

# Ricky Lehman

Growing up in Meander a small country town, there were no movie theatres, bowling alleys or malls to hang out in so you make your own fun, Ricky went fishing. In summer " I would strap my hand me down spinning rod to the bike and pedal the five minutes to the river."

At age 10, a favourite uncle introduced Ricky to the fly rod. On his first outing, a trip to Lake Leake, Ricky caught a bag full of red fin perch and from then on he was hooked on the "fly."

Ricky still lives in the same country town, not five minutes from the Meander River. Less than an hour away are Central Highlands famous for its wild brown trout. Ricky believes his Tasmania is one of the world's best fly fishing destinations. Opportunities abound and perfect summer nights will see him finish work and drive the one hour into the western lakes to hunt the "evening rise."

***"My experience in the varied waters of Tasmania's rivers and lakes is excellent training for the variety of challenges that a fly fisherman confronts in competition."***

Ricky started competitive fly fishing in 2004 and has since produced consistent high finishes in state and national championships.

## **Competition fly fishing experience**

2004-Australian FFC - Silver medal individual

2005-Australian FFC - 18th-silver medal team comp'

2006-Australian FFC - Silver medal individual

- Gold medal team comp'

World FFC Portugal-Australian team member

Commonwealth FFC Wales-Australian team member

Ricky is the youngest member of the team, but his fishing abilities are suited to the competition waters of New Zealand; ***"I feel that it is a privilege and an honour to once again represent my country in 2008."***