

Tabourie Memories: Neil Kaye 1970s

The story of that is that it was May school holidays 1973. The Lake was very very full, and the council had chosen not to open the lake with a bulldozer. Many locals were not happy. A group of local and holidaying kids decided we could dig a small channel by hand in the sand and open the lake. So, we just started digging. Some thought we were wasting our time, and some locals were cross that we would manage to let a little bit of water out and then the council would definitely not open the lake.

Anyway, we persisted all day by hand until some local kids went home and returned with a couple of garden spades. By late afternoon we had a channel a few inches wide trickling water into the end of North beach. By the time we went home for dinner it was a couple of feet wide and a couple of inches deep and flowing steadily. Overnight gravity and the tide worked their magic. By morning when the photos were taken the lake was fully open and water was rushing out. Fishermen from the camping ground were using it to take their tinnies out to sea to fish. It was very exciting.



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Neil Kaye and Colin Jones on the lake shore

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Neil Kaye with a flathead caught off Crampton Island



Neil's Mum Margaret Kaye with a Castaway Holiday Units