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# No Water Worries at Copeton Dam; Fishing & Dam Activities More Popular than Ever!

Reflections Holiday Parks Copeton Waters is the place to be this winter, with lower dam levels than usual not deterring anyone from enjoying the dam and popular holiday park.

Park Manager Paul Irwin said the current water level of 10.6% has not deterred people from the park and enjoying the dam. Recent fishing competitions and a period of fine winter days have seen an influx of people into the park.

"Water levels of 10.6% at Copeton Dam still mean a whopping 144.584 Megalitres which is equivalent to 57,833 Olympic-sized swimming pools," Paul said. "That's more than enough water to 'play in' and enjoy all of the usual recreational activities at the dam."

"The water quality is also better than ever with WaterNSW downgrading Copeton Dam's Blue-Green Algae Red Alert to a low Amber. This should give families and dam users peace of mind."

"There's so much on offer at our park, aside from the excellent fishing and glorious winter camping, with our Golf Course, Jumping Pillow and Water Park perfect for kids of all ages."

"And don't forget the amazingly clear night sky that these winter nights gift us. Our park at Copeton is famous with campers who flock here to enjoy the peace and serenity around a campfire with the night sky shining in all its glory. Local star gazers love our park!"

Paul says he is looking forward to a busy few months ahead with weekend cabins booking out fast. "Copeton is a well-known hot spot for fishing and now is the perfect time for Top Water fishing with metre-long cod being caught using surface lures," Paul said.

"I caught a nice 88cm cod a few days ago at 3:00am which was pretty cool – I released it after puckering up and giving it a kiss. I think my lips froze. My six-year old daughter also caught her first-ever cod last week and she is still talking about it. You can't beat that for a memorable childhood experience. Even my Aunty Anna Armour got in on the act with a whopping 99.3cm cod-father."

"The annual 'Keepit Kool' Sailing Regatta is also being held at Copeton this year over the June long weekend. This is the 51<sup>st</sup> year of this event and will bring competitors from as far away as Lake Macquarie to attend."

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"I love this place and so do our guests. It is the perfect gateway to the wider area, with an array of national parks to explore and my home town of Inverell just a short drive away."

Cosy up in a cabin or campsite and enjoy one of the greatest regional destinations NSW has to offer. To book an inspiring stay at Copeton Waters visit <a href="www.reflectionsholidayparks.com.au">www.reflectionsholidayparks.com.au</a>.

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Park Manager's daughter, Sienna Irwin (6yrs) with her first-ever cod catch last week at Copeton Dam. Not a bad sort Sienna!

Reflections Holiday Parks Copeton Waters Manager Paul Irwin with Aunty Anna Armour and their recent 99.3cm mega catch.

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#### **About Reflections Holiday Parks**

Reflections manages the operations of 37 holiday parks and community reserves on Crown land throughout NSW. Formed in 2013 to consolidate the operations of 28 coastal and nine inland holiday parks and reserves located on Crown land throughout NSW, the Group incorporated three holiday park brands, (*North Coast Holiday Parks, South Coast Holiday Parks and Inland Waters Holiday Parks)*, under its corporate banner, *Crown Holiday Parks*.

Rebranded to *Reflections Holiday Parks* in February 2018, the Group brings its 37 holiday and community parks on Crown land under the one unified banner. The group is a not-for-profit organisation and reinvests its surplus funds across all its holiday and community parks, so visitors and regional communities can keep enjoying these pristine locations. The vision of *Reflections Holiday Parks* is to inspire all who visit

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