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The Burley Line



Bill with a nice Brownie caught on a dry at Bolton Abbey Yorkshire

From the Editor

While this newsletter (and October) was prepared and edited by Jason Q, he's asked me for my contribution here. Confused yet?

Let me publicly thank Jason for stepping into the breach and maintaining continuity of the newsletter issues. Our intention is to share editor role from now on.

One gentle reminder. Please use newsletter@ email address for submissions so that both Jason and I get to receive them – and save Secretary having to forward them.

Cheers

Bill

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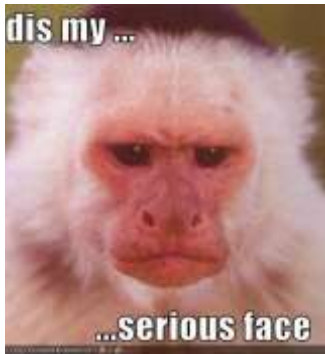
Cooking Corner
Recipes required please!
Other great recipes can be found here: [CAA Recipe Page](#)

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----- Original message -----

From: Bryan Pratt
Date: 13/10/2014 4:25 AM (GMT+00:00)
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Dead Cod

I've been intrigued about the recent mass mortality amongst Murray cod in Lake Yerrabi in the ACT and would like your comments on the possibility that it results from an environmental cause, namely lack of oxygen, at depth, and at a particular time of the day, rather than from some pathogenic infection. In the absence of a cod-specific pathogen, as reported to date, the deaths are remarkably similar to the blackwater deaths reported from the Murray river and tributaries in recent years. In particular the fish look to have been in excellent condition immediately prior to death, with solid muscle tissue and no sign of wastage or other symptoms of pathogenesis. Little rain had been received for a prolonged period prior to the fish mortalities and there is heavy weed and algal development throughout the lake. All of the elements of a blackwater situation, short or long term, are present.

Firstly, I find it interesting that only Murray cod, and mostly larger fish, have died. Carp, redfin and golden perch seem unaffected. Water samples tested suggest oxygen levels were satisfactory. Samples were taken of surface and deeper levels but only later in the day; no sampling was undertaken in the early morning when oxygen availability would be at its lowest.

If there is an oxygen deficit at deeper levels where cod typically reside they could be more reluctant to move to more oxygen rich areas because of their strong territorial nature. Alternatively, the fish may have had little warning of what may have been a short-term event in the early mornings and thus little incentive to relocate. Cod are well known for their propensity to reside at deeper levels than carp, redfin or golden perch and possibly do not move around to the same extent.

Continued residence in oxygen-deprived water eventually could lead to death, with larger fish with a greater total oxygen demand dying first. I have no specific knowledge of whether cod would remain voluntarily in such oxygen-deficient situations and would appreciate your collective opinions on the matter.

Taken together, the fact that only cod have died, that larger fish have been predominantly targeted, that the fish have been in good condition immediately prior to death and that death seems to have been catastrophic rather than prolonged seems to me to suggest short-term oxygen deficit, possibly in the early mornings, as a likely cause of the mortalities.

I will send this information out today to various individuals who have experience in cod behaviour and in particular the blackwater events of prior years and would appreciate your collective opinion on the matter.

Bryan Pratt

13-10-14

More information on various Murray Cod articles can be found here:

<http://www.fishingworld.com.au/news/fears-capital-fish-kill-may-spread>

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/environment/animals/fear-fishkilling-pathogen-will-spread-from-yerrabi-pond-to-murrumbidgee-river-20141001-10oonx.html>

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/yerrabi-pond-cod-population-under-threat-amid-more-mystery-deaths-20140930-10nuww.html>

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Dead Cod Cont...



Brian seeks our opinions and views on the current situation. If you or know of anyone that may be able to assist, Bryan's details are above. Please be sure to CC: secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au

Member's photos and Trip Reports



Jason M putting the pressure on 'something...!' To date he has been unable to provide any objective evidence that suggest it were in fact a fish, or the ocean floor... We'll wait and see!

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Canberra Anglers' Association Upcoming Events and Newsletter

From: Barry

Gi Day Lyall.

Just a quick note and a few pics.

We kicked off our Carp sessions for the season on Sunday the 28th Sep.

Where: Lake BG, ... usual spot near the hospice.



The conditions were blustery on-shore winds, however, the water was relatively clear.

Who was there: Talia M, Barry M. Charlie turned up for half an hour and caught a nice 58cm fish.

Talia caught 6 (She got best of day 61cm)

Barry 4

Charlie 1 (Could only stay for short time)

4 not landed with one being an exceptional fighter and I expect it would have gone over the 65cm mark. (Lost at edge of shore)



Top Left: One of many!

Left: Talia and Charlie onto a 'double hook-up'!

Top Right: Talia proudly posing with her catch!

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From: Peter
Date: 23 September 2014 12:33:02 pm AEST
To: "Lyll"

Hi Lyll, attached are a few piccies I took of Sunday Casting Session and also a pic of a 67cm carp caught this morning on fly at Lake Tuggeranong. Had a bit of the problem with the carp as she was so heavy she got stuck in the mud as I was trying to haul her in , eventually perseverance paid off and a managed to get her on dry land .



Is Tasmania's Trout fishery slowly disappearing?

In recent times Tasmania has seen some structural changes occurring to the management of its inland fishery. They have been slow coming though - too slow for many anglers.

Both freshwater, and saltwater hold a valuable resource and Tasmania can benefit enormously by promoting recreational fishing, both within Tasmania and nationally.

In marine waters, much has been done to try and repair damage of the past. Netting bans, commercial quotas, gear restrictions and recreational areas have all been used to improve a degrading fishery. Little has been done in freshwater fisheries though.

In the past few years good fisheries have been disappearing. Immediate action must happen.

The following letter from well-known angler and angling retailer, Jim Allen, explains some of his concerns.

Dear Mike,

I take this opportunity to give you my thoughts on, what I believe is, a declining Tasmanian Trout fishery. The first time I fished in Tasmania with a fly rod was as a teenage boy on Lake St Clair when I didn't even know that you had to strike a fish when it ate your fly - that was in 1961. I have been regularly fishing Tasmania since the early 70s and there has been, in the last few years, a dramatic change in Tasmania's trout fishery and there are some major problems.

When I regularly came down in the 70's, lakes like Sorell were in great condition. Wood's Lake was a good fishery and Penstock Lagoon was one of the most magnificent trout fisheries of all time and the Lagoon of Islands had legendary mayfly hatches. You could polaroid Penstock's shores in November-December and chase mud-eye feeders all day. You could spend hours catching some of the most magnificent brown trout in gin-clear waters. Today Penstock is lost, as is Lake Sorrell, also one of the great trout fisheries of the world. My diary records day after day after day of 10-12-14, sometimes 20 and even 25 or 30 trout caught at daybreak on the midges, sadly no longer.

This year it has stayed dirty for the longest periods in thirty years that I have fished it, and I am very concerned. Are we going to lose this water? Perhaps something is the matter with the weed. I have picked out strands of Canadian Pond Weed recently, and the roots are all black and rotten and it's floating all across the lagoon. Is it disease amongst the weed? We need to know and we need to know urgently.

Now I can go on and on about what's wrong with the trout fishery in Tasmania. It sounds very negative, but I am worried. I am worried because Tasmania spends a lot of money advertising it as the best wild brown trout fishery in the world - and we are rapidly losing it.

In the Western Lakes I see another dramatic change. Years ago, Lake Ada was a clearwater lake, even in a big northerly wind. Now it only needs 20 knots of northerly and it is milky. The same applies for Double Lagoon.

Is that being caused by 10,000 year old sediments being lifted off the bottom by outboard motors? I think so, but I don't know whether I am right or wrong, and probably it doesn't matter what I think, but we do need to find out.

Out in the Western Lakes I believe Double Lagoon, First Lagoon, O'dells, and in particular and more importantly than any of them, Howes Lagoon need wading restrictions.

Once upon a time fly fishing was an elitist, exclusive sport. Today, nine out of ten anglers on the Western Lakes fish with a fly rod and one out of ten fish with bait or spinner. We fly fishers are doing damage to our ancient sediments and as much as Jim Allen loves to wade and polaroid through the Western Lakes, we have to consider wading restrictions and we have to consider them sooner rather than later. Sadly, no-one's listening, no-one knows and no-one cares.

We have enormous potential problems in our western lakes trout fishery and I take this opportunity to just outline a few of them.

The bag limit reduction at Little Pine Lagoon from twelve fish to five fish might be a good step forward. The expansion of the bag limit in Lake King William from twelve fish to twenty fish might also be a good step in the right direction and the Australian Trout Foundation has been very strong in promoting responsible bag limits, but we have to consider our trout fishery in the long-term as a sport fishery, not a meat fishery. Traditionally there has been a meat fishing ethic in Tasmania and there is nothing the matter with some fish being taken to eat.

It would take a lot of fish from Lake King William and Arthurs, and in the old days Sorrell, to need reduction of bag limits, but out in the Western Lakes, I think the answer of increasing the stocking of waters like Lake Botsford is a mistake. Years ago Botsford was full of five, six or seven pound fish and my diary accurately recorded the weights of fish through the seventies. Today if you were to fish Botsford, it is most unlikely that you would catch a fish over four pounds. Most of the fish are between two and three pounds and that is a result, I believe, of overstocking and more trout eating the food supply and the harvesting by tourist anglers isn't occurring because they put their fish back.

I think Jason Garrett at London Lakes Lodge wrote an article in the Australian newspaper recently and commented that Americans put a hundred per cent of their fish back, mainlanders put fifty per cent of their fish back, and Tasmanians keep one hundred per cent of the fish. Well, I think that he may have been a little harsh, but he wasn't far from the truth, but the times are a changing.

There are more and more recreational anglers coming to Tasmania each year. The Highlands are full of Victorians. The lodges, hotels and camp grounds are filling up through January and February, basically New South Wales and Victorian anglers. Now Tasmania needs to keep that economic benefit. Needs to expand it perhaps. It can do so - but it can't do so unless it is prepared to invest some time and serious investigation to evaluate its fishery.

I hear the stories that there is no money - but the licencing system is completely irrational. It is \$40 a licence to fish in Tasmania. It is across the board, it's simple, it's what the bureaucrats love. Other countries in the world endorse their licences. They introduced slot limits. They introduced harvest limits. Now we did see the harvest limits reduced from twelve fish to five fish in the Western Lakes of Tasmania just two years ago - but, that's really not changed anything - it needs to go much further.

I haven't seen a member of the Inland Fisheries Commission this season, either in his car or out in uniform on Tasmania's Lakes. In the old days, you always saw one or two inspectors popping around asking questions, doing a survey, research or showing the flag. This year there has been zero presence of the Inland Fisheries Commission up in the highlands of Tasmania.

In Canada and in Alaska, the government fishery managers worked very, very hard towards improving their sport fisheries and, in fact, I think they are the two leaders in the world in treating recreational fishing as a tourism asset to their States.

In both those countries foreign anglers, or out of state anglers, pay a serious premium for the right to fish and I believe there is nothing the matter with that. When you consider an interstate angler spends up to two to three thousand dollars to spend time fishing in Tasmania and many hire a trout guide as well. Perhaps by the time they have brought their boat across; whatever - they have spent a lot of money. I can't see any reason why they shouldn't pay an out of state premium for Tasmania's trout fishery. The Tasmanian tourism authorities will see it as an impediment because of the higher expense, but it is a very small sum of money in regard to the total trip cost.

I fish the Dean River in British Columbia, Canada each year. The licence for a foreigner, like me, is \$145 Australian for the privilege to fish for 7 days on what is arguably the best sea run rainbow stream in the world.

To fish other rivers and lakes in Canada costs \$40-60 a week for one week's licence. Now that would be double what an Alaskan or a Canadian would pay and, as tourist, I think we should pay a premium to fish in Tasmania. The other thing we ought to consider is endorsing our fisheries so that if we have, say, a Western Lakes' endorsement on our licence, the money raised can go into research of the Western Lakes. You could have an endorsed licence for Shannon Lagoon, Little Pine Lagoon, or Penstock Lagoon. We could endorse licences to a point where you have an all-encompassing Gold Licence at perhaps double or treble what the licence is today. There are revenue-raising opportunities that have not been looked at by endorsing licences.

Another item that should be considered in our Tasmanian trout fishery is slot limits. Slot limits introduce the ability to look after our best spawning age trout, and looking after the trout at their best time of life. In other words, instead of just having a five fish bag limit, you might perhaps take five fish below two pounds at Little Pine Lagoon, keep your two to five pounders in the lake in catch and release and then allow a bag limit of one trophy fish, over say, six pounds.

I remember when I first fished Little Pine Lagoon, catching a matched pair of six pound trout. I haven't caught a six pound trout at Little Pine Lagoon for fifteen years. But back in the 1970s, a five and a half to six and a half pound trout was not unusual. But today they don't have the opportunity to grow to that size. The introduction of slot limits could rectify that if they were applied intelligently.

The problem we have really, Mike, is the bureaucrats are not interested in making difficult - because some decisions are not going to be popular, and when you make unpopular decisions, bureaucrats get scared politically.

The real question we must consider is - what is best for the future? We don't own Tasmania. We have an obligation to hand over to our children, our grandchildren, a better trout fishery - not a worse trout fishery. We are going to hand over a much worse trout fishery than the one we received - and that's appalling.

Now we have to consider it in its true light and until we get a Commissioner of Inland Fisheries in Tasmania who is prepared to make some difficult decisions, until we have a Government that is prepared to make a commitment to trout fishing, and what we have to equate that is to, what's logging worth, what's trout fishing worth, and what's farming worth. Because there may have to be some very difficult decisions made if we are going to protect our environment. When we lose our trout, we lose a lot more. We lose all the natural invertebrate life. We lose the food supply. We lose clean waters. We are destroying habitat. We are destroying quality of water and that's not our right. We are guardians to this State of Tasmania and there is a future generation that comes after and that's what quirks in my throat more than anything else. We are being teenage hoodlums and totally irresponsible.

Government, our bureaucrats, both in the Department of the Environment, in Fisheries, need to absolutely look at what they are up to. Because they are failing us badly and responsible government is a responsibility of all of us and we have that responsibility for the future. We are just letting our trout fisheries slide into oblivion and no-one is caring and that really hurts me personally.

Mike, this is an entry from my diary from Lake Sorrell, which is dated the 2, 3 and 4 December 1992. It is written by my dear friend Harry Hearn who is a solicitor in Melbourne and explains, in part, why I am concerned - he writes:

Under extreme protest I dragged Jim Allen screaming away from his beloved Little Pine and the one and a half pounders that we had been catching there recently. By application of gifted intuition and a big stick we drove to Sorrell where the cloud hung about 20 feet over the Lake and the waves were a foot high hammering the western shoreline. We moved over to the other side of the lake to the Dog's Head, and after fishing for half an hour a prodigious hatch developed lasting just on four hours. After the second four pound trout came to net Jim grudgingly conceded perhaps it was worth coming. We each lost three or four good-looking fish through the periods of pandemonium that highlighted the afternoon. Jim's Red Indian war cry split the mist and startled the innocent wallabies watching from the shore. At day's end we had caught fourteen fish. Jim eight, myself six, ranging from two to five and a quarter pounds. Jim's best a five and a quarter pound rainbow, mine a five pound brown. That was on the 4th. On the 5th we went back and caught another twelve fish and then on the 6th Harry wrote; *"The word had well and truly got around by now and for the third day in a row, on returning to Sorrell we found we had lots of company. Tho' the wind was still to the east, the weather was starting to improve. We fished on, again in the dun hatch, they came to net one after another, each slightly under four pounds, and lovely fish, and so ended a trio of challenging, exhilarating dry fly days, our tally of nine fish for the day, with a total of thirty-five fish for the three days. More importantly, perhaps a new door of opportunity has been discovered for dun fishing, which hitherto seems to have been largely restricted to Little Pine Lagoon and Arthurs Lake - a grand note on which to close my trip."*

The point is that is what was available at Lake Sorrell and is no longer available today and that's the tragedy.

Here we have one of the great trout fisheries in Tasmania and probably the world lost. Remember, all those Hobart fishermen used to come up on opening, you would see thirty or forty boats trolling in the slightly milky waters of Sorrell, and they caught beautiful trout. Today, there are a few eels along the edge and there is nothing like the quality or quantity of fish that was once there.

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What's happened? Is it the logging. Is the nutrient level raised by superphosphating or earthworks?

What is Sorrell worth economically to Tasmania? I put it to you it's worth a lot more than it is being valued at by the bureaucrats, not only to looking after a valuable habitat with good quality water, but is worth more economically than one farm or one catchment of logging.

I know, things can be repaired. Habitats can be improved. Anglers may, at first complain if the rules and regulations are changed, but 99% of anglers will comply if they know it will improve their trout fisheries.

Lets have no more discussion papers, management strategies, conclaves, meetings, studies, seminars or investigations.

Let's have some decisions. As someone once wrote *"It is better to try and fail than to have not tried at all."*

If the Thames River in London can be rehabilitated so that salmon can run back up it from the sea, we can certainly fix up Lake Sorrell, Lagoon of Islands, Shannon Lagoon, Woods Lake, Little Pine and Penstock Lagoon. What we need is determination, courage and conviction.

Jim Allen

Tavistock House, Flinders Lane, Melbourne

http://www.tasfish.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=235:is-tasmanias-trout-fishery-slowly-disappearing&catid=45:issue-20-february-1999&Itemid=89

Fly Casting a SUCCESS – Thank you!

Hi members of the Canberra Angler's Association. I wanted to pass on my sincere thanks to all who organised and participated in the Learn to Fly Cast sessions during the last few weeks.

As an absolute beginner in fly casting you were all so patient and encouraging, which was such a rarity these days. I really enjoyed myself and learnt so much. There is so much more to learn!!!

Everyone was very happy to chat and share their knowledge. Thank you.

The BBQ was great, Nathan was super skilled, and the raffle prizes were a great idea (even though I did not win anything Sad smile). I walk past Pratt's Tackle Box in Belco on my way to and from work every weekday, and so they can be sure of my future business.

Thanks again for putting on such a great event.

Cheers

Mal



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More Casting pics...



A huge Thank you to BryanPratt who gave the event a big plug on the 'Big Fish' radio show. He also donated the major raffle prize of a full fly fishing outfit. CAA is extremely grateful, thank you!

CAA own celebrity Charlie D

Rise and rise of Lake Burley Griffin carp

Available on the net: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/rise-and-rise-of-lake-burley-griffin-carp-20141013-10rv6m.html> (reproduced here with permission of the author – many thanks John)

Watching 58-year-old fishing fanatic Charlie Diedo haul in multiple carp from Lake Burley Griffin puts the much maligned fish and embattled waterway in a new light.

Although he left his homeland as a five year-old, Mr Diedo puts his love of fishing and water down to his Maltese heritage. He says as a British colony, and the most fought over island in the Mediterranean, Malta supplied water at crucial times during battles.

Lake Burley Griffin was trout heaven when a young Charlie Diedo arrived with his father Anthony and grandfather Joe.

"You see that little white bridge over there," he says, pointing to a stormwater drain running from Bowen Park, Kingston, into the lake. "I have seen trout trying to get up there to spawn."

When carp arrived, driving out other fish, he learned to live with and appreciate them. He once supplied fresh carp to friends who turned them into tasty meals, but says these people are too shy to own up to eating them.

Mr Diedo says people who catch the lake's carp often abuse them, either bashing them about, or leaving them on the bank to rot and stink.

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"If you don't want to kill it, put it back in the water," he says, while fishing on the lake's edge. He casts his line and burley cage loaded with bread and corn into the water from a sandy, pebbly foreshore near the Boathouse Restaurant. Soon after he scoops up a plump carp. He pulls the fish in tight against his chest to keep it steady. His thumb slides under its gills and he picks a small, wide-gapped hook from the carp's rubber-ring like lip in a matter of seconds. The next moment there's a flash of silver in the water as the freed carp scurries into the depths. This is repeated many times as more fish are drawn into the burley patch, until Mr Diedo's blue shirt is wet, and covered in sand, scale slime and traces of blood from extracting hooks.

Angler Barry Manclark joins Mr Diedo and unpacks two rods. He says as a fighting fish few freshwater species are equal to carp, including trout. "Big carp leave them for dead," he says. "Mud marlin," says fishing commentator Bryan Pratt, who joins the other two. Mr Pratt says anglers often give their bigger carp to pelicans, and compete to see which pelican can down the biggest fish in a single gulp.

Mr Diedo says the carp are ideal for children learning to fish because they are almost guaranteed of success. "Most people use a sinker and two bits of corn. No, you've got to feed these babies," he says, squeezing a fistful of breadcrumbs and corn into a fresh ball of burley.



Editor reports – Cotter River performing to its usual standard!

MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 08 OCTOBER 2014

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

Meeting opened at 2030 Hrs

Members present: Peter K, Ian, Owen, Charlie, Barry, Jason M, Stefan, Alan, Greg W, Greg S, Steve, Gary and Peter H.

New Members present: Micheal, Angela and Leon.

Apologies: Bill, Lyall, Randy, Stuart and Jason Q (gone fishing).

The meeting was preceded by Jason M conducting lure making class at Scrivener Dam. Whilst most of the attendees present for the meeting waited for the Lure making class to return before the meeting could get started a few of the members present were hit with other priorities and left before the meeting started (Owen, Barry and Greg S).

Minutes

Angela, Michael and Leon welcomed to the meeting by members present.

Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable for perusal and therefore no outstanding business from the previous minutes were discussed.

Inwards Correspondence

Email received from UMDR Facilitator re the availability of the carp mapping tool (discussed at July meeting) and requesting volunteers for road testing the carp mapping tool.

CRFA bids to ACT Government for stocking of Lake Ginninderra with cod and yellowbelly being presented 17 Oct 2014.

NSW CFA meeting is programmed for Dutton Hatchery (New England) 01 November 2014.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported a profit of \$550 from the Fly Casting Lessons Raffles and \$350 profit from the BBQs held at the Casting lessons.

The Club Bank Balance is \$3859.06 with an outstanding payment of \$190 due.

Raffle prizes from the Fly casting will be delivered to raffle winners by COB Friday 10 Oct 2014.

Outings Update

Lyle Knowles Outing. Alan stated Five members confirmed attending and accommodation available at Providence if any more members wished to stay overnight on Friday or Saturday. Alan also informed that the Saturday afternoon BBQ has been cancelled due to lack of participation by members attending the Lyle Knowles.

Brogo Outing. Damien will be sending emails detailing the Brogo Dam outing 21/22 November.

March Outing. Greg W is concerned at the lack of fish in the Goodradigbee river and has mooted that a possible switch to Bondi Forest may be on the cards depending on the conditions of the Goodradigbee closer to the outing date.

Fly Tying

Fly tying on 22 October to be confirmed by Lyall.

Next Meeting

The next meeting 12 November with the guest speaker from RTM discussing 4WD driving kit and boating items.

Fishing Reports.

Alan reported seeing trout being caught in the Thredbo river upstream of the Hatchery. Peter stated that Vanity's crossing was a popular area on opening day but did not hear of any worthwhile trout being caught. Carp numbers in LBG appear high with good quantities being caught on corn near the boathouse by Charlie and Barry. Leon reported catching nice sized redfin in Lake Tuggeranong on Fly.

The meeting was closed 2100 Hrs.

Jason M
Acting President

Peter K
Acting Secretary

p.s. Peter fished Lake Tuggeranong on 9 Oct using gold fish flies and caught two redfin approx 1kg each and umpteen redfin around 15cms near the Scollay road bridge.

Equipment Review

Received anything shiny and new? Let us know all about it...

Email:

newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au

Consider this...

Brad at [Wildbrumby Schnapps Distillery](#) has a deal for CAA, and there's fishing onsite and the Thredbo is just around the corner! Stay tuned...



Just a random pic!? Mmmm tying feathers!!! Pic:Jason Q

BOOK ,DVD and TV shows

Read any fishing related books?
Watched any fishing related DVD's?
Starred in a TV show lately?

Send in a review and tell us all about it!?

Hint, Hint Nathan!!
Yes, I'll have one up about my new Tenakara book shortly

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Let's show our support and get involved....!

Please note: The date for UMDR willow control day has passed, but this ad goes to show what events happen very close to the ACT. CAAN will keep you posted on future events.

From: upperbidgeereach@gmail.com
[mailto:upperbidgeereach@gmail.com] On Behalf Of UMDR Facilitator
Sent: Tuesday, 26 August 2014 12:46 PM
To: facilitator@upperbidgeereach.org.au
Cc: Helen Shimitras; riverguide@outlook.com
Subject: Upcoming canoe days on the Murrumbidgee River

Hi everyone,
The dates for the next willow control canoe days have been set and are included in the attached schedule. We will be paddling sections of the river between Bumbalong Crossing and Michelago Creek on these days.

This is a very scenic section, parts which are mostly flat water, but some sections do have small rapids (maximum grade 2).

Please let me know on which days you would like to come along.

Cheers

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- Bush Heritage Australia
- ACT Government
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Young, in-stream willows are an emerging threat to aquatic habitat and on the upper Murrumbidgee River



NSW Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson and project partners at the project launch in January, 2014

UMDR community willow control project

CALLING ALL ADVENTUROUS VOLUNTEERS!

The UMDR community willow control project is seeking adventurous volunteers to undertake 1 day guided canoe trips on the upper Murrumbidgee River (between Bredbo and Angle Crossing) to control young, emergent instream willows along the way.

All canoeing equipment, safety gear and training will be provided. Volunteers will be accompanied by qualified and experienced river guide. To take part you need to have an average-excellent level of fitness and be able to swim. Prior canoeing experience is not essential. Transport to and from trip meeting points is the responsibility of volunteers.

RIVER DAYS SCHEDULE

River days will be held on the following dates-

8 th September	21 st September
20 th September	18 th October
18 th October	19 th October

*Further days are also planned for November-January (dates TBA)

ITINERARY

The itinerary for a typical river day is set out below. You will be given more details appropriate to the specific trip day when you register which day you would like to attend.

8am- meet at river or meeting point, set up gear
8:30am- safety briefing and willow control training
9:30am- start river journey/willow control*
12:30pm – lunch
1:00pm- river journey/willow control*
5:30pm- complete trip/pack up gear/travel home

*We will be stopping for regular breaks and will ensure that volunteers spend their time engaging in both canoeing and willow control activities.

HOW TO BE INVOLVED

Contact the UMDR facilitator on the details below and let us know on which day you would like to participate.

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