

From the Fisher's Mouth

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Rhys Creed from Wagga High spent the week with Riverina Sport Fishing as part of the schools work experience program. Spending a week with a fishing guide sounds like every young fisherman's dream, but as Rhys found out, there are plenty of not so exciting aspects to make a living out of fishing.

Aside from being able to teach people how to fish and simply being able to catch fish under all conditions, being a professional fisherman requires you to be a webmaster, author, mechanic, teacher, and a host of other skills.



Rhys is a budding writer and makes his publishing debut with week's column.

A couple of weeks ago Jamin spoke about fishing on the South Coast, which continues to fish well. Large kingfish have been present in Horseshoe Bay most days feeding on the resident yellowtail with anglers targeting these fish using surface poppers.

Scott Bradley from Bermagui Bait and Tackle reports kingfish up to 20kg within fifty metres of shore. The locals have been targeting these kings from small bass/bream

punts more suited to fishing shallow estuaries as the fish are flighty and the small boats are very nimble to keep up with the feeding fish. In addition to the kingfish schools of large sand flathead are available in the deeper water, whilst snapper have been present on the four and six mile reef systems.

Closer to home the cold wet conditions have stopped most people from fishing (myself included) although with the influx of water into the river it will bring the lobsters on the bite.

Up in the hills, Eucumbene continues to fish well with trout being caught predominately flat lining Tassie devils. Any of the usual trout tactics will produce fish during the day, however at night, fishing with unweighted grubs from the shore is a reliable technique (you will need a fire to keep the ice at bay).

The June long weekend saw the closure of the designated trout streams. These streams reopen on the October long weekend. The closure has been put in place to allow trout to spawn and repopulate without any angling pressure. For more information on where you can fish for trout contact your local fisheries office.