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Newsletter – Mar 2012

Coming Events

First Meeting – Wed 14 Feb – 8pm as usual at Weston Club.

Coast – correction to dates on calendar, 23-25 Mar. Organised by Owen for Tuross Head.

Goodradigbee – 20-22 April – organised by Bill Blair and Greg Wood. Get bids in by end of March meeting.

Floods at Koorabri

Max provided interesting observations from his trip in November.

From: Max & Jill

Sent: Monday, 30 January 2012 5:33 PM

To: Secretary CAA

Hi Bill

You asked for some history of those photos of the flood at Koorabri. This should enable you to put a title on the photos.

Jill, Matt and I went up on Tues Nov 29. The river was higher than normal but after some discussion with Peter we drove my Vitara across. (With the benefit of hindsight a bad decision.)

A succession of violent storms started that evening and continued throughout the night.

The next morning there was some water in the ditch outside the green hut (our abode).





Peter and Fran came down to share a bottle of wine that afternoon. Peter was of the opinion that if the river broke its banks, based on the previous year's flood, there would be plenty of time. Like Hell. Within ten minutes of their arrival the water was up to the green hut.





Peter and Matt managed to take up most of carpet tiles and put the beds on blocks while Jill and Fran rescued the luggage. I wasn't any help as I'd put out my shoulder. Also drove the vehicles to safety. The water rose to about 400mm in the hut and this time entered the white hut a little which hadn't happened the previous year.



So much for the hundred year flood. Peter believes the sudden rise was due to logs forming a dam and then collapsing. There were certainly many large logs coming down the river. That is how the temporary ladder at the swing bridge got bent. We spent the night at the summer house and the next day Peter obtained a neighbour's ladder and Fran drove us back to Canberra. The water had by now receded from the river flat.

The river finally went down to the point where Peter could tow the Vitara across and we picked it up on Sun Dec 11. The crossing had a trough gouged across it by logs so some work will be required. I haven't spoken to Peter or Fran since.

Max

Canberra Anglers Help with Fin Clipping at Gaden

Unfortunately, I missed this occasion, but there is photographic evidence of Ian and Peter lending a hand.

From: jamin.forbes@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Sent: Monday, 23 January 2012 2:39 PM

Subject: Finclipping 2012

Hello Finclippers,

Just a quick note to thank all the volunteers who gave time to assist with clipping of the 50,000 rainbows last week. We managed to clip all the fish, finishing well ahead of schedule on Thursday afternoon.

Our efforts enabled the team at Gaden to move the fish into Eucumbene and Jindabyne almost immediately, giving the rainbows every chance at survival.

Whilst I admit that clipping is not the most glamorous task and a tad tedious, it does provide non-lethal, visual identification as to whether that fish is from hatchery or wild stock. By identifying the hatchery reared fish, we can estimate the contribution of stocked fish into the wild population. This information provides managers with information on which stocking decisions are made, with a clear aim of further optimising each fishery. By donating a day or two, or even a morning or afternoon to clip a few trout, you are contributing to vital research that is directly benefiting anglers in both waterways.

Most clippers had a fish in Jindabyne or Eucumbene after 'work' each day providing some fresh stories & banter for the next clipping session.

For those that missed out, it will all be on again next January. A few pics of the action below.

Thanks again.

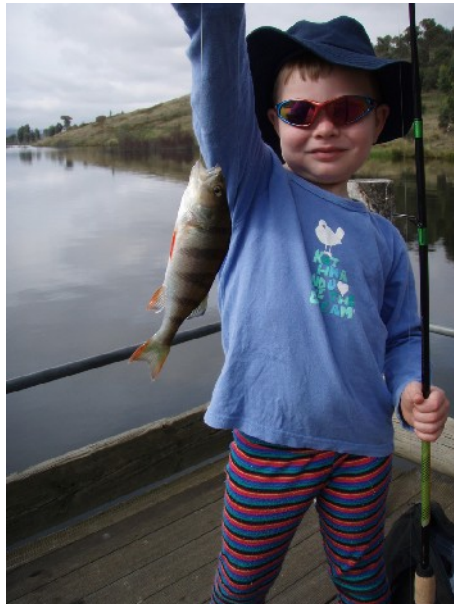
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Chasing Natives at Googong

Sunday 19th Feb saw Charlie and Greg Smith run a very successful day at Googong. Whilst it seemed few fish (any native?) were landed, several members plus family attended and enjoyed great conditions. Unless someone comes up with photographic evidence, I'm staking a claim for best fish of the day for my grandson with his first fish ever – around 8 inch redfin on his first cast with his 4th birthday present spinning rod. For the record, caught on worms from Nana's compost worm farm.



MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 8 Feb 2012

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Members present: Bill B, Steve, Alan, Peter K, Max, Charlie, Richard, Owen, Greg S, Greg W and John.

Apologies: Geoff, Stefan, Damien H and Ian.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the last formal meeting held Nov 2011 were read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported \$3283.84 current balance at bank. Boat trailer registration has been paid.

Steve will check on financial standing of members.

Club Events

1. Googong Sun 19 Feb arranged by Charlie and Greg S. Everyone invited to gather at the BBQ near boat ramp at about 12:00.
2. March trip (likely to Tuross Head and arranged by Owen). Date are incorrect on web and membership card. Correct dates are 16-18 Mar. Owen will send out a flier closer to the date.

General Business

Richard reported on some troubles he experienced with the boat motor starter. Discussion ensued on what previous maintenance had been carried out. Consideration was made as to whether a new motor might be required. Max queried the state of the bearing seals of the trailer. Richard was tasked to investigate further with Stuart and Stef (who have the most knowledge in this respect). Richard to report back on options including possible replacement of the motor.

Greg W raised the question re access to streams in NSW. Secretary will seek updated advice from Mark F.

Max brought to the attention of all the existence of Elm Cottage near Tumut on the Goobarraganda River. His family had recently stayed there and others may be interested. Secretary will inform Stefan in context of May outing to Tumut.

Fishing reports

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

Closure

Secretary declared the meeting closed. More energy will be expended arranging guest speaker for March meeting.

Steve
Treasurer

Bill B
Secretary