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Newsletter – May 2013

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 8 May – 8pm as usual at Weston Club.

Tumut – Sat-Sun 18-19 May – organised by Stefan.

Fly Tying – to be confirmed.

Petition regarding NSW unformed roads

Fellow fishers help needed here, a lot more signatures are required.

John Humphries

From: David Cunningham via CommunityRun [mailto:info@communityrun.org]

Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2013 6:10 PM

Subject: Are we there yet? Our journey on the sale of unpaved roads in NSW

Dear Friends,

*Thank you for signing the petition for transparency for sale of unformed roads in NSW.
We have almost 400 signatures - a great result so far!*

To get the petition over the line, your fellow members of this movement would be grateful:

1. If you can help spread the word by forwarding the link below to your friends (eg by Facebook, Twitter, email):

<http://www.communityrun.org/petitions/transparency-for-government-s-plan-to-sell-unformed-roads-in-nsw>

2. For anyone with media experience to contact us. We want to get the best possible coverage of delivering the petition to the NSW government. Please email cunningdavid@gmail.com.

With many thanks,

Transparency for sale of unformed roads in NSW

David Cunningham

A Piece of Legal Humour

From: Mark F

Bill, for the newsletter:

Legal Opinion

Years ago I wrote a paper about the right to fish, ie rights and obligations as between fisher and land owners and the Crown. It occurred to me there was an omission concerning the right to fish on the domestic front, ie rights and obligations as between fisher and spouse.

In an illuminating US decision (*Moore v Moore*), the court considered a husband's application for divorce on the grounds of the infliction of indignities. It was held such conduct had to manifest cruelty or injury accompanied with insult or hatred. The evidential basis was wide ranging including her "harping" criticism of his trade activities, interference with his fishing, and the use of the appellation "hillbilly" to describe Lowell Moore's family. As to the last, the implication was that the description of a family from southern Missouri as hillbillies was probably not that wide of the mark and it was held, in any event and a little oddly, to be an expression of envy rather than hate.

More germane to our topic, the Court held in respect of the interference with the husbands fishing activities:

"... a husband has a right to go fishing. And we will go further and say that this right extends to fishing without the constant and ever present impediment of female presence and participation, if such be against the will of the husband. It is a wise wife who accords her husband that freedom – in moderation – and a foolish wife who interferes. The studied, constant, and repeated interference with that right over a long period of time could be, under certain conditions, an indignity ..."

While one deduces from the repeated use of the word right in italics that the Court's sentiments were heartfelt, Lowell Moore failed on the facts. His wife's interference with his right to fish – or right to fish – did not amount to a constant and studied course of conduct amounting to indignities that rendered life intolerable. The precedent value

of the decision is limited, in part due to the outmoded sexist language, however, one imagines the principle could be enshrined in gender neutral language. Moreover, in enlightened Australia we enjoy no fault divorce so that an interference with fishing activities can be actioned with divorce proceedings as of right, without discharging a legal burden of establishing the impugned conduct amounts to an indignity. Not that it is suggested that divorce is a rational response to interference with the right to fish (it might be). Indeed prudence dictates that neither the decision nor this advice be disclosed to your spouse, or there will be trouble. Believe me, I know.

Fishing Report from Jason Q

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Morning Guys,

Quick trip report if someone was interested....

Lake Eucumbene 6-7 April

Arrived Anglers Reach boat ramp sunrise (0720) launched boat and headed straight for the Narrows and trolled Cowbells with worms and Ford Fenders with Rapala/Crickhopper combinations to the Portal. Fenders with worms managed 4 fish biggest 30cm smallest 22cm. Cowbells and a lure of some sort had no hits, swapped to lead line... No luck either.

In effort to find schools of fish to revert back to the fly, I motored back to the main hub of rises were. Loche fished a team of 2 flies; Hammils Killer and a polish woven spider on top, intermediate line with 16ft leader. I did think about running 3 flies, but I was not in a mood to make the setup on my existing leaders!

Reeled in 1x Brown @ 30cm and 1x Rainbow at 42cm both fish taking the top fly.... Nothing else until sunset.

Unpacking the swag, risers were everywhere, only little sprats... Swapped fly rods and tied on a Greenwell's Wet size 16. Landed a groovy little brown, an up and coming trophy!

Camp set up and loaded another fly rod up with a olive matuka and a small mud-eye. 6 more Browns followed all 30-35cm with 3 bust offs.... Stopped fishing at 2230 as it was getting too cold and dark to cast with no moon.

Rose at 0730 headed half way up the portal and loche fished the bank and landed another Brown at 30cm. Nothing else for the day....

Providence flats is where all the boats are headed with over 10 counted Saturday and Sunday, but no reports as yet. I am of the opinion the fish are still feeding heavily in the Anglers Arm waiting for the cold and a good rain before they head into the rivers.

Kept 2 fish for the smoker...

Great weekend with small reports chatted about at the boat ramp of fish being caught of one or two.





MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 10 Apr 2013

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Members present: Peter K Ian, Jason M, Stefan, Susan, Kelly, Owen, Greg W, Charlie, Bruce, Alan.

Apologies: Cate, Randy, Bill B, Damian and Greg S.

Correspondence

Nil.

Treasurer's Report

Not read as Jason was absent for most of the meeting.

General Business

1. Discussion was held about using club funds to partner with Canberra Regional Fishing Alliance and Queanbeyan City Council, to be used to stock Queanbeyan River with native fish. Proposed by Kelly, and seconded by Ian. The vote was unanimous to proceed.
2. The club boat and trailer were discussed. The motor needs replacement. Current temporary storage arrangements can no longer continue and a more permanent solution must be found. This could involve selling it. The meeting felt that it was inappropriate to proceed before getting the agreement of the donors.

3. Steve Samuels' current involvement with Paddy's Corner was discussed. No conclusions were reached.

Club Events

Koorabri was scheduled for a club outing on 20/21 April. Due to some concern about fish numbers, and discussions with the owners, it was announced that the outing would instead be at Adaminaby. Six members announced they would be attending.

Fishing reports

Members participated in a round table discussion of recent fishing.

Closure

The chair declared the meeting closed before Rory Benn-Clibborn gave an informative presentation on fishing for natives in the Canberra region, showing his remarkable achievements catching large fish.

Stefan
Vice President

Alan
Assistant Secretary