

# The Burley Line

January-February 2014



*Lyall fishing in Thailand – a typical southern Thailand jungle mahseer caught on a size 4 fluoro Wulff !!*

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## Coming Events

**Next Meeting** – Wed 12 Feb – back to usual time of 7:30pm at Raiders Weston Club.

**Coast Trip (Potato Point)** – Fri 21 to Sun 23 Feb – Owen is organising.

**Fly Tying** – Wed 26 Feb. Nathan will tie 'native woolly bugger'. Second fly to be advised later.

## Barry's Story on Fishing with his Daughter

*I have attached a couple of pic's of fishing on LBG with Talia my 8 year old daughter. (favourite program "River Monsters").*

*We had just left the boat ramp, I was sorting terminal tackle whilst Talia started to cast soft plastics to the edge of the reeds. Her second cast produced a 325gram Redfin. Good start for Talia.*

*We had been just trolling the deep on the E side of Blk Mtn peninsular with spinnerbait and hard-bodies.*

*The plan was to set up Talia's tent and have a picnic on the island. However, as we were about <100mtrs from the jetty I spotted a good lump of structure with a strong fish arc. The lures were about 20mtrs and running 10 - 15 ft. I said to Talia: "start counting down from 10" At about 20 secs a 3.2kg perch hit the spinnerbait!*



*Two minutes later the second rod took a 874gram Redfin. ... We had a quick look on the island but Talia had lost all interest in exploring and picnic! .... Back to fishing!*

*This was Talia's first good fish for LBG.*



*It was another great day for the both of us.*



## **Barry, Talia and 'Mr Tod'**

*Talia and I had fished most of the day on Lake Gin, ... zip! So I suggested that we do one more run over an area that had produced in the past.*

*I was in the process of putting things back in their place, de-rigging rod's and turning the boat onto a heading back to the ramp when a good Tod (that's what Talia has called them since she was 4) hit the spinnerbait. The drags were set at about 2kg and Mr.Tod was stripping the line off with little effort! I let it run for some time then dialed a bit more drag in but had to back off almost straight away as Tod would dive back to the bottom!*

*Light drag and patience seems to work most of the time. 5.85kg Tod landed.*





## Glue for Fly Tying – a Review via Conversation

Barry and I recently had an email and phone discussion on glue for fly tying. It went something like:

**Barry:** Bill, I went on line to check who was stocking the Revell glue that most seemed to be using last night. I see there's a few different types available.

**Bill:** The stuff I've got is "Contacta Professional Liquid glue for plastics". I used to use super glue but the Revell applicator nozzle is brilliant.

**Barry:** Most plastic model kit type cement is basically a solvent with a retardant to slow down the melting as I understand. So I doubt it would be any good used as an adhesive?

**Bill:** Was something I thought of myself, but I often get the glue going hard in the nozzle (easy to remove by heating the nozzle up with a cigarette lighter flame) so it may have some 'glue' element.

**Bill:** Hmm, just did an experiment overnight and the 'glue' won't stick paper together overnight.

**Barry:** Yeah but thread is a different material altogether.

**Bill:** Drat, put a bed of thread on a hook and glued it up with the Contacta. Some material deposited in the threads and on shank but no aspect of bonding of thread to thread or thread to shank. Shame as the applicator is nifty – I guess back to Superglue and brush.



**Barry:** I use CA (Ethyl Cyanoacrylate glue) thin and medium for other construction work. However, the thin or ultra-thin CA can spread through capillary action quite very rapidly if too much is applied. Keep it away from ballbearing swivels. The thicker CA can take longer to cure if used in quantity such as building up a fillet joint.

**Bill:** But what about precise application, especially injecting into spun deer hair.

**Barry:** No need to use a brush as the fine tube applicator is an excellent design for precise delivery to the exact bond point

See additional material about selecting and safety warnings at our [“Gear Review” page](#).

## Cod Stocking

CAA were successful in bidding into the NSW Department of Primary Industry native fish stocking program. This program saw the NSW government matching dollar for dollar CAA funding for purchase of cod fingerlings. Our \$1000 plus NSW DPI \$1000 resulted in the stocking of more than three thousand Murray Cod fingerlings into the Queanbeyan River on Wednesday 11th December.

The fish were supplied by a Wagga Wagga hatchery, Murray Darling Fisheries, headed by Mr Noel Penfold, who were extremely helpful and generous with supplying the fish.

CAA concern over the management, conservation and enhancement of fish and fish habitat in the local area led to CAA being a foundation member of the Capital Region Fishing Alliance. CRFA acts as a peak body for fishing clubs in the region and has focus on “Fish, Habitat, Access and Participation”. As part of its activities, CRFA has been successful in gaining grants to improve fish habitat including resnagging of the Queanbeyan River. Our cod stocking will complement this habitat improvement.



*Noel and Bill on arrival*



*Bill and Owen adding river water to help fish acclimatise before release*



*Ready to pass down to the river's edge*



*Already heading to the snags*



*Release team: Stefan, Peter, Bill, Owen and 'official photographer' Barry.*



## Jindabyne Outing 13-15 Dec

After some discussion, accommodation was arranged at the CSIRO Ski Club lodge at East Jindabyne. This turned out to be an excellent choice – we all got full sized beds, full kitchen and lounge room including large screen TV with WACA test showing – all about 100m from the lake's edge and at a price less than camping at the caravan park.



*Downstairs patio*



*Dusk on the shore, lodge is just out of frame to left*





The fishing was tough ... quite a few fish seen in the Thredbo but none caught on Saturday and one smallish rainbow below the Thredbo bridge on Sunday. Ran into one guy on Friday evening who claimed ten fish in the morning on nymph “fished real deep”. Best fish for us was one caught by Ian using mud-eye bait – 51cm brown in pretty average condition. Ian also landed a small brook trout, almost rounding out the salmonid species.



*However the challenge was so great that Alan was caught praying to the fish gods (claimed he was looking for some fluorocarbon tippet dropped on the driveway).*

## **From NSW CFA**

### **Crown road closure applications now online**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner has announced the launch of a new online service to make consultation over the closure and sale of Crown roads easier. Mr Stoner said this was a big step forward for stakeholders, with users being able to view all advertised road closure notices online for the first time.

“The online service makes all current road closure notices easily accessible,” Mr Stoner said.

“The roads notices will be searchable by date, locality and local government area. This search facility is a big step forward in customer service and has been developed by NSW Trade & Investment, Crown Lands. The information will remain online for the full 28 day submission period for each proposed road closure, making it easier for affected parties to access the information.



“I assure those who have lodged applications to close and purchase roads that their privacy will be protected.

“The maps contain information to clearly identify which roads are being offered for sale and closure, without revealing the identity of landholders or applicants.

“The online service was developed following feedback from recreational user groups as a way to help them more easily find the location of proposed road closures.”

The website is at [www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown\\_land/roads](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/roads)

## **New Waterways Guide from PaddleNSW**

PaddleNSW has launched its new Waterways Guide at <http://www.waterwaysguide.org.au/>

The online Waterways Guide is a paddling guide to Australian waterways. It provides descriptions of rivers, lakes, estuaries and the seas off the coast of Australia. It is based on the touring information published in the Canoeing Guide to New South Wales book and enables it to be updated, and enhanced with maps, photos, real time weather and river data, access points, trails and camping spots. The original information is being extended with the assistance of keen paddlers to include all waterways including estuaries and seas.

## **Report from Lyall – Mahseer Fly Fishing in Thailand**

We have a full trip report up on our “[101 Places to fish](#)” page. The cover photo comes from his trip plus:



*Fly fishing a tributary of Cheow Lan Lake in southern Thailand. Wading and fishing upstream was the order of the day given the dense jungle.*



## Short Report from Jason Q re NZ

**From:** Wet A Nymph

**Sent:** Thursday, 16 January 2014 9:42 AM

Hey Bill!

At airport awaiting return. Will be sad to see this place out! Bet I will be forfeiting a few trips to the snowed in lieu of coming here!

Well in short you're in for a great trip. The rivers have only just cleared for us and we got in some great fishing the last 3 days. Managed 10 fish to 7 pound... Dry, streamers or nymphing, my fish caught on dry is most memorable. Tiny emerger just sipped..... I still feel like I'm holding my breath for the lift strike!!

Here's a pic for your enjoyment!! I fished it with my 6wt 10ft and it was perfect for everything.

Cheers for now,

Jason

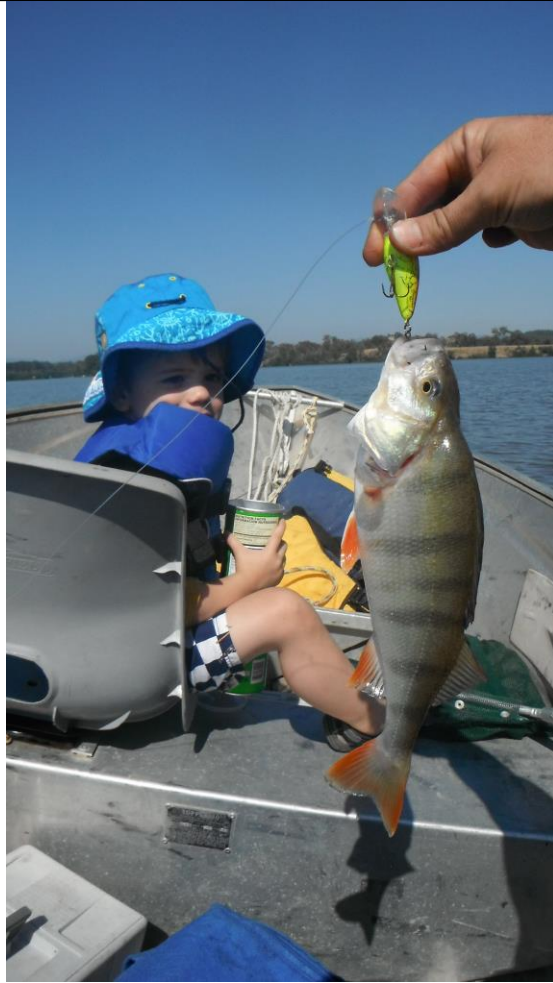




## Natives Outing – 19 Jan 2014

The heatwave indicated a change of venue was required so the outing was moved to Black Mountain Peninsula. Five members attended and the club boat was launched. A number of good sized carp and some red fin were caught but the big natives evaded capture. Jason M provided some photos of our youngest member on the water in the club boat.







## **NSWCFA FLY-FISHING MEET 2014**

Received following from NSW CFA – registration form available from Secretary CAA or John Robb:.

The NSWCFA Fly Fishing Meet is a social fly-fishing long weekend that is held annually in March at Wallerawang NSW. The Meet will be held **14-16 March 2014**. In the past the Meet has been well patronized by a wide cross section of fly-fishers, ranging from novices to highly accomplished. The weekend provides the opportunity for friendly competition and to share the love of fly fishing. Free tuition may also be available for fly-tying and fly-casting – dependent on the availability of volunteer instructors.

### **Sponsors/Donors.**

The major sponsors at this stage are: John Coles Fly Fishing – casting competitions; and Tiewell Fly Tying Materials – fly tying competition and John Marshall of Sydney Fly Outfitters and Guiding. Fujifilm Australia and has indicated that they may again sponsor the photographic competition. Other donors so far are Rolf Quaas and John Robertson.

### **Competitions**

**Best Club.** Individuals may compete in some or all of the competitions and may do so on behalf of a fishing club. Place getters are awarded points which go toward their nominated club. A trophy is awarded to the club which accumulates the most points over the weekend.

Individual Competitions are:

**Fishing** – held on Saturday 15 March 2014, closing at 6pm.

**Fly Tying** – three flies (dry, wet & nymph) in categories: Open, Advanced, and Beginner.

**Fly Casting – Dry Fly Accuracy.** Cast to six target rings set in a circle at distances of 6m to 13m.

**Fly Casting – Distance Accuracy.** Cast to a flag 20m away.

**Photography** - info re competition categories and content will be provided in the next week or so.

Further detailed info re the competitions will be sent out closer to the Meet.

### **Accommodation**

The Meet registration fee includes two night's accommodation in one of five self-contained cabins.

**Some people attending may prefer to arrange their own accommodation in the Black Gold motel or villas but** there is a big demand for these rooms so attendees should book early, directly with Black Gold Country Cabins (**email:** [info@blackgoldcabins.com.au](mailto:info@blackgoldcabins.com.au); **web site:**

<http://www.blackgoldcabins.com.au/>).

Other accommodation at the hotels in town may be available, but, please make your own arrangements.

### **Meals**

The meals included in the Meet registration fee are: light supper on Friday (welcome) night, dinner on Saturday night and lunch on Sunday. All other meals are at own means.

### **Other Prizes**

Depending on the range of donations from sponsors/donors will depend on the range and number of prizes that can be offered. In addition to the competition prizes items will be included in the information pack provided to each person registering. These could be small objects such as a spool of tippet material, a line clipper or fly; it may even be a fly rod. There will also be a 'catch sheet' lucky draw prize for those participating in the fishing competition.



For further information contact the coordinator or one of the organising committee:

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## Cooking Corner

Jason M has provided two recipes he's called "Quirky Trout" – one pan-fried for salad and one oven baked. I think named after the house we were staying in NZ described as a "quirky" cottage. Available on our [Cooking Page](#). More recipes from members welcome please.

## 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). If you don't know the email address of the advertiser, contact secretary.

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.



Rod And Fly backpack. Not used often enough, in good nick, \$75. Mine does not have hydration unit (Camelback), but easy to slot one in. Normal retail \$135



From Gilbert

3.75 m square nose punt for sale, it comes with:

- built wooden floor, side storage arrangement,
- Beachmaster inflatable launching wheels
- Lowrance X-4Pro Fishfinder Dual beam transducer
- Sealed lead acid gel battery, maintenance free, 12v 20Ah
- 12V 4.5 W solar panel
- 3 paddles

Asking price with the above equipment is \$1,500.00 negotiable

There is no trailer, however additional trailer top roller and bar can be had if needed, for an additionally negotiable price. The bars with rollers can be seen in pic 2. They are not welded to the trailer, they can be removed and affixed to another trailer

The boat was bought in 2012 and used for a two weeks river trip in the NT, and has since been out once on lake Ecumbene.

See the boat specs here:

<http://www.waves.com.au/products/boats/aluminium-boats/open/horizon-375-punt/>



## CAA Items For Sale

The club recently received a large body of fishing equipment as a donation. A number of items are being retained for inclusion with the club boat.

One long 2-piece surf rod/Alvey reel will be held for loan to members including for the coast trip. Contact Jason M to borrow it.


Other items are offered here as 'free to a good home' or, for more valuable items, offered for whatever seems to be a fair price by interested members. We also have a donated wooden fly





tying box, good to house your goodies with screw-in legs – free for any takers (some old gear included inside). Items can be brought to the February meeting.

**Free to a good home (any kind donations accepted)**

	
<p><i>Nylon net and leather rod bucket belt.</i></p>	<p><i>Striker Nautilus 8' spinning rod (unused – RRP \$24) and Jarvis Walker AFT75 reel</i></p>
	
<p><i>Silstar CX40 and Redwolf 6' rod. Short butt rod, suitable for kids or kayaks</i></p>	<p><i>Redwolf reel and 6' rod. Short butt rod, suitable for kids or kayaks</i></p>



**Whatever seems to be a fair price**

<p>Penn Mariner Plus 6' rod, Penn 209M level wind reel and gimbal belt (reel alone seen on EBay for \$50)</p>	<p>Shimano Bantam Mag 50SG reel (with level wind system parts) (seen on EBay for \$85)</p>
<p>Miscellaneous tackle</p>	<p>27lb lead core line (price tag says \$39)</p>

**Notable Fish Recorded**

As at 20 Jan 2014, 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 (Eucumbene River) 31 Oct
Nathan	Murray Cod	85cm	Spinner Bait	Yerrabi Pond 2 Dec
Damon	Murray Cod	65cm	Surface Popper	Casuarina Sands 3 Dec
Ian	Brown Trout	52cm	Mudeye under float	Jindabyne outing 14 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