



News from Uncle Billy's Retreat

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Atkin Family

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#2 Newsletter

How time flies. It has been 2 years since our last Newsletter.

A big thank you to all our regular guests and the many new visitors who have supported our Retreat over the past two years.

As with all rural based businesses, weather conditions play a major part in their management. 2006 has been a difficult year. We have had extreme weather.

Summer was very, very hot, but good rain fell during January & February.

Autumn arrived and fishing improved with some excellent catches recorded. The size of the fish averaged about 1.5 kg.

Winter arrived early and over 100 frosts were recorded.

Fishing became more challenging because of the very clear water.

The trout were caught mainly on Nymphs and Woolly Buggers.

Very little rain was recorded during autumn and continued to stay dry until November.

With some good falls of rain, the fresh water created a much better environment and fishing improved and some very good fish were caught.

We are now in our first month of summer and from all predictions the forecast is for a very hot summer.



George, one of our regular anglers caught this trout at The Lodge.

We have decided to close our Retreat for January to allow some repairs to be carried out.



The Retreat with lakeside view.

What's New

The major change this year was making Uncle Billy's a Fly only fishout and restricting the number of trout that are taken. For children or adults who don't Fly Fish, a spinning rod with a weighted fly is allowed.

We are in the transition period and at this stage most of our clients have welcomed the change. It will allow our fish to grow and help us to maintain a sustainable fishery.

The new additions to the Retreat have proved very popular. The extra room with a queen size bed and a water view has been a valuable asset. Both the Retreat and the Log Cabin have new bigger fridges and this is a big plus for guests who are extending their holiday break.

We are finding more of our guests are visiting Uncle Billy's to enjoy the beautiful New England countryside, spectacular sunsets, fantastic starry night skies and the many species of birds that habitat our lakes.



Our resident swan



Sunset at Uncle Billy's

Enter our Season Photographic Competition

Email or post a photo taken at Uncle Billy's next year and go into a draw to win an Uncle Billy's promotional pack. The photo can be of anything that you associate with Uncle Billy's.

The successful photographer will be announced at the end of each season and the winning photo will be displayed on our Webpage.

For further information about our Retreat, please visit our website at www.unclebillys.com.au

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