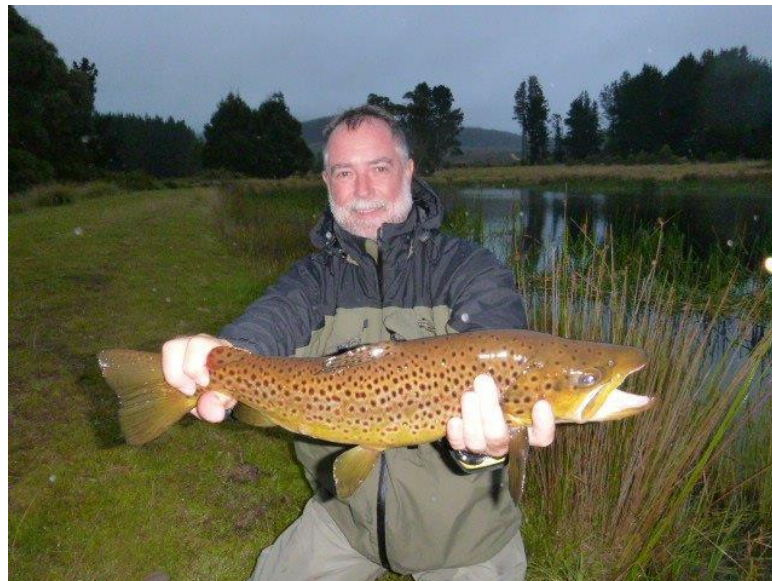


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# The Burley Line



“Photo of a tame trout taken by Lyall at Bondi Forest Lodge. 55 cm on an olive bead head woolly bugger”

## From the Editor

This March edition of The Burley Lines sees us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of 2015 already. How time flies when you're having fun...!

Don't forget there are a number of events around the Canberra region including the Price of the Perch, Canberra Carp out and of course our club's fly tying evenings.

For the April Edition I challenge each of you to submit photos, stories, gear reviews or even your memoirs. We love reading your feats and even better when you deliver photos to prove it – Challenge is on.

Enjoy the read and I hope you get to bend a rod on a river somewhere.

Jason Q

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## What's new?

### Murray cod rulers

Revised fish length rulers for Murray cod are now available.

The metre long rulers provide an estimate of a Murray cod's weight based on its length. This avoids the need to weigh the fish with scales, which can be time consuming and cause damage to the fish if done incorrectly, especially with large Murray cod.

The rulers also outline the new Victorian catch limits for Murray cod that were introduced on 1 December 2014. Funded by recreational fishing licence fees, the rulers are available free by emailing [fisheries.products@depi.vic.gov.au](mailto:fisheries.products@depi.vic.gov.au)

Remember NSW regs are different!



### Next Quarterly General Meeting of the NSWCFR

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at the Penrith Bowling Club on the corner of Derby and Woodriff Streets, Penrith on Saturday 21 February 2015 starting at 9.30 am. All members and interested anglers are welcome to attend.



Click [here](#) for more useful information



NSW Council of Freshwater Water Anglers is frequently updated and can be found here: <http://www.freshwateranglers.com.au/>

#### Privacy Act :

Members please note:  
If you do not want your details published in the newsletter, please advise the Secretary or Editor

### Cooking Corner

Recipes required please!

Other great recipes can be found here: [CAA Recipe Page](#)



Department of Environment and Primary Industries

DEPI provides an efficient management approach for public and private land, and water for the people of Victoria. DEPI is focused on protecting our environment, boosting productivity in Victoria's world-class food and fibre sector and the management of our natural resources, strongly influenced by decision-making at a local level. [Our Ministers](#).

Click here for LOADS of information: <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/>

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## Member's Trip Reports and Photos

Bills recent report:

I was having a text chat with Greg W a few nights ago. After I said "Down the coast at the moment", Greg's reply was "Oh, the life of a retiree ☐ "

I think he was wondering why the conversation then ceased but the fact was that I was at Shoalhaven Heads and standing on a little pier about 2 minutes' walk from my 'removable house'. Fish were jumping everywhere and I was just too busy to keep up my end of the conversation. Burley into the burley basket, trying hard to make my white bread dough balls stay on, watching for the tell-tale dip of the float as it drifted with the incoming tide ... and then some success with a couple of little fish (micro leatherjackets?) but joyously followed by several good sized feisty mullet (not the haircut but the fish!). These guys pull like a beauty. Must remember to target them again with my fly rod.



Dawn the next day saw me down the surfbeach chucking lures into the gutter. Still have not gotten this style of fishing down pat and had no success (disappointing after landing salmon down at Narooma last year). Repaired back to the pier to pick up more mullet for fun.

Back down to the pier for dusk – mullet everywhere except on my line. Instead I hooked 4 and landed 3 bream. One little one was first – didn't kiss it but did release relatively unharmed – but then three thumpers half as big again (estimate 40-45cm; sorry, no photo evidence as it was bucketing with rain and I just couldn't be bothered by that time). Had forgotten how these dudes love to take you under the pier – hard work getting them to behave. Continue next page...



## Member's Trip Reports and Photos Cont....

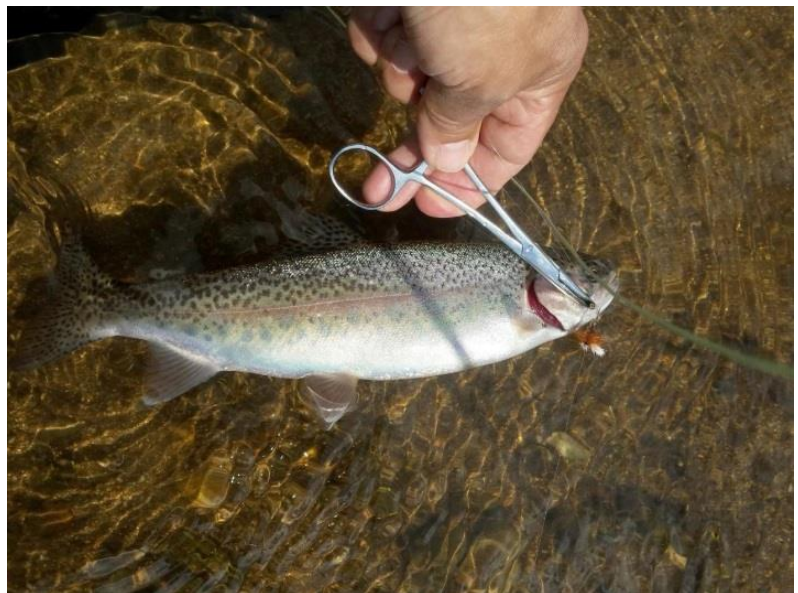
Continued from Bill's report over (previous)...

Apart from the approaching storms and rain on second night, conditions were very promising with low light of dusk and dawn lined up with the incoming tide. I had been trying to learn the gentlemanly art of catching garfish with my special garfish burley basket and 'Nathan recommended' hook size, but seems I caught so many other species than gar – will have to go back again. Am now a committed 'bread is good bait' fisherman ... cheap, readily available, doesn't smell and provides a snack if you forgot your muesli bars! Just gotta get this beach stuff sorted. Who says retirement is easy!



Peter K	Carp	lake
Tuggeranong	78cms (6.75kg)	soft plastic

Decided to see if I could get a cod at Lake Tuggeranong, when I had a knot failure and my surface Lure ended up in the water no longer attached to the braid. (I used an Albright knot for this connection but I think I will go back to using a uni knot for connecting the braid to the leader unless someone can offer me a better solution.) I went back to the car grabbed my spinning rod with the soft plastic lures when I hooked an unidentified monster in the tail region. The fish took many long runs and I suspected a carp and even though a couple of times it boiled the water surface I wasn't able to identify. It finally became subdued (which my aching forearm was thankful for) and I was able with the help of a couple of other fishermen get the fish on shore. After measuring and weighing, the fish was returned to the murky waters of Lake Tuggeranong. I was unable to recover my Lure, but I will be down there first thing tomorrow morning.



Above Right: Peter giving the low down a Southern ACT lake.  
Right: Bill lands a 'future trophy'- location not to be disclosed, but you get the gist based on the size of the suicidal trout!

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## Member's Trip Reports and Photos Cont...

### Moruya Fishing Report – Jason M

For those thinking about doing the February outing, here are a couple of notes from just north of Tuross, at Moruya River, as I won't be at the meeting.

Fishing on the Australia Day long weekend was limited to around the river mouth, just before the channel and bar. With family duties complete, and the Saturday storm passed, it was time to launch the boat near the North Head camping ground on Sunday afternoon, even though it was somewhat after high tide. Not far from the ramp, near the No Hire Boats Past This Point, there was a nice drop from near surface sand, through weed, and down to about 3m before the shore – a good spot to anchor.

Dropping a double bait (pilchard tail and a prawn) over the side under a small bean sinker whilst casting a lure, a nice bite and a 33cm yellowfin bream was caught. Taken on the prawn with a single red bead above a tru-turn hook, he was well hooked (the hook bent during the extraction). The poor fellow had recent had a bite out of his tail, which had started to heal. In hindsight, this was probably my first yellowfin bream, and certainly my biggest bream having grown up with the smaller ones in Queensland. All quiet after that, but an explore to the other side showed some possible trolling areas in deeper water. (Club outboard used almost a full tank.)



Jason M Boats a nice Yellowfin Bream and reports a whole leatherjacket, about 2in long, was in the bream's stomach".

He must've had a good tale on how he got this one....!



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An evening fish on the breakwall for an hour was pretty quiet, as it was for those who knew what they were doing. The rocks were pretty slippery and even being almost low tide, the surf was making its way up to head height just one rock from the walkway. A few aussie salmon were spotted in the camping ground fish cleaning area though.

After breaking camp the next day, the club tinnie was out again – this time with better trim for only one fisher in the boat.

Enjoying the Serenity of a 2-stroke on Australia Day, a troll of the deeper southern waters returned only seaweed, so I anchored off a sandbar and fished the incoming tide. As the prawns had gone off after a couple of days, it was down to the pilchards (still leftover from Feb 14 outing). Rigging a paternoster this time, with 2 circle hooks on fluorocarbon, it was cast to deeper water to let me try some soft plastics on the flooding sand. No luck with the shrimp lures, but checking the bait saw a nice dusky flathead, which put on a nice fight (I began to fear a small stingray with its staying deep and swimming wide) on the spin rod I'd built for my son. The bigger landing net proved useful again, and it measured 53cm. Timed perfectly as well, just as a boatload of fishermen in a punt came past. From there it was pretty quiet – the debate on whether to move upstream or stick it out. The odd nibble and loss of bait kept me there, but no more fish, but it was good to break the drought for 2015, and there's even a few pilchards still in the freezer for February. (Club outboard used about half a tank, or about 1L).

Moruya was about 2 hours from Queanbeyan. Tackleworld Moruya has surf poppers (paternoster rigging or you can try them on fly) for \$1.50ea, and also some old seasons of IFISH (5 and 7) for \$5. They also have plenty of latest (Nov 14) fishing regs and stickers, marine parks brochures, and tide times etc. Small bag of prawns was \$6. Around the corner, Swan Fish & Chips' flake and chips for \$10.50 was pretty tasty (I almost stopped there on the way home from Tuross last year). I also grabbed some local fishing/boating guides, which includes Tuross, for the February meeting if anyone is after any other brochures for the area. There was also a local knife sharpener spotted at the Moruya Markets on Saturday morning.

PS For those interested – I didn't weigh the fish before filleting, but the bream fillets are 180g, and the flathead fillets 280g & a bit long for the Hercules Wrap sandwich bags I bought for just such an occasion. The cat's been my best friend since smelling the camping fridge, and was much appreciative of part of the flathead backbone for dinner last night.

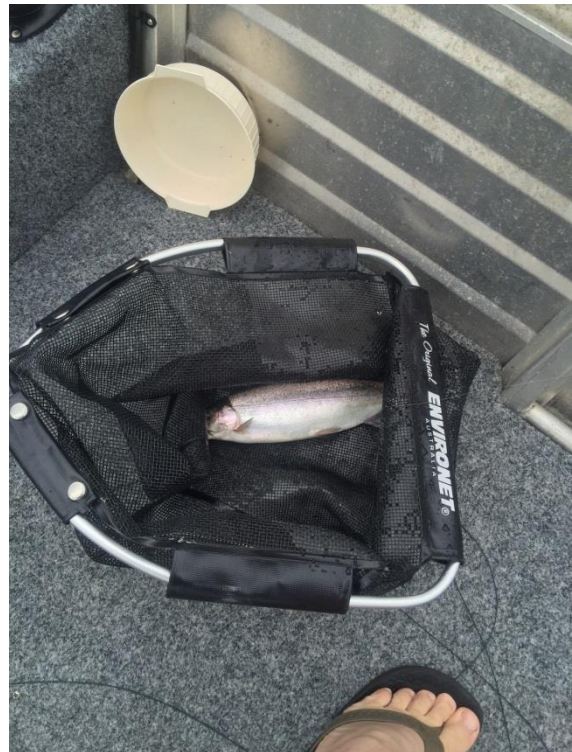
**Member's Trip Reports and Photos Cont...**

**Euc Memories – Jason Q**

Recent reports from most accounts indicated Eucumbene was fishing reasonably tough, good I thought just how I like it... A 10,000 piece puzzle with no picture on the cover of the box to show you how to get through it!

I took the opportunity to refresh, relax and recharge with my BFF (Capt Missy Dog).

Here are some of the memories...

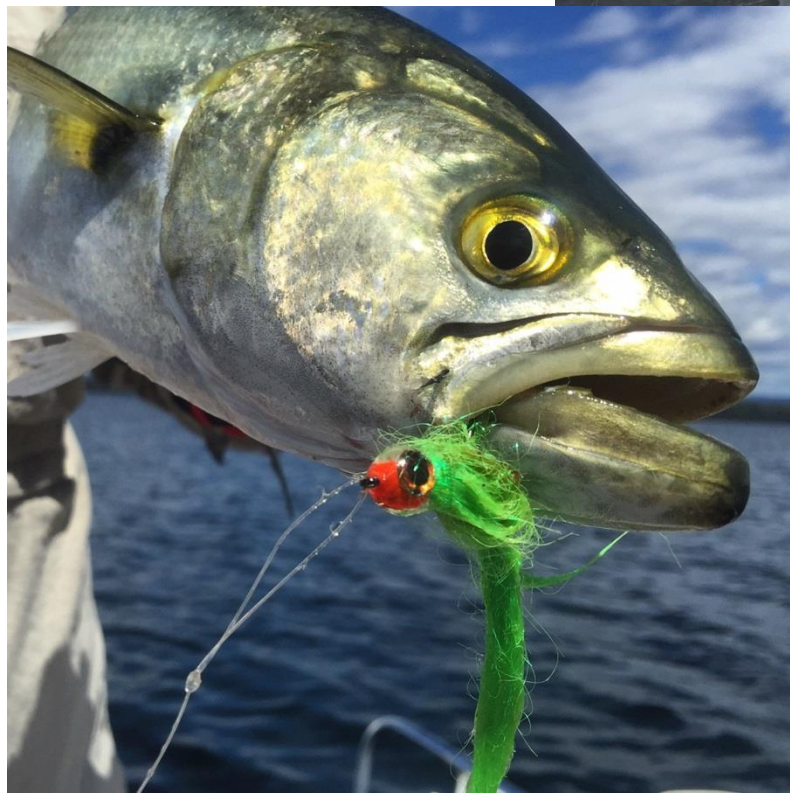


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## St George's Basin by day...JQ

Right: My first Flatty on fly!

Below: A sweet Tailor caught with one of my Angel Hair (Hends) creation.



My first attempt at fly fishing a local saltwater haunt for many 'fishos'.

The 'Basin' as it's commonly known as, renowned for Lizards (flathead) exceeding a meter, Bream to 40cm and Tailor by the hundreds...

Well this was my experience, - a Flathead and a Tailor. A pretty good first effort if you ask me!

### Another instalment in our "101 Places to Fish Before We Give it Away"

"Kiritimati (Christmas Island) Bonefish, by Lyall

Call it what you will, Christmas Island, Kiritimati, Gilbert Islands, Line Islands or Kiribati, it is a central Pacific fishing paradise. "

Read the rest at

[http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/newsletter/special\\_places/special.htm](http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/newsletter/special_places/special.htm)

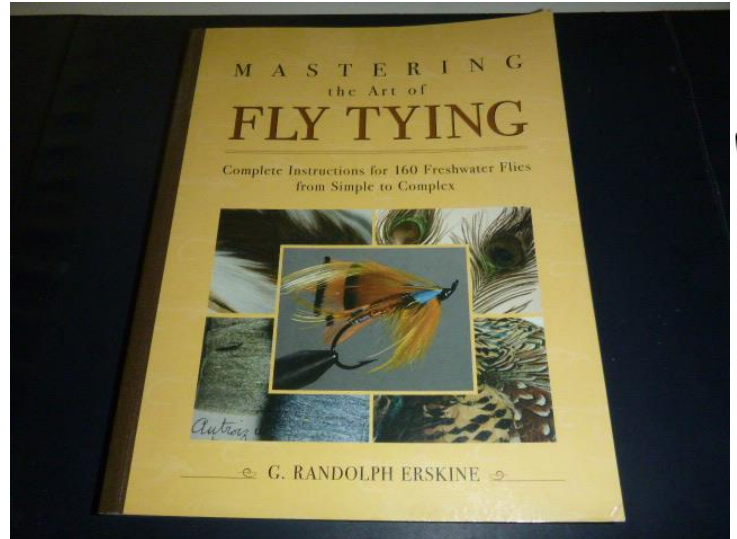


## CAA Book Review

### CAA Library Book Review (by Lyall)

#### *Mastering the Art of Fly Tying* by G. Randolph Erskine

True to its synopsis *Mastering the art of Fly Tying* introduces basic fly tying techniques, tools and materials then provides tying instructions for a series of simple flies. As the book of 352 pages and 160 freshwater flies progresses, the reader is introduced to increasingly complex flies via well written instructions, photos and variations for each fly. The 160<sup>th</sup> fly in the book is the complex full feather salmon fly pictures on the cover, the Orange Parson.



As an enthusiastic fly tier (not an expert one) I enjoyed being reminded of thread technology, feather biology and structure and even the different fly hook eyes (looped, oval, tapered etc.). I also had cause to ask myself why I use a particular technique and whether I should be using quicker, less robust tying techniques or whether fly tying for my own use allows me to spend more time on a fly, produce a more durable product and enjoy the process itself.

The author G. Randolph (Randy) Erskine was a professional fly tier in the 1970s and taught fly tying classes for thirty years. He recently passed away at the age of 93, four days after completing his final review of the book's editing and photography.

This book, and many others in the CAA library, will be brought along to the next meeting for lending out.

**Note:** CAA holds a number of literature and paper 'gems' in its library. Members are most welcome and encouraged to sign books out and immerse yourself in a good read! Try it, you'll be pleasantly surprised!

This edition is limited to 30 Autographed and Numbered Copies. Simultaneously with and included in this publication, a Deluxe leather bound Edition of 5 copies, Autographed and Numbered has been produced.

This Copy is Number 22

Raymond T. Brown

Next Month Jason Q will offer a small insight into one of the most sought after Fly Fishing books in Australia... Yes it's insured!

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## Equipment Review

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

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

## For Sale

- Simms, size 10 wading boots (felt sole)
- Glacier Glove neoprene large waders for sale \$25 each.

Both in good nick, boots look brand new-ish, waders only slightly used. My father-in-law doesn't need them anymore.

Please contact Randy  
6230-3125

## Seeking Interest...

CAA Secretary is gauging interest in the purchase of personalized CAA Stubby Coolers, and another batch of shirts.

Cast your emotions to:

[secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au](mailto:secretary@canberra-anglers.asn.au)

### NOTE:

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# Time of the Take

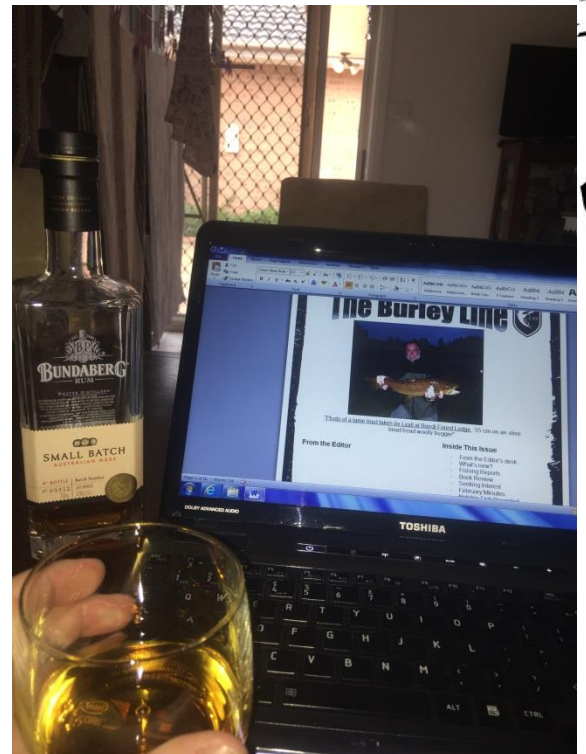
by Fred Dunford

*An Australian  
lake fly-fishing  
masterpiece*



Canberra Anglers Wishes to thank the following for their ongoing patronage and support:

- Anglers Art Phillip
- Pratts Tackle Box Belconnen
- Raiders Club Weston
- Tackle World Fyshwick



Cus anytime is 'Bundy' time!  
Right Grego....!?

## Notable Fish Recorded

### Season 14/15 Catch Register:

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
Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Peter	Brown trout	59 cm	Fly (emerger)	Mussell Wood
Peter	Carp	78 cm	Soft Plastic	Lake Tuggeranong
Peter	Rainbow	2.5 cm	Denison	#18 black nymph
Greg S	Carp	60 cm	Worm	LBG Natives Outing
Richard	Carp	66 cm	Corn	LBG Natives Outing

Don't forget to register your captures...  
They provide you 'cheeky' evidence on successful locations worthy of trying yourself, and they could land your name on a very prestigious CAA trophy!

Check to see how you qualify: <http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au/trophies/caatrophyrules.htm>



Left: Editor registering his capture...  
That's how it works right!?

## **MINUTES OF CAA MEETING 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

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

**Members present:** Bill B, Charles D, Owen K, Kelly C, Simon C, Angie C, Alan S, Peter K, Jason Q, Richard W, Lyall C.

**Apologies:** Geoff D, Jason M, Greg W and Stefan F.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Bill and Lyall on fishing in Yorkshire and the Scottish Highlands respectively.

**Meeting opened 20:47**

### **Minutes**

The November 2014 meeting minutes were tabled and accepted. There were no outstanding action items.

### **Fishing Reports**

There were no fishing reports tendered although a number have been enthusiastically fishing over the Christmas and New Year period.

### **Outing Updates**

**Next outing is Coastal/Estuary Fishing to Tuross Beach 20 – 22 Feb.** Two beds available for Fri 20 Feb and one for Sat 21 Feb. Let Lyall know if you wish to reserve a bed. Tuross Beach Holiday Park is located at Cnr Nelson Pde and Tuross Blvd, Tuross Head.

**Goodradigbee 6 – 9 March.** Let Greg know by 27 Feb if you wish to attend. Details e-mailed to all members previously.

### **Correspondence**

Apart from the usual Westpac bank statements, copies of Recreational Fishing in the ACT were received from the ACT Department of Environment. Members were invited to take copies following the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jason M's treasurer's report was read, noting that the CAA bank balance is \$3740.75 with \$100 cash on hand and that there are no bills outstanding.

### **General Business**

#### **CRFA Meeting**

Jason Q and Bill B attended a Capital Region Fishing Alliance the week prior and reported that funds remaining from the Queanbeyan River CRFA project will be used to purchase trees to be planted beside the river and that volunteers may be needed to assist with planting. Bill will advise in due course.

Bill also spoke about a project to track carp including at Nimmitabel.

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CRFA had invited comment on the ACT fish stocking policy to which CAA and other organisations had contributed input, particularly on trout stocking. Bill reported that the ACT Government had not been disposed to stock salmonids in the ACT. Shane Jasprizza had met with the ACT Government and established that if funding could be sourced and salmonid stocking in association with a science-based project be established, the ACT Government may allow stocking. An appropriate location for stocking would need to be agreed upon, avoiding locations where flood overflow could cause salmonids to invade Australian native fisheries such as the Murrumbidgee River. Lyall and Bill will attend an exploratory meeting of interested parties on 16 February and report back to CAA at the next meeting.

Jason Q mentioned that the aeration pump trial in Lake Burley Griffin had been completed and there was a suggestion that the pumps be moved to Yerrabi Pond and that volunteers may be required to lend assistance.

#### **CAA Boat**

Bill noted that the Committee had approved funding of up to fifty dollars for a replacement battery box for the CAA boat. Regarding the boat, Bill was asked by the President to suggest members consider what they want out of the club boat in light of the decreasing serviceability of the ageing petrol motor, should the committee be exploring a replacement motor? Views will be sought at the March CAA meeting.

**Meeting closed 21:10.**

Bill  
Assistant Secretary

Lyall  
Secretary

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



The Snowy River Shire is surveying visitors to learn about their experiences of the Shire. The insight developed through the survey will inform the Council's Strategic Tourism Development Plan.

\*\*\* Take the Snowy River Shire Visitor Survey for a chance to win a \$500 Woolworths voucher! \*\*\*

To be a part of the Snowy River Shire Visitor Survey simply click on the link below or visit the Shires webpage (via the second link).

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Snowy-Visitor-Survey>

[http://www.snowyriver.nsw.gov.au/Development/Strategic\\_Planning/Tourism\\_Planning](http://www.snowyriver.nsw.gov.au/Development/Strategic_Planning/Tourism_Planning)

Lastly, if you know of someone who has visited the Snowy River Shire in the past five years please feel free to forward this email to them so they too can help inform the Council's Strategic Tourism Development Plan.

Your feedback is vital to the success of the project. For more information about the project is available on the Snowy River Shire's website. Any questions about the survey can be directed to Mark at [queries@naturalacumen.com](mailto:queries@naturalacumen.com)

Closing date is the 31 March 2015



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

### A Glimmer of Hope

Late last year CRFA was invited to comment on the ACT Government's draft fish stocking plan. All members of CRFA raised the issue of the stocking of ACT urban waters with trout. When the CRFA president informally contacted the Government on their reaction, their response was that "they wouldn't rule out trout stocking under the current plan, provided it was community funded and (preferably) set up as a [scientific] research project with approvals, monitoring etc".

The Government has not yet accepted the merits of trout stocking in the ACT. A number of members from CRFA executive and clubs, including Bill and Lyall from Canberra Anglers' Association, held a meeting on 16 February to explore what might be required to progress the matter. Issues canvassed were options for the most appropriate body of water, the benefits of stocking yearling fish rather than fingerlings to increase survival and likely costs and ideas for fund raising.

So ... what might this mean for CAA:

- \* volunteers will be needed for CRFA sausage sizzles
- \* in due course, volunteers may also be required for the stocking activity
- \* also in due course, consideration of whether CAA could contribute to the funding effort

It is early days yet and more news will be provided as it comes to hand.

Bill

From: Reel Women [mailto:rwbccom@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, 5 February 2015 5:37 PM  
To: undisclosed-recipients:  
Subject: Reel Women Barra Classic 2015 14-16 May 2015

Hi there,

Attached is a flyer for the Reel Women Barra Classic, a female friendly competition in the Northern Territory that see's women from all across Australia attend as the premier ladies competition targeting Barramundi. We are in our 14th year and it is set to be bigger than ever. We thought some of your female club members may be interested in looking into our competition. There is over \$30,000 worth of cash and prizes to be won.

If you could possibly share our competition with your members it would be very appreciated. Here is a short Video of our competition <http://vimeo.com/67931836>

Feel free to head over to our facebook page and like us also - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Reel-Women-Barra-Classic/473146139377305>

Kind Regards

Lenna Bates  
Reel Women Barra Classic Committee

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



## 2015 Barramundi Volkswagen



## Reel Women Barra Classic

*14th - 16th of May 2015*

The Barramundi Volkswagen Reel Women Barra Classic is a female friendly fishing competition held at Dundee Beach in the Northern Territory annually. Teams can consist of 2- 4 Female anglers and if you are not confident in your boating skills a male skipper is allowed on board to get you to and from where the fish are. We are in our 14th fabulous year of competition and it is set to be a big one with over \$30,000 worth of cash and prizes to be won.

So what are you waiting for ladies, if you have dreamed of catching a beautiful chrome Barramundi and want a great excuse for a fishing holiday this is the competition not to missed!

Registrations are now open! To enquire or receive a registration form please do not hesitate to send us an email - [info@reelwomen.com.au](mailto:info@reelwomen.com.au) or check us out on Facebook - Search Reel Women Barra Classic.





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### The Club

The Canberra Anglers Association has a long history dating back to immediately after World War 2. We are a small, intimate club - a bit like that old TV show *Cheers* "where everyone knows your name".


We do have an emphasis on trout and fly fishing, but members' interests are not limited to this so lure/bait, salt/freshwater, salmonid/natives in all the combinations are included in our program.

Meetings are held monthly (except for December and January) on the second Wednesday of the month starting 7:30pm at the [Raiders Weston Club](#) near Coleman Court Shopping Centre in Weston.

### Committee 2014/15

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

## Join Canberra Anglers Association

 <b>Canberra Anglers Association</b> <b>Membership Application</b>		<b>2014/15</b>	Office Use: Receipt #:
Names: Include all names if a family membership	1)		Email Entered?
	2)		Membership Entered?
Phone:	3)		Membership Fees: (Circle Applicable)
Mob:	4)		
Address:		Adult: \$20.00	Concession: \$10.00
Town/Suburb:	State:	Postal Code:	Junior: \$10.00
			Family(w/child) \$30.00
E-Mail Address:		Do you want your email address to be kept private to Secretary/Treasurer only? (Yes/No)	Payment Method: Cash( ) Chq( ) Bank ( ) - BSB 032-727, A/C Number 24-0140
<b>VOLUNTARY INFORMATION BELOW:</b>			
What are your preferred areas of interest in the club?		<b>TICK ALL APPLICABLE</b>	
Family fishing	Bait fishing	Fly fishing	Rod building
Freshwater	Saltwater	Boat fishing	Camping and fishing
Taxidermy	Photography	Nature writing	Travel
Fly/Lure making			
Fish Cookery			
Fishing politics			
Other interest related to fishing:			
At what level can you / would you be willing to contribute to the club?		<b>TICK APPLICABLE</b>	
General membership	Active membership	Activity Organiser	Committee member
Speaker	Newsletter contributor		
Other:			