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The past 2 weeks has seen some superb weather in our region. We have been treated to some stunning blue sky days, with afternoon temperatures in the mid 20's.

Many people assume it's all nymph fishing this early, but not so. The rivers are running clear and not too high with some first-class dry fly action being enjoyed by our guests - even on the grey days, several streams will produce rising trout.

Famous Australian fly fishing author Philip Weigall spent the last week of October here with his good friend Raymond Matthews. The boys had several "red letter" days on the local rivers – including 2 afternoons when they landed 8 then 12 browns to 7 pounds, with all trout taken on dry flies (Shaving brush & Parachute Adams).



Another highlight was a day on a stunningly clear West Coast stream, nymphing to sighted trout. 10 trout were landed- all between 4>6lb, and one 'leg shaker' was spotted that would have nudged 12 pounds. Speaking of bigguns, Philip says he's still thinking about a double-figure brown he missed on the strike during an evening rise on the Buller River, only a few kilometres from the Lodge.

Another Australian guest, Mark Hutchinson had an absolute blinder of an afternoon fishing with Craig Simpson. Fairly new to fly-fishing, Mark left the jitters of the first day behind, and landed 8 trout between 2>6pm. Over a beer at the end of the day he announced that Craig was on his short list as best man!



Our first American guests of the season Kay & Tim O'Grady had this to say about their stay " AWESOME – The lodge is worth a stay on it's own – BUT the fishing is an experience of a lifetime".



Mark Weigall; owner of Millbrook Lakes Lodge (*yes he is Philip's brother*), is currently staying at the lodge with several friends. Monday was their first day fishing - and what a day Mark had! Landing 15 trout, all on the dry, all between 3>6lb.

Although our forward bookings have been very good, we still have availability during the 2004/05 season – please feel free to drop me an email or call.

And don't forget - you are a stranger only once at Owen River Lodge.

Felix, Jude, Cheryl & Amanda