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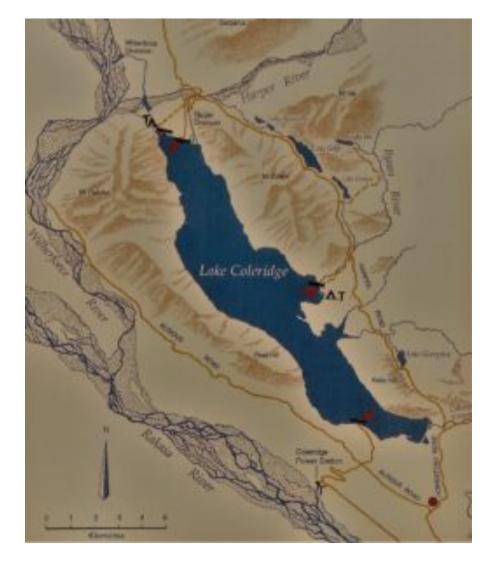


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#### **President's comments:**

- 1. Rakaia NWCO
- 2. Ecan elections
- 3. September nitrate testing
- 4. LAWA (Land Air and Water Aotearoa) summary 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### 1. Rakaia NWCO



I have copied the missing pages of Wilco Terink's controversial draft Rakaia River water balance report in order to make public the bits Ecan did not release to a LGOIMA request.

missing pages from water model report-1-1.pdf

The missing pages provide stark confirmation that the amended Rakaia NWCO is no longer fit for purpose and that Ecan has not adequately monitored the consents it had issued to divert, store, sell, and abstract water from the Rakaia River

Several NZFFA executive members have been searching for ways to make Ecan give effect to the Rakaia WCO (such as it is) without the cost and delay of seeking a ruling from the Environment Court.

North Canterbury F&G are committed to the expense of seeking an Environment Court ruling as the statutory body tasked with protecting

trout and salmon habitat in the Canterbury region..

The NZFFA was let down by one of the three hearing commissioners that approved the 2013 amendment to the Rakaia NWCO who we approached for advice.

He passed on our details of our actions to Tim Davie, Ecan's director of science, who claims he has developed a new model to manage the compliance of the Rakaia WCO and that this model shows the Rakaia WCO is complied with????

#### 2. Ecan elections

Frustration from getting no headway with Ecan meetings in the NZFFA's advocacy for the diminished braided rivers and polluted lowland rivers and streams in Canterbury has prompted a change of tack.

I have been nominated to stand as a Regional Councillor in the current local government election with support from the NZFFA.

Tensions have become strained at the last few "meet the candidate events" as the two sitting candidates in the Mid Canterbury ward where I am standing attempt to discredit my message that more needs to be done to protect this region's freshwater.

Elections close 10<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 3. September nitrate testing

NZFFA Monthly nitrate tests mg/L NO3-N July - September





#### Digging shingle out of Coe's Ford September 2022

Jollies Brook	1.42	1.84	1.78
Coopers Lagoon		1.85	1.91 1.84
Hart's Creek	8.37	8.83	9.0
Lakeside Domain	850	1300	1200 mg/m3
Tramway Res Rd	1.33	4.64	4.08
Drain Road	3.70	3.24	7.04
Hanmer Drain	2.19	3.27	3.22
Irwell River	1.29	2.09	2.10
Coes Ford	5.78	2.59	5.37
Powells A	6.55	9.75	9.41
Powells B	7.73	7.42	7.57
LII	3.4	5 3.6	3 3.86
Hallswell River	2.28	2.44	2.46
LCN Wetland	5.54	5.33	-
Liffey Spring	2.93	2.93	2.83
Goulds Rd	7.87	8.19	7.82
Preen	8.48	7.60	8.6
Nautilus	8.52	8.45	9.71
Mid Chamb	10.6	8.79	8.6
Swamp	11.0	6.56	10.1

Chamberlains Fd	5.55	2.57	5.31
Birdlings Brook	7.81	8.48	9.04
Ellesmere Golf C.	11.8	11.7	11.8

The Selwyn River flow was high all three months.

When the flow is not connected between the upper and lower reaches the lower Selwyn has tested as high as 9.98 mg/L

The Ellesmere Golf Course bore remained above the Maximum Allowable Value (MAV) for drinking water of 11.3 mg/L for all three months



Environment Canterbury Councillor Vicky Southworth (2019-22) and candidate for the 2022 elections asked to accompany me on one of my monthly nitrate testing runs earlier this year.

Photograph taken at Coe's Ford

Vicky wanted to see where I was testing and to confirm that the NZFFA optical nitrate sensor was properly calibrated. It is great that she is interested in addressing the nitrate problem.

Subsequently Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie hired me to use the

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NZFFA sensor to test water for an Ecan South Canterbury Zone nitrate testing day at Temuka and Fairlie.

Deputy Ecan Chair Peter Scott was also present.

#### 4. LAWA Summary 25 September 2022 - Unsustainable water management

"The release of the LAWA monitoring reports for 1727 river and lake sites reveals a national disgrace

82% of monitored lowland lakes are in a poor or very poor condition

Water quality in rivers and streams is likely to be worse in areas which have been highly modified, whether because of urban environments or pasture, the scientists say.

LAWA river science lead Dr Coral Grant said the data shows that two-thirds of river sites monitored for E coli were graded D or E which meant that the predicted infection for anyone who had contact with that water was 3 percent on any given day".

#### **Environment Canterbury;**

More sites monitored says Tim Davie (director of science for Ecan)

"LAWA Chair Dr Tim Davie said the project annually updates LAWA website water topics with official results from Te Uru Kahika – Regional and Unitary Councils Aotearoa and NIWA monitoring programmes.

"The results on LAWA cover several freshwater health indicators and every individual result represents a physical sample taken by an environmental monitoring officer, processed in an independent laboratory, and recorded in our database for public release and Government reporting.

"I am proud that this year there are more monitored sites on LAWA than ever before, as well as extra features to help New Zealanders better understand freshwater health. Good quality, open environmental data is important as we all work together on how we can give effect to Te Mana o te Wai and ensure healthy lakes, rivers, and streams for future generations," said Dr Davie".

"Environment Canterbury welcomes the latest river water quality assessment from <u>Land Air Water Aotearoa (LAWA)</u>.

Chair Jenny Hughey said it was important to reflect on the state of all Canterbury rivers and streams, and particularly <u>our iconic braided</u> <u>rivers</u> on <u>World Rivers Day</u>.

#### Canterbury not alone in facing river water quality challenges

"The LAWA river water quality national picture summary from 2011 to 2021 shows Canterbury has similar challenges to the rest of the country," Chair Jenny Hughey said.

"It's a mixed picture at a high level showing little change over the last few years. Clearly though, the more intensive the land use (with urban being the most intensive), the poorer the water quality."

# The New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers can only voice its frustration and disgust at Ecan's cringe worthy response to this damming report.

In 2010 Environment Canterbury adopted the Canterbury Water Management Strategy CWMS as its framework for managing freshwater within its region despite its origins as an irrigation plan.

Unsurprisingly most of the (environmentally damaging) irrigation targets and goals were achieved in short order, yet no meaningful progress has been made in achieving the targets and goals for freshwater environments and aquatic ecosystems despite Ecan having a statutory accountability to maintain or enhance freshwater quality and quantity in its region. For 12 years Ecan has been failing this accountability.

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Three years of NZFFA monitoring diffuse nitrate pollution in Central Canterbury confirms intensive dairying and the application of dairy factory (and meat plant) wastewater to land are more polluting than urban intensification.

Ecan's *monitoring* of the continued degradation of Canterbury's freshwater may have increased. Increased monitoring is not slowing the pollution.

#### Time for a change

If this is the best councils and scientists involved with managing freshwater can do we are stuffed.

Unless central government can provide stronger direction to councils to clean up our freshwater with a greater sense of purpose and urgency, successive LAWA and Parliamentary Commissioners for the Environment reports will continue to record New Zealand's ongoing failure to manage its once envied freshwater common.

The present system is not working.

Direction from central government is inadequate as are the efforts by our regional councils.

The continued degradation of our freshwater is a national disgrace.

Dr Peter Trolove

President

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## Step by Step

Talking Plenty with Peter Storey

2021/22 should be a cracker! That leg's now secure enough on uneven ground to get back onto the type of river I prefer; and if I've learnt anything over the years it's the slower you move the more fish you spot and the more deliberately, the fewer you spook. So with 'rewired' mobility pushing 69, I've decided to spend the

So with 'rewired' mobility pushing 69, I've decided to spend the remainder of my river flyfishing the way I prefer – as close to the origins of the sport as possible – casting a single weightless fly at sighted fish, close enough to see how each reacts.

Aesthetically, casting a low rated fly rod loaded with a single weightless fly just feels RIGHT, as does giving each fish a fair go. Practically, few rivers up here actually demand weight; shallow confused water can be searched Stewart-style and deeper, by working seam lines across and down the flow.

I'm prepared to accept all limitations and fully expect to learn new skills in the process.

In short, I'm deliberately pursuing quality rather than quantity from now on.

Step by step.

How? With the Black Palmer to the right.

A hook and a single hackle from a natural black cape, it's caught fish everywhere since its creation on a chilly and wet Winter morning on the bank of the Rangitaiki Canal, to imitate washed up mayfly spinners and finally fool those numerous frustrating browns that probably still are – if you're willing to pay for access – lined up all along the shallows abutting both banks.

Looking through the last decade's photos it's clear that a combination of general hand tying curiosity and the frustration of trying to make lethargic Ngongotaha brown trout react to ANYTHING presented, has clearly since led me away from this pattern into weighted hand ties yet, statistically, no better results.

The majority of my Ngongotaha brown (and rainbow) photos still feature Black Palmer somewhere in the picture if not in the mouth. I suspect this is because besides those spinners Black Palmer actually suggests numerous items commonly found in local drift with its

mayfly-spinner-emerger/caddis-pupa-fly/midgepupa- fly look fished without floatant, letting the fly behave as naturally as possible, on or in the flow.

(Stillwater too.

This is the fly which caused the sadly-missed John Morton much frustration on the shores of some South Island lake in 'Sipping Special', Issue 105: 'It was then a sod of a job to try and thread the nylon tippet through the eye, which was full of feather butts. It did work well though when I tried it.

- ' What he or Dr Gilbey perhaps forgot, was to tie the hook onto the tippet BEFORE threading the hackle.
- ) Whatever, this photo is one of my desktop backgrounds.

A cracking fish in a clear flow 5-6 metres wide and about 1 deep, fooled by a seemingly ridiculous offering, at close quarters, in full sunlight, it reinforces my basic river (and lake) flyfishing tenets. Whenever I miss a fish for no obvious reason I stop fishing and ask myself, 'Did you follow them? Step by step?' Firstly, that like Black Palmer and those Rangitaiki Canal spinners, the fly I'm using actually suggests what it's intended to represent, in COLOUR, SHAPE and SIZE.

Those spinners were dead.

Many were broken and all, limp, straggly and thin.

It wasn't until I took the thread out of the equation I got close to reality.

The hackle sits loose on the shank; both body and wings move and the hackle often gets broken when fish take it.

I keep fishing the result until what's on the shank no longer looks right in my memory of those spinners.

Then I simply pull the wreckage off and wind on another.

Secondly, that my tippet has minimal surface shine.

It's midday, mid-November in this photo and yet the sunlit tippet passing through the shadow thrown by my hands holding the camera and 10 o'clock of the trout's eye shows little flash.

That's because I've run Scotchbrite over it after tying on the hook. Such an easy thing to do but how often have you too seen a fish spook when it has spotted the lightning flash of 'as-extruded' tippet? Thirdly, whether my complete tackle set-up is truly appropriate to the venue and time of day.

Can I drop flyline weight, lighten and/or lengthen the leader, drop tippet diameter and hook size? SHOULD I do all four? In my

experience what works well in the morning, late afternoon and evening can easily draw attention during the height of the day.

Lastly, and mainly river-orientated, whether that fish stopped moving freely and maybe, sank.

If so, that's an easy fix: there's a built-in movement sensor along that lateral line; if you don't want to set it off, move carefully and deliberately, step by step.

(If 1-3 are 'Yes' but 4 'N/A', I'm probably on the Ngongotaha and must just stick with it!)



Every day, every season, the lake is at the bottom of the section and that's probably where I'll begin 2021/22, with a smelt imitation fished ahead of the canoe then, once the sun's up, switching to the lower light level lake bed targeting tactics I developed last season (thinking, as I write, that Black Palmer should work here too).

While the results of F&G Eastern's efforts to reverse the downward trend in trout growth over the last 20 years seem so far minimal, their condition has definitely been increasing with the lower stocking level. Last season most fish I killed were deeply built and red fleshed.

Then LINZ authorised another drop of Diquat over the littoral areas mid-April, to knock back exotic weed growth.

Once again, locally at least, the fishing deteriorated soon afterwards and flesh colour paled markedly, suggesting the poison also effects the inshore food chain.

As a ratepayer, I'm expecting meaningful benefits from this annual programme, which support F&G's efforts to restore the lake's trophy trout potential.

I'm trying to keep an open mind but the underlying message from the accepted tender document reads control rather than eradication. Tarawera used to be THE top rainbow trout stillwater fishery in the country.

It's hard to see that status returning when the littoral areas get poisoned every year while a significant part of the main food source (smelt) is in them, breeding.

Another event may make this season memorable.

At some point I too expect the Minister of Conservation to make proposals to ALL licence holders about the future management of our sport, based on the 'Review of the 'Governance of Fish and Game New Zealand and the Regional Fish and Game Councils' 2020 Report. When this happens we will all need to decide what those proposals represent to the future of our sport, which we support or reject, and make sure those views are fully registered.

To a former regional councillor, the current system's fundamental weakness is clearly operational under-staffing: there are too few Fish & Game officers nationwide to monitor fish and game resources effectively.

To employ more F&G needs to reduce overheads, sell more fishing licences and find other ways of funding the constant need to challenge freshwater exploitation in court – supposedly local and regional governmental responsibilities under the RMA and maybe that legislation and the Three Waters reforms will help here.

So before collectively deciding how to respond to the Minister's proposals, at the very least I suggest we too must all individually analyse the report she is evaluating.

It's readily available online and at just 55 pages doesn't take that long to read, step by step.

Black Palmer & Scotchbrite tippet, fully & partly underwater .



#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

For immediate release – 3 October 2022

## National Catchments Forum is on – fourth time lucky!

NZ Landcare Trust's event team is thrilled to see the fourth attempt at holding its National Catchments Forum will be a success, with just days to go to the much-anticipated sold-out event.

The national event is being held October 6-7 at Te Papa Tongarewa Museum of New Zealand, following two years of ups and downs thanks to the COVID pandemic.

Proudly supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries and Ministry for the Environment, the National Catchments Forum is the first of its kind in the country, bringing together catchment group representatives from the width and breath of New Zealand, as well as agencies and stakeholders to inform, educate, share knowledge and inspire.

NZ Landcare Trust chief executive Dr Nick Edgar said he was thrilled it was able to be held after what had been more than two years of delays and cancellations.

"The COVID pandemic saw the first event of this kind cancelled only weeks out when it was being held in Invercargill on April 1-2 in 2020. Of course, that saw the whole country head into a never been seen before lockdown. But the idea behind the event was great, and with the amazing support of the Ministry for Primary Industries and Ministry for the Environment, we looked to take it to a national setting and hold it at Te Papa," he said.

"We tried to hold it in October 2021, and then we entered another lockdown in August and changes to event regulations were introduced, so it had to be postponed, so we rebooked for May 2022, which again had to be postponed, so to say that I am thrilled to see it go ahead in a few days' time is an understatement!"

"So much work and planning has gone into this event and now it is bigger and better than before – we have amazing speakers from catchment groups and agencies who can inspire and share their work, and their knowledge in catchment management."

The forum also creates an opportunity for attendees to connect, discuss the latest innovations, and celebrate the important mahi being done to transition to more sustainable land use. Attendees include catchment group leaders and members, farmers, iwi, rural professionals, agribusinesses and resource management agencies.

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# Fishing app will record much-needed data

By Fiona Ellis

from ODT <a href="https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/fishing-app-will-record-much-needed-data">https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/fishing-app-will-record-much-needed-data</a>



Tautuku Fishing Club's Mike Todd (left), Brett Bensemann and Ian Gunion (right) show National's Todd Muller (centre right) the Mainland Catch app, which helps local fishermen navigate fishing boundaries and catch limits. PHOTO: GREGOR RICHARDSON

The traditional fishing kit may not include a cellphone, but a newly-launched app could be set to change that.

Mainland Catch aims not only to help anglers keep within catch limits, but to use "citizen science" to gather much-needed data on New Zealand fisheries.

The app's official launch took place at Dunedin's Tautuku Fishing Club on Friday.

It is the result of a collaboration between Fish Mainland, Fisheries New Zealand, and Plink Software, with funding from the Ministry for Primary Industries Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures and the Myers Foundation Trust.

Fish Mainland director and Tautuku Fishing Club president Brett Bensemann said the app would help recreational fishers navigate the National Blue Cod Strategy's traffic light system.

Blue cod catch limits are set at different numbers around the coast nationwide, depending on what colour an area has been designated.

Dunedin sits on the cusp of two categories.

While Otago Harbour is in the orange zone with a daily limit of 10 fish per person, those heading south from Taiaroa Head cross into the green zone,

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where the limit is 15.

"Where you've fished in a green area, and you've recorded your fish in a green area, on the app it will show its been caught in a green area," Mr Bensemann said.

When anglers then brought their catch through an orange area, they would then have proof they had complied with regulations.

People could also record fish they had caught and released, he said.

However, be believed the most significant aspect of the app was the potential for recreational fishers to establish a record base that had been lacking until now.

The information that could now be recorded would be helpful in determining the need for marine reserves or closure areas, he said.

"It's voluntary, but if you start using the app you start seeing the need for data — there is certainly need for recreational data."

It was also a safety device, he said.

If someone failed to return from a fishing trip as expected, the app would show when and where they had used the app.

It was easy to use and roadshows would also be held to introduce people to the app, he said.

The app was set to be expanded to help improve other areas, such as, paua management in Kaikoura.

"There are huge possibilities in the future."

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 1**

A guy had planned a fishing trip to his favorite fishing spot on the flats of Florida.

He packed and began the trip to the water.

He launched his boat, motored to his sea trout honey hole, and began fishing.

In no time, he caught the biggest trout he'd ever caught.

He cast out again and was delighted to catch an even larger trout.

Every cast, he caught a trophy fish.

Then his mobile phone rang; it was the hospital telling him his wife

had been admitted to the emergency room.

She may die, they told him.

The fisherman is worried, but he wants to catch the world record trout, so he decides to have just a few more casts.

He pulls in three more really huge trout, but his conscience begins to get the better of him, so he reluctantly pulls anchor and motors back to his car to go to the hospital.

Running into the emergency room, he meets up with a stern-looking doctor.

The doctor sees the man dressed for fishing and scolds the husband: "Your wife has been at death's door for hours now. You kept fishing after you were called, didn't you? You ought to be ashamed!"

The fisherman sobbed it was true.

"Well," said the doc, "I hope you had a good time; your wife will survive, but your fishing days are over...

She will require constant care from now on... 24 hours per day. You will have to do everything for her."

The fisherman sobbed, "Oh God, I didn't think it was that bad, I feel terrible!!!!"

The doc grinned and nudged the fisherman with his elbow...
"Just kidding, buddy... she's dead. How many did you catch?"

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 2**

A man was stopped by a game-warden in Northern Algonquin Park recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing.

The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?!" the warden replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home."

"That's a bunch of crap! Fish can't do that!" replied the warden in disbelief.

The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"O.K. I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious.

The man poured the fish into the river and stood and waited...

After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?"

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 3**

One day, two guys Frank and Bob were out fishing.

A funeral service passes over the bridge they're fishing by, and Bob takes off his hat and puts it over his heart. He does this until the funeral service passes by.

Frank then said, "Gee Bob, I didn't know you had it in you!" Bob then replies, "It's the least I could do. After all, I was married to her for 30 years."

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 4**

The fishing season hasn't opened yet, and a fisherman who doesn't even have a license, is casting for trout as a stranger approaches and asks, "Any luck?"

"Any luck? Heck yes, this is a wonderful spot. I took 10 out of this stream yesterday" he boasts.

"Is that so? By the way, do you know who I am?" asks the stranger. "Nope."

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 5**

Q: What do fish and women have in common?

A: They both stop shaking their tale after you catch them!

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 6**

Three fishermen were fishing when they came upon a mermaid, the

<sup>&</sup>quot;Well, what?" the man responded.

<sup>&</sup>quot;When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Call who back?" the man asked.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The FISH," the warden said sternly.

<sup>&</sup>quot;What fish?" the man asked.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Well, meet the new game warden."

<sup>&</sup>quot;Oh," gulped the fisherman...

<sup>&</sup>quot;Well, do you know who I am?"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Nope," said the game warden.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Meet the biggest liar in the state."

mermaid offered them one wish each so the first fisherman said: "double my I.Q" so the mermaid did it and to his surprise, he started reciting Shakespeare.

Then the second fisherman said: "triple my I.Q." and sure enough the mermaid did it and amazingly he started doing math problems he didn't know existed.

The third fisherman was so impressed he asked the mermaid to quadruple his I.Q and the mermaid said "Are you sure about this? It will change your whole life!"

The fisherman said "yes" so the mermaid turned him into a woman...

#### FUNNY FISHING JOKE 7

One day a rather inebriated ice fisherman drilled a hole in the ice and peered into the hole and a loud voice from above said, "There are no fish down there."

He walked several yards away and drilled another hole and peered into the hole and again the voice said, "There's no fish down there." He then walked about 50 yards away and drilled another hole and again the voice said, "There's no fish down there." He looked up into the sky and asked, "God, is that you?" "No, you idiot," the voice said, "it's the rink manager."

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 8**

There was a billfish fisherman who was out in the ocean fishing when his boat sank.

He was lucky enough to make it to a deserted island where he had to survive on what he could find.

When the Coastguard eventually found him, the leader noticed there was a fire pit with California Condor feathers all around.

He went over to the fisherman and said, "You know, it's illegal to kill a California Condor, I'm afraid I m going to have to arrest you."

The fisherman protested for some time saying that he killed it because he was going to starve, but eventually he calmed down.

"Out of curiosity," the coastguard asked, "What did it taste like?"
The fisherman replied, "Well, it was kind of a mix between a snowy
owl and a bald eagle."

#### **FUNNY FISHING JOKE 9**

Standing at the edge of the lake, a man saw a woman flailing about in the deep water.

Unable to swim, the man screamed for help.

A trout fisherman ran up.

The man said, "My wife is drowning and I can't swim. Please save her. I ll give you a hundred dollars."

The fisherman dove into the water...

In ten powerful strokes, he reached the woman, put his arm around her, and swam back to shore.

Depositing her at the feet of the man, the fisherman said, "Okay, where's my hundred dollars?"

The man said, "Look, when I saw her going down for the third time, I thought it was my wife. But this is my mother-in-law."

The fisherman reached into his pocket and said, "Just my luck. How much do I owe you?"

**FUNNY FISHING JOKE 10** 

Q: What you get when four men go fishing and one comes back not catching anything.

A: Three Men And A Baby

## **Postings From the Website**

Some of our more recent posts from the website (see

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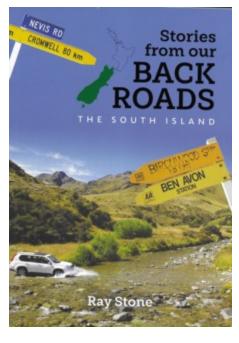
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