

G'day to you all,

I hope that this email finds all you folk in the northern hemisphere coming out of your oh so cold winter into spring and starting to think about fishing again.

A little while ago I sent out an email about the "Tiger Hut" accommodation and free guiding service being offered by our Inland Fisheries Service www.ifs.tas.gov.au there have been some questions from the various countries and the following gives some more detail about the place.

The Tiger hut is located at an elevation of 1000m ASL and is on the western side of the Great Lake basically in the heart of Tasmania's trout fishing area the Tiger Hut ideally would suite teams with visitors who would prefer simpler pre event accommodation.

"The Tiger Hut consists of 5 bedrooms with 4 beds in each. There are two shower rooms with two toilets in each and a kitchen and two living areas. Guest would need to come prepared with their own supermarket food and their drinks. Plenty of lovely fresh drinking water on site. We will organise bedding. It would be best if guests could organize their own rent-a-car (remember that Europcar www.europcar.com.au are our event sponsors) just to give themselves some mobility and freedom but we will be able to shuttle them around in our 4WD vehicles to fishing locations.

We will aim to give them a range of fishing opportunities based on the weather conditions at the time. The IFS has a number of active fishermen that will be available and keen to guide our guests."

Chris and his team are happy to work in with any arrangements and teams need not commit to long term stays. This accommodation is offered basically free of charge.

It may suite for some teams to stay else ware and just spend a day with Chris's team.

However to help Chris get his plans sorted he would need to have some commitment from the teams.

Chris's email is: Chris.Wisniewski@ifs.tas.gov.au

If I could say again this is a tremendous and generous offer from the IFS service and as a visiting angler you will be treated to some of the best we have to offer.

There are attached some pics of the Tiger Hut to give you some idea of the place.

Also for those who are familiar with Peter Hayes Lowlands Lodge which just oozes fly fishing has also become available and here is a rundown on this place.

Peter's description follows: www.peterhayesflyfishing.com

"The lodge is 25 minutes from Launceston proper, 5 minutes from the township of Cressy and 10 minutes to Longford with major shops and supermarkets, hotels etc.

The lodge has a large communal kitchen that your team could use for all meals as well as two outside BBQ areas. I have a caterer that could prepare your evening meals at a cost if you like.

I have 10 twin single bedrooms of which one is a room that I occupy. The lodge also has a conference room that seats 20 and this is ideal as a fly tying area.

All in all I think I have the perfect venue for any of the commonwealth teams to stay in.

Malcolm talked to me the other day about having Team Scotland stay here for the period leading up to the event at which time all the teams will move into accommodation on the outskirts of Launceston together." At the Country club villas. www.countryclubtasmania.com.au

Also I(Malcolm)have a couple of team hosts who are offering their high country accommodation free for teams ,so all in all I hope that I am conveying to you all that there are many options for your pre event accommodation.

Talking with my travel agent and I guess that many of you will know this many airlines (Qantas being one) offer group travel packages for groups of 10 or more so you should consider this when doing your bookings.

Lastly I have to say that as a result of calling for Expressions of Interest, and the response being fantastic, at this stage there are nearly a sure 14 teams from 11 different countries with at least two more countries still working on it.

There are no dead lines at this stage but the positive response will allow me and my committee to now scope out the event.

I hope that the info above is of help to you all and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards



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