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First \$2000 tagged brown trout caught in the River Derwent

Congratulations to Brighton's Michael Deppeler who started off the opening weekend of the trout season with a bang by catching the first of 50 tagged brown trout worth \$2000 each.

Michael was fishing in the River Derwent, near Boyer, with his children Lucy and Liam, when they caught the tagged fish last Sunday about 1.30pm. He plans to spend the prize on more fishing gear.

The Tasmanian Tagged Trout program is an initiative by the Tasmanian Government to stimulate the recreational trout fishery and boost tourism into regional communities.

Fifty tagged brown trout have been released into 15 waters around Tasmania with each tag worth \$2000 to the angler who returns the tagged fish to the Inland Fisheries Service.

The Tasmanian Government doubled the potential prize pool to \$100,000 and increased the number of waters to encourage people to try fishing, making it easier for anglers to try their luck and also encourage anglers to visit different waters.

The 15 waters and number of fish are: Arthurs Lake (5), yingina/Great Lake (5), Lake Mackintosh (5), Lake Pedder (5), Lake Burbury (5), Lake Rosebery (5), Derby's Briseis Mine Hole (2), Bronte Lagoon (2), Craigbourne Dam (2), Curries River Reservoir (2), Huntsman Lake (2), Lake Leake (3), Lake Parangana (2), Lake Rowallan (2) and there are now only 2 left in the River Derwent.

To find out more information and the terms and conditions of the Tasmanian Tagged Trout Promotion go to www.ifs.tas.gov.au.

You can buy or renew your angling licence online, with licences also available at all Service Tasmania shops and many tackle, outdoor and sports stores throughout Tasmania.