

# The Burley Line

Dec 2014



*Photo submissions to The Burley Line come in many forms – this is a first: a photo of the preview screen of Alan’s camera! I understand that even Victorian angling regulations (where this was taken) would see this fish as undersized – returned unharmed to grow up a bit.*

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## From the Editor's Desk

JQ and I are going to share editor duties – you'll be able to tell who has lead role each month because there'll be different 'look and feel'. After a time we'll likely migrate towards some middle ground based on reader response .... That means you folk are encouraged to comment on what your expectations are from the newsletter. Some suggested topics for discussion:

- frequency of the newsletter
- inclusion of advertisements other than member's items for sale
- use of member's surnames
- inclusion of fish caught register
- what should appear in the newsletter versus the 'news' panel on the web home page
- inclusion of news items from NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers and Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (noting people can subscribe to these themselves)

I wonder if many of you have discovered the wonder that is TROVE – an on-line resource of the National Library of Australia. Amongst other things, it has archived images (and text recognised) material from the Canberra Times 1926-1995. This of course covers the entire life of the Canberra Anglers' Association. Accordingly, I've been browsing through this history and, along with articles extracted from CAA Newsletters, I'm assembling an archive of interesting historical material. The TROVE articles that relate to CAA are being assembled into a list which can be accessed via [this link](#). The first piece of interesting news is confirmation that the first official meeting of CAA was on Mon 15 Oct 1945.

## Coming Events

**BREAKING NEWS:** Brogo Outing chasing Australian Bass scheduled for 21-23 Nov has been delayed to 28-30 Nov. Please contact Stefan or Secretary for more details of the outing. Some information on how to get there is available [here](#).

**Next Meeting** – Wed 10 Dec – replacing normal meeting we'll be gathering for a barbeque by the lake. Our normal locale is a construction site at the moment, so instead come down at around 5pm or so at Black Mountain Peninsula. Take the road to the southern most car park. BYO everything. Fishing opportunities and playground available for kids

### Next Events:

26 Nov – Fly Tying. Lyall will instruct on Crazy Charlie salt water fly. More information is on our [Fly Tying Page](#).

12-14 Dec – Jindabyne outing. Accommodation is fully booked but for day trippers, more information on the [web](#).

18 Jan – Charlie's annual year opening natives day on 18 Jan will also be held at Black Mountain Peninsula. Gates open at 7:00am and we'd anticipate fishing through to lunch time before heading home.



## Lyle Knowles Report

*Lyall Knowles outing and trophy grab.*

*Ok as the person who put up his hand to coordinate the outing it falls on me to write a few words to sum up the weekend of October 11. 12 .*

*In short the timing of the seasonal rain etc meant that this year there were fish up the Eucumbene river on the weekend of the comp, that being said the high water and the cold days meant it was hard to see fish so those of us who stayed in the cottage found we had to just flog the water in spots where fish had been caught in the past.*

*We in the cottage all caught fish.*

*At the time of writing this I have not heard from any day trippers so trophy and prize money has yet to be decided.*

*Accommodation for next year will need to be booked soon so make a note in your diary now and commit to a day or twos fishing.*

*I for one will be there,*

*Alan s*



*Alan at Lyle Knowles*



*Alan's 50 cm trout which kept coming back!!!*



*It just kept swimming back to Alan !!!*



*Steve searching the bank.*

## **Fishing Reports**

A couple of photos provided by Lyall of Alan on “a river somewhere”  
... somewhere close I suspect.





*Hi Bill and Jason,*

*After consulting with my co-accused Alan, we came up with the following words to accompany my photo of him with a wee trout and his CAA shirt.*

*Thanks,  
Lyall*

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*Following a quick chat after CAA fly tying at the Raiders Club, a couple of us agreed to make a casual visit to an undisclosed ACT river the next day.*

*After the short walk from the car park, exploring downstream with small dry flies yielded a nicely coloured juvenile brown trout. With the weather closing in as per the forecast, polaroiding was no longer possible but insects began to rise off of the water. Unfortunately the trout had little interest. Exploring further afield yielded a legal sized rainbow and with our self-appointed fishing deadline upon us, fish began to rise and the storm hit.*

*It was a fun few hours close to home and a mid-week exercise worth repeating*

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**(Ed. Key lesson here folks, there are benefits from always remaining flexible and not being tied to an immutable timetable ☺)**



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From Jason Q:

*Dear Editor,*

*Quick report on my recent visit to Lake Eucumbene for the 2014 Snowy Mountains Trout Fest..*

*I fly fished the whole event for a total of 32 fish landed and at least another dozen dropped. Majority of catches came from fishing between 1800hrs and 0200hrs stripping the standard Eucumbene lollies (matuka, tia-happy... There are others but I can't give away all my secrets). The minor catches throughout the day came from various flies (mostly the*

*Alexandra) in my team I used whilst I was loch fishing from the boat.*



*My biggest fish for the weeks was a Brown at 1735grams which didn't land me largest fish of the day as I had to compete with a weigh in of over 2kg! But I managed to win largest Rainbow for the day at Anglers at 893grams earning me another set of beer glasses. This fish also earned me Largest Rainbow on fly for the week - thank you to EJ TODD for the new BVK 5wt rod, snowbee reel, dr slick zinger and a new fly box (brand forgotten).*

*The largest Brown on fly went for 2.4kg, great fish! The guy who caught it mentioned it was a 15 min fight!*



*The van is liveable for a week and whilst it has a fair bit of work to go, it's comfortable! Boat performed flawless and so did my leader knots!*

*The Euc river is slow on the lower parts, the upper part is holding good quantities and good sized fish. Be careful of the snakes!*



*Tip: Stay away from the bank if you want to land fish, and cast tight along the shaded banks...*

*Tight loops,  
Jason*

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### **From Bill:**

*I've joined Charlie for a couple of times chasing carp on bait at Lake Burley Griffin. It is a quite technical form of fishing and I've still got much to learn, but today (13 Nov) I had a bit of a red letter day. After dropping one take (and being chastised for taking food off Charlie and Peter's dinner table), I was left on my own when they departed escaping the heat and trying to avoid the Morshead Drive traffic. I stayed on hoping for some fishing action ... and I got it!*





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*It is likely Peter had not even reached Morshead Drive when my reel screamed. I was using my grandson's economy spin outfit with (I think) only 6lb mono and basic egg-beater reel so I will admit to not forcing the pace with landing this fish, but it seemed to put on quite a fight. In due course a pretty mirror carp was landed. Within 30 seconds of recasting I was on again with this one - measurements on the photo comparing my foot size to the fish provided an estimate length at 60cm - I timed this one and it took a good 10 minutes to land. By this stage I'd drawn a bit of an audience from the joggers passing by. Failed to recruit them for CAA, but did give them cause to think on the merits of fishing LBG.*



*Got two more and dropped two good pulling fish before heading off to dinner at 5:30pm. It was so much fun - many thanks to Charlie for all his support, encouragement and training. As I said earlier, I've still got a lot to learn, but today did give cause for encouragement. Now if only I can translate this into having my grandkids catch these powerhouses ...*

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**From Lyall:**

*Hi Bill,*

*Goodradigbee was great with a 30 cm brown landed and polaroiding to half a dozen solid fish during the day then chasing the rises after dark.*



*The fishery looks to be recovering following some bad years by all accounts.*

*Bye for now,*

*Lyall*

## **New and Improved Bumper Sticker**

New, improved club bumper stickers (thanks Kelly) are available (one per renewed member) from Treasurer. They come in a number of patterns – one example here. Get it now and promote the club.



## **NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News**

### **Join the fin clipping team at Gaden in January**

This summer's fin clipping at Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne is scheduled to start on Tuesday the 13th January 2015. As usual there will be 37,500 rainbows to clip (which is 25% of the 150,000 to be stocked into Lake Eucumbene). Fisheries will provide lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the day(s) of clipping, so if you feel like helping trout research and can spare some time, feel free to join in. Much debate has occurred about rainbows in the past couple of years, so this is a good chance to play a part in the research that helps understand the fishery.

Fisheries staff are on site setting up Monday afternoon, but all the action takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, starting at about 8.00-8.30am.

As last year, Fisheries staff will be using the coded wire tagging machines to tag the 50,000 trout to be released into Jindabyne.

All are welcome to join in (spouses and children included), but remember that you will need covered-in shoes for safety reasons. And don't forget your glasses...the fish are very small.

Feel free to forward this message on to friends and clubs.

Contact Jamin Forbes, Senior Fisheries Technician, Department of Primary Industries NSW on



0400 368 816 or [jamin.forbes@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jamin.forbes@dpi.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions, and most importantly to let him know if you're coming.

*(Ed. Be good if you copied in [secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au](mailto:secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au) so we can possibly explore car pooling and side visit to some fishing)*

## **Useful internet resources to research angler access**

In August 2012 the NSW government started to clear a backlog of applications to convert Crown roads to freehold. This includes many 'paper roads' that could provide important fishing access to the public. Initially NSW DPI was monitoring the flow of applications and notifying angling groups including the NSW CFA of any applications that could lead to loss of fishing access. However the number of applications has now increased dramatically and NSW DPI has stopped notifying angling groups due to lack of resources to cope with the avalanche. Anglers and local fishing clubs need to take a direct interest in what is going on.

The NSW government launched an online service showing the applications.

### **[www.roads.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.roads.crownland.nsw.gov.au)**

Contains notices of specific road closures applications for all of NSW. (You need to scroll down to access the text schedule of roads advertised for closure.) This site should be checked at least once a week as you only have 28 days in which to make an objection.

### **[www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/about crown land/feedbackcomplaints](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/about_crown_land/feedbackcomplaints)**

For complaints relating to illegally locked gates, fencing etc. affecting use of the road or access to any reserve.

### **[www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown lands/roads](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_lands/roads)**

General information about road closures.

### **[www.maps.six.nsw.gov.au](http://www.maps.six.nsw.gov.au)**

This site allows a search by lot number and DP number.

To perform a search for a lot on SIX, close the initial help screen and from the main page select the search button, top left of the page. A drop down lets you select "advanced" search. That opens a box that defaults on search by street address but you select the tab labelled "lot". When that opens, just put in the lot number and the DP number you have copied from the cadastral diagram published with the road closure advertisement. That's all you need, and it will take you straight to that lot, which will appear highlighted on the map.



On the far top right of the SIX page there is a button labelled “map contents”. Clicking that drops down a list. Tick the boxes for lot labels, dynamic labels and lot boundaries, and that will bring up the overlays that show those features. From the lot boundaries, you can pick out the roads. (And other interesting things, like whether lot boundaries go to the middle of a river or stream, or the bank of the stream defines the boundary (in which case the water course is not private land.) Dynamic labels provide names of public roads, define urban areas (including towns and villages), and other features.

Assuming you chose to search with a lot number and DP number that shared a boundary with the road in issue, it should be very easy to identify the road once the lot boundary overlay has been selected.

Next to the map contents button there is another button in the far top right of the SIX page labelled “base maps”. Click on that and you get a drop down choice of the aerial photograph (the default view) and a topo map view (which also loads faster on slow internet connections).

There are various tools at the top middle of the SIX page. Selecting the X-Y tool will bring up latitude and longitude of any point where you place the cursor on the page/map and click. That info can be

## **Gaden meets rainbow trapping targets**

A total of 861 wild rainbow trout have been trapped this year at Gaden. Along with rainbow trout broodstock held on site, the rainbow trout allocation target for this year has now been reached and the permanent fish trap has been removed. A total of 152 litres of rainbow trout ova have been laid down, for a total of 1.2 million green ova. Egg picking has begun and the ova fertility success rate appears to be high.

Atlantic salmon stripping was completed and a total of 403,000 ova were laid down. After egg picking the result was 275,000 eyed ova for grow out at 68% fertility success rate.

Brook trout stripping was completed and after egg picking there are 125,000 eyed ova for grow out at 83% fertility success rate.

Screens to the permanent fish trap were installed on 23 May 2014 to target spawning brown trout. Since that time 1,204 brown trout have been trapped. A total of 490,000 green ova were sent to Dutton Trout Hatchery at Ebor for on-growing. A total of 504,000 eggs were laid down at Gaden Trout Hatchery. After egg picking there are 462,000 eyed ova for grow out, a 91% fertility success rate. The brown trout allocation target was reached.

## **Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW News**

### **New recreational fishing rules in force**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, has reminded recreational anglers that changes



to NSW recreational fishing rules have commenced this week.

Ms Hodgkinson said the changes are now in place, after taking into account feedback from thousands of recreational fishers.

“These changes, supported by a majority of people who made submissions, include modified bag and size limits and gear usage rules,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government remains committed to ensuring rules reflect the recreational fishing community’s needs and expectations, while maintaining quality recreational fishing for the future.”

Key changes include:

- bag limit reduced from 20 to 10 for Flathead species (other than Dusky Flathead), Bream and Tarwhine, Tailor, Blue Swimmer Crab, Trevallies and Luderick. The possession limit of 20 will remain for these species;
- spawning closure for Australian Bass and Estuary Perch extended to four months to protect early migrating bass. Catch and release will be permitted during the closure;
- number of witches hats/hoop nets/lift nets is reduced from five to four and the number of crab traps is increased from one to two in saltwater.
- change of marking requirements of recreational nets and traps to specify trap type, fisher’s initial and surname, year of birth and postcode;
- five hoop nets are permitted to be used to take yabbies in Lakes Lyell, Lake Wallace and Googong Dam; and
- revised Murray cod minimum size of 55cm and a maximum size of 75cm.

Ms Hodgkinson said of the 16 changes, five include minor rule adjustments to reduce red tape and streamline fishing rules.

“The NSW Government is proud to support our recreational sector, which contributes more than \$1.6 billion to the State’s economy each year,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“A three-month advisory period will be in place to allow recreational anglers time to adjust to the new rules.”



To view a video explaining the changes, and for more information, visit

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational).

## Cooking Corner

Always after new recipes for addition our [Cooking Page](#)..

## 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](mailto:newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au).

## Notable Fish Recorded

| Angler  | Species       | Length          | Method | Location/Event/Date                            |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Nathan  | Cod           | 68cm            | Fly    | Yerrabi Ponds, 28 Jul                          |
| Nathan  | Brown         | 56cm            | Fly    | Lake Eucumbene, 3 Aug                          |
| Jason Q | Brown         | 53cm            | Fly    | Lake Eucumbene, 13 Aug 2200hrs – Anglers Reach |
| Talia   | European Carp | Various to 65cm | Bait   | LBG  |
| Barry   | European Carp | Various to 65cm | Bait   | LBG  |
| Charlie | European Carp | Various to 65cm | Bait   | LBG  |
| Peter K | European Carp | 67cm            | Fly    | Lake Tuggeranong, 23 Sep                       |
| Alan    | Brown Trout   | 50cm            | Fly    | Lyle Knowles, 11 Oct                           |
| Steve   | Brown Trout   | 47cm            | Fly    | Lyle Knowles, 11 Oct                           |
| Bill    | European Carp | 60cm            | Bait   | LBG, 13 Nov                                    |



## **November Minutes**

### **MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

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

Members present: Geoff, Greg, Kevin, Ian, Bill, Charles, Owen, Kelly, Steve, Angie, Michael, Alan, Peter, Norm, Stefan, Lyall and new member Kevin.

Apologies: Jason Q, Stuart.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Tane Von Harten from Road Tech Marine regarding fish finders made by Lowrance, Raymarine and Furano.

#### **Meeting opened 19.45**

#### **Minutes**

The October meeting minutes were read and accepted.

#### **New Member**

Kevin was welcomed as a new member to CAA.

#### **Fishing Reports**

Kelly, Alan, Norm, Owen and Charlie all presented fishing reports.

#### **Outing Update**

The bass fishing outing to Brogo Dam has been moved to 28 – 30 November.

With regard to the outing to Jindabyne 12 – 14 December, Bill requested that payment for accommodation at the CSIRO Lodge be paid into the CAA bank account for on-forwarding to CSIRO. Transport and other final arrangements will be made in due course.

The Sunday 18 January fishing for native fish will be held at Black Mountain Peninsula starting at 07:00 for those who are keen.

#### **General Business**

#### **December Meeting and Christmas BBQ**

The December meeting and Christmas BBQ will be held at Black Mountain Peninsula starting at 17:00 followed by a spot of fishing around the peninsula.

Capital Region Fishing Alliance



Stefan will be attending the CRFA annual general meeting on 27 November. Any issues to be raised at the meeting should be addressed to Stefan .

**CAA Fly Tying Book**

Jason M presented a draft template of a proposed book containing fly tying instructions of flies tied at CAA fly tying nights or member's suggested flies. Jason invited comments and offered to compile and edit the book with sales intended to recoup the cost of production.

**Meeting closed 21.20.**

Geoff  
President

Greg W  
Vice President

Lyall  
Secretary