hours on 64561551

### *About Our Organization...*

Steve Williamson's Fishing Adventures operates 364 days a year and we specialise in teaching anglers and non anglers the art of trout fishing on Lake Jindabyne and surrounding rivers and streams.

From simple methods like bait and spin fishing to more complicated methods like boat trolling and fly fishing. Large groups and corporate groups are our specialty.

Whatever your needs just give us a call and allow us to quote for any fishing trip you might have in mind. We also teach saltwater fishing techniques on the south coast of NSW at Merimbula and Pambula.

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