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Sep 2014

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From the Editor's Desk

This issue completes ten years of the newsletter in its current form (all back issues are available for free on our website!). I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me with articles, recipes, gear reviews and especially ideas for improving the newsletter. Particular thanks go to Jason Q who will step in for October issue while I'm away and hopefully co-edit future newsletters (and for the initiative of setting up our Facebook page).

Coming Events

Next Meeting – Wed 3 Sep – replacing normal meeting, lure making down by the lake. Details from Jason M:

1930: Lure making demonstration part 1. In the hut facing the zoo/dam wall (RHS of the carpark). Session will be body shaping and bibs & hook anchors. If time is available, there will be an opportunity for members to use my Dremel, but happy to loan my 240V rotary tool for people to return each casting for the next member I will also have some additional wood, including balsa if people missed the initial issue of wood. I will provide the lighting, tools etc (& will make sure I'm wearing my safety gear) as the hut has no lighting.

2000: Committee and any interested members return to the Raiders Weston for the monthly meeting. Room is confirmed, and I advised them we might not be there until 2015.

As Geoff would like the lures to be ready for Brogo and the bass, we will probably have a similar outing for Oct (swim test in the lake before too dark and undercoating) and Nov (spray painting, fine tuning the swimming, and bling), but the lures can also be built for trout, cod, redfin, and yellowbelly (and saltwater).

Next Events:

Fly Tying – Wed 27 Aug. Geoff will be tying a glo bug, a beadhead stonefly nymph (useful as a bomb in fast water but also as a fly in its own right) and a zonker fly if we have time. The glo bug and stonefly will both be good for the Lyle Knowles outing at Eucumbene and the zonker a good exercise in weighting and keel construction.

Sun Sep 7, 14, 21 – Fly Casting on lawns of old Parliament House. Please promote this event using [flyers on the website](#).

AGM Matters

CAA members can request a copy of AGM minutes (including President and Treasurer's reports). Meantime, key points are here:

The following trophies were presented:

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| Lyle Knowles Trophy | Sam Brown 62cm and Rainbow 40cm |
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| Angler's Art Trophy For best trout on an outing | Jason Q 57cm brown |
| Mick Cornick Trophy For best stream trout on fly for the season | Geoff 65.5cm brown |
| Mick O'Brien Trophy For best trout, any method, for the year | Jason Q 8.5lb brown (While CAA uses length for trophies, the assessors have made an exception for this arguing that this fish would be better than 68cm by use of web tools and comparing with Geoff's 65.5cm 7.5lb) |
| CAA Junior Trophy - best trout by junior for the year to 31 July. | No registrations |
| Keith Shields Trophy For native for the year | Nathan 85cm Murray Cod |
| Carp Trophy For best carp in local lakes for the year | Charlie 66.5cm |
| ACT Angler's Trophy For best salt water | Owen 48cm Salmon |
| Hardy Rod President's Award for Year Long Contribution | Jason M |

The following committee was elected:

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| President | Geoff |
| Vice President | Greg W |
| Secretary | Lyall |
| Assistant Secretary | Bill |
| Treasurer | Jason M |
| Public Officer | Nathan |
| Council Member | Peter K |
| Council Member | Stefan |
| Council Member | Jason Q |
| Council Member | Charles |
| Council Member | Steve |

Geoff registered thanks to all committee members and particularly members of the club who have organised outings.

OUTINGS FOR SEASON 2014-2015

Don't forget your license!

| Date | Event | Organiser |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Aug 23-24 | Back 2 Buckenderra | Stefan F |
| Sep 3 rd | Lure Making@Scrivener | Jason M |
| Sep 7, 14, 21 | Fly Casting (Old Parliament House lawns) | |
| Oct 10-12 | Lyle Knowles (Eucumbene River) | Alan S |
| Nov 21-23 | Bass | Damien H |



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| | <i>(Brogo Dam)</i> | |
| Dec 10 th | BBQ /Dec Meeting <i>(Lake Burley Griffin)</i> | |
| Dec 12-14 | Jindabyne | Bill B |
| Jan 17/18 | Local natives | Charlie D |
| Jan 24-26 | Regional Carp Out | Bill B |
| Feb 11 th | First meeting 2015 | |
| Feb 20-22 | Coastal/Estuary | Owen K |
| | | |
| March 6-9 | Goodradigbee <i>(Koorabri)</i> | Greg W |
| Apr 17-19 | Exploration <i>(e.g. Scottsdale, Mitta Mitta)</i> | Jason Q |
| May 22-24 | Tumut | Stefan F |
| June TBC | Euc Chill | Lyll C |
| | TBC (see how the season goes) | |
| Aug 12 th | 2015 Annual General Meeting | |

General Business

Bill raised a problem with current rules for Mick O'Brien, CAA Junior Trophy, Keith Shields and Carp Trophy. These have an end date of 31 Jul. In some years this would give only 8 days for decision on winners and conducting engraving. He proposed that the end date be changed to July CAA meeting (ie 2nd Wednesday). This was carried.

A lucky door prize for attending members, with bonus tickets for nominees (for committee/council positions and outing organisers), was conducted:

- opportunity to spend \$100 at one of your favourite tackle shop that supports Canberra Anglers – won by Stefan
- a complimentary night with the club on a CAA outing enjoying the friendly atmosphere, warm banter, and a chance to delve into the tactics of the weekend – won by Damien
- a quality fishing shirt, donated by Bassman Spinnerbaits – won by Darlene
- Rapala tackle belt donated by Jason Q – won by Geoff.

Like last year, an additional raffle was conducted.

- A pair of UHF radios to tell all the club about the fish you caught – won by Jason Q
- A copy of the Predator fly fishing DVD – won by Lyll
- A copy of The Source - Tasmania DVD – won by Stefan
- A copy of the book Fishing Flies - A practical guide to the craft of fly tying – won by Lyll
- Plano 4 tray tacklebox donated by Pratt's Tacklebox – won by Ian
- 2 nights at Jason Q's on-site van at Angler's Reach – won by Peter K



NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News

Thoughts on the Snowy Lakes fisheries—Richard Tilzey

Richard Tilzey is a retired fisheries scientist who has conducted research on a wide variety of Australian fisheries ranging from inland recreational fisheries to commercial deep sea fisheries, mainly in the fields of fish biology and aquatic ecology.

As Scientist/Senior Scientist, NSW Fisheries from 1981-1986 his research with NSW Fisheries centred on freshwater habitats, principally salmonid fisheries in the Snowy Mountains.

(Richard Tilzey attended the meetings of the Snowy Lakes Strategy Working Group at Jindabyne on 28 May and the public meeting in Cooma on 29 May at which the problems of the Snowy Lakes fishery were discussed. You can [read our previous report on that meeting at this link](#). Fisheries NSW has released outcomes of the Cooma meeting, [click here to read them online](#).)

As a fisheries scientist who participated in the recent series of trout meetings, I left feeling frustrated at the ongoing lack of commitment by the DPI to monitoring these valuable lake fisheries. Hence, I'm sharing a few of my brief thoughts on how to improve the management of these fisheries. I note that some have dismissed my earlier research on Lake Eucumbene as "no longer relevant" but am sure that most of my scientific colleagues would dispute this claim. We certainly don't want to reinvent the wheel.

These meetings were in part prompted by an apparent downturn in the rainbow populations in Jindabyne and Eucumbene. However, in the absence of any monitoring of the angling catch, the claims of reduced abundance are anecdotal only. The only hard evidence for a downturn is from the Jindabyne fishery where a reduction in the annual number of spawning rainbows entering the Gaden Hatchery's upstream trap on the Thredbo River has been documented. A high priority should be given to establishing an ongoing catch data collection system for these two major lakes.

Such catch data systems do not need to be all encompassing, nor are they expensive to maintain once established. When I was working on Eucumbene (1967-80) I supplied the major accommodation/boat hire complexes on the lake with scales, measuring-boards, and record books and encouraged anglers and staff/proprietors to use them. This system provided increasingly valuable data as anglers grew accustomed to recording details. Regular feedback of analyses (wallcharts, graphs, etc) is essential to maintain angler interest. Unfortunately, when I left NSW Fisheries this system was not serviced and subsequently faded away. It's interesting to note from a rainbow perspective that length frequency analyses showed annual rainbow recruitment into the rod



fishery (i.e. 25 cm length) over 1967-80 to fluctuate markedly, whereas brown recruitment remained comparatively constant.

It should further be noted that such catch data collection sites were usually in close proximity to freezers where visiting anglers stored their catch. Hence, the current possession limit of 10 fish may mitigate against the volume of data collected. The possession limit should be increased, particularly as the 2001 Economic Survey by Dominion Consulting Pty Ltd showed the majority of fishing trips by inter-state anglers to be a week or more in duration. The limit has obvious socio-economic implications for tourism. In any event, whatever catch data collection system is adopted, it should be introduced as soon as possible.

From the early 1980s onwards both fisheries have received large annual stockings of rainbow fry/fingerlings. Despite over three decades of stocking, little is known about the survival of stocked fish and the effectiveness of this practice. I reviewed the effectiveness of Eucumbene's rainbow stocking in 2000 (see attached, pages 82-86) and regrettably little has changed since then. There has been no comprehensive study to determine what proportion of stocked fish eventually reach the rod fishery or survive to contribute to spawning biomass. A key question is: if the rainbow decline is real, is it attributable to reduced natural recruitment, lower survival of stocked fish, or both?

Another factor could well be increased fishing mortality as rainbows are much more readily caught than browns. Back in the 1970s annual fishing mortalities of up to 30% were recorded for marked fish in Eucumbene and overall fishing effort has certainly increased since then. When anglers were first allowed to catch spawning browns in Eucumbene, the end of the closed season was also extended to 1 November to protect spawning rainbows, many of which spawned in October. A high priority should be given to bringing back the 1 November opening for all Jindabyne and Eucumbene spawning streams. Surely this can be implemented by 2015?

All stocked fish now come from the Gaden Hatchery. In the past many of these rainbows have been finclipped prior to release to distinguish them from wild fish. However, finclipping has proven to be an unreliable tool because of unquantified fin regeneration and anglers' failure to recognise (look for) missing fins. This practice is time consuming and archaic and should cease. The recent shift to using implanted wire tags is a positive step towards supplying the information needed for management, providing appropriate monitoring is in place.

If I was managing the Jindabyne and Eucumbene fisheries my research/management priorities would be as follows.

Both fisheries

- Move the opening date for spawning streams back to November 1.



- Establish and service voluntary catch data collection systems. Data such as species composition, size composition and catch per unit of effort are essential to detecting any changes in the rod fishery.
- All, or a large fixed percentage of, hatchery rainbows to be marked with wire tag implants prior to release. The timing/duration of this procedure and the numbers marked should be determined by monitoring/research plans for the immediate future, such as creel censuses or scientific netting sampling. Major catch data collection sites should be supplied with tag detection devices within 2 years of release. The first question to be addressed should be what proportion of the population/catch comes from stocked fish.
- Collect essential limnological data on water chemistry/quality, temperature/dissolved oxygen profiles, plankton ,etc. Once the seasonal patterns have been determined, annual sampling should suffice (I would hope that nutrient levels in Jindabyne are already being monitored).
- It would certainly be useful to obtain current fishing mortality estimates for rainbows. This will require mark and release studies using trapped spawning fish marked with external tags and monitoring via appropriate publicity and a tag-return reward system.

Jindabyne

- The hatchery trap is an excellent sampling tool and can be used to assess both brown and rainbow populations. The trap should be serviced daily throughout the spawning seasons and all fish sexed, weighed and measured, with ageing samples taken where appropriate for browns. All rainbows to be checked for wire tags as this will provide information on population composition (stocked versus wild), age, growth, etc. Daily river heights and trap inundation days to be recorded.
- The trap information would be enhanced by routine gillnetting samples from the lake in March/April to determine percentage maturation for both species and, more importantly, provide lentic population composition data, particularly because of the additional presence of brook trout and Atlantic salmon. Angling catch compositions are obviously biased because of different catchabilities between species. Biological data (see below) should be collected from all netted fish.
- Once the contribution of current fingerling stocking practices has been estimated, a targeted study should complete a cost-benefit analysis of releasing fewer yearling fish via appropriate similarly-marked releases and routine monitoring. Results can also be applied to Eucumbene.



Eucumbene

- The current spot sampling of the brown spawning run achieves little as it is prone to considerable bias. The size of fish diminishes throughout the run and standardising annual sampling times is problematic because of varying stream flow, a major upstream migration stimulus. This should cease.
- Spot sampling of the rainbow spawning run could provide useful age/growth and population composition information providing hatchery releases are marked with wire tags. Sampling should commence in the third winter after release.
- An ongoing regime of annual gillnet sampling should be established, taking a minimum of 200 fish of each species, All fish to be sampled for sex, weight, length, age, maturation and stomach contents. Sampling sites and times and mesh sizes should be standardised as far as is practicable, noting fluctuating lake levels.

To achieve the above aims it is obvious that more resources are needed. It appears that only a minor proportion of the current "Effectiveness of freshwater stockings & recreational freshwater fishing assessments" program's budget (\$229 K) is directed towards trout fisheries. Indeed, the bulk of recent NSW freshwater fisheries research has been on native fish. Over the past two decades trout fisheries have been neglected, apart from annual stockings.

I simply don't concur with the DPI fisheries manager's plea of "limited resources". He should be pushing for additional funding. The 2001 economic survey clearly showed that the Snowy trout fisheries are generating a revenue of many millions of dollars (then 50-70 M) for local businesses, much of which comes from interstate anglers. The Monaro Acclimatisation Society, local business stakeholders, the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers, the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing and other interested groups should all be lobbying for more research funding and stressing the economic importance of these fisheries to the NSW tourism industry.

A strong case could be made for introducing a specific, additional 'Snowy Lakes' licence encompassing Eucumbene and Jindabyne (and inflows) incurring a modest fee (\$10 week, \$20 season?), with all such revenue being spent on these fisheries. However, the Minister of the day would probably blanch at such a proposal.



At the public meeting at Cooma on May 29 2014: Steve Samuels (Monaro Acclimatisation Society), Ben Doolan (Fisheries NSW), Cameron Westaway (Fisheries NSW), Dr Michel Dedual (New Zealand Department of Conservation), Jamin Forbes (Fisheries NSW) and Richard Tilzey. Photo courtesy Narooma News.

Victorian trout stocks and management under the microscope

VRFish has been working with Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) and other stakeholders to develop a Draft Trout Response Plan. The draft plan is a direct and collaborative action aimed addressing the current problems facing the trout fishery in Victoria. The draft plan has many components, including research, stock assessment, angler engagement and communication.

On 20 June DEPI held a Trout Reference Group meeting and is developing a plan that will address the following questions:

1. Are summer water temperatures adversely impacting river trout fisheries?
2. Is there a decline in wild trout breeding?
3. Is fishing pressure adversely impacting trout populations?
4. Has a reduction in Lake Eildon trout stocking impacted adjacent river trout fisheries?
5. Have changes in riparian habitat affected water temperature or the trout fishery?
6. Will trout stocking help the wild brown trout river fisheries recover?
7. Are current Fisheries regulations adequate to protect or sustain river trout fisheries?
8. Is carp or cormorant competition / predator pressure impacting trout fishery?
9. How can we reliably measure changes in the performance of the recreational fishery?
10. How do we ensure research results are well understood by fishers?

A common view among the group is the need to understand, preserve and where possible, invest in measures to recover of the wild brown trout fishery, rather than seeking to change the nature of the wild trout fishery (e.g. by creating a put and take fishery based on stocking).

The preliminary cost of the response plan is approximately \$500,000 over 3 years, plus other co-investment. A commissioning bid will be presented to the RFL Grants Working Group on 15 July 2014. VRFish will be exploring opportunities for further co-investment.



New Murray cod limits proposed to improve fishery

Freshwater anglers have until the end of August to provide Victorian fisheries managers with feedback about proposed changes to Murray cod size limits that are designed to significantly improve stocks.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director Ross McGowan said more than two decades of fisheries science and some of Victoria's best Murray cod anglers had recently reviewed catch limits.

Mr McGowan said comprehensive modelling had informed the review and suggested Murray cod populations, and stocks available to anglers for harvest, would be much better off under a new “slot limit” of 50 cm to 70 cm and a reduced daily bag limit of one fish in rivers.

“Narrow slot limits are increasingly used around the world to improve the sustainability of long-lived fish and the quality of fishing for anglers,” Mr McGowan said.

“The current 60 cm to 100 cm slot limit has improved Murray cod populations over recent years, but scientifically-based fine tuning could do even more.

“A slot limit of 50 cm to 70 cm would prohibit the harvest of Murray cod larger than 70cm while allowing the limited take of smaller fish between 50 cm and 70 cm.

“The research suggests that over 15 years, this would significantly improve the sustainability of the fishery, the number of harvestable Murray cod and the number of trophy fish longer than one metre.

“Murray cod take around 10 years to grow from 60 cm to 100 cm. Under current regulations they remain vulnerable to harvest for this period.

“However, Murray cod grow faster when young, taking around three years to grow from 50 cm to 70 cm, so are vulnerable to recreational harvest for less time.

“Larger Murray cod are older and more experienced breeders, produce more eggs and contribute more to future generations, so it makes sense to protect their reproductive capacity long-term.

“The proposed 50cm minimum length would permit anglers to harvest Murray cod at a size better suited to the table (around 2.3kg) and without the unpalatable fat that larger cod are known for.

“The reduced daily bag limit for rivers is designed to further protect large breeding fish and encourage natural breeding.

“The bag limit in lakes would remain unchanged at two, given many lake fisheries are stocked annually with Murray cod fingerlings and are thus much less reliant on natural breeding.”

A public meeting on the proposal is scheduled for Wednesday 6 August at the Bendigo Legion Angling Club at 7 pm. Anglers are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposals.

Submissions close on Friday 29 August, 2014. Learn more at www.depi.vic.gov.au/murraycodslots



Submission to Fisheries on Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat

Conservation and Management

Fisheries recently sought comments from interested stakeholders on the Policy and Guidelines for Fish Habitat Conservation and Management (Update 2013).

NSWCFA made a submission ([read here](#)). We were generally happy with the Update which is very comprehensive but expressed concern about lack of guidelines around diffuse source pollution by agricultural pesticides.

Feedback on Snowy Lakes problems

More comments received from readers on the Snowy Lakes rainbow problems:

"From my understanding from previous inquiries and discussions, the decline in the productivity of the Snowy Lakes fishery has been attributed to declining nutrient levels in the lake and catchment. I have a hard copy of a NSW government report that states this explicitly.

"To this end, I am aware that NSW Fisheries conducted super phosphate and pasture improvement trials, at Seven Gates Lake Eucumbene, during the 1970s. Their conclusion was that it improved the fishery for the Seven Gates area.

"I have been unable to Google find this report on the net and it is likely that it remains in paper form in NSW government archives.

"I believe there is potential for recreational anglers and others to work together with the farming community, that lease the land immediately surrounding the lakes, to improve productivity for all.

"The evidence is clear that fish stocking is successful if all aspects of good habitat exist in the waterway that is to be stocked. The Snowy Lakes Strategy Working Group needs to focus on improving Lake habitat to maximize the recruitment to the fishery that current stocking offers."

Rob Caune

VRFish state council member East Gippsland

Secretary Gippsland Angling Clubs Association

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW News

Kids' fishing workshops

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to a fishing clinic at Gaden trout Hatchery on 3 and 4 October. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from DPI. The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and covers fishing techniques, bag and size limits, fish handling and catch and release.

\$40 per child gets you a rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag, all to take home.

Maximum of 25 participants so get in early.

Location: Gaden Trout Hatchery, Kosciuszko Road, Jindabyne

Dates: Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October 2014



To book, either e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, Recreational Fisheries, Primary Industries NSW on 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190

[Workshop details are on the web at this link.](#)

Nathan's Reports

Hi Bill,

I caught this Cod on fly the other night at Yerrabi Pond.
Measured 68cms. Was around 10pm.

Caught on fly that I tied, which is a variation of a Pike fly I saw on YouTube.

Cheers,





Caught this 5.8lb 56cm Brown at Eucumbene yesterday (Sun 3 Aug). Only put in a quick 2hr stint, and managed this cracker. Caught on an Olive unwt'd Woolly Buzzer with a type III Sink tip line.





Bad News for Those Who Fish in New Zealand

Those of you who have previously held NZ licences would have received the following bad news of the introduction of a higher charge for non-NZ residents. Resident season licences are \$123 as compared with the \$160 for non-resident. Disappointingly the link to “reasons” provides no reasons other than “The revenue gained from non-resident licences has been ring-fenced and dedicated to management of backcountry fisheries”. I have pursued more information from Fish and Game. A sympathetic news article can be seen [here](#).

22nd August 2014

Changes to New Zealand Angling Licencing – New non-resident licence introduced.

Hi there,

Our records show that you were the holder of a 2013/14 adult whole season, winter or family fishing licence last season and gave an overseas address. If you were on holiday in New Zealand, we hope that you enjoyed your stay and took full advantage of our wonderful angling opportunities.

This is a quick note to advise you – with apologies for the relatively short notice - that Fish & Game has introduced a new licence category for non-resident anglers, overseas visitors who intend to fish in New Zealand for an extended period.

Two licence categories will be available to any non-resident angler. A non-resident whole season licence (\$160) or a 24-hour licence (\$25). All other categories (such as family and winter licences) will no longer be available to non-residents.

If you do intend to return to New Zealand to go fishing, we urge you to obtain the correct licence. From October 1, 2014, it will be an offence for non-residents to fish with any licence except a non-resident one, or a 24-hour licence.

Non resident fishing licences will be available for purchase, both via the website and through NZ online agents, from mid September 2014.

If you have already unknowingly purchased a whole season or family licence instead of a non-resident licence, please contact [Fish and Game](#) before 29 August 2014 to arrange a refund and a replacement so you have the correct licence for your visit.

New Zealand's world-class sport fishing still represents excellent value for visiting anglers, and we look forward to seeing you here again soon. For more information on the non-resident licence, including the reasons behind its introduction, please click [here](#).

Sincerely
Bryce Johnson
Chief Executive
New Zealand Fish & Game Council



Fish Art Work

Jason Q sent the following:

I'd like to show you some original art works I just arranged to be painted and were ready for pick up today.

The works are completed by a local gal named Chelsea currently studying at ANU.

I love them and you may too!?

Let me know if you'd like something similar and I can put you in touch with her.

Two separate original water colours Brown and Rainbow Trout...



Have You Seen this Fishing Blog?

[Flick and Fly Journal](#) – have added to our “[Useful Links](#)” page.

“Back to Buckenderra” Report

This was well attended with Stefan, Damien, his young brother Tom, Lyall, Peter, Bill and Alan (late arrival for a day's effort on Sunday was Geoff). Sadly despite a huge variety of baits and flies from bank and on the water no fish resulted – even with the lake at 48% and rising over new ground. Thankfully the weather was excellent with sun and little wind. Stefan's Hot Dog stand (set up on a conveniently angled downed tree) went down a treat after dark. Use of the little jam pots for rum shot glasses was very innovative. The cottages by the lake proved to be much better for adults than the cabins up on the hill (with their very short bunks).



Others reckoned I was having a 'nanna nap' in the late afternoon – my claim is that I was trying out a low profile stance inspired by the Peter Hayes talk last month.

A beautiful shot at sunset





Damien and Tom in their low signature fishing gear

Hot dogs al fresco





Stefan, Damien and Tom stopped off at Eucumbene Trout Farm to ensure Tom had a chance at experience the fun of landing a fish. His first trout.

Cooking Corner

A new recipe has been added to our [Cooking Page](#). Baked Cajun Trout with Dill Sauce provided by Lyall: "I went wild with the trout caught on the June Chill trip and made a cajun spice dish". More recipes from members welcome please.

Equipment Review

These can be found in our [Gear Review](#) page on the web. Contributions from members on other items they've been using are welcome please.

For Sale

Any fishing related items that members would like to advertise here, please email newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au.

The major items for sale are from Frances Aschenberger (long term member Fred's widow). There is a large collection of fly tying materials that would particularly suit a new fly tier setting up, but there are items that have wider interest. Bryan Pratt has provided suggested costings at a very modest price. Frances' phone contact was phoned out to members. Some examples next:



Randy has the last of his items for sale:



Snowbee felt sole boots, Used, but still good sole. \$10 or best offer.

One item from Stuart:



Donation to the club shall secure the boots.

Size 8 with socks, but with neoprene booties suitable for size 7.

I am a size 8.5/9 but over time the leather has shrunk and my foot has spread. Still very serviceable.

Regards

Stuart.

Notable Fish Recorded

First reports for this season:

| Angler | Species | Length | Method | Location/Event/Date |
|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| Nathan | Cod | 68cm | Fly | Yerrabi Ponds, 28 Jul |
| Nathan | Brown | 56cm | Fly | Lake Eucumbene, 3 Aug |

August Minutes

As August is the AGM, these minutes are not normally published in the newsletter as they contain financial and other information that the Committee has decided ought not be generally available. Members can email the Secretary to obtain a copy. In the meantime, the 'normal monthly' meeting for August minutes below:



MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 13 August 2014

Members present: Geoff, Bill, Stefan, Steve, Alan, Charles, Norm, Damien, Peter K, Greg W, Ian, Jason Q, Darlene, Mark S, Greg S, Ray, Mike, Barry, Glenn, Nathan, Lyall

Apologies: Peter H, Gary, Jason M, Owen, Stuart, Kelly, Randy, Cate, Sam.

The meeting was preceded by the 2013/2014 Annual General Meeting.

Meeting opened 21.25.

Minutes

The July meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Matters Arising

Fly Casting Weekends - A planning discussion for the fly casting weekends in September was led by the President including arrangements for the BBQ, coordination of the event and encouragement of members to tie flies for the raffle. Arrangements for the third weekend's fly casting on trout water will be finalised closer to the event in September.

Outing Organisers - Geoff addressed the roles and responsibilities of outing organisers and suggested we add a trip planning and running sheet in advance of outings, preferably two months ahead of each outing, to detail rendezvous points, list of participants (not for public information), safety and liability issues. Also for inclusion could be suggested rods, lures, appropriate clothing and accommodation options.

Queanbeyan River Festival – Bill tabled correspondence from Queanbeyan City Council inviting CAA's participation on 11 October in the Queanbeyan River Festival to present a demonstration of some sort. It was agreed that at the date clashed with the Lyle Knowles outing to Eucumbene, that the Secretary send our apologies to Queanbeyan City Council.

Guest Speaker - Stefan suggested inviting a guest speaker expert on competition bass fishing. Nathan will approach a speaker. Suggestions for guest speakers were invited to be directed to Charlie and Lyall.

Outing Update

Members were reminded that Back to Buckenderra outing will be held 29 to 31 August and the Lyle Knowles outing 10 to 12 October.

Fishing Reports

Bill reported on Buckenderra fishing conditions following a reconnoitre in advance of the Back to Buckenderra outing.



Ian spoke of his recent trip north of Hervey Bay where he caught 25 species of fish.

Lyall reported catches of tailor off the beach at Huskisson on pilchards.

Nathan reported catching a large trout at Buckenderra on a woolly bugger on a sink tip fly line.

Geoff spoke of good catches of saltwater species near Townsville.

Meeting closed 21.50.

Geoff
President

Lyall
Secretary