

# The Burley Line

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*Lyll at the annual fin-clipping activity – more inside.*

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## From the Editor's Desk

Well, I hope Santa left lots of good stuff under the tree for you and that you've had success on the water to boot. All set for a new year with the club? Many thanks to my co-editor (Jason Q) for preparing the special Christmas Edition last year. With some absences coming up, JQ will take the lead for the next couple of editions – please support him with reports.

## Coming Events

**Next Meeting** – 11 Feb – usual time of 7:30pm at Raiders Weston Club. No plans for a speaker yet so will likely be just a chance to share yarns about the recent fishing and planning for next event.

### Next Events:

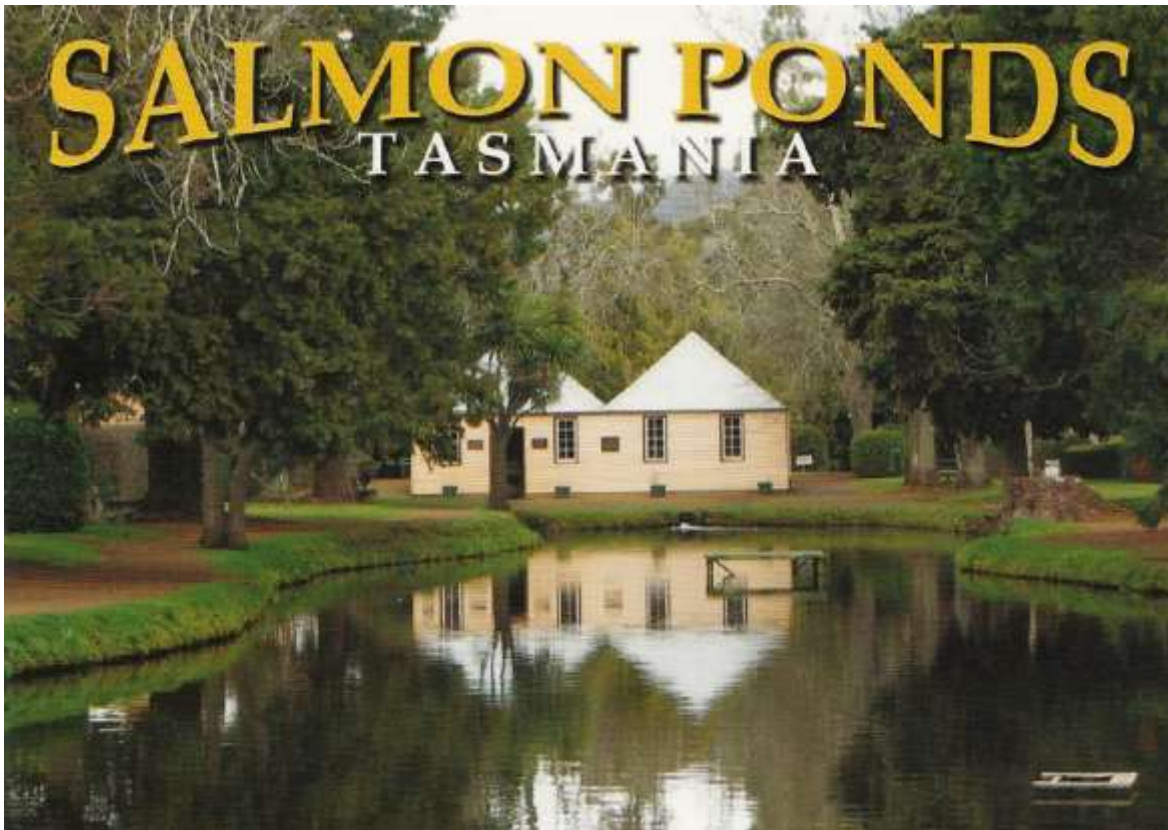
24-26 Jan – Regional Carp Out – **postponed**. More details will be provided when known.

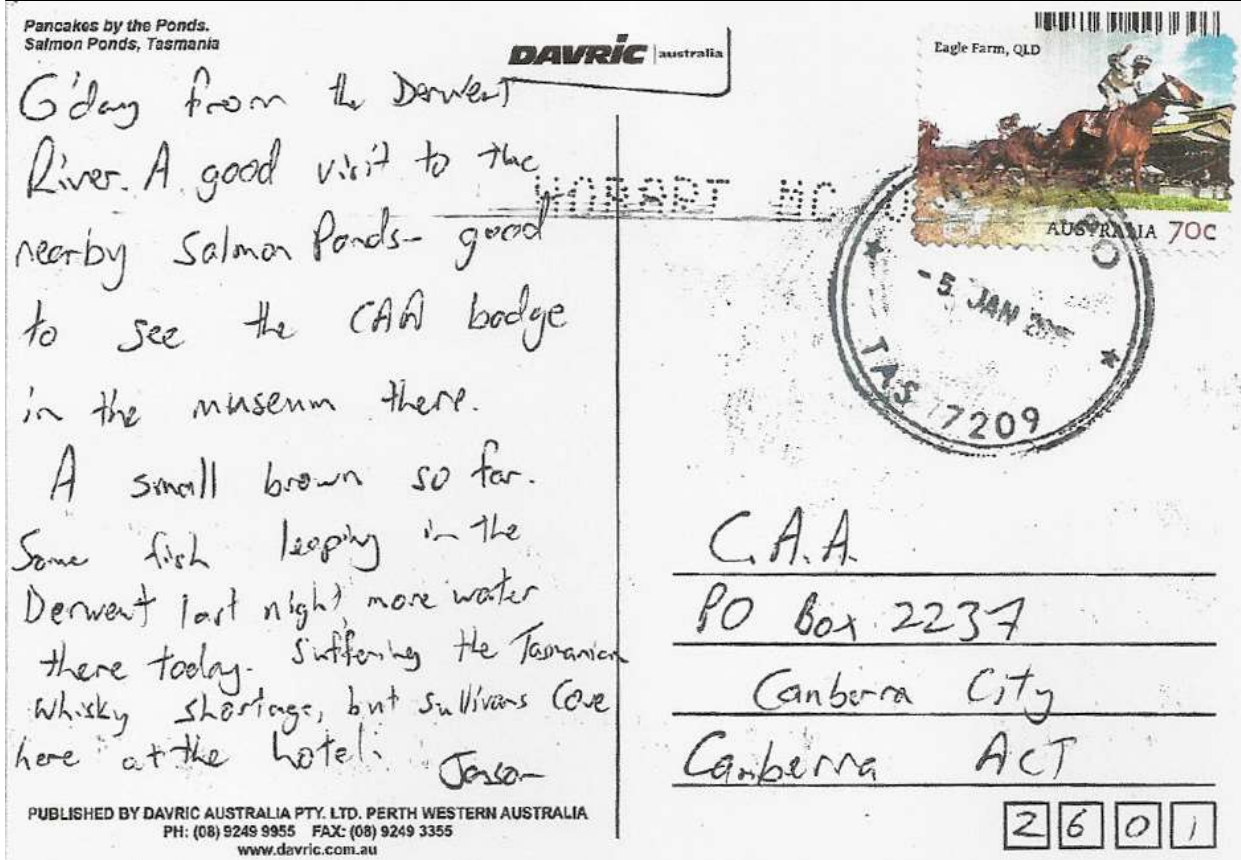
20-22 Feb – Coast Outing. Originally to be organised by Owen, now to be undertaken by Lyall (Secretary).

25 Feb – Fly Tying. Nathan will be working on cod flies. Instructions will appear on our [fly tying page](#) before then.

## Postcard

This arrived in the PO Box





## Charlie's Natives Outing 18 Jan

The following was penned by Lyall and Charlie:

### Black Mountain Peninsula Outing

Charlie had organised perfect January weather for the outing to Black Mountain Peninsula to fish Lake Burley Griffin. After the sun rose the hot air balloons drifted over New Parliament House then low across the lake in our direction.

The outing was well attended with HQ situated at the barbeque area where a few of us indulged in bacon and





eggs and sausage sandwiches which made the scene complete. It was the site of good discussion about favourite lures, rods and reels of which Charlie had bought a few examples.



Pictured above right is Charlie's favourite Australian-made fiberglass rod and beautifully engineered miniature ABU brand reel about to be attacked by a local crustacean. Charlie told us the story of the Genesis of the ABU Ambassador bait caster reel, from precision watch-making company in Sweden to precision 1950s Swedish-made reels to the present day reels, still made in Sweden. Anyone interested in precision engineering or fishing history will enjoy the 50 minute documentary (acknowledging that it is an Abu Garcia promotion) at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSVjYBSrL68>



The targeted native fish were elusive but Common Carp and Redfin Perch kept people interested including the flotilla of CAA Navy (Bill and Alan in this case). Jason M was out there in the club boat with the fish finder and electric motor. Nathan told me he saw Jason hook up with something so large that the rod was doubled over and the wake of pulling the club boat backwards through the water had overturned some of the in-training competition rowing boats which must have scared off the native fish.

*LATE BREAKING NEWS: Jason has just responded to my e-mail. In my quest for*

*journalistic accuracy, Jason advised that he had been trolling and caught an Australian Native log which enabled him to test the Tackle Back lure retriever he had bought from Pratt's Tackle Box the day prior with Nathan's assistance. Jason also reported that while trying to un-snag his lure, his sons managed to pick some blackberries so they at least had something edible to take home!*

Carp fishing had a few of us excited and Greg S landed a fat carp in excess of 60 centimetres (as measured by independent arbiter Charlie) which Charlie despatched and cleaned ready to give to Chinese friends. Well done Greg!!! Another 48 centimetre carp was landed late in the day.



Great weather, great company and a great outing. Thanks Charlie!

Lyll

## Other Fishing Reports

### From Peter

*Boxing day I decided that after storms I would fish Mussel Wood and after leaving home at 1530hrs arrived at destination at ideal time having driven through storms on way down. Fish were cruising the swampy end of the arm near the fence and after being rejected on parachute adams, irresistible adams, goddards caddis, redtags and foam beetles I tied on a shaving brush emerging fly with instant success. A large brown ran me to approx 3 turns of the end of the backing before resting and allowing me to get all my backing back on the reel and about 50% of the fly line. It then did a couple of more smaller runs with some spectacular leaps but I finally managed to get it to shore. By this time (about 1930hrs) I had a spectator who I asked to photograph for me while I posed with the fish. I showed him how to operate the camera but apparently I failed as a tutor because when I arrived home that night (about 0030hrs) no photos had been taken despite this good Samaritan stating he had taken a nice shot. The fish was 59 cms long but very solid weighing 6lb 7 ozs and I euthanized and cleaned the fish returning it to the car to put in esky. I returned to fish until approx. 2130 hrs*



*but no more takes. There were a few rises after sunset but these ceased on arrival of darkness..*

**From Bill**

*I have to publicly give thanks to Charlie for all his assistance in teaching me some of the science behind his success in chasing carp. Not only did I have some success at the December barbq, I've been able to provide three of my grandsons with a bit of summer entertainment and introduction to the fun of fishing.*



Xander – recall he got the best fish on the natives outing 2 years ago – his little brother Leo and another bigger kid.



Their Brisbane cousin Quinn – bit of a change from small bream on the Brisbane River.



## Fin Clipping

Each year NSW DPI seek volunteer support to fin clip trout prior to stocking and CAA were represented by Lyall and Bill – looking a little like Bobbsie Twins as they were both in the bush camouflage CAA shirt.

One quarter of the 150,000 fingerlings destined for Lake Eucumbene were duly clipped – right forward pectoral in case you land one in due course – given there were around 30 volunteers this means we each clipped over 1,000 fingerlings each. Rest assured this is a humane process where the little wriggly blighters spend some time in AQUI-S solution – based on oil of cloves – which sedates them permitting this surgery to occur. Weather this year was much cooler than last year and accordingly kinder on the fish while waiting to be clipped or to be taken out for stocking.



*Some of the little dudes trying hard not to swim clockwise*



I (ie Bill) decided to try out the 'bed extension' to the new drawers in the back of the Challenger and stay on after clipping to get some fishing in. I had anticipated light winds overnight to enable some night fishing though Lyall had concerns that the weather was turning and decided for an early dinner. My preferred locale was 2 metres underwater! So went to Island Bend ... very fast water with a couple of small ones only on dusk. As darkness fell I set up the back of 4WD bed (more cramped than I'd hoped ... my old old Subie was better especially after I took out the back seats). Had been drizzling since I arrived so I hoiked a fly over the back door and this provided extra shelter on the ground at the back of the car. The pull out table thing of the new drawers worked well as a kitchen. So ... I was all set up and tucked into bed when gale force winds came whooshing down the valley (adiabatic winds?) and blew out one of the pegs ... drizzle, dark, windy and me in jocks trying to pack up the fly – this meant I had to close the rear door and was only into bed again when I realised that the child locks were still active on the back passenger doors ... climbing over the front seats to escape into the rain to restore was almost the last straw – gee I love the night time fishing and camping out game!

## **CRFA News**

Most recent activity within CRFA was providing a submission on behalf of member clubs on ACT Government proposed Fish Stocking Policy. Two member clubs developed their own submissions – a combined document will be placed on the web. Key theme was the recommendation to restore stocking in the ACT of trout.

Various comments from CAA members, along with general support for CRFA position, was reflected in the submission.

## **NSW CFA News**

The following is an extract, full issue for January is [here](#).

Their next meeting is 21 Feb at a locale yet to be advised members can volunteer to attend. Draft minutes of November meeting are available on request from Secretary.

Next key CFA Event is the NSW CFA Fly Fishing Meet on 1-3 May. Details below. Please contact CAA Secretary for contact details.

## **Bow fishing for carp**

*Report by Don Barton, NSW CFA President*

The recent changes to the Fishing Rules included provisions enabling a pilot program for bow fishing for carp by a narrowly selected class of persons in specified inland waters in NSW.

On 18 November I attended a full day Bow Fishing Risk Assessment Workshop in Surry Hills conducted by a consultant, and facilitated by officers of DPI (Fisheries and Game Licensing Unit).





The risk assessment was exhaustive. An example of the outcome of a similar process (in respect of permitting regulated hunting in state forests) by the same consultant [can be seen at this link](#).

The permits (or permit – one may be issued for a specified class of persons) which actually make the activity legal for specified persons will probably issue under section 37, *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. A permit rather than a licence will be required owing to the matter being a trial rather than something new being immediately enshrined in the *Act*.

The pilot program will commence some time in 2015. Training of applicants for a permit to bow fish for carp in specified locations will be conducted by DPI's Game Licensing Unit. Individuals will be required to hold a NSW Fishing Fee receipt and a NSW Restricted Game Hunting Licence, endorsed for bow hunting. Issue of a Restricted Game Licence is limited to members of hunting organisations approved by DPI. Obviously, there are quite a lot of filters operating with respect to who will be permitted to bow fish for carp.

Following the trial period, there will be a review of the trial and that review will inform any decision to persist with permitting bow fishing for carp and if so under what conditions and in which inland waters.

The locations where bow fishing for carp will be permitted were identified amongst known carp hot spots in NSW, with the precise locations being identified by taking account of proximity to towns and other considerations.

The day provided an opportunity to examine the equipment used for bow fishing and to speak to experts in the field. Having exercised that opportunity and having the benefit of sitting through the entire risk assessment process, I found it difficult to have any concerns in relation to the trial. (Indeed, I can think of at least one river reach where the opportunity to target carp so precisely may well prove useful in mitigating the presence of carp in refuge holes during dry spells, and I look forward to persuading a bow fishing enthusiast (if I can find one) to demonstrate his skills, if that reach becomes one of the sites scheduled under the terms of the permit/s.)

Of course, anything new will inevitably attract concerns one way or the other, and it is easy to attempt to create a moral panic in respect of any activity with which one is unfamiliar; ignorance being the mother of prejudice.

The practice is in fact not so novel, having been legal in NSW in tidal waters ever since there have been regulations governing recreational fishing. The reasons for it not being permitted inland probably had more to do with conserving freshwater native fish and salmon and trout rather than safety. It is permitted in some other states, in the lower Murray in SA, I have heard.

Some concern may be felt in respect of authorised bow fishers being tempted by fish other than carp. Having regard to the filters operating on the selection of permit holders, this seems to be an unlikely risk. Further, the technique doesn't seem to lend itself to taking other species and in any case, even if the odd opportunity arose and was exploited, that would be no different to a person doing the wrong thing by keeping a trout cod that they had inadvertently hooked, for example. The fact that some will people will do the wrong thing is not a good reason for forbidding a privilege to people who do the right thing.



There was a concern expressed by a Fisheries compliance officer that some people may hear that bow fishing is permitted in NSW and may rush into it without acquainting themselves with the precise regulations. This would seem to be a matter that can be reasonably addressed by suitable publicity, including informative publications being placed in retail outlets, including those in towns in neighbouring states.

People who don't bother to read such material probably already bow fish in NSW inland waters. It is already happening illegally in freshwater in NSW. See this Youtube video for example...

Bowfishing Carp nsw



It seems reasonable to expect that the individuals who will have taken the trouble to undergo the training, and apply and pay for the permit, and who are members of clubs, will not be well-disposed towards those who persist with bow fishing illegally, and will be as ready as any angler to pass on information to Fisheries' compliance officers of any illegal activity, including illegal bow fishing.

### **Map pest fish online with FeralFishScan**

The community can now record evidence of pest fish in their local area with FeralFishScan, a new interactive website to support a whole of catchment approach to pest fish management in local waterways.

FeralFishScan was launched this week on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River by the ACT Minister for the Environment Simon Corbell. It is initially being trialled in the upper Murrumbidgee with a view to launching nationally in the future.

Dr Dean Gilligan, the Invasive Animals CRC (IA CRC) Inland Water Pests Program Leader at the NSW Department of Primary Industries, said, "Anyone can use FeralFishScan to record where they see pest fish such as Carp, Redfin perch or Gambusia."

"Pest fish cause enormous damage to aquatic ecosystems, compete with native fish species for food and habitat and impact on recreational fishing activities. We need to do all we can to combat their spread."



“Information recorded by the community through FeralFishScan will be used to map pest fish hotspots, assist with catchment and river restoration activities and help identify opportunities for targeted pest fish control. Data will also help important research including the IA CRC’s carp biocontrol project.”

“The community can have a vital role to play in pest fish management using this online tool,” Dr Gilligan said.

The website has been developed by the IA CRC as part of a national FeralScan initiative, which is a community surveillance program used to gather evidence and impacts of pest species online to help better focus pest management control efforts.

Mobile device users can also access FeralFishScan enabling people to record evidence of pest fish while in the field.

FeralFishScan has been developed in a partnership between the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (IA CRC), NSW Department of Primary Industries, ACT Government, Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch, Bush Heritage Australia, University of Canberra and the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach.

For more information about FeralFishScan, please visit the website [www.feralfishscan.org.au](http://www.feralfishscan.org.au).

### **No smoking in NSW national parks**

NSW national parks are now no smoking areas. The smoking ban applies to almost all areas throughout NSW national parks and reserves, including picnic areas, campgrounds, accommodations, beaches, lookouts, walking tracks, and on national park roads. The ban doesn't apply to some commercial lease or licence areas, or to private residences located within a park.

[National Parks has an FAQ page on the ban at this link.](#)

### **Fisheries officers trap illegal fisher on the Murrumbidgee**



A 60 year old man from Hay will face serious charges after he was allegedly found using a large fish trap in the State’s Riverina, Department of Primary Industries (DPI), Acting Director Fisheries Compliance, Patrick Tully, said today.



“Fisheries officers apprehended the man following a targeted operation on the Murrumbidgee River near Hay,” Mr Tully said.

“The man was observed by fisheries officers retrieving a large fish trap from the Murrumbidgee River and illegally take 12 golden perch and 2 carp contained within the trap.

“Following an investigation the man was found to be in possession of a total of 15 golden perch taken over two days of fish trapping in the river.

“Fisheries officers seized the 15 golden perch plus three illegal fish traps.

“The man will now face court on a number of charges including the unlawful use of trap, possess prohibited fishing gear, take more than the daily limit of specified fish species, possess more than possession limit of a specified fish species and possess fish illegally taken.”

Mr Tully said fishing gear such as fish traps, gill nets, drum nets and set lines are totally prohibited throughout NSW inland waterways.

“Fish traps exert excess fishing pressure on fish populations and were banned in NSW to reduce the high level of destruction that was being inflicted on target native finfish species such as Murray cod and golden perch,” Mr Tully said.

“These traps also endanger non-target native fauna such as turtles, water rats, platypus and water birds.

“Our native fish stocks and fauna are a community owned resource and fisheries officers will continue working to catch those individuals who choose to flaunt the NSW fishing rules and to protect our natural resources for future generations.

“The community can help us protect our native fish stocks by reporting illegal or suspicious fishing activity to the Fishers Watch phonenumber on 1800 043 536 or directly to your nearest DPI Fisheries office.”

### **NSWCFA Fly-fishing Meet 2015**

The NSWCFA Fly-fishing Meet is a social fly-fishing long weekend that is held annually at Wallerawang, NSW. The Meet will be held from Friday 1 May to Sunday 3 May 2015, the weekend before Mothers' Day. The Meet provides the opportunity for friendly competition and to share the love of fly fishing. In the past the Meet has been well patronized by a wide cross section of fly-fishers, ranging from novices to highly accomplished. Free tuition in fly-tying and fly-casting will be available.

### **Competitions**

**Best Club:** Individuals may compete in some or all of the competitions and do so on behalf of a fishing club/organisation. 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**

**Fishing** – a low key event held from Friday 01 May 2015, closing at 6 pm on Saturday 2 May 2015.

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



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

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

Photography - info re competition categories and content will be provided later.

### **Accommodation**

The Meet registration fee (a bit over \$200) includes some meals and two nights 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); website: [www.blackgoldcabins.com.au](http://www.blackgoldcabins.com.au)).

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

### **Tilapia found in north-eastern streams**

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is seeking assistance from the public to help stop the spread of tilapia, one of the world's most invasive fish species, after they were recently detected in the far north east of the State.

DPI Strategy Leader Aquatic Biosecurity Melissa Walker said community assistance is urgently needed to control the spread these pest fish, which were recently found in Bogangar Canal and Cudgen Lake, south of Kingscliff.

“The highest risk for transporting tilapia is via humans carrying live fish or eggs,” Ms Walker said.

“If people catch or find a tilapia, it is vital that the fish is not returned to the water.

“Our advice to anyone who catches or finds tilapia is to humanely destroy and dispose of it appropriately.

“In any case of uncertainty about identification, we recommend taking a good quality photo then calling the Aquatic Pest Hotline immediately for confirmation.”

Ms Walker said tilapia have pale olive to silver-grey bodies, with a long continuous dorsal fin, and can grow to more than 36 centimetres and live up to 13 years.

“The fish are particularly threatening because they are such successful breeders,” Ms Walker said.

“Mothers produce up to 1200 eggs a year and protect their young fry in their mouths for up to 14 days before releasing them.

“This technique, known as ‘mouth brooding’, ensures that even if the mother is not living, any eggs in the mouth have the potential to survive.



“Once established in a flowing river or creek, these fish are almost impossible to eradicate so it is important to stop the spread of tilapia now before it’s too late.”

Tilapia impact on native fish numbers by competing for habitat and food, behaving aggressively, disturbing aquatic vegetation and could potentially introduce disease and parasites.

DPI Fisheries and Biosecurity staff are working with local council to coordinate surveys of the surrounding areas to help inform potential management options for this invasive pest fish.

Sightings of tilapia can be reported to DPI via:

- Phone: 02 4916 3877 (24 hour hotline)
- Online: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/pests-diseases/aquatic-pest-sighting](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/pests-diseases/aquatic-pest-sighting)
- Email: [aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au)



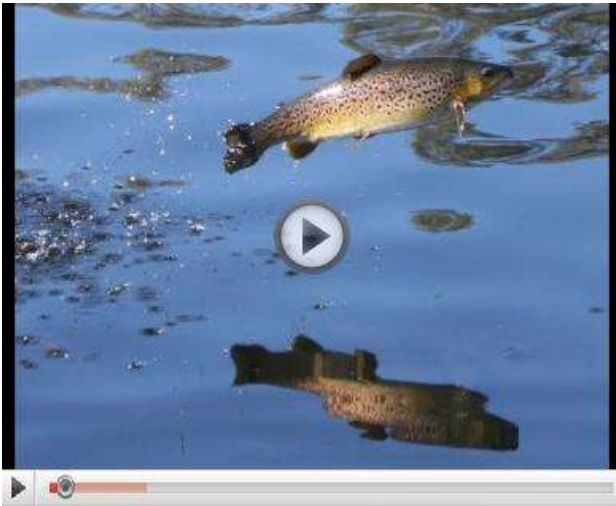
*Male and female tilapia*

### **Wild Trout Fisheries Management Plan in Victoria**

In 2014 Fisheries Victoria began a 3 year investigation into high country trout streams and their performance.



You can get an overview of the project at this video.



Anglers in north east Victoria had expressed concerns regarding the status of wild trout populations with reports of poor fishing across many streams, particularly during summer of 2013-14. Similar reports of poor fishing in wild trout streams have also been reported in New South Wales, Tasmania and New Zealand.

In response to anglers' concerns, Fisheries Victoria (DEPI) commissioned Arthur Rylah Institute researchers to conduct population surveys of four north east trout streams in February 2014. The results were presented to a trout reference group, a public meeting in Mansfield and the state-wide Recreational Fishing Roundtable forum. In July 2014, a "Wild trout fisheries management program" was developed and later approved in September. It is a collection of eight projects over three years that aims to deliver:

- A clearer understanding of the cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fisheries,
- Better understanding of of priority trout populations' health and status,
- Improved engagement with fishers to share our understanding of trout fisheries management, science and factors that drive the fishery,
- More responsive management of wild trout recreational fishing in Victoria, and
- Improved fishing opportunities for wild trout in Victoria.

#### Principal questions being addressed

- Are summer temperatures adversely impacting river trout fisheries?
- Is there a decline in wild trout populations and breeding?



- Is fishing pressure adversely impacting trout populations and the quality of the trout fishery?
- Are research results well understood by fishers?
- Limited angler feedback means we can't reliably measure changes in the performance of the recreational fishery.
- Is reduced Lake Eildon trout stocking impacting river trout fisheries?
- Are there changes in riparian habitat and have they affected water temperature?
- Does trout stocking help the wild brown trout river fisheries recover?

For more detailed information go to [www.depi.vic.gov.au/troutrecovery](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/troutrecovery)

## CFA News

The following is an extract, full issue for January is [here](#).

### **Decision on marine parks fishing amnesty announced**

On 19 December the Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Minister for the Environment, Rob Stokes, announced a decision on the future of line fishing from ocean beaches and headlands at 30 mainland marine park sanctuary sites in NSW.

Based on independent scientific advice and environmental, social and economic considerations, the NSW Government will:

- retain the amnesty at 10 sites, which will be rezoned to allow this activity; and
- immediately remove the amnesty at 20 sites, where sanctuary zone rules will again be enforced.

Ms Hodgkinson said the changes are consistent with the NSW Government's new approach to management of the marine estate.

"The amnesty to allow shore-based recreational line fishing from 30 ocean beaches and headlands in marine park sanctuary zones was put in place in 2013 in response to the findings of the independent scientific audit of NSW marine parks," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"The audit found that information was lacking with respect to some no-take zones, including ocean beaches. The amnesty was announced as a temporary measure, while a thorough risk assessment of the impact of these activities was undertaken. That assessment, completed by the independent Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel, found that recreational shore-based line fishing was a low-risk activity at a number of locations, which will be rezoned to allow this activity. The panel's findings have informed the NSW Government's decision to retain the amnesty at 10 sites and lift it at 20 sites."





Mr Stokes said that enforcement of sanctuary zone provisions at the 20 sites will recommence immediately.

“These areas will continue to be enjoyed for activities such as snorkelling and diving, as well as being used for scientific reference sites and educational purposes,” he said.

“A six-month advisory period will accompany the lifting of the amnesty; during this period recreational fishers found to be in breach of the rules will receive a caution however repeat offenders will be subject to standard compliance action. Risks to threatened fish and bird species in several areas will be reduced.”

Mr Stokes said there remained information gaps in relation to the impacts of this type of fishing in marine waters.

“To help fill these, the NSW Government will implement an enhanced data collection program so that fishing pressure and ecological condition can be more readily compared,” he said.

“This additional science is vital to inform future management decisions, including the development of the Marine Estate Management Strategy and forthcoming marine park planning pilots,” Mr Stokes said.

Further consideration of economic, social and ecological values will occur in each of the areas as part of planned reviews of management arrangements in each marine park.

Further information, including advice to the NSW Government from the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel and the Marine Estate Management Authority, can be found at [www.marine.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marine.nsw.gov.au).

### **Site to be rezoned to Habitat Protection Zones where shore-based fishing is allowed**

Cape Byron:

- Tyagarah Beach
- East Cape Byron

Solitary Islands:

- Minnie Water Back Beach
- Bare Bluff to Diggers Point
- Moonee Beach

Port Stephens Great Lakes:

- Celito South
- Fiona Beach

Batemans:

- North Head
- Congo Point South Beach



- Mullimburra Point to Bingie Beach
- Brou Beach
- Bullengella Lake - Corunna Lake

### **Sites to be returned to Sanctuary Zones where fishing is not allowed**

Cape Byron:

- Belongil Beach
- The Pass - Wategos Beach
- Broken Head
- Lennox Head
- The Moat (aka The Bream Hole)

Solitary Islands:

- Jones Beach
- Jones Point
- Freshwater Beach Region
- Flat Top Point

Port Stephens Great Lakes:

- Cape Hawke
- Yacaaba Head
- Zenith Beach
- Fingal Island

Jervis Bay:

- Hammer Head
- Point Perpendicular - Crocodile Head
- Bowen island
- St Georges Head and Steamers Head

Batemans:

- Burrewarra (Nth)
- Burrewarra (sth)
- Broulee Island

### **Recreational Fishing Trust funds prawn stocking program**

The NSW government has announced the commencement of a Marine Fish Stocking Program in 10 estuaries along the State's coastline.

Fisheries Minister Ms Hodgkinson said about four million juvenile eastern king prawn larvae are currently being released, which will help boost stocks of the popular delicacy.

“Catching eastern king prawns over Christmas is one of the great family pastimes – this new program will hopefully lead to it being even more enjoyable in the future,” said Ms Hodgkinson, who visited Narrabeen Lagoon this week to help release prawns for the first time at that location.



“The popular eastern king prawns were bred in Queensland and are being carefully transported and stocked by the Department of Primary Industries in sites from Taree to Eden, ready for harvesting in about three months.

“Local fishing clubs are assisting with the release of the prawns into suitable habitat within the estuaries to help ensure they get the best possible start.

“Fish stocking boosts our fishing communities, as recreational angling supports businesses and tourism. These prawns will provide extra incentive for anglers to visit the regions.”

Ms Hodgkinson said the Marine Fish Stocking Program follows on from previous research trials of mulloway and prawn stocking, which evaluated the ecological aspects and effectiveness of marine stockings.

“These successful stockings provided essential information for a comprehensive environmental assessment and the development of a management strategy for implementing an ongoing marine stocking program,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

The Marine Fish Stocking Program builds on the existing freshwater fish stocking initiatives, funded from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts, which have been enhancing recreational fishing opportunities in NSW for the last 50 years.

Prawn stocking locations in December included: Khappinghat Creek, Wamberal Lagoon, Narrabeen Lagoon, Swan Lake, Burrill Lake, Lake Tabourie, Bega River, Back Lake, Wallagoot Lake and Curalo Lagoon.



*NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Narrabeen RSL Fishing Club president, Steve Law, release eastern king prawns into Narrabeen Lagoon.*



## Cooking Corner

Our [Cooking Page](#) is available for new recipes – still awaiting Ian’s world famous crusted salmon oven bake. 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.

When I bought the Challenger one add-on that I definitely wanted was a set of drawers in the back. Having seen friends with such drawers I saw the real advantage of installing them – ability to access a ‘layer’ of kit that would otherwise be buried under all the gear loaded into the back seemed a no-brainer. You can see why so many kitchen upgrades have gone drawers to replace cupboards. I’ve written up a review of my drawers after a few months of use including one notable camping trip (discussed in the report on the fin-clipping above) and have added this review to our web collection.

## 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).

From Stuart:

Bill

I would like to sell thru the club two fly rods. Both are LOOMIS.

1. GLX 6wt 9ft 4pce. Good condition. Asking \$250 negotiable.
2. GLX 9wt 9ft 6inch 3pce. Asking \$300 negotiable.

## 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



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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
Lyll	Bass	28cm	Bait	Brogo Outing, 28-30 Nov
Alan	Bass	28cm	Bait	Brogo Outing, 28-30 Nov
Jason Q	Brown	35cm	Fly	Jindy Outing, 13 Dec
Jason M	Brown	34.5cm	Fly	Jindy Outing, 13 Dec
Jason M	Brook	28cm	Fly	Jindy Outing, 13 Dec
Jason M	Brown	34.5cm	Fly	Jindy Outing, 13 Dec
Lyll	Rainbow	32cm	Bait	Sponar's Lake, Jindy Outing, 13Dec
Peter	Brown	59cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Dec