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<<Club Contact - First Name>> Greetings and welcome to the latest newsletter from the NZFFA

Firstly some house keeping. We've updated our newsletter system, if you need to change your details or have received this newsletter by mistake, please use the links at the bottom of the page to update your details - If you have been forwarded this newsletter please take a moment to [sign up](#) directly to our list as this will make the distribution much more straight forward

In the News;

It was a busy lead up to the Election with a lots of effort by many within the NZFFA to put the freshwater issues out in front of as many people as possible, and is certainly heartening that freshwater was so widely discussed. And so as the election finally draws to a conclusion we can only hope that the successful politicians will take on board the message delivered so loudly and clearly by so many regarding the state of our rivers, and will act positively to address those issues...

It's Not Enough!

Research showing what we all knew, that fencing waterways needed to include all small streams too! This research highlights the extent of the work that's still needed to protect our waterways; read the [press article here](#)

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And from the Cawthorne Institute;

Recent research shows greater river flows are needed for fish growth and abundance than previously thought, obviously critical to our sport... you can [read the whole article here](#)

From the NZSAA;

Compliments of Tony Humphreys

President

NZSAA

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What do salmon anglers do in the off season?

Plenty. While most people think that the fishing season's over at the end of April it's just a quick rest for the NZSAA.

Time in May is spent checking that our Scotty boxes are all OK and making any repairs as necessary. We also check that the alevinator, in a river somewhere in Canterbury, is ready for the salmon eggs. The alevinator is a specially converted refrigerator that can take up to 27,000 eggs. The Scotty boxes are more complex. They can take small trays of 100 eggs and put together in a block and then in the alevinator. This operation, sometime in June, is done by NZSAA members and volunteers. The progress of the eggs can be monitored and a hatch count can be quite accurate. This year's hatch rate is 93%, which is very good. Let's hope some come back to spawn naturally.

The eggs are provided by F&G with whom we have a good working relationship in our enhancement program. The other method we use is the

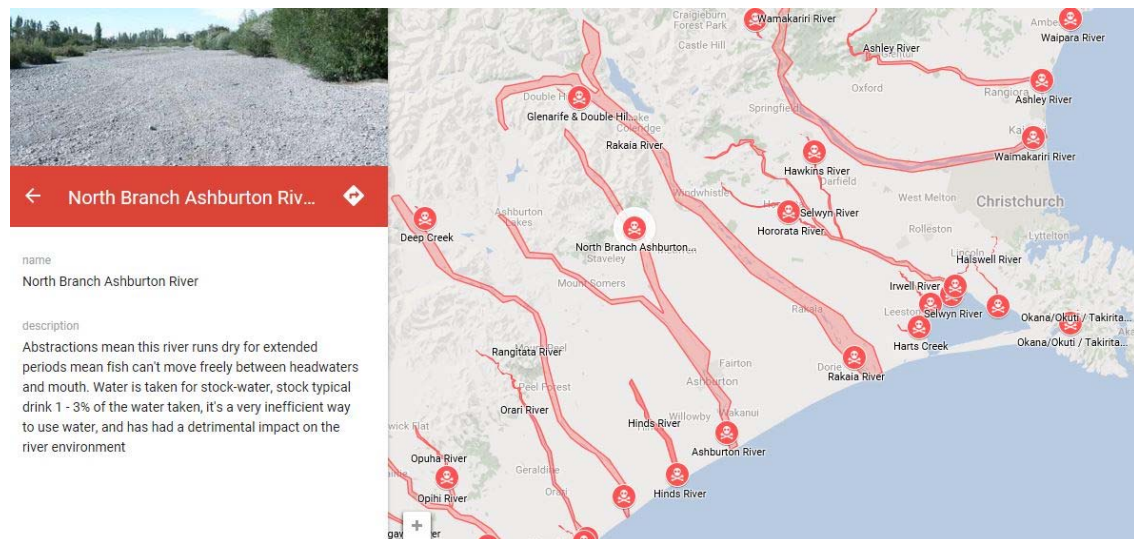
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barrel technique. We have some bottomless barrels that we use. The method is simple but quite effective. At a selected stream our teams of members and volunteers dig hole in the stream bed and remove some rocks. The barrel is put in around the hole and then some rocks are put in the bottom. Then some eggs are gently sprinkled amongst the stones. More stones are put on top of the eggs, carefully so as not to injure them, and then more stones build up the artificial redd. The barrel is then carefully removed and if necessary more stones are put around to complete the job. What's left is a passable imitation of a redd and we leave nature to do its thing and hope that the eggs hatch.

During our "down time" in winter we often speak to other outdoor groups about what we do and the history of salmon fishing in New Zealand. It's quite amazing how little people know about salmon and their history in NZ. It takes people by surprise when I say that I can catch bigger salmon here than my friend who lives in Victoria BC. More of that in a later article...

Also of note is the upcoming Salmon Symposium which is being held in Ashburton on the 11th & 12th November 2017 - registrations will be available soon online from the North Canterbury F&G website.

Lost Rivers



We embarked on a project to highlight the decline in our freshwater fisheries to help highlight freshwater issues during the election. The aim was to show

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losses in the 'inter-generational equity' every New Zealander shares in our freshwater resources.

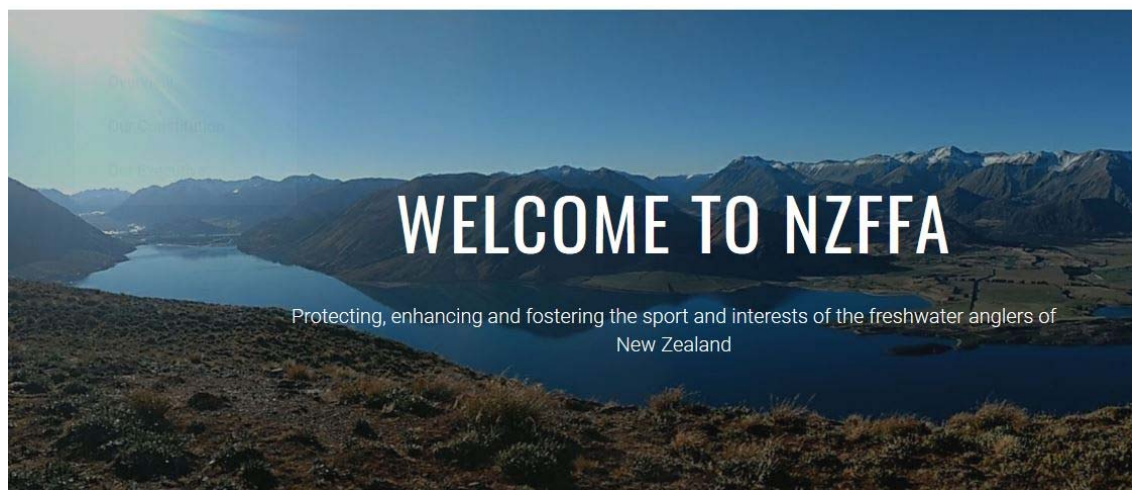
Unfortunately for us anglers the maps highlight what many of us suspected was the case, and show substantial declines in our lowland river fisheries.

The maps received some good coverage particularly in the lower South Island with articles in the several newspapers, radio NZ and was shared extensively on facebook. We will continue to work on the maps, I know there are probably a lot more rivers out there that could have been added, if your favourite stream has been degraded and please let us know at maps@nzffa.co.nz

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RIVERS

A new illustrated book on rivers and water by Bill Benfield.

The state of our rivers has become a political hot topic, so much so, that even politicians' are getting involved. Everyone has a different idea about what we should do about it. Urban based and often conservation groups blame agriculture, particularly "dirty dairy". Rural communities blame "townies". Both are right and both are wrong.

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