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Newsletter – Jul 2011

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 13 Jul

Next Outing: Nothing on till Fly Casting days starting Sun 11 Sep

Report from Buckenderra Trip 18-19 Jun

Well... the forecast was not promising and there were mutterings about deferring, but in the end 5 members (and one guest) headed up to Buckenderra. The wind was pretty stiff but the sun shone. Stef and Damien brought their new boat, whereas Alan (who had gone up Friday night and was sleeted on in his tent) worked the lake with his Hobie. The two Bills settle for some shore based fishing. Calling in to Alpine Angler and to Alec's shop led to some indecision on best fly and the dark olive and black woolly bugger seemed to be the best.



Bill (the "Highlander") with a namesake

By lunch when the two Bill's arrive, Alan complained that he had only landed one fish at around 8am – nothing more was heard from the lone paddler. B2 hit a purple patch with half dozen or more on and three landed – all around the 34 cm mark.



One of B2's – returned a moment later

Saturday night provided nothing more for the two Bills on fly, but Damien's team managed one fish landed on powerbait late in the night. Next morning was frustrating for the fly fishing (B2 managed only three hits and none landed) though Alan blitzed the field with three on powerbait the largest at 44cm.



Eucumbene Scenery

Progress at Gaden Hatchery

Manager's report for May 2011 is available at

<http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/newsletters/jul11/GadenReportMay2011.pdf>

News from Council of Freshwater Anglers

NSW Angler Access Project Update

The NSW Angler Access project is progressing well with a number of applications now lodged with the Land and Property Management Authority for conversion of sites to recreational fishing reserves. These applications can take several months to progress through the system, and in the meantime new sites continue to be inspected and assessed.

Applications pending include both coastal and freshwater sites.

A website has been launched (<http://www.nswangleraccess.com.au>) which will carry information about the project and processes. It already includes some basic information on angling access and will soon have a section on how clubs and individuals can tackle the Crown reserves process and secure angling access in their own areas.

Variations to Snowy Hydro's water licence

In June Katrina Hodgkinson, NSW Minister for Primary Industries announced a package of variations to the Snowy Water Licence. The announcement comes after complaints that in late 2010 Snowy Hydro was releasing large amounts of water into NSW inland rivers at a time when many rivers were flood-affected and downstream water storages were near full capacity. Snowy Hydro said it was obliged to make releases under the terms of its licence.

Snowy Hydro CEO Terry Charlton said: "these variations, if formally adopted, will allow for significant improvements to the recovery of Snowy Scheme storages and downstream water management".

At times of low inflows into the Snowy Scheme, the Snowy Water Licence obligates Snowy Hydro to release less water than normally would be the case under what is known in the Snowy Water Licence as the "Dry Inflow Sequence Volume" ("DISV"). When inflow conditions improve, Snowy Hydro is required to release additional water over and above the nominal Required Annual Releases.

Mr David Harris, Snowy Hydro Executive for Water said: "last year, after several years of record low inflows, inflow conditions improved markedly. This meant that Snowy Hydro was then forced under the Snowy Water Licence to make releases additional to nominal Required Annual Releases".

Mr Harris added: "when inflow conditions improve after dry years and there is plenty of water around, it just does not make sense to require Snowy Hydro to make additional

releases. We cannot retrospectively address the dry years. It is better for everyone that those inflows be stored.”

This proposed package of inter-related variations to the Snowy Water Licence will bring several significant benefits. These include:

- 1) water that would have otherwise been forced out of the Snowy Scheme when inflows recover as they did this year will remain in Snowy Scheme storages for future water years;
- 2) remove the risk that such releases might contribute to or exacerbate downstream flood conditions at times of inflow recovery;
- 3) enable Snowy Scheme storages to recover more quickly after periods of low inflow;
- 4) if recovery water is allowed to remain in Snowy Scheme storages, there will be water in storage to delay the onset of any future DISV when it turns dry again, thereby increasing resource security for downstream water users;
- 5) ensure a more secure ongoing RAR (which will underpin future allocations).

Mr Harris concluded by saying: “I expect there will be strong support from the community and water stakeholders for these variations as the package delivers substantial benefits to all stakeholders.”

Travelling Stock Routes Conference

The NSW Travelling Stock Routes Conference will be held at Orange on Thursday 28th July, 2011.

Information is at <http://www.npansw.org.au>. All enquiries should be sent to Kirstin Proft, Biodiversity Conservation Officer, National Parks Association of NSW , PO Box 337, Newtown 2042 or tel 02 9299 0000 and email kirstin@npansw.org.au

Fin clippers wanted

Gaden Trout Hatchery needs a bit of help from anglers with the annual fin clipping program. Thousands of fingerlings are fin-clipped before release so they can be later identified in fish catch research. This usually takes a team of I&I staff and angler volunteers anything from a few days to a week to complete, usually at the start of February each year. Obviously the more that turn up to help the quicker it gets done. It's easy work and you can return home telling everyone you caught thousands of fish.

The NSW CFA is building a list of trout anglers who may be interested in helping out.

If you are interested in joining the volunteers next year, please let the NSW CFA know at info@freshwateranglers.com.au and they will add your name to the list of people to be

contacted as the date draws near. You will not be committing yourself, just getting your name on the list so that when the time comes, Garry Green, the hatchery manager, can send a message around to see who is available.

(from B2: CAA members partook earlier this year see

<http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/newsletters/mar11/mar11.pdf>

I'll put the secretary email into the list and remind folk next year)

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 7 Jun 2011

<http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/>

Members present: B2, Stefan, Damien, Norm, Alan and Bruce.

Apologies: : Ian, Randy, Geoff and Bill.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

Recent income was re-imburement from CRFA for promotional costs (\$200). Only expenditure was \$88 for next year's Internet charges. \$2085.17 at bank.

Forthcoming Club Events

18-19 Jun is described on the program as "Lakes". Stefan will organise trip to Eucumbene at Buckenderra.

General Business

Discussion was conducted about draft 2011-2012 program:

Sep	Fly casting
Oct	Lyle Knowles
Nov	Bass (Damien volunteered to run)
Dec	Jindabyne (B2 volunteered to run)
Feb	Natives (Googong?)
Mar	Coastal/Estuaries
Apr	Goodradigbee (all suggested that Greg should run)
May	Tumut (Stefan volunteered to run)
Jun	Lakes (Alan volunteered to run)

Closure

Stefan declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 13 Jul 2011.

Stefan
Treasurer

B2
Secretary