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Our second season is now in full swing.

Winter absolutely flew by. I was kept busy with putting the finishing touches on the lodge and marketing - we've developed a new brochure – please drop me an email if you'd like a copy. Early spring saw the gardening team plant of 1500 native flaxes, grasses, shrubs and trees – OK, there are a few gum trees thrown in for good measure.

The lodge's delightful Chef, Jude has rejoined us this season, as has our housekeeper Cheryl. The team welcomes our new hostess – Amanda. All three ladies are Murchison locals with in-depth knowledge of all the non fishing things to do.

Our first guests arrived on opening day of the season; Paul and Claire Grimsey are on the last leg of their 8 month honeymoon. Paul landed the biggest trout of his fishing career; clearly this has put their wedded life on firm footing!

Bill Classon, Publisher of Freshwater Fishing brought 4 of his friends for an early season trip, whilst the weather was a tad wet they had a huge time, much wine was consumed and quite a few 8lber's were landed.



Dash Laver – head guide at Millbrook Lakes Lodge and his mate Graeme McKinnell payed us a flying 4 day visit. Together with guide [Craig Simpson](#) they ripped the lips off many fine brown trout, including a memorable day where 11 fish were landed – all 5 to 8lb.

Over the past few days the weather has settled, and I finally took the opportunity to have a fish myself. The trout are in great condition and are absolutely on the job. Warmer nights are seeing some brilliant evening rise action – I went down to the lodge's "home pool" and witnessed a huge Mayfly hatch. I was lucky enough to land 2 fat 4lber's in just over 30 minutes.

Many of our guests from last season have rebooked to join us once again. I look forward to welcoming them back!

Remember you are a stranger only once at Owen River Lodge.

Felix, Jude, Cheryl & Amanda