

# The Burley Line

December 2013



*Nathan and an 85+ cm thumper of a cod, slow rolling a 5/8oz Spinnerbait at Yerrabi Pond...fishing the edge of the weed beds.*

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## Coming Events

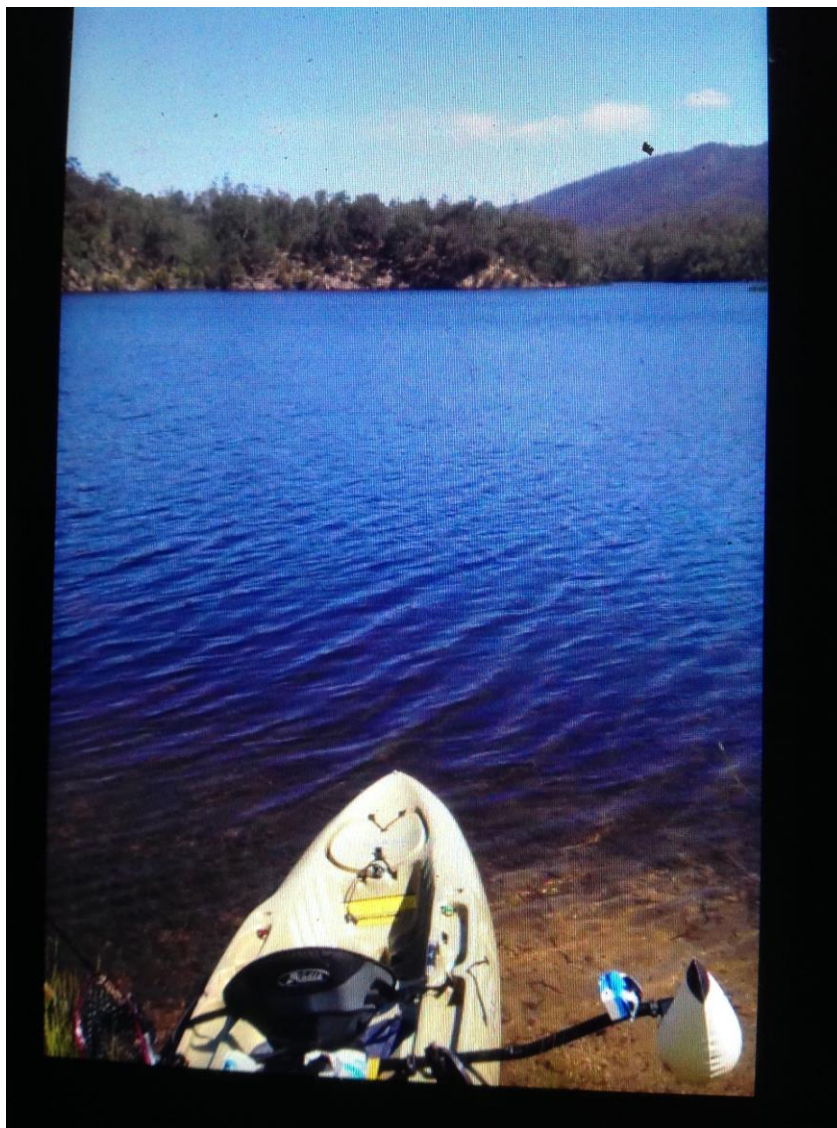
**Next Meeting/BBQ** – Wed 11 Dec 5:00pm at Lotus Bay Lake Burley Griffin (rear of Hyatt Hotel).

**Jindabyne** – Fri 13 to Sun 15 Dec – Bill is organising.

**Natives** – Sun 19 Jan 2014 – at Googong, Charlie is organising.

**Fly Tying** – none till next year.

## Brogo Report from Alan



Well, you missed it. In our lives we only get so many years, so many weekends, and we have to make good use of them. Eventually the time will be up, and looking back, those gorgeous tranquil days of quietly casting in beautiful surroundings will either be a memory for you or they won't.





Three club members enjoyed the Brogo weekend. We could do better guys.

Because I camped a metre from the water I could hear that the best fishing times were between midnight and 5am. The fish didn't have anything to fear from our club, then. In the afternoon we had a bit of a storm and in the next half an hour everyone on the lake caught a fish, metres from my tent. In that period fishing was no effort, and all reward. At other times they weren't biting. I saw some big ones being taken, but not by us.

It was a lovely outing.

## Report from Jason Q – the Penalty of a Late Strike



*Greg W giving the old 'What just happened' look!!! Next time I'd say "just strike..."!?!?*





## Report from Peter K

Contrary to Peter's modesty, I reckon a very artistic shot:



*Good day guys, a photo of a 59cm brown captured today at Denison. Only fish I saw all day and I got him on the second cast for the day. Fish still very scarce up there and the few fisher people I saw did not catch anything. Fish taken on a #18 tungsten bead FBPT nymph under a # 12 FBPT. Apologies about photo quality but she wouldn't lay still.*

## Removing a Hook from Yourself

A mate sent me this link - don't go if you are a bit squeamish.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgfpsupmu98>

On the Rangitikei some years ago I put a #10 bomb into my thumb past the barb (couldn't believe it I was holding the damn hook and I watched it go in as I was pulling the rod out of a tree or something). My fishing buddy Harry did the fishing line around the bend technique and came out with no troubles at all. The first video I reckon was a failure because they didn't have the tippet tied to the eye like would typically be there and the 'helper' wasn't pushing down on the shank hard enough.

Not often now that I fish with barbed hooks as a consequence! No way that I'd be performing the demos this guy has done ... local anaesthetic do you reckon?

## Changes to fishing rules for Mulloway/jewfish

See <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/saltwater/sw-species/mulloway/rules> Bag limit now two fish, minimum length of 70cm. Came into force 1 Nov 2013



## A message in the lead up to Christmas



*Please drink responsibly – sit down so you don't spill any!*

(Editor: please accept this item in the good humour it was sent to me. CAA does take seriously the need for responsible consumption of alcohol, especially with our barbecue coming up)

## Reminder – Fin Clipping Volunteers Please

Just a reminder about fin clipping. Email secretary if interested. Summary:

Finclipping this year is scheduled at Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne to start on Tuesday the 14th January 2014. I would plan to attend earlier in the week as often the work is done and there is nothing for volunteers who turn up on Thursday/Friday to do.

We will provide lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the day(s) of clipping, so if you feel like helping trout research and can spare a day, a few hours or whatever you like, feel free to join us. There is plenty of time to talk trout with a plethora of like minded people, in the very pleasant Gaden environment.

## End of year BBQ raffle:

Make sure you come to the end of year barq and get a chance to enter a very enticing raffle. \$2 per ticket, three tickets for \$5



### **First prize**

\$50 voucher from Bryan Pratt's Tackle Box/Angler's Art – you'll have to trust us, the voucher is physically with CAA books at the auditor

### **Second prize**

"Gift of Sharp" – fill the supplied box with things needing sharpening and Randy will give them a professional edge. Record box filling saw eighty odd dollar's worth of sharpening. Typically about \$50 value. Randy's donation of this prize is much appreciated.

### **Third prize**

Four of Mike's masterpieces – #8 (Mustad 9674), weighted, burnt orange, sparkle woolly buggers tied the improved style (hackle tied in at the eye, with a piece of mono ribbed through). Mike's generosity in donating these flies is much appreciated.

### **Fourth prize**

Three of Mike's flies.

### **Fifth prize**

"Mastering the Art of Fly Tying" by G. Randolph Erskine.

## **CFA News**

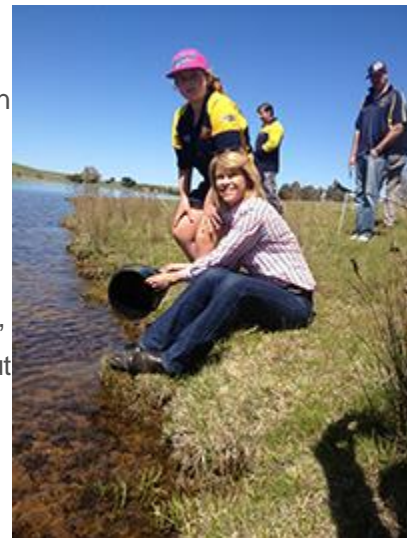
Seen in the November issue:

### **Two thousand bass released in Pejar Dam**

Pejar Dam has gained an additional two thousand Australian bass as part of the NSW Government's fish stocking program.

NSW Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson helped release the fingerlings at the dam, north of Goulburn, just a week after releasing large ready-to-catch rainbow trout into the water.

"It also is pleasing to announce that over summer a further 10,000 rainbow trout fingerlings and 5,000 brown trout fingerlings will be stocked into Pejar Dam. The total number of fish stocked at Pejar Dam is now over 185,000 within ten years," Ms Hodgkinson said.







Pejar Dam has received:

- 140,000 rainbow trout;
- 35,000 brown trout; and
- almost 10,000 Australian bass.

The Australian bass fingerlings were bred at the NSW Government's Port Stephens Fisheries Hatchery. The fish stocking program is supported with licence funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust.

## How old is that trout?

Ever caught a fin-clipped trout in Eucumbene or Jindabyne? If you have, you can determine its age by the position of the clipped fin. Every year thousands of trout are fin-clipped by volunteers at Gaden Trout Hatchery so that the age group can be identified. Different fins are clipped to indicate the year.

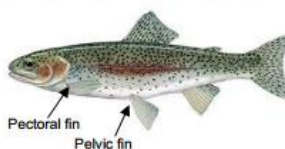
The chart below, courtesy of Fisheries NSW, shows the fin-clip location for recent years.

## How old is my fin-clipped trout?

Mark Year	Fin Clip	Recapture Year															
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2000	Right Pelvic	-	1	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	Right Pectoral	-	-	1	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	Left Pelvic	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	Left Pectoral	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	Right Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	Right Pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-	-
2006	Left Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-	-
2007	Left Pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-	-	-
2008	Right Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-	-
2009	Right Pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5	-
2010	Left Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4	1,5
2011	Left Pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3	4
2012	Right Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2	3
2013	Right Pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5	2
2014	Left Pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,5

### How to use this chart:

1. Lay fish this direction, up is left



2. Identify clipped fins



3. Measure fish



4. Match fin clip with recapture year and the box will give you the age. If 1,5, the general rule is that if it is under 420mm it is 1 yr, if it is over 420mm it is 5 yr



## Bondi Forest Lodge

Recall that Jason M had spoken about his visit to Bondi Forest Lodge and the thought that it might provide an alternative to our staying on the Mitta Mitta for our March 2014 outing (seems the Blue Duck Inn and other camping nearby is full booked). Bondi Forest Lodge is near Bombala see

<http://www.bondiforestlodge.com.au/>

Jason has since corrected his advice on cost and advised:

*“we paid \$30 per head per night. Attached are a couple of photos I took. As well, there were some bike tracks around there, and easy access to the coast (Bega/Eden/Mallacoota), Genoa River, and the caretaker Brian heads to Tantangara for his fishing. He said most spots were 1-1.5hrs away. There were also a couple of other kitchens in the other blocks. I'll check on the availability for the March trip.”*



## Lure Construction Project for February

Jason M also asked for members to start thinking about the types of lures they might want to construct as the basis of the February project.





## Jindabyne – 13-15 Dec - Accommodation

The five members who have signed up have decided to stay at the CSIRO Ski Club Lodge at Jindabyne. See <http://csiroskiclub.com.au/>



*Recce photo taken by Alan with view down to the lake (100m away?)*

We'll report back on how we found it.

## Damon's Murray Cod





## For Sale

Any fishing related items that members would like to advertise here, please email [newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au](mailto:newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au)

Randy has some items for sale:



LLBean stripping basket (I have two) flexible with good waist belts, and Snowbee felt sole boots, Used, but still good sole, size 8. Prices \$20 for each basket, \$10 for the boots or best offer

## Notable Fish Recorded

As at 5 Dec, following notable fish have been recorded for the 2013/2014 season.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Damien	Brown Trout	53cm	Bait	“Back to Buckenderra” 23-25 Aug
Jason Q	Brown Trout	51cm	Fly	“Back to Buckenderra” 23-25 Aug
Owen	Brown Trout	45cm	NR	7 Gates 11 Oct
Jason Q	Rainbow Trout	46cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene 12 Oct
Sam	Brown Trout	62cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 12-13 Oct
Sam	Rainbow Trout	40cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 12-13 Oct
Peter	Brown Trout	59cm	Fly	Denison 31 Oct





Nathan	Murray Cod	85cm	Spinner Bait	Yerrabi Pond 2 Dec
Damon	Murray Cod	65cm	Surface Popper	Casuarina Sands 3 Dec

## MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 13 Nov 2013

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

Members present: Bill, Peter, Charlie, Stuart, Ian, Alan, Kelly, Owen, Greg S, Jason Q, Jason M, Mike, Glenn, Stefan, Nathan, Mark S, Bruce, Damien, Norm, Fred and new members Damon and Marcel.

Apologies: Greg W, Geoff, Randy, Susan and Fiore.

The meeting was preceded by an entertaining talk by Jason Q on chasing Murray Cod locally on fly. Some very professional videos produced by Jason were part of the talk. Mark S also showed some videos of his fishing of the lower Monaro over the opening weekend with some excellent fish.

### Minutes

Bill read the minutes of the previous meeting.

### Matters Arising

CAA has been successful in the NSW Fisheries Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program. More details about the actual stocking day will be forwarded in due course – predicted to be Dec or Jan.

Bill has still to beef up/tidy up the fly tying section of the web pages.

### Treasurer's Report

\$1,000 committed to pay for the fish stocking.

CAA shirt payments are appearing in the bank and temporarily lifting amount at bank to \$4,989.

Rego for boat trailer has been paid \$67.60.

Audit remains uncompleted. Auditor has given a clean bill of health to last year's transaction records, however believes he has found a possible error carried forward from previous years and is re-examining the earlier records.

Some fly materials for forthcoming fly tying night have been purchased.



### **Club Events**

Members were reminded by Damien of the 22-24 Nov trip to Brogo to chase bass.

Final meeting for the year will be the usual barbq but this year back to Lotus Bay (Lennox Gardens/Nara Gardens) at rear of Hyatt starting around 5pm on Wed 11 Dec.

13-15 Dec is Jindabyne trip. 8 members indicated interest. Bill is organising instead of Alan.

January event chasing natives organised by Charlie will now be Googong on Sun 19 Jan.

March event in Victoria is proving a little difficult to arrange accommodation. Jason Middleton briefed the meeting on a recent stay he had at Bondi Forest Lodge near Bombala. This may provide an alternative to the Mitta Mitta.

### **Fishing Reports**

Fishing reports around the table were provided – including Stefan's efforts in Europe. Generally fishing on our alpine rivers is still providing very hard.

November fly tying will be Jason Q showing us how to make those articulated (or at least ginormous) cod flies.

Jason M  
Treasurer

Bill  
Secretary