

The Burley Line

Sep 2015



Nice to see some new faces in Burley Lines. Leon at Bondi Forest Lodge weekend with his 51cm beauty

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From the Editor's Desk

JQ and I welcome your comments on how we are doing and what we should do differently. Please email newsletter@canberra-anglers.asn.au with comments and contributions. It has been noted that I've not been recognising the significant support offered to us by many firms in the area – let me fix that now. Firstly thanks go to Angler's Art and Pratt's Tackle Box for the continuing support, raffle prize donations and general engagement with CAA (indeed one of the perpetual trophies presented last week was originally donated by them). Raiders Weston offer support through provision of meeting places. Finally Tackleworld Fyshwick and Road Tech Marine have provided speakers for meetings and items for raffles. Please support these firms.

Coming Events

Next Meetings:

After the August AGM, we are back to routine on **Wed 9 Sep** – usual time of 7:30pm at Raiders Weston Club. Jason M will be speaking on his recent trip to New Zealand's Bay of Plenty.

Next Events:

For your diary – **Thu 27 Aug** – the return to Canberra of the ever-popular Rise film festival. 8:30PM at Greater Union theatre at Manuka. See the promotional material [here](#).

Before our September meeting. Our annual Fly Casting workshops are scheduled for **6th, 13th and 20th of September**. The first two will be on the lawns of Old Parliament House starting 10AM. The final weekend is on stocked water. Information including detailed maps to the location (about 2.5 hours from Canberra) will be provided at the first two sessions or available from the Secretary via email. There will be a charge of \$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors. This is pure catch and release - barbless or crushed barb flies are required. We've been assured that while they may play 'hard to get', there are some good sized fish here.

Flyers for the event are on the web (click [here](#) to select from two different flyers). Just click on the little x in the dialog box if you don't want to establish a Dropbox account. You can still download the files even if you aren't a Dropbox user.

The 2015/16 program is up on the web [here](#). Of particular note is the coast trip for next year to Burrill Lake (4-6 Mar) – while it is a long way away, in order for the club to get a super discounted price for cabins, Jason M is asking that people register interest and pay a deposit by **end of August**. More information is [here](#).



Bondi Forest Lodge Outing

Jason M has provided the following report:



Lyll lands a winner!



Canberra Anglers spaced out around the Bondi Forest dam for the rise

August saw a return to Bondi Forest Lodge. This was in part to provide a working session for the new Committee and Council, but some members made good use to get some early fish on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, including some early risers probably woken by the sound of a Drop Bear landing on the floor of the accommodation. The meeting provided some good outcomes, and should position us well for the coming year.



The club accommodation



The grass was popular for practicing by all skill levels Do matukas grow on trees?

The fishing was typically hard, particularly as the dam hadn't been restocked since our early 2014 visit (the caretaker is trying to source some more trout to boost the fishing again). Overall, some nice fish 43-55cm were landed. Leon was the sole angler to land two (see front page of this '*Burley Lines*'). Some fishers regretted not bringing dry flies with nice warm afternoons, and the nearby trees, blackberries, and reeds confiscated some favourite secret flies. As usual though, anglers shared secrets, flies, and best fishing spots. Geoff D even exercised some catch and release of a local wallaby. Swirls, leaps, many bustoffs and the odd missed take kept the group on edge. The club rods also got some good use, including the A-family giving casting a go. Action on the lake was often triggered by gusts of wind on the still day. The BBQ recalled most to come in for a feast of seafood, meat, and salad. Some returned out for some night fishing, spotting shrimp and damsel nymphs.



Some members concentrating on the fishing.

Sunday morning was another beautiful morning, with many postponing breakfast for a chance of a good fish. More leaps and dipping birds had requests for coffee and breakfast by the water. Patience paid off for Lyall, who landed the biggest fish of the weekend at the '11th hour' on Sunday morning (see first photo of report). The rest of us enjoyed the chance to enjoy some casting practice, with some help from each other in improving our technique.







Key Points from AGM

Members can request from the Secretary a copy of the minutes, including President's Report and Treasurer's report.




Trophies and Other Awards

As part of the AGM, the annual trophy presentations were undertaken. Congratulations to all:

<p>Lyle Knowles Best fish caught at Lyle Knowles competition.</p>	<p>Alan 50cm Rainbow</p>	 A photograph showing a man in a brown jacket (Alan) presenting a silver trophy to a man in a green and blue striped polo shirt (Lyle Knowles). They are standing in a room with tables and chairs.
<p>Anglers Art Best trout caught on a club outing.</p>	<p>Jason M 36cm Brown</p>	 A photograph showing a man in a purple sweater (Anglers Art) presenting a trophy to a man in a green and blue striped polo shirt (Jason M). They are standing in a room with tables and chairs.



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<p>Mick Cornick Best trout caught on a fly in streams.</p>	<p>Nathan 55cm Brown</p>	
<p>Mick O'Brien Best trout caught – any method.</p>	<p>Peter K 59cm Brown</p>	
<p>Best Trout By A Junior</p>	<p>Ben L 51cm Rainbow</p>	
<p>Keith Shields Best native fish.</p>	<p>Nathan 68cm Murray Cod</p>	



<p>Carp Challenge Best carp caught in local waters.</p>	<p>Tied between Greg S (photo) and Richard (absent) 66cm</p>	
<p>ACT Anglers Trophy for best saltwater Best fish caught on the coastal/estuary CAA outing.</p>	<p>Lyll 31cm Tailor</p>	
<p>Hardy Rod President's Award for Year Long Contribution</p>	<p>Bill</p>	



Your New Committee

The AGM has appointed a new committee for 2015/16. Congratulations to the new committee/council members and many thanks to those standing down. Special thanks have to go to our outgoing President (since 2011, and Vice President for several years before), Geoff. He's off to the UK next year (promising to be an overseas correspondent for *Burley Lines* and to return in due course). We all wish him and the family well and look forward to seeing him again.

The following committee was elected:

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

Tips From Members for Members

This month is a substantial one from one of our keenest members, Lyall. The material is a great supplement to Chapter 2 of the 'Fly Casting Discovery Journey' and has now been appended to it:

TIPS FOR THE NOVICE ANGLER (WHICH WE ALL HAVE BEEN) ... SO WHY NOT KNOTS? by Lyall

I see this column as a space to share those tips and techniques we think of when we say to ourselves "if only I had known that when I was starting out". Some tips will seem obvious but all will be considered by those who contribute them as important to themselves in their angling journey and want to share them with you.

Take, for example, knots. You have just purchased the best fly rod/beach rod/black fish rod and reel from Pratt's Tackle Shop that you can justify to your better half/financial controller and are at Eucumbene/Narooma/Turoos Lake about to rig up (that's another article) and you come to tying on your terminal tackle, be it size 18 Parachute Adams, gang hooked pilchard or cabbage weed. You need to know how to tie it on.

Spending hours on the beach and finally hooking up the Australian Salmon which takes off for New Zealand at a rate of knots only to have the sensation of "fish off" then reel in to find a hog's tail of spiralling fishing line where the hook used to be, indicating my knot somehow unwound, does not make for a happy angler. Trust me, I know.



I recommend making a sub-hobby of learning to tie the knots you will find handy for your preferred style(s) of angling. The Internet is full of knot tying videos, not the least of which is Peter Hayes' Quick Penny Knot for tying on flies and Nathan's favourite fluorocarbon leader to braided mainline knot, the Kaneit (just Google it) so you are spoilt for choice for instructional videos on knot tying.

Practise in front of the television when your financial controller is watching a non-fishing show (...yes, they do exist) and get them down pat. Some knots like the Penny Knot and Davey Knot can be tied by feel in the dark so try that as well for fly casting for the last of the evening rise on the Mitta Mitta River.

I was at Providence Portal on one of our regular Canberra Anglers' Association outings some years ago when I was preparing for the next day's fly fishing and I had to tie a Nail Knot to attach a new tapered leader to my fly line. One of my angling colleagues announced "let's see how good your Nail Knots are". Surreptitiously, I took out my smart phone and looked up one of many knot tying applications available on the Internet. Using the application as a guide, my Nail Knot was successfully tied without having to think too much. The smart phone is a good back-up for new knots and a reminder of those practiced long ago.

Don't overlook knot tying tools which a couple of us in CAA used to tie Nail Knots during our recent NZ South Island trip to Gore. They aid the less nimble handed of us to tie fiddly knots and are an essential tool for the "you have to have every fly fishing gadget team" in which I include myself.

Make knot tying a sub-hobby of angling, alongside stream-craft, ocean reading, rod building, fly tying, lure building and bush cooking ... there is just too much fun to be had in the angling world. Get out there and enjoy it ... I certainly do!!!

CAA Fly Casting Discovery Journey

Back in May Jason Q started a resource for newcomers – to take them on a 'learning discovery' right from the start... What is Fly Fishing? Learning everything right up to the casting weekends in September where the person can put it all together. There is still more to come, but the collection to date is available [here](#).

CRFA News

CRFA has advised us of a forthcoming Yellow Belly Fishing Competition. A local company (my2hooks) is arranging a yellow belly competition on Lake Burley Griffin. Lure only, run over 8 weeks with cash and prizes up for grabs. Click [here](#) for the flyer and [here](#) for the registration pack. Competition starts 8th October 2015.



Still working on resolution on ACT Government policy on stocking in local waters – key aspects may not be decided till late 2016.

Shane (President) has attended a one-day forum run by the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand which sought to provide an opportunity for environmental professionals to share their knowledge and awareness about the state of rivers, creeks, lakes and ponds in the ACT. Shane will provide an outbrief in due course.



NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News



Full issue for September is [here](#). Some hot topics:

2015 Murray-Darling Basin Native Fish Forum



The 2015 Murray-Darling Basin Native Fish Forum will showcase the latest developments in the science and management of native fish in the Murray-Darling Basin. Topics include environmental flow management, ‘fish-friendly’ infrastructure, habitat rehabilitation, stocking, carp control and the role of recreational fishers in citizen science and fish habitat management. **Complimentary tickets to the Forum are available to recreational fishers.** You do need to register and registration closes Friday 9 Oct. Registration includes single day entry to the Native Fish Forum; lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a ticket to the “Meet the Boffins” mixer. Recreational fishers REGISTER HERE: send an email requesting registration to fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Dates: Tuesday 13 October 9:00 am -5:00 pm (Registration from 8:00 am)

Locations: Aerial Function Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

How old is that trout?

Fisheries NSW have just given us this recently updated trout age fin-clip matrix which catches up with fin-clip positions in use and planned.

How old is my fin-clipped trout?

Mark Year	Fin Clip	Birth Year																	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2000	Left pectoral	-	1	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	Right pelvic	-	1	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	Right pectoral	-	-	1	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	Left pelvic	-	-	1	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	Left pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	Right pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2006	Right pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007	Left pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008	Left pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
2009	Right pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-
2010	Right pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-	-
2011	Left pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-	-
2012	Left pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5	-
2013	Right pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4	1.5
2014	Right pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3	4
2015	Left pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2	3
2016	Left pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	2
2017	Right pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5
2018	Right pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	Left pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	Left pectoral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	Right pelvic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

How to use this chart:

1. Lay fish this direction, up & left

2. Identify clipped fins

3. Measure fish





Kids's fishing workshops at Gaden Trout Hatchery



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly at workshops at Gaden over the summer months. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries. The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits and fish handling for best release techniques.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle box, and show bag, all to take home! Bookings are essential because there's a maximum of 25 participants.

Location: Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd October 2015

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th January 2016

To book: e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan on 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190. Web details: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/workshop

Murray Cod and Murray Crayfish season closes

Anglers are reminded that the annual Murray Cod and Murray Crayfish seasons close on Tuesday, 1 September 2015.

UMDR News

Antia has provided items below.

Murray cod mission at Scottsdale back in March.

They caught two fish (71 & 93 cm) and observed two more between 40-50 cm long:). That was just in the long pool Jason came and looked at that day.





Carp loves 20 degrees campaign.

As water temperatures warm in spring, Carp will start to become more active. When the water approaches 20 degrees, Carp will start spawning. The UMDR and Upper Murrumbidgee Waterwatch are seeking help from all river users to spot and report Carp sightings, especially Carp spawning activity or spots where there are large Carp numbers. Carp sightings can be reported via www.feralfishscan.org.au/uppermurrumbidgee. All sightings reported before Dec 2015 go into a prize draw. Footage of Carp spawning behaviour can be seen at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkZ8Au4U_7E

Please RELEASE tagged Carp

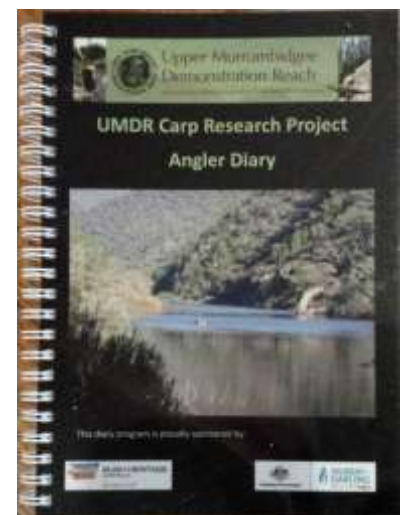
30 Carp have been tagged as part of a Carp tracking project to learn much-needed information about how far Carp move through our river systems during the year. If caught please RELEASE the fish unharmed and report catch to the number listed in the tag. For more information about this project please contact Antia on 0429778633



UMDR Angler Diary Program.

We are looking for anglers to record their catch for research by taking part on our UMDR Angler Diary program. We are interested in records of both native fish and Carp caught in the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment as this can be used to help us get an idea of population number estimates. Please contact Antia on 0429778633 for more information.

(Editor: CAA have a number of these diaries available for members.)As discussed in RFA news, UMDR is major stakeholder in the carp movement project. Antia has promised to provide some newsletter material for future Burley Lines.





NSW RecFish News



Full issue for August is [here](#). Some of the more interesting items are:

- Marine park zones now on smart phone app from Avenza Map Store for use on smart phones and tablets. The app is available for iOS from the iTunes Store and Android from Google Play (search for Avenza PDF Maps). The app and the maps are free. Once installed users can go to the map store within the app to search for and download the desired marine park map.
- Anglers required for catch-and-release research. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is looking for anglers to participate in a new research project to reduce deep hooking among yellowfin bream, sand whiting, dusky flathead, tailor and snapper.
- Why do you fish? A project funded by the Recreational Fishing Trust is currently exploring the different motivations that exist within the NSW fishing community in order to better understand 'who are recreational fishers and what makes them tick?'. Understanding the characteristics of NSW fishers may assist in providing more targeted education campaigns, improve the ability to predict the way management changes may impact different sections of the fishing community and provide insight into the reasons why some fishers stop fishing. You can participate in this project by completing a [short online survey](#) focused on your fishing experiences. Questions relate to what you enjoy about fishing, why you go fishing and what things limit your enjoyment of fishing. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.
- Youtube video of [Lefty Kreh talking about PNG](#).

Fisheries Victoria News

Full issue August is [here](#). The newsletter covers issues such as: the Wild Trout Conference (a free one day conference on 21 November in Mansfield. The conference will share the findings of research conducted on riverine trout populations over the past 12 months); celebration of the opening of the trout season in rivers at the Goulburn Fishing Festival on Saturday 5 September, 2015.



Gaden Hatchery Monthly Report

July report has been received and is available to members. Some key points were:

- An additional 582 Brown Trout have been captured and released upstream of the fish trap barrier.
- Traps screens have remained in place and for mid July to 1 Aug 39 Rainbow Trout have been captured.
- Captive Rainbow Trout have been harvested and transferred to circulars for stripping. All 2+ and 3+ fish have been in excellent condition weighing up to near 5kg. Remaining surplus Fishing Workshop fish will be tagged and released into Lake Jindabyne.

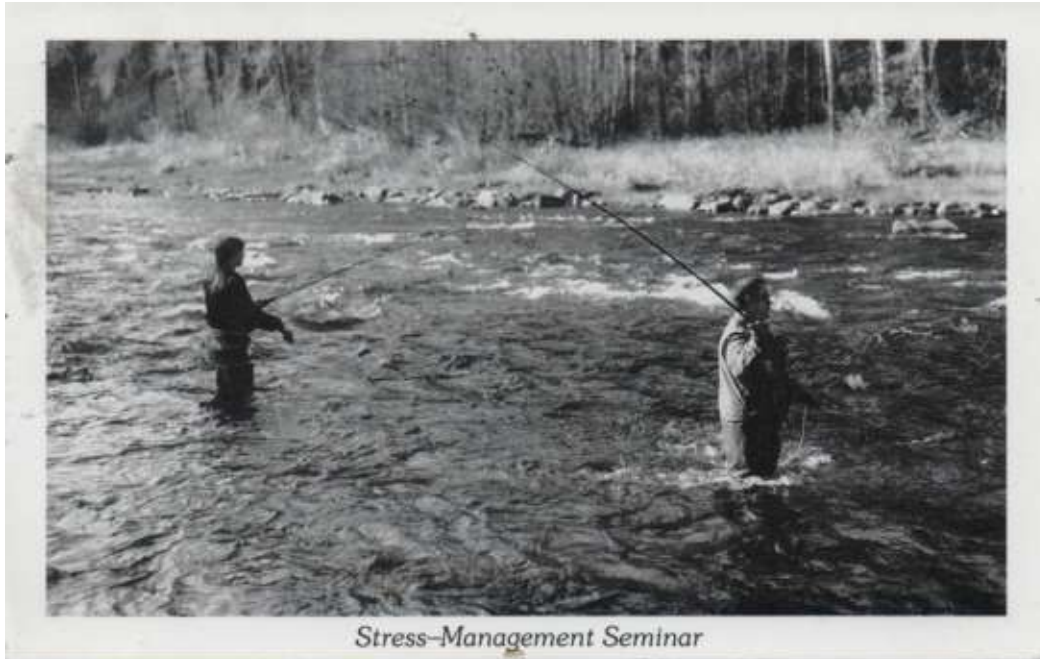
MAS noted *"You may notice the small number of Rainbow Trout trapped at present, however records indicate the main run usually occurs over August. Therefore the August report will give*



us a better indication of the strength of rainbow spawners in Lake Jindabyne.” I’d expect this report would be available in the first week of September.

Found in my Letterbox

My sister sent this from US – sounds about right to me, what do you think?



Cooking Corner

See our [Cooking Page](#). Further contributions are always encouraged.

Equipment Review

Have you recently got some new kit – are you prepared to share your observations with the rest of us? Reviews from members on any items they’ve been using are welcome please. Previous contributions can be found in our [Gear Review](#) page on the web.

For Sale

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

Notable Fish Recorded

The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing (reporting on recent catches) and to encourage entries for consideration for [club trophies](#). First reports for this season:

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Bill	Brown	53 cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug



Leon	Brown	43 cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug
Leon	Brown	51 cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug
Jason Q	Brown	'a lot more than 50 cm mate!'	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug
Lyll	Brown	55 cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug

Committee/Council Meeting

Post the election of the 2015/16 committee and council, a planning meeting was held during the Bondi Forest Lodge outing 21-23 Aug. Key outcomes will be advised over the next wee while.

Aug Meeting Outcomes

Outstanding action items from previous meetings:

Nil

Completed action items from previous meeting:

1. Lyll and Nathan have locked in the third week of public fly casting on Sunday 20 September at a location near Nimmitabel at a cost of \$20 per adult and \$10 for under 16s, payable on the day. Details will be made available at week two of fly casting.
2. Geoff has cleared Bill's draft briefing note for new members and asked Kelly to prepare a flyer/pamphlet for printing.