

'FRIENDS OF THE FISH'

FUND RAISING FOR REPAIR OF



ADAMINABY'S BIG TROUT

What happened to her?

Three years ago, and in good faith with the financial assistance of the local Snowy River Shire Council, the community of Adaminaby worked together recruiting voluntary help from various sources to renovate Adaminaby's Big Trout. She was truly glorious for a short while as a dynamic representation of a rising rainbow trout but the renovation has not lasted and she will need the attention of professional restorers in order to gain lasting effects.

Why does she matter?

Weighing approximately two tonnes and rising 10 metres she was built by famous local artist, Andy Lomnici in 1969 funded by the then Adaminaby Lions Club, Snowy River Shire Council and the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority. She became not only an iconic sculpture for Adaminaby but is now well known throughout Australia, gaining fame internationally and is particularly dear to trout fishermen and women. Council's art advisory panel rate it as the most important outdoor sculpture in the district. Further it is on Council's LEP heritage schedule and is recognition of the effect of

the Snowy Scheme on the region, the moving of the town, the creation of Lake Eucumbene and new recreational opportunities such as fly fishing.

What have we done towards fixing her so far?

There have been a few styles during past upgrades. This time, solutions have been sought about her sad state of repair from many sources including heritage conservation experts, artists from all over the country and regional fibreglass repairers. The most reliable expert in repair of outdoor fibre glass monuments visited the site from Queanbeyan and gave a cost estimate to restore the sculpture.

'Friends of the Fish' was formed in November 2010 and is a group involving those from local and regional communities, council workers and business people. It is a working party under the auspices of the Lake Eucumbene Chamber of Commerce (Inc.). The Committee has had some preliminary costings done. To ensure the Project is done properly it has been given to understand that the work could cost up to \$60,000, which is completely beyond the fund raising capabilities of Adaminaby's small rural community.

We have approved Redhead Matches to use her as part of their upcoming 'Big Aussie Things' promotion.

Media articles have begun to appear e.g. in the latest Qantas In-flight magazine, the Snowy River Echo and the Cooma Monaro Express.

So far we have received pledges/funding that totals \$29,000, including \$10,000 from the Snowy River Shire Council, \$11,000 from the State Government and the rest from generous local donors.

What is our goal?

To have her back to her original and beautiful condition by **November 2011** in time for the Oceania Fly Fishing Championships that are being held in the region based in Adaminaby.

There is extra urgency because in two years time there may be no trout left to repair.

Is there any chance that you or your organisation could make a donation to support the project?

Any donation, big or small, will be very gratefully received and all sponsors will be acknowledged. Donations over \$200 will be acknowledged on a plaque at the site.

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