



**CANBERRA ANGLER'S ASSOCIATION Inc.**

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## Newsletter – Dec 2011

### Coming Events

**Bass** – Fri 18-Sun 20 Nov. Bass fishing at [Brogo](#) at the old Homestead area – Damien organising.

**Next Meeting** – 14 Dec – last meeting for the year. Barbeque at Lotus Bay (Lake Burley Griffin) unless poor weather intervenes. Starting anytime before 5pm. Bring your rod.

**Trout** – 16-18 Dec – Jindabyne – organised by Bill B.

### Ian's Report

Pretty brief:

From: Ian

Sent: Tuesday,  
15 November 2011  
10:41 AM

Subject: Evidence

58cm, Yens Bay.  
elkhair caddis



## **Knot Tying Resource on the Web**

Charlie found this:

[http://www.netknots.com/html/fishing\\_knots.html](http://www.netknots.com/html/fishing_knots.html)

Alan will be disappointed to not find the Penny Knot on there, but here it is:

<http://www.peterhayesflyfishing.com/page19715137.aspx>

## **Note from William on his return to Hong Kong**

From: William Lai

Sent: Thursday, 20 October 2011 4:48 PM

To: Secretary CAA; 'Alan'

Subject: Re: Canberra Anglers Association - Nov Newsletter

Dear Bill and Alan

I just wanted to thank you for your kindness and warm support during my brief introduction to fly fishing. I have been in Canberra for 3 months, and will be heading back to Hong Kong this weekend. I hope to return (depending on my ongoing research collaboration at ANU) in the near future and to become more involved in catching fish on the fly in Canberra. I shall be paying attention to your emails and newsletters.

Very best wishes to you, and thanks again for all your help. Very warm regards to all CAA members too.

William

## **Draft Changes to NSW Trout Water**

This was the topic of much discussion at the Nov meeting. The proposals are on the web [here](#). As a reminder of the current situation try:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/info/closures/trout-and-salmon>

To work out where the various creeks are located, try this LGA boundary map has lots of detail if you zoom in:

[http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/DLG/Documents/CommissionsTribunals/ACT\\_Map.pdf](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/DLG/Documents/CommissionsTribunals/ACT_Map.pdf)

and

<http://www.bonzle.com.au/c/a>

(both courtesy of Ed)

Steve Samuels (president of Monaro Acclimatisation Society and past President NSW CFA) explained why the DPI are working with the acclimatisation societies rather than clubs:

*Under the NSW Fisheries Act 1935 the Acclimatisation Societies are the legal custodians of certain areas which have all been gazetted as Acclimatisation Districts for the purposes of Salmonid fisheries. A change to this boundary (which is in effect the trout waters boundary) affects the legislation as it relates to Acclimatisation Societies and the Act and therefore there is a legal requirement for the AC's to be consulted. If AC's do not agree to any changes it will be difficult for the changes to occur as they are underpinned by the 1935 Act, hence the first requirement is to get AC's approval in this instance.*

*While there may be many other "interested parties" there is a legal requirement for AC's in this proposal.*

*The MAS will keep other clubs informed as we progress this matter, but rest assured we will not give away 'trout waters' lightly.*

In the first instance, Steve advised that the various branches of MAS will be lead for establishing positions on each of the ideas proposed by DPI, but he did particularly cite the Tumut River and Khancoban waters of being of particular concern. Members are invited to provide comments to Secretary CAA. If you have concrete evidence (eg photos) of trout populations in the areas being removed, please pass them on. Meantime, I offer my comments (already passed to Steve):

- *The changes for Queanbeyan River in effect change only 1km immediately below the dam wall – with “environmental releases” I’m unsure if this is a realistic tailrace water and thus the change is possibly of little consequence.*
- *The proposal for Tumut means all the waters around Tumut township which we regularly fish would become general waters, including Blowering Reservoir. This is possibly the most significant proposal in respect to CAA activities. Very successful outings to Tumut have shown the large number of trout resident in these waters.*
- *The change to rules of Shoalhaven effectively mean that the Mongarlowe will revert to general waters. Whilst I have had limited success, I have had a number of occasions sight fishing to trout on private land and at the headwaters. Reedy Creek is located only a km or so upstream of Mongarlowe so there are no consequences on fishing above Braidwood/Captain’s Flat road.*
- *The change to rules of Snowy bring general waters above the Pinch and Jacob Rivers which I have successfully fished for trout and, whilst low in elevation, are pristine KNP and provided a real alternative to Thredbo etc when based in Jindabyne. The change seems premature in the context of changes to the releases from Lake Jindabyne to rejuvenate the Snowy.*

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 9 Nov 2011

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Members present: Stefan, Bill B, Alan, Mark S, Ian, Peter K, Max, Charlie, Damien, Richard, Col, Cate, Owen, Steve, Greg S, Greg W, John, Paul, Ed and new member James.

Apologies: Geoff, Randy and Bill L.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Previous Minutes were read.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported \$3332.29 current balance at bank.

### **Club Events**

1. Bass in November with Damien is confirmed for Fri 18 Nov start at Brogo (the old homestead site for rough camping) – map is on web.
2. Wed 14 Dec – reminder of end of year barbeque in lieu of normal meeting.
3. Jindabyne for weekend 17/18 Dec (Bill B to organise).

### **Fishing reports**

Member's present participated in a round table discussion of fishing.

### **General Business**

Secretary briefed the meeting on an issue being initiated by DPI re trout waters. More detail on the web.

### **Closure**

Vice President declared the meeting closed. The next meeting is to be held on 14 Dec 2011 starting 5pm or earlier at Lotus Bay (Lake Burley Griffin) unless poor weather intervenes.

Stefan

Bill

Vice President

Secretary