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Newsletter – Jun 2011

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 8 Jun – quite early

Next Outing: “Lakes” (likely to be Buckenderra) – 18-19 Jun (note that Stefan is now organising)

“Life Jacket” Rules

At the May meeting, Alan raised the point that rules for wearing of personal floatation devices had changed. As it happens, this is not particularly recent (November last year) but there has been quite a lot of changes.

All the news is at <http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/lifejacket.html>

It is important to note the definitions of the three types (1 is the most capable and will support your head out of the water if unconscious – some inflatable PFDs are indeed Type 1). The definitions are given here

http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/lifejacket_types.html



Type 1



Type 2



Type 3

A table summarising all the rules is below, note the special requirements for the alpine waters.

WHAT LIFEJACKET AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR ON MY RECREATIONAL VESSEL?

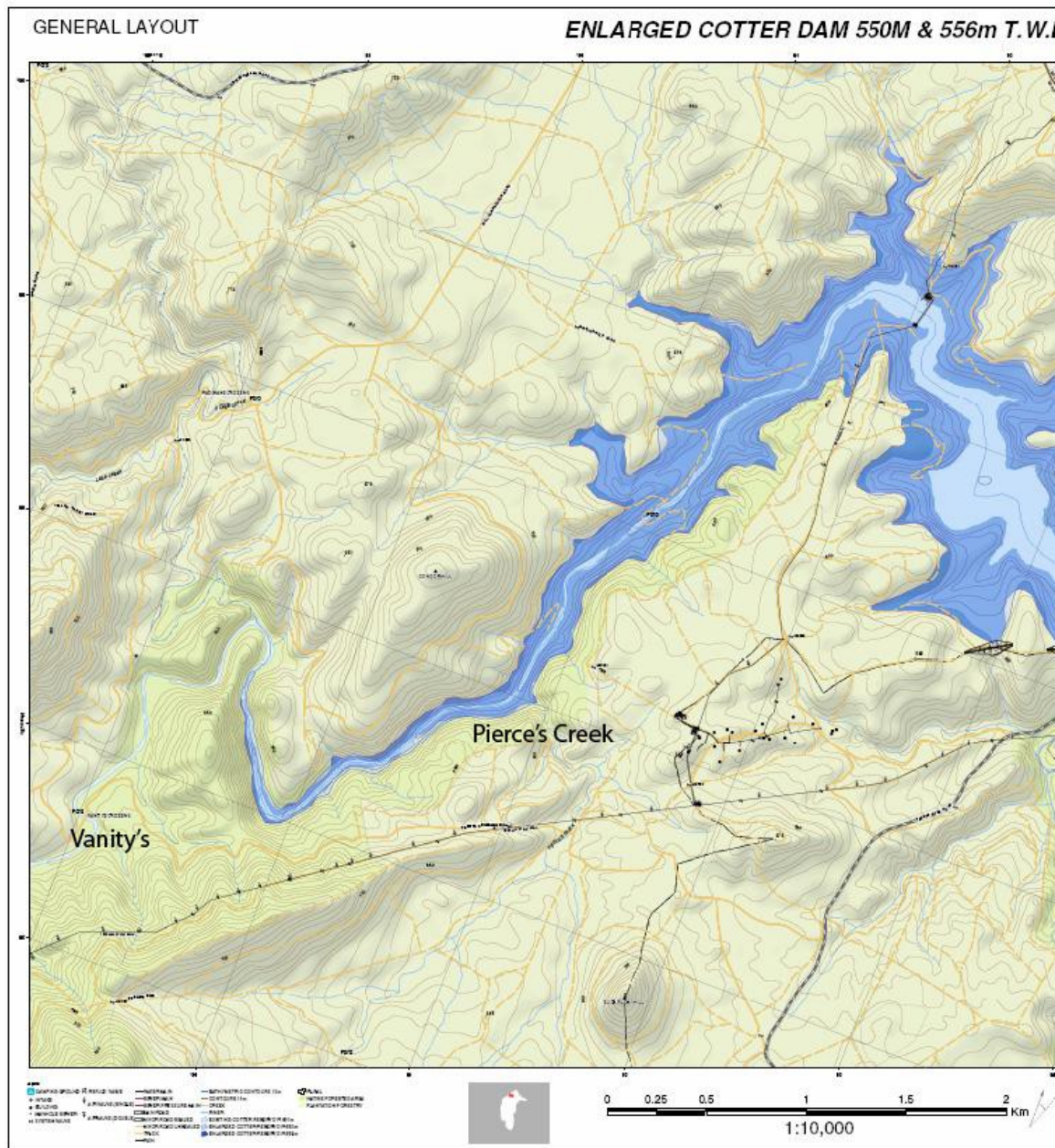
BOATING ACTIVITY/ VESSEL TYPE	SITUATION	LIFEJACKET OPTIONS
Children under 12 years of age	• At all times in a vessel under 4.8m	
	• When in an open area of a vessel 4.8m to 8m that is under way: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On enclosed water 	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open (ocean) waters	type 1
	• On alpine waters	type 1 or 2
On all boats less than 4.8m (unless specified below)	• All occupants on enclosed waters when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating at night 	type 1, 2 or 3
	• Boating alone	type 1, 2 or 3
	• At all times on open waters	type 1
	• At all times if the vessel is being used more than 400m from the shore to transport persons or goods between the shore and a vessel, or between vessels.	type 1, 2 or 3
	• At all times on alpine waters	type 1 or 2
When wearing waders	All vessels on alpine waters	type 1
All towing	Anyone being towed at all times on all waters	type 1, 2 or 3
Canoes and kayaks	• On enclosed waters more than 100m from shore	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open waters at all times	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On alpine waters at all times	type 1 or 2
Off the beach sailing vessel (eg catamaran & centreboard boats)	All occupants on open and alpine waters at all times	type 1 or 2
Sailboarding	When more than 400m from shore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On enclosed waters 	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open and alpine waters	type 1 or 2
Kiteboarding	When more than 400m from shore & kiting alone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On enclosed waters 	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open waters	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On alpine waters	type 1 or 2
PWC (jetski)	• On enclosed waters at all times	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open and alpine waters at all times	type 1 or 2
	• Tow-in-surfer on open waters	type 1, 2 or 3
Crossing coastal bars	All vessels, everyone on board	type 1*
Skipper's responsibility	When the skipper considers a "heightened risk" situation exists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On enclosed waters 	type 1, 2 or 3
	• On open and alpine waters	type 1 or 2

*Unless specified elsewhere in this table

Enlarged Cotter Dam

At the May meeting, Alan also raised an interesting point that the new dam will extend a long way upstream from the current limit of fishing. The current rules declare prohibited waters “Cotter River and reservoir above the Cotter Dam wall up to the junction with Pierces Creek”.

The new dam will indeed flood that junction and extend to within 2 km of Vanity's Crossing. We'll need to pursue some questions on future revised rules. Presumably above Vanity's will still be available to fish, based on the approximately 2 km of previous buffer to protect native fish (Macquarie Perch?).



CRFA News

From: Shane Jasprizza
Sent: Friday, 13 May 2011 9:45 PM
Subject: CRFA at the ACT Budget

Members and supporters,

Today, Steve Samuels represented CRFA at the Legislative Assembly's Select Committee on Estimates (2011-12 Budget Hearing). Steve put forward a strong case for funding native fish stocking in response to the Government not providing funding in the 2011-12 Budget. He also spoke on habitat enhancement and carp reduction programs.

A Quicktime video of the session is available on the following website (scroll down to 4:27pm and click on the link *which is Steve's name*):
<http://committees.parliament.act.gov.au/business/recent>

Thanks to Steve for taking the time to attend on our behalf.

Regards

Shane

(Editor – Shane's description above worked for me, but below is an email from Steve himself that explains how he got the video to play. He has subsequently been advised that audio / visual evidence will be removed on 30 June 2011 – suggest you look soon.)

From: Steven Samuels
Sent: Saturday, 14 May 2011 2:11 PM
Subject: FW: Committees on Demand - Estimates Trial

Dear all

As you may be aware I made a presentation to the Select Committee on Estimates yesterday (Friday 13th May) to ask that the government re-consider its decision not to fund our plan for fish stocking and research in the ACT.

The link <http://committees.parliament.act.gov.au/> will take you a pod cast of my presentation and Q&A session. It is a bit convoluted to get to, but use these hints and you should be able to see the action.

Click on the link. When the Committees page opens
Click on "Business" in the left hand column of selections.

Scroll down the list of names to Steven James Samuels (on the right you will see dates and times - I appeared on Friday 13th at 4.28pm.

Click on my name

On my computer the video screen stated that QuickTime needed permission to run the video plug-in - if you get this right click on your mouse and select "run plug-in"

The small screen should open up and the video will start - my presentation is the second one so you can sit through the first (which was about obesity and heart disease) - I make reference to this in my presentation that angling is a great way to get people out and about and contributes to a healthy life-style.

Sit back and watch.

For now we can only wait and see if we get a better result this budget.

Regards
Steve

Message from Charlie

Another Minnow

This Sturgeon was caught on the Pleasant Lake , Lapeer Michigan , this summer 2010. It weighed out at over 1,000 lbs and measured out at 11'1".

It was 56" around the girth and took over 6 and a half hours, and 4 dozen beers, for the 4 guys taking turns at reeling it in. Any Sturgeon OVER about five feet has to be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water. They are brood/breeding stock and probably older than most of us.



Michael and his “good citizen” status

One of our younger members has displayed his initiative in respect to damage to the fish ladder at Vanity's Crossing (thus revealing one of his frequent fishing spots 😊). CAA

and CRFA had, via Michael's suggestion, considered whether repair might be a suitable project under funding through the ACT Environment Grants. Meantime, Michael had contacted ACT Government himself. For those of you who haunt this place, would ask that you keep an eye on progress. Outcome is below:

From: michael
Sent: Saturday, 7 May 2011 7:39 AM
To: secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au
Subject: RE: Fishway - Vanity's Crossing

i emailed matt from environment ACT last week after visiting vanities crossing and taking some photos. this is the reply i got.

"Good Morning Michael

Thanks for the pictures of Vanities.

The Fishway was damaged in late 2010 when a large flood of greater than 20,000ML/day shifted a large amount of cobble and wood into the fishway blowing out the back wall. We are hopeful that a rebuild of the fishway will be undertaken during May which have been delayed by high flows over summer. The fishway should be back in action in time for the fish to need it. If you noted any build up of fish below the fish way please let me know."

Message from Stuart

[This is a true Bundy Rum Fishing Story.....](#)

BUNDY RUM (Bundaberg Rum) Queensland's famous product! Forget Jamaica or any other rubbish!

I finally got around to going fishing this morning but after a while I ran out of worms. Then I saw a King Brown snake with a frog in his mouth, and frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth; I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bitten. I grabbed my bottle of Bundaberg rum and poured a little rum in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp, and I released him into the lake without incident, and carried on my fishing with the frog. A little later I felt a nudge on my foot. There was that same snake with two frogs in his mouth!

Tumut Trip – 21-22 May

With Stefan away, Alan took up the reins. We stayed at the Blowering Holiday Park which is blessed with easy access to the river. The owners warned us that the 'river is up' – indeed it was running hard from bank to bank – Bill B managed to drown his walkie talkie when he was nearly washed downstream – his camera and mobile survived. Alan had forgotten his camera, so there are no photos from him (though he was probably too busy catching his 8+ fish in the riffle water on the other side from the caravan park – out of reach of Bill B!). Rest of us (other than Owen) had to settle for a lot less.



Dusk on the Tumut – taken by Bill L.



Steve and Bill B waiting for the evening rise – taken by Bill L



Steve's beautifully coloured rainbow caught on woolly bugger on the rise at end of downstream swing (?34 cm?)



this prompted Bill B to try some 'down and across' with woolly bugger (32 cm)



Bill B, Steve and Owen dropped into the Goodradigbee on the way home and Bill managed this 28cm rainbow – not shabby for this part of the river.

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 11 May 2011

Members present: Ian, Bill B, Stefan, Max, Owen, Peter, Steve, Randy, Michael, Bill L, Alan, Paul and visitor Martin.

Apologies: Damian.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Secretary read the minutes of the April meeting, and they were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

\$2173.17 at bank.

Stefan announced that he definitely will not be seeking re-election as Treasurer. (Bill is happy to continue as secretary if there are no replacements, but Ian will not be attending AGM being absent in Canada and will definitely prefer to stand-down.)

Forthcoming Club Events

21-22 May is Tumut - Alan is running this as Stefan will be away. This will be the last chance for 'best trout on an outing'. Alan advised there are 5 definites.

No news on next fly tying (25 May). Secretary will contact Stuart to see what situation might be.

18-19 Jun is described on the program as "Lakes". Stefan will stand in for Alan in light of Tumut swap. He suggested that Buckenderra be the locale. He advised best email address is work one.

Correspondence

Secretary had received an email from Ross Rowe of ProAnglers promoting two trips and offering five spaces:

Cape York Wild Adventures \$3499 (includes flights from Cairns, 6 days fully guided) 2011 Sept 2-9 (other dates may be available if required). Trip starts from Cairns on the 'mail plane' to Aurukun with accommodation and expert local guiding out of the Blue Lagoon lodge. Fish for barra, queenies, trevally, saratoga etc.

Christmas Island \$3999 (includes flights from Sydney, top Fiji resort transfer, 7 days fully guided) 2011 Jul 27- Aug 3 (other dates may be available if required). Sight casting to bones with professional local guides, not to mention options to chase the pelagics. This trip is first rate in every detail, including price.

Secretary will email details to likely interested parties.

Invitation was received for Inaugural Snowy River Outcomes Forum - Tue 17 May at Dalgety.

General Business

Discussion was held on four matters:

- congratulations were extended to Michael for his engagement of ACT Government in respect to the fish ladder at Vanity's Crossing.
- effect of Cotter Dam enlargement on fishing rules on the Cotter. Alan advised that the new impoundment would flood above the current lower limit of fishing (Pierce's Creek) and was concerned about possible rule changes affecting above Vanity's Crossing. Secretary will explore and put maps into next newsletter.
- Peter expressed concerns about fencing of the Gudgenby River downstream of the bridge near Naas homestead. Secretary to enquire with ACT Government.
- Alan noted that new regulations are in force with respect to 'life jackets' on the alpine lakes. Secretary to explore and put details into next newsletter.

Fishing reports

Members present participated in a round table discussion of fishing reports.

Closure

Ian declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 8 Jun 2011.

Ian and Peter gave a walk through a photo album from their recent trip to the Matura in Mar. Another trip is tentatively scheduled for Nov.

Ian
President

Bill
Secretary