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Newsletter – Nov 2009

Coming Events

Wed 11 Oct – next meeting – Stuart talking on his recent trip to far north Queensland

Sat/Sun 21-22 Nov – Bass fishing at the South Coast – location to be confirmed

Tree Planting – 18 Oct

Well many more than we expected turned up from the club for our latest foray into environmental care. The emerging Capital Region Fishing Alliance organised a morning planting trees on the banks of the Murrumbidgee near Tharwa. I think 12 members including the entire Bray and Fuchs clans prepared holes, planted trees and watered in. Can only hope that most survive our efforts.









Fishing Reports – Peter

From: detoor

Sent: Sunday, 25 October 2009 7:51 AM

Subject: RE: Fishing memoir of interest?

Good water in goodradigbee but only managed to pull out small fish (up to 30cm) but all in very good nick both bos and browns, Monday water was very high and I was unable to cross river , Friday water level had dropped but I had plenty of action without crossing river but still unable to wade in some places as current was so strong. All fish taken on copper john floated 45 cm below a dry fly.. so in many places I wasn't getting to the bottom. Most of the fish caught in close to edge where weed was hanging over banks .. lost a couple that dived into the weed on the edges. Road to picadilly is good but between Piccadilly and gentle Annie track is very rough .

Fishing Reports – Michael

From: michael

Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2009 12:24 PM

i know its a bit early but heres a few pics from a duke of Edinburgh trip i took near louth on the darling river recently for the next newsletter...





Lyle Knowles – 10-11 Oct

Ian, Peter, Allan, Kelly and Bill ended up fishing together near Sawyers Hut. Fishing was quite hard (Bill never managed to land one, though all others did !) with fish quite deep and mainly accessible in the stiller pools due to the flows. Certainly not what we've experienced in other years nor what had been said about the opening.



Kelly shows off one of her multiple successes.



Alan on again – note the slower water but also the size of the river.



Subarus rule – Ian's down by the river at Sawyer's Hut.



One of Ian's fish.



Bill retrieving one of his 'secret flies' – little help that they were on the day – next photos shows one of the four on but none landed!



Lake and River Data

There is NSW river height, trend and flood data on the Bureau of Meteorology website at http://www.bom.gov.au/hydro/flood/nsw/rain_river.shtml.

Snowy lake levels, including graphs of comparisons with past years, are available on the Snowy Hydro website www.snowyhydro.com.au.

Hawkweed threat in Snowy Mountains

The National Parks and Wildlife Service says hawkweed has become a menace in Kosciuszko National Park.

Hawkweed is a noxious plant with an attractive flower and is often found near former Snowy Hydro construction villages. Bushwalkers and other park users are being asked to record the location of the weed but not to remove it without professional advice.



Signs are being placed at major track heads showing people what the flower looks like and hopefully people will advise KNP management if they see the plant anywhere.

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 14 Oct 2009

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Members present: Ian, Bill, Stefan, Max, Charlie, Mark S, Norm, Randy, Alan, Derek, Greg, Peter, Stuart, Mark F, Martin, Bob, Col, Lyle (new member) and Kelly.

Apologies: Damien H, Fiore, Claire and Bruce.

Ian declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes read.

Treasurer's Report

\$3,066 at bank – less outstanding debts have in order of \$2,500.

Fly Casting

President noted that he had not formally congratulated and thanked all who were involved in this most successful activity. Especial thanks went to Mark S and Mark F for instruction and flies respectively, to Chris at the trout farm for allowing us on the water in

these challenging times, to Bryan Pratt for the major raffle prize and to Bob for the barbeque. Bob's continued support to the club over the years was particularly recognized since he is about to leave Canberra semi-permanently.

Lyle Knowles – 10/11 Oct

Eucumbene River was running hard. Five members fished around Sawyers Hut with four doing OK.

Brogo – 21-22 Nov

Brogo is even lower than last year (though fishing well). Will make a decision next meeting on possible alternative location. Derek suggested Tallowa Dam.

Other Business

Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach is looking for volunteers to assist with tree planting on Sun 18 Oct.

Capital Region Fishing Alliance meeting to be held on Monday 19 Oct. Motion (raised Ian, seconded Stuart) was passed to authorize CAA to contribute \$100 towards the establishment/incorporation of the CRFA.

An animated discussion on the idea of bringing forward the trout stream opening ensued. Motion (raised Greg, seconded Kelly) that the Secretary informs NSWCFR and CRFA formally of our club's objection to this idea. Words along the lines of: "CAA has discussed the idea being floated of bringing forward the opening of trout streams to 1 Sep. The club is totally against this idea as it believes it would have a devastating impact on wild trout population and reproduction."

Assuming there may be an opportunity to contribute to changes in fishing regulations, members are asked to provide ideas to Bill for further discussion in the club.

Secretary forewarned he will raise at next meeting the idea of purchasing a web address (domain name) and commercial web site hosting rather than using his personal web space.

Closure

President declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 11 Nov 2009.

Guest Speaker

Derek gave an interesting talk about his passion for kayak fishing.

Ian
President

Bill
Secretary