



## **Trout Stocking Program**

For some considerable time, The NSW Rod Fishers' Society Council has organised streamside stays for its members at, among other locations, the cottage on "Penarth", a property near Oberon. About ten years ago, the owners of "Penarth" created an artificial, spring-fed dam near their homestead. Once it had filled up, they started to stock it with rainbow trout, and allowed visitors of their cottage to fish for them. This created an additional attraction to staying on "Penarth", as one can now fish both the stream (Fish River Creek) and the dam on that property.

Well established farm dams offer a great variety of food to trout, and they seem to be able to grow at phenomenal rates - in fact, over the last few years, at least two Society members have caught their "Personal Best" trout in the "Penarth" farm dam!

In order to make the Oberon district even more attractive to members as a fishing destination within easy reach of Sydney, Council has now decided to embark upon a programme of stocking farm dams on other properties in the Oberon district with fingerling rainbow and brown trout. Council members have visited properties in the area to assess the suitability of existing dams to initiate this programme, the cost of which will be borne by the Society.



So far, two farms in the vicinity of Edith have been identified which have spring fed dams of decent size on them which appear to be suitable for a trial stocking. On the 22nd April 2010, the trout were delivered. With the initial consignment, a total of 200 brown trout and 800 rainbow trout fingerlings released into six dams on the two properties, hopefully they will prosper and grow.



Over the coming months their survival / growth rates will be monitored, members will be kept informed as to their progress in future issues of the "Bulletin". If all goes well these dams will become a viable fishery towards the end of year, at which time the original consignment of fingerlings should have reached legal size, and thus be worthy to be fished for.

If successful, it is our intention to continue the stocking program as and when new fingerlings become available, so that over time, the dams contain a sustainable mix of smaller and larger fish.



Society member Chris Blyth  
sensational 7.5lb Rainbow.

Proof that well established farm dams can offer anglers great rewards.



Society member Gerhard Benz  
Superb 5.5lb Rainbow.

In due course, members will be able to gain access to these dams through a Council member in charge of this program.



Society member Brian Quinn  
5.5lb Rainbow.



Society member Gerhard Benz  
monster 7.5lb Brown.



Society member Lou Gaetani  
5lb Rainbow.

In the meantime, Council would like to hear what members think about this new initiative.

Any comments, criticisms, suggestions are most welcome and should be directed to the President, Andrew McKenzie, Tel. 9489-3372, or email [brixton@optushome.com.au](mailto:brixton@optushome.com.au).