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Ridgeline clothing produces the goods

Ridgeline began life as a New Zealand owned and operated outdoor clothing brand in mind 1992 out of a desire to cater to what Kiwi outdoors people needed — clothing that was warm, light, comfortable and able to handle the rigors of the harsh New Zealand environment.

Innovation and an attention to detail has seen Ridgeline become the market leader in quality, specialist outdoor clothing that caters to fishermen, hunters and outdoors enthusiast alike.

The popularity of Ridgeline clothing has spread to four continents including New Zealand, Australia, Africa and Europe.

Like all the top brands Ridgeline offers a layering system, designed to handle all weather

conditions, through to specialist jackets like, “*the mother of all jackets*”, the **Torrent**. The Torrent Jacket is ideal for the harshest environments while also being a stylish enough garment to wear around town on frigid winter days.

If you’re looking for added warmth without extra weight the **Ridgeline Micro Fleece Long Sleeve Shirt** fits the bill.



Light weight and compact enough to pack all day it’s the perfect choice to wear as a light pullover or under waders. or the **Torrent jacket**. The

capillary action of fleece ensures it dries quick and stays warm.

Ridgeline haven’t left out the hunters amongst us either. The new Buffalo camouflage offers a good blend of natural shades to break up your outline and get you in close to your quarry.

The full range of Ridgeline clothing is available through Field and Stream Australia at 4/242 Bong Bong st, Bowral NSW 2576 or through our website www.huntinggearonline.com.au

Archery hits the spot!

It seems that Archery or more precisely, bow hunting, is once again increasing in popularity.

The invent of the ‘NSW Game Council and the resulting access to numerous state forests in NSW means that somewhere to hunt legally is as simple as a getting an ‘R’ license and booking your hunt



Shown With Package

Brace Height: 7-7/16"
Axle-to-axle: 31-1/2"
Weight: 4.2 lbs.
Let-off: 65-80%
IBO Speed: 304 fps



Today, bow hunters have a lot of quality gear at affordable prices available and none offer better value than the PSE Stinger package, pictured.

Bow hunting packages start from \$399.00 at Field and Stream Australia, 4/242 Bong Bong St Bowral NSW 2576 or through our website www.huntinggearonline.com.au

Menacing Carp

There's no doubt our inland waterways would be better off without the European Carp.

European Carp have been declared a noxious fish because they damage the natural environment of native fish species by their "grubbing" through river sediment for food which uproots and destroys aquatic vegetation.

As a result once a Carp is caught it is a fisheries regulation that it is not returned to the water.

To combat the spread of the European Carp through our local waterways, we are running a monthly "Catch a Carp Competition" in store.

To enter, simply bring your Carp into the shop for measuring and the angler who catches the longest Carp each month will receive a \$50.00 Field and Stream Australia Gift Voucher.

The winner for July was Stephen Saurine who measured in a 65cm fish.

So, dust off your fishing tackle

and give Nathan (pictured) a hand at ridding our waterways of this pest.



Nathan and his 35cm European Carp

Don't forget our in store monthly Carp competitions. You could win a \$50.00

Did you know the Red Fox was introduced into Australia in 1855 for recreational hunting. They are now the most widely distributed feral animal in Australia.

Foxes running amuck in the Highlands

With low wild fur prices over the past several winters, foxes are in plague proportions over much of the NSW Southern Highlands.

Cattle farmers calving this winter reported an increased rate of fox predation on new born calves and in a number of instances cows were also attacked in the process of calving.

With wild rabbit numbers low throughout much of the area foxes have turned their attention to residential chicken coops and it is not uncommon to see foxes in the suburban streets during the early morning or late evenings.

Traditional control methods include shooting and poisoning although shooting remains the most human with the least long term impact on the environment



Trout season is just around the corner

Craig with a NSW Southern Highlands Rainbow Trout



The opening of the NSW Trout season is scheduled for the first weekend in October .

Good winter rains have seen a lot of fish move into the river to spawn and these fish should hang

around the river systems throughout spring and early summer ensuring a great opening weekend

After a cold winter fish will be actively seeking food and this is most likely to be small fish and yabbies. Flies and lures that imitate this food source should prove effective.

If your into fly fishing flies like Woolly Buggers in black or olive would be the go but don't overlook Glo Bugs as fish will still be actively feeding on fish eggs. For lures, try small minnow patterns for best results.

Guided Fly Flyfishing with Field and Stream Australia

As part of the continued growth of Field and Stream Australia, we have introduced Guided Fly Fishing trips to the NSW Snowy Mountains region.

Aimed at novices who wish to experience the excitement and thrill of casting to wild trout, these trips will leave Bowral on Friday evenings and return on Sunday evening. Pricing includes transport, cabin style accommodation within walking distance to the Eucumbene river and all food and drinks.

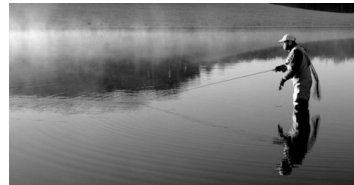
Anglers are welcome to bring their gear or we can provide the latest quality fly fishing equipment.

We can cater for small groups of up to four (4) anglers.

Prices start from \$375.00 per person per day, one on one. Group price is available on request

For more information contact Craig Golding , 0412 493 842

or drop into the shop at 4/242 Bong Bong Street, Bowral.



Early morning on a NSW high country lake. Photo courtesy of mkimages

Dome tents offer more user friendly space as they have more “corners” providing more usable space than “A” frame tents

Tents - your home away from home

No single piece of equipment is more important to a remote back packing trip than a tent.

Many remote trips, and family holidays, have been ruined by leaking tents, tents blowing down in a gale or failing to keep out biting insects like mosquitoes and sand flies.

Generally tents come in two styles, one being the “A” frame

and the other the dome styles.

Dome tents have become the design of choice for many as they are easy to pitch, they are available in a wide range of sizes and they have more usable space than traditional “A” frame designs.

Most dome tents have a vestibule which is indispensable during inclement weather where it can be used for cooking, storing wet gear

or as a mud room.

Ensure your tent has plenty of ventilation in the form of midge proof fly screens and/or a skylight vent. This will ensure clothes and sleeping bags remain drier and there will be less of a “musty” smell during periods of prolonged rain.

Follow these tips and your camping trip will set off in the right direction.

Are you interested in Red Deer hunting?

The **R.I.D.G.E** (research into deer genetics and environment)**Group** has announced details of the 2011 Red Deer Ballot to be conducted over the March/April period of 2011 in Southern Queensland.

The **RIDGE** Group was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organisation with the aim of

instigating a self funding, self sustainable management system for the wild Red Deer of Queensland.

The **RIDGE Group** actively promotes the co-operation between land owners and hunters by providing legal access to properties through a balloted hunting system.

Ballot forms for the 2011 season are available now.

For more information contact Clark McGhie on 0429 688192 or drop into the shop at 242 Bong Bong St Bowral or call us on 0412 493842





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Field and Stream Australia specialises in Hunting, Fishing, Camping and Outdoor related products.

We have over 30 years active experience in the shooting and fishing sports and more than 20 years in the hunting, fishing and outdoor industries.

Our website www.huntinggearonline.com.au caters for all aspects of outdoor life and focuses on quality products at affordable prices.

We are supporting members of the SSAA, ADA, Shooters Party, The RIDGE Group and we support the incentives of the NSW Game Council.

Field and Stream Australia supports the sustainable use of our environment.

Mega kayak Caught Barramundi

Ex Goildburn boy John Davis now residing in Rockhampton QLD, sent me through this photo of his 60lb lure caught Lake Monduran barramundi recently.

John spent the day trolling and casting for barramundi with no result until paddling back to the boat ramp well after dark.

As John tells it he was within 300m of the ramp when the water in front of his Hobie kayak erupted. The water movement was so great that his kayak "dropped" into the boiling white water and as the lure swam through the strike zone the hook up was immediate.

The 60lb fish left the water in a series of acrobatics and it was well over an hour before the fish was boat side.

During this time John and his kayak were towed back and forth across the dam.

The trip back to the boat ramp took an hour as John balanced the massive fish across his lap.

John said that although there were fish showing up on the sounder in all the likely spots throughout the day



John Davis's 60lb, kayak caught, Lake Monduran barramundi.



it wasn't till night fall that they started actively feeding.

Sixty pound barra don't come easy. To take such a fish from a kayak is a once in lifetime achievement. Well done John.

