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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Bass Sydney has enjoyed yet another fantastic year due to the efforts of all its members. I would like to thank the committee for their help and support throughout the year and all those people who volunteered their time for the various events and meetings throughout the year. Look forward to a great 2011 and lots of fish over the holiday period.
Regards and tight lines

Chris Ghosn

NEWS

Christmas Dinner December 14th

Our club X'mas dinner is on Tuesday, December 14th at the New Empress Chinese restaurant, West Ryde that we went to last year as we had a good time, food was OK and overall, not bad value. Please note the date was changed to the 14th from the original 7th. For those going, please bring the correct money (\$35).

Parramatta River BassCatch December 11 & 12

This is on next week. See Alan Fowkes' article elsewhere in the Battler this month.

Raffle

The Daiwa Caprice 1500 spinning reel has now been mated to a nice ultra-light rod purchased from Al's Tackle Store. It's a sweet UL combo. Remember – you can only buy the tickets for this draw in person, at Bass Sydney meetings and selected events (like work days).

Regatta Centre outing December 18th

Like in January this year, Springwood has invited us to join them for an arvo's bassing on the lake at the International Regatta Centre, near Penrith. I had a surprisingly good time there in January and I would recommend it to anyone (*see the Feb 2010 Bronze Battler*). There were plenty of fighting fit bass, good humour and a BBQ (courtesy of Springwood), all for about \$7 each. It's a very family-friendly scenario, so those going should consider taking the spouse or kids. We meet next to the boat ramp about 2pm, have some BBQ, then we get on the water and fish until dark. Tip: Forget casting, just troll !

Yellomundi

Weeding & lantana removal at Yellomundi Reserve has finished for the year. Thanks to those of you that devoted time, sweat, blood and energy to this largely thankless task.

Lane Cove R BassCatch

The BassCatch scheduled for Nov 6th was cancelled due to dirty water conditions. It will be rescheduled to January or February some time – Milton will let us know the new date.

Hawkesbury-Nepean BassCatch October 16 & 17

Despite some incredibly high winds on the Saturday, intrepid club members, guests and visiting BassCatch participants managed to get on the water and catch a few bass. The wet weather in the lead-up to the event meant that we could not stay at our campsite in Wilberforce. A hastily-arranged move to the Riverside Ski Park across the river saw a bunch of anglers

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camping quite comfortably for a couple of nights. Everybody said that this campground was very acceptable and I think we may see us there in future BassCatches. This BassCatch also saw a good turnout of visitors & newbies. Results:

No. of returned catch cards: 40 (only 2 missing which is pretty good!)
Total No. of fish: 346
Largest bass: 390mm (D. Claydon) **Smallest bass:** 80mm (D. Claydon)
Participation Prize winners: Daryl Bell (S'wood) Garry Blount (BS) Chris Aubrey (S'wood)

Williams R BassCatch November 20 & 21

Hunter Native Fish's Williams R BassCatch is in its 20th year, but the weather Gods showed no mercy. The river was high and muddy rendering the event pretty difficult. Most river reaches above Clarence Town were unfishable due to the heavy, muddy water conditions and the lower reaches were just high, cold and dirty. Many highly-experienced anglers did not catch a single fish, but truth be told we probably didn't spend much time at it – hard to be enthused about such tough conditions. Nonetheless, a large group of bass fishos still managed to get together, drink beer, eat BBQ and regale each other with tales tall & true(?!). To commemorate the occasion participants were given a cool, commemorative HNF cap & other little pressies.

At time of writing, the news had come out that the NSW Gov't had cancelled the Tillegra Dam project on the upper Williams, above Dungog. This will make quite a few people happy if the anti-Tillegra signs in the Williams Valley is anything to go by.

MacDonald R BassCatch January 15 & 16, 2011

Following on from the inaugural BassCatch on the MacDonald R, the follow-up, later season BassCatch there will be on January 15 & 16. Look out for an e-mail with the details later.

Macquarie Perch breeding

The guys at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre have recently announced the successful artificial breeding of Macquarie Perch. This is good news for this native fish of the upper reaches of our rivers. Feral fish, trout and habitat loss have decimated them in the last 100 years and this project brings some hope for the species. There is also a project of protecting a population of these fish in the upper Lachlan catchment being championed by some dedicated CAS (Central Acclimatisation Society) people. The future for this native fish is looking rosier.

Angler access to TSR's in the Western Division of NSW

In recent times, especially since the drought has ended, a new battle is emerging in the far west of NSW. Travelling Stock Routes & Reserves (TSR's) have been around for over a hundred years and while not used for their original purpose much any more, they offer a place for bush camping and for some, access to rivers. There are hundreds of them throughout the country. Many of us have used them in our adventures through the years. The allowed activities on TSR's were enshrined many years ago and normally includes camping, horse riding and angler access. By some quirk, the Western Division of NSW, as defined by the Dept of Natural Resources and the Rural Land Protection Board, fishing is not an allowed activity. The Western Division is 42% of NSW !! This is not the case in TSR's in the Central & Eastern Division. This matter has recently come to a head, partly because the rivers are flowing and unscrupulous land owners & lease holders have been denying access to anglers and the like to the TSR's or charging exorbitant amounts of money if you want to use them. While this issue may seem irrelevant to bass, trout & coastal fishos, this is but another wedge into our rights and our sport – think access restrictions everywhere and the Marine Parks situation! You may also want to head west to the Darling system for a cod expedition some time. Some angler groups have already started lobbying the politicians to change this. The Bass Sydney Committee has decided to support this fight and we will also be writing to the NSW Gov't as well as the Opposition. As you know, the NSW Gov't has just backflipped on the moratorium on NSW Marine Parks, to cosy up to the Greens.

HS Tham, Editor

Parramatta River "Basscatch"

by Alan Fowkes

It's on again!

I know, I know, - this will be our 4th attempt on this waterway with still only one bass to our credit but it's very important for us to monitor for any improvements that may come with the commissioning of the fishways that Parramatta City Council has built. In fact, we are obligated to do so by the terms of the grant funds received.

What's more, the Charles St fishway has now been open for almost a month (great news) so there has been ample opportunity for more fish to move in from the salt. In what could perversely be seen as another positive, the Marsden St fishway has been out of action for a few weeks – if this is not repaired before our event then fish are very likely to be concentrated in Reach 3D.

On top of that, we still periodically receive information confirming the presence of bass. For example, electro-fishing commissioned by PCC found 5 bass in reach 3D in June this year. They found bass there again in the second survey

conducted recently. We've also had reports in the last 12 months of bass being caught on bait in Reach 3C so perhaps we should see these captures as a challenge to our fishing credibility? Of course, there are eels and carp in abundance in all reaches as well as good numbers of sea mullet in Reach 3D so if you want to soak a bait or swing a fly in pursuit of any of these fish all captures will be gratefully noted. Naturally, any fish caught should be carefully released other than carp and goldfish which should be humanely disposed of. Please be aware too that you may be fishing in areas with plenty of pedestrian traffic, particularly if you chase the better prospects in Reach 3D (and I hope somebody does), so be aware of the safety of others.

As was the case last year, whilst the scheduled date is Saturday 11th December, I am happy for people to fish Saturday or Sunday if this helps get a few more people on the water. but be sure to exercise the same "BassCatch" rigour around catch data. Please take a standard catch card with you to record the times fished, reaches fished and fish caught. As usual, we need this info even if you catch nothing. Catch cards can be returned at the next meeting, dropped in the post or sent to me by email.

For my part, I'll be fishing on the afternoon of the 11th and intend to explore the upstream reaches. If you want to be a part of that then drop me a line pretty quickly as I will be out of town for the week leading up to the event. I know others of you prefer to fish the mornings and I'd be happy to catch up with you guys at the café on Saturday for a late breakfast/brunch and debrief if you're keen. Again, drop me a line – I'll check emails on the night of Friday 10th if I can't get access beforehand.

You will find a map on a separate page (*just before the Sponsors page. Ed.*) and a legend below it describing the reaches and the access points. It appears that 3 hour parking limits now apply near the kiosk so it might be useful to arrive in pairs and drive your car to an "unlimited" spot within the park if you can. The Park is open from 6am to 8pm (though the Westmead gate doesn't open till 10am). Outside the park on the Parramatta CBD side the parking is more restricted though Sundays are better in some streets. Outside the park on the western or upstream side has plenty of unrestricted parking.

Some of the guys who fished this event last year were pleasantly surprised by the river's fish holding potential so why not come along and check it out for yourself? Who knows you may be the first Bass Sydney member to catch a bass in this system this century!

You may have heard about Ashley's amazing 26-hour effort during the October BassCatch in which he caught 70 bass! He was determined to beat perennial winner Garry Blount and he managed that feat with some to spare. He might have put in a few more hours than Garry, but it was Herculean in its scale and richly-deserving of our awe & admiration. There is another BassCatch to go this season, but we may see a new name on the BassCatch Trophy this year! However, I would not discount Garry reversing it come February! Bill Raffle was Ashley's 'wing-man' & cheer squad throughout that effort so he was able to give us an insight into that weekend.

Ashley & Bill's Wonderful Bassventure

Saturday started with a slap on my swag from Ash at 5 am. Sticking my head out of the swag I realised that I was getting out of the frying pan and into the fire as far as wind was concerned.

We were in for a long day, but little did I know that we wouldn't be back in camp for another 16 hours.

I think Al summed up the conditions well on Saturday when he said that it was an interesting experience to be blown back up the rapids.

We fished on Saturday with one of Ash's mates Dave who kicked off his campaign with a PB of 370. Dave is a great guy, super laid back and I didn't hear a negative comment from him all day re the weather.

We ran into Gary in his big pool after lunch and he was copping the full brunt of the cyclonic conditions. I was struggling to remain upright with the waves hitting my yak side on and gusts of winds smashing me from all directions including into the foliage. Despite the conditions, and I reckon he had the worst of them that we saw, Gary had been relentlessly soldiering on since 6 am and had amassed an impressive 21 fish at this stage. Also impressive to me was how Gary immediately showed us what he had been using and how he had been catching his fish. It's just a shame the way he treats his wife. (*This is a joke, referring to an unfortunate "hookup" at the MacDonald R BassCatch in September! Ed.*)

Ash was on 15 when Gary was on 21 so there was a bit of work for the young gun to do to close the gap in these conditions. (I was on 4 in case anyone is interested)

We continued on and in one ten minute period I looked over at Ash three times and saw him pulling in a fish each time (I am pretty confident they were different fish). We fished through to our drop off point and I drove Dave back to his car – on approach back to where Ash was fishing I called him and he said the fish were on. So I took my yak back off the roof and jumped back in and we had a feast during a magic glass-off into the early evening.

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Back to camp at about 9:15 and to a couple of gourmet burgers heated up by Garnet, a few more tips from Les and a bit of sadness that I had missed out on a toothbrush in the Raffle. I was pleased that the discussion remained on total number of fish rather than fish caught per hour! My only hope for recognition was to align myself somehow with Ash and his haul of 38 for the day (three short of his PB which Garnet and I had seen the previous week).

Sunday morning was a sleep-in until about 6:30 am when we knocked the ice off our swags to be greeted by bacon and eggs – I could get used to this !

Ash had also kindly invited me to fish with him on Sunday so I was happy to see how he would go as well as fishing with Dave Claydon and one of Ash's colleagues from KFDU, Daniel.

If the bass had been sitting in the trees and shrubs I would have done particularly well in the early part of the day. As Dave deftly shot his lures into perfect position and I kept hitting the trees I started to develop the same sort of performance anxiety that can confront me at the urinal. Whilst I was dealing with these important issues, Ash just kept catching fish and amassed 21 before lunch.

A few small fish off the surface gave me an adrenalin rush which was matched only by the Pit Bull terrier that came bounding towards us at the morning tea spot. The speed of exit into our yaks would have done an F1 pit crew proud. Whilst I was recovering from the near death experience Ash had his lure in the water and was hooked up to a 350.

Daniel was with us for his first stint of catching bass and I thought things may get interesting at lunch when Dave Claydon referred to a large flat rock at our lunch spot as "Initiation Rock". Not sure whether Dave's commentary about what was done on the rock was more disturbing or the fact that Daniel indicated that he was not yet a member of Bass Sydney but would like to join.

Soon after lunch I heard a squeal of delight from Dave Claydon and quickly looked around to check that Daniel was OK. Dave had secured a 390 on a homemade lure, which added to his 360 to give him the big fish award for the group.

Bit quiet for the rest of us after lunch and Ash only got two all afternoon.

Ashley with one of many...



After we had said our goodbyes to Dave and Daniel (who is a hot prospect for the smallest fish that came in at about 3 mm and lost its head during the attempted release), Ash took me back to my car and sure enough, another session was discussed. By this stage, we were comparing neck pains and wind burns and Ash had a couple of blisters, but the thought of another good evening session beckoned.

The fish were on again and I followed Ash into the first pool where he bagged a couple. I had a ball on the surface with plenty of splashes and a couple of nice fish landed. I had an onlooker when a 302 gave two huge splashes before devouring my surface lure – I tried to look cool to the onlooker as though this happened regularly, but was screaming yippee on the inside.

We ran into Al Fowkes and Barry and then continued on for a couple more hours. I caught up to Ash just as he was bringing a 314 into his yak. We turned around and paddled and dragged back up through the rapids in the dark, inhaled a few bugs that were attracted to the headlamps, had a few casts over the weed beds and finally limped out of the water at 8:25 pm on Sunday night.

Overall tally for Ash over two days, 70 bass and one dog (which he collected in front of its owner just up from one of our exit points). That was one hell of an achievement in some pretty tough conditions but the dog is going to be OK.

Bill Raffle

My BassCatch was much more pedestrian, but I had a good time fishing with member Greg Rouland for my first Nepean bass outing this season... (The Ed)

Greg & Tham's BassCatch Sunday

Greg and I were going to do an overnighter from Penrith to Devlins for the BassCatch, but we wimped out on the Saturday. The more benign conditions on Sunday saw us meet at Devlins at 6:30am to fish together out of Greg's canoe for the day. When we got there, we met Chris from Springwood who had already caught a couple. We wasted little time at Devlins before moving upstream. The plan was to go upstream to the Smiths Rd/Yellomundi Reserve pool and back down the western channel. Ashley had told me that the water level is up and the western channel is flowing.

Water level was definitely higher than "normal" and some of the riffles were quite difficult to push up against. Luckily, a younger, leaner and fitter Greg actually dragged the canoe up a few riffles with me sitting pretty. I was thinking I could get used to this! *Mush! Mush!*



It was a cool morning and the fishing was slow on the way up the channel. I managed 4 fish on the way up, including my 2 best fish of the day (356 & 323), both on a prototype Dreamfish twin-arm buzzbait. I was very impressed with the way this buzzer worked – it needed less speed and I'm convinced that the hookup rate is better with the hook riding perfectly upwards and probably a little lower in the water. Most standard buzzbaits actually ride with the hook pointing largely sideways and higher in the water. The lower speed requirement meant that I was able to fish it comfortably with my baitcaster. Since then, Rod Cumming has included them in his expanded range of Dreamfish products. They are called the "Twin BuzzSpin" on his webstore. I used the 1/8oz model and it was plenty heavy enough to cast on the baitcaster.

Greg missed out on the way up and we got to the pool and saw that it was being fished by a couple of guys that launched from the Yellomundi Reserve. I presumed one of the people was Garry Blount and that they had worked over the pool already. We started fishing and Greg was soon on the scoreboard. His new 1/8oz standard buzzbait was soon blooded with his first ever buzzbait bass. He would go on to get a few more on the buzzer for the day.

We fished the big pool until about lunch time when we decided to head back downstream via the western channel. It was a mistake – we should have stayed on the big pool as the trip back to Devlins and the next 3hrs was fishless. Garry Blount & companion were just leaving as we were leaving the pool and we would have had the place to ourselves. O well! Its easy being smart after the event! When we got back to Devlins, it was like Pitt St with several kayaks fishing it. We stuck at it there until about 7pm and called it a day.



After 12hrs on the water, I ended up with 16, 6 on the twin-arm buzzbait and 5 each on crankbaits and a 1/8oz white spinnerbait. It was only my first bass trip on the Nepean and the 3rd bassin' session for this season. At least I finally cracked the 30cm mark for the 1st time this season. Greg recovered from his slow start and caught up with 15, caught mainly on the buzzbait and a Knols Native. It was nice sharing a canoe with someone, but unlike being on the kayak, I was very sore from sitting on the canoe for so long.

My 2 best buzzbait fish –

the 356



& a chunky 323



Greg's first buzzbait bass-



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BASS WARS a true story?

By Albi-wan Kenizzi

Episode 1: "Wing Man is missing".

It started on a river far, far away. Dave C (Dog Handler) had met up with other members of the Inner Circle to try and find Wild Bass water. He had travelled many hours in his speeder to meet with Milton L (The Negotiator) the freighter pilot along with Garnet N (Wing Man), and Alan I (Navigator). At a secret location now known as Bellbrook they organised and made their plans. They would travel further upriver to the great unknowns and meet up with Nev L (Sad Sack) and Anthony H (Techno Geek), to mount an assault on the wild Bass known to hide out in that region. But before they could do that, they had to find some places from which to mount their attack and also a form an escape plan. It was decided that before they left that Wing Man would travel with Dog Handler in the speeder while "Negotiator" and "Navigator" would travel in the freighter. After some hours of travel Negotiator was sent in to assess the possibility of an escape route, he was accompanied by Navigator while Dog Handler and Wing Man secured the outer perimeter, a job they performed many times.

At a second location while Negotiator was hard at work Dog Handler enticed a savage pack of dogs (Fifi, Bobby & Nancy) away, so Negotiator could perform his task without distraction. Negotiator did such a good job that access was gained through a gate onto such rough territory that the freighter could pass, but the speeder was not able to travel on. Wing Man did the job of opening the gate to allow Negotiator and Navigator the opportunity to travel through and determine an escape route. On completion of this mission, Wing Man once again manned the gate to allow the others to pass, while Dog Handler moved his speeder out of the way to allow the freighter to pass unhindered. Unbeknown to the warriors in the freighter Dog Handler decided to lure the crazed pack of dogs away from them to allow them to escape unharmed. Unfortunately, he did not inform his comrades and Wing

Man was left at the gate, alone, afraid, and at the mercy of the crazed rabid pack. Wing Man, with a skill honed by many years of serious disappointment, for he had seen Dog Handler in action many times, found a shady tree to sit under and wait, for he knew that his MATES would not leave him there indefinitely. When the others finally arrived at their destination, the mysterious and dark Bass Lodge, asked the question, "WHERE'S GARNIE"? The penny dropped, he mistake, what should he do? "Wing man" was out there alone and did not even have a Shimano Graphite rod & Daiwa Gold Cast reel white 3/8oz Chatterbait tied to 15lb mono to defend himself.

There were so many questions:

Would Wing Man survive? Would the rabid pack feast on his flesh arrived?

Would Dog Handler have the nerve to face the pack again?

Who would mount the rescue operation?

Was the beer cold enough?

Which bed was I going to sleep in?

Don't miss episode 2: titled "Dave drives back"!



Dog Handler realised his unarmed, he with a trusty

before rescue

"The savage pack"

Episode 2: "Dave drives back".

The story so far: Dave (Dog Handler) Claydon has reached the upper limits of the Macleay system to take the battle to the wild Bass that are known to lurk there. When he arrived he realised that he had left his Wing Man (Garnet Noble) behind at the last stopping place. The story continues.....

Dog Handler jumps into his Millennium Commodore (the Falcon was in the shop for repairs, typical Ford) and sets off to rescue Wing Man. He returns about 40 minutes later with Wing Man intact, due to his unmitigated survival skills he was able to avoid the dog pack. Dog Handler tried to explain his actions, but no one was listening, he was looked upon as a Richard Cranium, not the hero he thought himself. After many cooling ales things quietened down at **The Lodge** and then the other 2 warriors arrived, the techno twins Nev (Sad Sack) & Anthony (Techno Geek), all the squad were now present and accounted for. The 2 new chums had arrived in a speeder converted into a freighter, as Techno Geek mentioned, if it's been invented Sad Sack has it, and he just happened to bring it with him this trip. That evening we held a council of war and decided on a plan of action for the next day. As Dog Handler and the Negotiator knew the ground, it was decided to leave the 2 freighters at the last escape point code-named "Dyke", Dog Handler would transport the 2 pilots back to the start point "George", after a head check of course.

Day 2: After the drop off and arrival back at the start point, it was decided to push on with the expedition. The river was up and flowing well, the first rapid was only about 300 meters away, we had to have everything shipshape before we set off. Sad Sack had to make some adjustments to the gear onboard his Bass fighting capsule - his Global Positioning System had to be calibrated, his sonar installed and checked, his radio communication system tested and ready at hand, his espresso machine filled & primed and his on board music system loaded, oh, and some fishing gear as well. All was well as we pushed off 1/2 an hour later. As the Navigator, I assumed the lead position into the first rapid, the disturbance was a trifle rough, a bit like riding a leaf in a washing machine, but I picked the right line and led the others through, so far so good. A couple of the men had an influx of fluid into their fighting capsules, a bit disturbing as I thought that the first rapid was not too bad, what was to come?

We started seeking the Wild bass ASAP and it was Wing Man who had first contact. Others soon followed,



as did more fluid disturbance and a lot more intake of same. We had to stop and empty our capsules a couple of times and Sad Sack had to make some running repairs at one point. The battle raged all day with all members of the squad scoring kills except one, he was too busy checking his gear to really get into the fight. Some of the rapids could not be traversed so we had to have our capsules beamed around them and then re-enter the fray

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downstream, very tiring work, but somebody had to do it and we were all very keen volunteers for this dangerous mission.

At the end of the day we had scored 34 kills, the biggest 485mm and the smallest 85mm, shame Techno, and 3 being over the 400 mark, not a bad total we thought considering the conditions. As we were reloading the capsules onto the freighters for the return trip, the heavens opened and it did not stop raining all night and most of the next day, this put an end to our mission, things just got too rough, and the river came up another 1.5m, ensuring that our capsules were far too small for these conditions.

This part of the war had ended, but it was only 1 battle, there is plenty more to come. That night we pondered the eternal question, "Is it too cold and wet to drink beer?" The answer was never completely resolved, some were for and some against. As we prepared dinner in the mess Wing Man asked for a can opener, it was suspected Dog Handler had hidden the supplied implement, and he needed to open a can of rations. Navigator found said implement in a drawer, all was well. Dog Handler retreated into his fridge where he kept the VB. The talk of the day's activities became more and more animated. All 6 warriors were tired from a hard day's work and retreated to their bunks early. During the night, Navigator had to get up to answer a call of nature and due to the darkness of **The Lodge** was heard to bump into a door jam. Techno thought that was funny, Navigator was not so sure, it bloody well hurt. The main lesson learned that day was by Sad Sack, as he was heard to say: "Evidently I am not punching it in there far enough" ????. Well helloooo sailor! Obviously HE would never leave his mates "behind".

Day 3: Rain.



The Bass were safe today. However, the beer must have been cold enough. Things got a little quiet during the day, all talk and no work. Techno gave Navigator a 10 minute explanation on, well? I don't know what really, he lost me after the first sentence. I just sat there trying to look intelligent; I don't think that worked all that well either.



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Day 4: Returned to HQ via the Williams River, where we met up with the rest of the battalion, nothing much happening there, river dirty allowing the Bass to maintain their secrecy.

The End.

Starring: Dave Claydon as "Dog Handler", Milton Lazarus as "The Negotiator", Garnet Noble as "Wing Man", Neville Lelo as "Sad Sack", Anthony Hutt as "Techno Geek" & Alan Izzard as "The Navigator".

Alan Izzard

**Next Meeting is the Christmas Dinner !
Tuesday 14th December @ The New
Empress Chinese restaurant, cnr Marsden
Rd & Victoria Rd. West Ryde**

**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year**

Parramatta River Bass Catch Map



Legend:

- Thick red bars are the weirs. From the top of the page these are the Upstream Weir (the only one without a fishway so far), the Kiosk Weir and the Marsden Street Weir. Charles Street Weir is just beyond the downstream limit of the map.
- Reach numbers are in red – Reach 1 is Toongabbie Creek (the left fork heading upstream from limit of map) and Reach 2 is Darling Mills Creek (right fork). There is a reach 4 below Charles Street Weir but no practical way to fish it given the watercraft exclusion zone between there and Silverwater Bridge (though you could have throw from the bank right at the weir and probably from parklands on the southern side).
- Easiest access is at the Kiosk Weir. From here you can fish upstream or downstream. Getting up over the Upstream Weir to Reach 3A is easy. Getting down over Marsden Street Weir to Reach 3D would be do-able.
- Access to Reaches 1,2 and 3A is also relatively simple from the bottom of Brelogail Street in Northmead. Park in the street with no time limit and, walking down towards the creek, turn right into parklands. You'll only need to drag your kayak about 30 metres before angling down the bank to the bottom of a riffle and some easy launch sites.

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