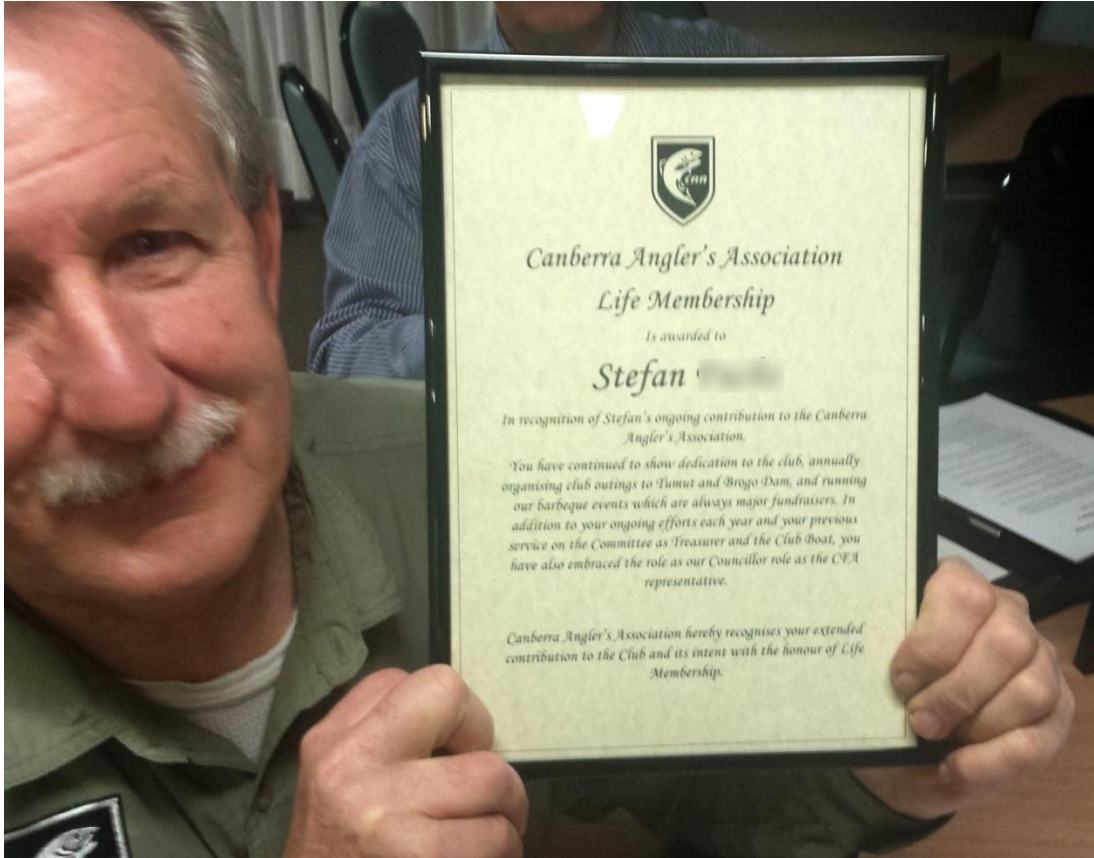


The Burley Line

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Stefan and his Life Membership Certificate

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From the Editor's Desk

Another “CAA Season” is over with the conduct of the AGM, presentation of awards, election of a new committee – and I hope everyone renewing their subscriptions 😊. This issue reports it all for the record. The days are getting ever longer and with the forthcoming streams opening weekend it is, of course, coming closer to our annual Fly Casting lessons. There's a flyer at the end of this issue and everyone is encouraged to print some off and promote the event with all their friends and work colleagues. The new committee has also been putting its collective thinking caps on to review the club – key outcomes of this and the AGM are here, more detail should be sought from the Secretary. All the best for the coming season.

JQ and I will remain your loyal *Burley Line* editors – we welcome contributions, including photo submissions for the cover photo/web home page photo of the month, as well as suggestions on how to improve this newsletter. Guest editors are always welcome to try their hand.

I'd also encourage everyone to keep an eye out on our [blog](#) but also recall that you can leave replies in order to start up an on-line discussion on anything you see up there. The blog is a supplement to the [CAA Facebook](#) page (note that you don't have to have a Facebook account to look at our stuff there – many thanks Nathan). It is another place where comments can be left and items posted by you (albeit I think you do need a Facebook account to do that).

A Note from the Newly Appointed President

I would like to thank the efforts of Jason M over the past year, and I look forward steering the club in a direction that encourages the growth of our members and presence in the community. It's an amazing honour to be President of such a long standing and prestigious club, thank you from my heart.

Congratulations to those that received life memberships, Bill and Stefan, and well done to those trophy recipients. The new club season has commenced so get out there!

In September we have our annual fly casting on the lawns of Old Parliament House. It is great to see this activity unfold once again and a huge thanks to those volunteers that support it. There are so many people I wish to thank and acknowledge and listing them all I know I will miss someone. Members please accept this as my gratitude for your efforts in getting this event off the ground in support of the Canberra community.

October sees the NSW 16/17 trout season open once again, please ensure your fishing licence remains current and report any illegal behaviour.

Tight loops,

Jason Q



Coming Events

Next Meeting:

Wed 14th Sep – Usual time 7:30PM at Raiders Weston. Speaker is Nathan speaking on fly line technologies.

Next Events:

Sun 4th, 11th and 18th Sep – Our annual fly casting lessons.

Wed 28th Sep – **CAA Fly Tying**. Usual time 7:30PM at Raiders Weston. Topic to be advised.

AGM Outcomes

Members can obtain a copy of the formal minutes from the Secretary – key points are:

- The decision was made to dispose of the club boat. An over-riding concern was the liability aspects. The mechanism for sale will be discussed within the committee and advised.
- During the ordinary monthly meeting conducted after the AGM a discussion was undertaken in respect to the issue of using length to determine trophy results when multiple species are eligible. The Saltwater Trophy uses attendees consideration and vote to decide however this approach is not appropriate to the Keith Shields (Natives) trophy. Bill proposed an objective measure that rates a fish of minimum legal length as 0% and a fish equal to the ANSA NSW line record length as 100%. The meeting endorsed the concept. A prototype calculator is available at http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/trophies/rate_my_catch.htm for consideration.

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>Jason M 47 cm Brown, 32 cm Rainbow</p>		<p><i>Editor: JM was unavailable for the AGM so I'll risk his ire by slipping in this photo of him taking a dip in the Eucumbene River after capturing the champion fish.</i></p> <p><i>I think I'm safe as he only ever scans the newsletter!</i></p>
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Anglers Art
Best trout caught
on a club outing.

Jason Q
62 cm
Rainbow –
Jindabyne
Outing 11-13
Dec



Mick Cornick
Best trout caught
on a fly in
streams.

Nathan
68 cm Brown –
Eucumbene
River 2 May





<p>Mick O'Brien Best trout caught – any method.</p>	<p>Jason Q and Nathan (shared) 62 cm Rainbow – Jindabyne Outing 11-13 Dec and 62 cm Brown – Eucumbene River 9 May</p>	
<p>Keith Shields Best native fish.</p>	<p>Luke 68 cm cod on fly – Murrumbidgee River 4 Dec</p>	



Carp Challenge
Best carp caught
in local waters.

Peter
73 cm – 15 Apr




ACT Anglers
Trophy for best
saltwater
Best fish caught
on the
coastal/estuary
CAA outing.

Bill
80 cm Dusky
Flathead –
Coast Outing
Burrill Lake 5
Mar





<p>Hardy Rod President's Award for Year Long Contribution</p>	<p>Peter</p>	
<p>CAA Encouragement Award for year long fishing effort</p>	<p>Ray C</p>	
<p>Life Membership</p>	<p>Bill</p>	
<p>Life Membership</p>	<p>Stefan</p>	

Your New Committee

The AGM has appointed a new committee for 2016/17. Congratulations to the new committee/council members and many thanks to those standing down. Special thanks go to our outgoing President Jason M. He's been performing the duties for much of his incumbency remotely from Sydney and many other places maritime. In the leadup to the AGM he felt he couldn't sign up for another year as President due to the uncertainty of his abode next year. We're happy to hear that he is likely to stay in Canberra and hope he will keep CAA matters in his mind as he progresses through the ranks of recreational angler representation. The club particularly appreciates the energy he brought to the Presidency and his less advertised role as club Quartermaster.



The following committee was elected:

President	Jason Q
Vice President	Greg W
Secretary	Lyall
Assistant Secretary	Alan
Treasurer	Angie
Public Officer	John
Council Member (QM)	Jason M
Council Member (Raffles)	Greg S
Council Member (Speakers)	Charlie
Council Member (CRFA)	Nathan
Council Member (CRFA)	Peter
Council Member (CFA)	Stef
Auditor	Bill

120 Minute Challenge

(reporting by Jason Q)

Whilst ploughing through YouTube I stumbled on an English fly fishing segment by Fieldsports Channel. The concept was to tie a number of flies from unknown ingredients supplied by a flytying supplier (Veniard) and fish them trying to land as many fish within 120 minutes. I thought was a great opportunity to fill in some time whilst on the annual pilgrimage to Bondi Forest.

I spoke with Luke C and managed to convince him to assist, where he instantly took carriage of the tying ingredients.

Bondi Forest was proving to be a tough outing with only one fish landed on the first day, therefore this was going to be exciting!

Following the committee meeting on Saturday morning, those willing to give the inaugural CAA 120 min challenge a go assembled in the lodge lounge for the briefing.

The rules were pretty simple:

- You may only use the hooks and materials supplied to you
- rods were not allowed to be pre rigged, tippet must be wound onto the reel
- use any thread
- tie and fly all in 120mins. The most fish caught wins, and should there be a tie, the largest fish and, if no fish were landed the 'fishiest' looking fly would win!

Luke's selection of materials was not for the faint hearted containing only three hooks, a small amount of dubbing, a length of





silver and gold tinsel, one ostrich feather, one peacock herl and a wee piece of a washing up mitt!

Assembled around the lodge's dining table with the exception of Evan who felt it was far more comfortable in the recliner and, using a vice was too easy and decided put his fly fishing forceps to good use!

Three...Two...One - 120 minutes to go!

Everyone opened up their bags and their face said it all, "OMG what are we going to tie with this!?"



Lyall and Evan made a quick start getting their base layer of thread down following a quick assessment of the provided materials. Ray, Stefan and Alan still bewildered with the lack of materials, and Angie and Micheal shaking the paper bag hoping more tying materials would magically appear in the bag and drop to the table!!

In a matter of minutes flies were hitting the fly boxes.

By minute 42 everyone had

tied up their 3 flies and was either fishing the dam or making their way to the dam.

Prior to all participants entering the dam area, Greg W was tasked to review the ties and gauge a quality to judge them before they been used or lost the infamous reeds that line the dam.

The quality was immense and luckily Greg took the time to inspect them prior to being cast, as many were lost in the surrounding black berries and reeds!

Following 200,000,000 casts, time ticked over the 120minutes and sadly no fish were caught.

That evening following the dinner we gathered round where Greg presented everyone a small prize for their efforts.





A huge thankyou to Luke for arranging the goods, and a huge well done to all those that challenged themselves and their tying skills! Mention also should be made of Buckenderra Holiday Village who donated some trout freezer bags as part of the prize pool.



Evan's blob fly



Angie's winning fly



Ray A receiving his award



Alan receiving his award (I know I'm going to cop heaps from my co-editor about my needing new glasses, but a lot of the other photos are out of focus 😊)

Committee/Council Workshop Outcomes

The new committee and council conducted a 'retreat' workshop at Bondi Forest Lodge on 19-21 Aug. Key points to come out are:

- In accordance with the constitution, the committee/council discussed how much the President can spend at one time without consultation with committee/council. This measure is intended for time critical matters only. An amount of \$200 has been authorised.
- An 'extraordinary general meeting' will be conducted as a part of a forthcoming monthly meeting to approve a small change to the CAA constitution. The intent is to further reinforce the sporting nature of CAA activities.
- Further considerations will be made of Public Liability Insurance. There are a number of options being investigated including PLI available through ANSA NSW and that used by ACTFF.
- Bill has been tasked to explore how to enhance CAA results in Internet Search Engines and also to investigate establishing a YouTube channel.



- Some minor edits were determined for our website and newcomer briefing notes – particularly to rephrase the term ‘outing’ perceived by some as not truly representing what the events entail.
- An on-line membership form and a ‘fillable’ word document version is to be implemented.
- The [‘rate my catch’ calculator](#) for assessing entries for the Natives trophy has been endorsed and is available on the web.
- Jason Q will investigate what would be a reasonable reserve price for the boat. The specific sale process is not yet determined, but in the first instance members will be given the opportunity to make bids before the club moves to sell externally.

T-Shirts – Registration of Interest Requested



Those who attended the AGM saw the prototype CAA T-shirts. There is a small re-design in process so that it includes 'Canberra Anglers' somewhere on the shirt. **Can people please email Secretary with their Expression of Interest?** Next meeting JQ will take names, sizes and cash for the next batch of Tees.

A Surprise for Peter Buying a Jungle Cock Cape from UK

Bill,

I attempted to order a Jungle cock cape from www.troutcatchers.com in England. I then received the following from troutcatchers:

Once again thank you for your order. Just to let you know when purchasing Jungle Cock outside the EU it is legally necessary to obtain a CITES certificate from DEFRA, which we can obtain on your behalf, fees for this service are £79.97

More info www.troutcatchers.co.uk/cites-certificate-c2x17217724

Needless to say I have cancelled the order and will look to local resources as well as rethink my need for Jungle Cock eyes. I was hoping to use them to dress Jindy Horrors which have been a successful fly for me when spotting for the large browns which



patrol Lake Jindabyne shorelines after spawning runs have finished.

I have sent this just for the information of members who were wanting or thinking of ordering Jungle Cock Capes from overseas.

Peter

Tips – Photographing the Fish

In our August issue we reproduced extracts from an article on Rise Forms by Alan Bulmer. In the original web version there were photos attributed to another Kiwi – Tim Angeli. I've contacted him as, in hunting him down, I found a great blog on [how best to photograph your fish](#) that had been published by a new Kiwi on-line store "Totally Fly". This is a topic that I've covered before as a club meeting presentation, but Tim's points (and especially his examples) capture the essence of a great fish photo. The headline tips below are Tim's along with some of the images (watermarked with his [website](#)). The words are mine along with some of the other photos except where separately credited. Happy snapping!

1. **Always take a photo.** Even if conditions for photography are not perfect just get in and take the shot – you may not get a second chance. Tim reminds us that the basics of positioning yourself with the light coming over your shoulder can sometimes be ignored to produce interest via silhouette.



(Editor: Tim says this photo above is spoilt by fogged lens etc – looks pretty good to me 😊)



2. **Hold the fish horizontally.** This is (and a subsequent point later) in keeping with taking care of the fish prior to release, but Tim also believe the fish looks better with the head held lower than the tail. Keep the hands clear as much as possible



The tight little group from CAA who fish Omarama have been advised also to bend down the tail of the big NZ fish (helps to calm them down) and perhaps hold them slightly curved.



(Photo from Barry Perkins, [Fly Fish Mataura](#))



3. Emotion and action are compelling and give an image energy. The eyes are the window to the soul, I sense that's why Tim suggests to remind the angler to remove polaroids but also suggest that they don't need to be looking at the camera – both the viewer and the anglers can instead focus on the fish.



4. Take care of the fish. In the [June 2016 Burley Line](#) we discussed holding/releasing the fish and the need to take care. Minimising time out of the water helps a lot. Tim suggests that great photos can be obtained even if you leave the fish in the water and having water in the image is a great way to showcase the environment.



Burrunjuck Dam Murray Cod – Feb 2014 by Dr Bryan Pratt



5. Fill the frame.





6. Move around and take shots from different perspectives.





(Eucumbene Rainbow – glowbug with trailing bomb visible. By Bill)

Some Assistance Needed to Confirm a Fish Identity

Clearly I had not embraced the lessons above when I photographed this fish but I was reluctant to touch it with all those spikes! Any ideas of what it might be – caught on a reef just offshore Pambula in August.

It was suggested it might be a Gurnard – I seem to recall Stefan mentioned catching one last year. As it happened, that night on TV Gordon Ramsay spoke about how Gurnard was quite a tasty but poorly accepted fish in UK but unfortunately didn't hold one up for display. Subsequently a number of experts argued this was a Sergeant Baker.



Yep, I was actually using bait!



Sanctions Called for Against Certain Members

Back in our [June 2016 Issue of Burley Line](#) a Letter to the Editor from a Victorian angler was published. He related a ‘tongue in cheek’ complaint against three of our members and their behaviour on an unnamed stream in Southland New Zealand. These included “*your members recommended ‘good’ fishing locations. However discovered that these places had plenty of fish available, but none to be caught. This seems cruel and unusual of your members. They should either recommend places where fish are either catchable, OR cannot be seen.*”

It would appear that Peter took this complaint quite seriously and has sent the following to the Committee:

“I suggest a suitable sanction for the members of CAA involved who; after investigation by CAA have been identified as Bill, Ian and Lyall; would be for the offending culprits to do community service by attending the CAA basic Fly casting lessons conducted by CAA members over three Sundays in September and assist with basic fly casting lessons. The casting lessons would consist of two sessions of theoretical and practical fly casting on the lawns of old Parliament House and attendance at the practical casting lesson on the water of Kungla dam on the third Sunday.”

Some might suggest this is just sour grapes that Peter was unable to be on that particular New Zealand stream – and more significantly that it remains unnamed especially to him! However, I’ll take it as a lighthearted promotion for our forthcoming Fly Casting Days. Hope to see you there.

Casting for Recovery News

Angie and Lyall are still open to volunteers to assist with the next retreat 18-20 Nov.



CRFA News

CRFA had their latest meeting on 31 Aug. Topics discussed were

- the forthcoming “Go Fishing Day” to be held on 16 October 2016. CRFA will be running a fishing clinic for 20 junior anglers and their families at Queanbeyan River. No bar from club juniors though it is really targeting newcomers. There is an opportunity for CAA to provide club promotional material for the “showbag” being given to participants. About 10 volunteers will be required for setup and cleanup.
- A brief discussion was held on the issues paper on Trout Stocking in the ACT currently with member clubs for decision.
- CRFA projects other than the “Go Fishing Day” are slowly coming to a close – a key one still to be finalised is the acquisition of additional fish tracking devices for UMDR.
- CRFA AGM to be held Mon 14 Nov. Committee elections are to be expected.





Gaden Hatchery Monthly Report

Not received at this time.

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News

September newsletter has not been received at this time. CFA are offering up an [archive](#) (I've added this to our Useful Links page on our website).

CFA AGM was conducted on 20 Aug. Biggest news is perhaps that Steve Samuels remains the Vice President for our region. Jason M attended on behalf of CAA and will provide additional notes in due course.



NSW RecFish News

Not received at this time.

Fisheries Victoria News

Not seen any new ones recently. (The best Internet resource is probably the [Victoria Fisheries Facebook page](#) where individual topics are posted up separately.)



Lost and Found – Large Fly Box (Full)

Found by some waterway in the region – if you recognised this fly box of outrageous flies, contact Pratt's Tackle Box or Anglers' Art and tell them where you think you lost it in order to claim.





***The Burley Line* and other Contributions from Members**

Contributions are always encouraged to *The Burley Line* as well as words for posting on our new blog especially for [the Cooking Page](#), [Gear Review](#) and [Places to Visit](#). Comments on individual blog posts are also encouraged and can be made directly from the blog. Recall that if you have any fishing related items that you would like to advertise here for sale, please email

burley-line@canberra-anglers.asn.au

Notable Fish Recorded

The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and sharing the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and will include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies. The authoritative list for [club trophies](#) is the little book brought to meetings. So I welcome emails advising how you are going, but don't forget to get them inscribed in the book.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Darlene	Flathead	42cm	Eco Gear Blade	St George Basin, 17 Jul 16
Angie	Brown Trout	Est 38-40cm	Fly	ACTFF outing to Dixieland 23-24 Jul – not eligible for trophy
Michael	Rainbow Trout	Est 34cm	Fly	Bondi Forest Committee weekend 20 Aug



Canberra Anglers Association Presents

Learn to fly cast

September 4, 11 & 18



Bringing anglers together since 1945

10am - noon
ON THE LAWN OF
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE*
Opp. the Treasury Building
across Parkes Place West

RODS PROVIDED
OR BRING YOUR OWN

Sunglasses/eye protection
required to participate

**ALL LEVELS &
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Sausage sizzle - Drinks - Raffles

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Coaching
by CAA members
including certified
IFFF instructor

*Weather permitting, 18 Sep may move to
allow you to test your new skills on the water.

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