

THE BURLEY LINE

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A top fish from Luke after a recent trip to Eucumbene. See his report inside.



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Presidents Report

Dear Members,

Thank you to you all for your efforts across the three weeks of our ever successful annual casting days. Special mention to Bill for stepping into Head Caterer at short notice in lieu of Greg who had to take off on other commitments, also Angie and John for the final weekend. Thanks of course to Nathan and Mark for picking up the tuition on casting fundamentals. Much work is to be done to trump guest caster Peter Morse. Peter commented on what a brilliant day he had and made the suggestion he will be back. Peter, the club welcomes you back anytime.

We are so close to trout opening it's not funny. I am sure many of you have stocked up on flies, jigs, and soft plastics, lures and terminal, if you haven't, my contacts tell me the shelves are becoming bare so don't miss out.

Lots is happening within the club including trophy additions, Casting for Recovery donation and the silent auction for the Club boat. Stay in touch so you don't miss out.

Those heading out for trout opening stay safe and patient, I will see you for the Lyle Knowles on the Cotter River somewhere.

Tight lines

- JQ

Editors Notes

Hmmm, the start of spring seemed to be more like the depths of winter until we jumped straight into summer this past week! If nothing else, the big dump of snow (evidenced by suggestions of extending the skiing season past October long weekend) should be good news for water into our trout streams. Hope the sphagnum moss can absorb a lot of the initial melt to provide an extended contribution to stream flow.

The report from Gaden Hatchery on the spawning runs has been very good news: from the perspective of overall numbers, opportunities for trout to run up after the trap was removed and finally the large number of 'naturally spawned' (ie not stocked) heading up the river. Was great to hear and see photo evidence of fish caught on the third casting weekend – especially some of the beginners landing them at Lake Williams on the way home. Good stuff here.

As always, many thanks to all those who contributed material for Burley Line – perhaps a record number in this issue.



This historic Lyle Knowles trophy is up for grabs at our outing on October 21. It is a silver platter which dates back to the start of our club in 1945.

Coming Events

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday 11th October

Usual time/place, 7:30PM at Raiders Weston Club. Richard Hanly of NSW Roads and Maritime Services will be presenting on boating safety and lifejacket wear, care and servicing.

Next Events: Thursday 5th October

ACTFF has invited us to join them for a presentation and sales evening from Baumgurtel. Begins at 7:30 upstairs at the Deakin Soccer Club at 3 Grose Street, Deakin. Bring your wallet, score some bargains and order those hard to get competition items which give you the angling edge. See the extensive Flyfinz catalogue at <http://manualzz.com/doc/7566529/flyfinz-tackle-and-books---flyfinz-fishing-tackle-and-books>

Saturday 21st October

Our Lyle Knowles trophy competition is seeing a change—we are returning to our roots and holding it on the Cotter River. More information via email.

Key Dates

11 October
Monthly Club
Meeting

5 October
ACTFF Evening

21 October
Lyle Knowles Outing

25 October
Monthly Fly Tying

Fly Tying –Aero Wing Emerger

Provided by Claude

Eight people attended fly tying of the Aero Wing Emerger this month. All participants were enthusiastic with a number of the more experienced tiers assisting Claude with some of the finer points of fly-tying.

It was great to see some new faces attend in the early stage of their fly-tying journey. All was quite enthusiastic and took away a couple of points to practice at home.

Most of the flies were put to test in a glass of water, some floating and some not....perhaps more floatant needs to be applied! After the main event was completed, Jaime and Claude attempted to tie Deer Hair minnows.

Helpful hints were provided by John and Stefan along the way.

A big thank you to Claude for leading this month's fly tying. If you're interested in hosting and sharing your favourite pattern, please get in touch.



Trip Report—Casting Days

Whoa!!! We certainly dodged a bullet on the first day. The weather forecast was diabolical with rain forecast from mid morning to mid afternoon – wind picking up to over 30km/hr during the same period. Luckily the forecasters got it wrong and the weather was almost perfect. Numbers were a little down (Father's Day and weather threat?) but those who attended were dead keen.

Peter Morse provided some illuminating words to supplement our club instructors – the background on FFI morphed into a discussion on the three generic casting styles of “elbow first” (traditional English style), “elbow out” (US big rivers casting from chest deep water) and Lefty Kreh “elbow in” (employing much body English to reduce the strain on shoulders).

The second week had a much kinder weather forecast though it was interesting to see the ‘demographics’ of the crowd. Slightly larger numbers but many new faces who hadn't



attended Week One. Clearly there was a ‘Morse effect’ on the first week. CAA appreciates Peter’s generosity in coming along.

A week out from our day on stocked water and the weather forecast looked pretty diabolical – 9C, strong winds and snow. Luckily for us the weather man was one day out and the snow arrived on the Saturday. Sunday was sunny and still – which made it comfortable, but meant the fish were down deep and difficult for novice anglers. Ian and Mark both hooked up with fish to prove they were there, but others found the fishing unproductive with a few hits to show for it only. Nevertheless a good opportunity to further the learning process – watching out for bushes behind and not ripping the line off the water in starting the first false cast.

Luke M practicing his loops.



Claude paying close attention to Peter's technique.



CAA appreciates Peter's generosity in coming along and assisting with our day.



A perfect day for
casting



Mark with a nice fish
out of the lake which
was safely
released.





Seems a number of folk dropped into Nimmitabel afterwards for coffee and a touch of fishing on Lake Williams. Stefan got busted off twice while Mark landed at least one (pictured above).

Many thanks to John and Stefan for the great photos.

Club Trophies Update

JQ mentioned in his message about the new trophies being instigated. The Bondi Forest Executive 'retreat' endorsed an expansion of the number of trophies to include trophies for cod, golden perch (named the Charlie Diedo trophy), bass and English Perch (redfin).

Further, the AGM in August discussed the anomaly that fish caught on an official CAA event held outside the defined trophy regions (NSW CFA Regions 3 and 4) could not be considered for trophies under the extant rules. This was further discussed at Bondi and revised rules were developed. These were endorsed at the September CAA meeting.

The revised rules (included a 'worked example' of the slightly complicated trout trophies) are now on the web. The page will be updated in due course with the rules/images of the new trophies.

We'll all have to work hard to ensure that Nathan's mantel-piece doesn't collapse under the weight of all this new silver-ware!

Thompsons Creek Dam

Provided by Roger

I went to Thompsons Creek Dam last Sunday. It was an uncharacteristically calm day but as usual the big fish could be seen cruising along the dam wall as I walked along it.

I tried fishing a streamer with a sinking line along the deep north eastern edge to no avail. I then moved around the head of the lake to fish the south eastern edge and began fishing a streamer with an intermediate line. I caught a small rainbow (35 cm) which looked spectacularly healthy, and saw a better fish at the same location.

I continued walking along the south eastern shore and saw some small fish cruising in shallow water (about 30cm deep). Further along I saw some more small fish rising but I couldn't see

what they were feeding on. I also saw a large fish cruising along the shore and had a cast at it but the splash of my beaded streamer spooked it.

All in all it was a pretty good morning, beautifully sunny and mainly calm with tantalising glimpses of some great fish.



Roger is a relative newcomer but has become one of our more active anglers.

He shares some notes from a recent visit to Thompsons Creek Dam – this place is starting to become a popular spot for CAA folk:

Burley Line co-editor, Luke, not only works his magic with the CAA social media presence, he actually gets up fishing too! He offers these two reports – the first photo is over cover shot for this month:



Eucumbene Dam

Provided by Nathan & Luke

Nathan and I were lucky enough to get up to Eucumbene 2 weekends in a row after hearing reports that it was fishing well.

The first weekend I managed to pick up a nice brown in the shallows on a brown woolly bugger which measured in at 65cm. The second weekend I managed to land another brown in a similar looking bay which measured in at 61cm (below). Nathan landed a healthy looking rainbow which was cruising the yabby beds. A great couple of days fishing.



Eucumbene & Local Lakes

Provided by Jaime

Hope you all had a nice and productive day during the 2nd Sunday of Casting for the Public. My lovely wife was dying to go to the snow so we went to have a nice white weekend with friends up around Selwyn Snow Resort (... and luckily I managed to have a little break to try some flies and was blessed to increase my personal record with a 47.5 cm brown on Lake Eucumbene. I feel lucky cause the guy in the 1st gas station in Adaminaby said fly fishing has been very quiet lately). However, it was a very thin fish which did just a 3 sec fight and then suddenly surrender, very lazy and/or possibly exhausted fish. However, I think I keep promoting CAA to other people to counteract my absences.



We came back early on Sunday and since the day was very pretty I couldn't hold myself to keep tricking the fish so I went to Black Mtn Peninsula to try some plastics to see if redfin were active (no success) and met a really nice guy with his son - Nathan and Linneus - targeting carp. We have a nice chat. He is back in Canberra after working somewhere else for several years, just getting use to the Canberra life again. I talked to him about CAA and gave him enough info to look for us; he looked interested. Hopefully they join us.

While Jaime wasn't able to get to the last two casting days due to family commitments, it didn't prevent him from getting onto the water:

Thanks for the report
Jaime.

If you have a trip re-
port you'd like to
share, please send it
to
[burley-line@canberra-
anglers.asn.au](mailto:burley-line@canberra-anglers.asn.au)

I would love to go back again to the 3rd Sunday of Casting for the Public as I did last year when I met most of the gang as a newbie, but I would have to miss this one too, I apologize in advance for my absence. I'll travel with Juanita - my wife - from Saturday to Wednesday to a work meeting in Terrigal in the Central Coast. I will of course try to find some time to chase salt water fish (any advice on good spots there will be appreciated).

So please accept my apologies; hope to join you soon again.

I caught it with one of my own fly creations ... after getting a pheasant skin present from a friend I am obsessed with all the feather colours and textures so I have been playing around. Here is a photo of the exact fly I used; olive feathers are just marabou, feathers close to the bead are back rear feathers of the pheasant skin. It also has a light brown crest (like a dorsal fin) from bucktail.



Tracking Breeding Carp

Waterwatch and the Invasive Animals Co-operative Research Centre are trying to enlist the public to locate carp breeding grounds now that spring has warmed up the water.

You can then log your sightings at the [Feral Fish Scan web-site](#)

More info in the Canberra Times [article here](#).

Observations from a Junior Caster

We got this unsolicited message in respect to how our casting weekends had helped out a young beginner.

Finlay: after Canberra Anglers casting clinics and stocked water visit, improving after every session. Toilet stop at Nimmitabel resulted in his first fly caught rainbow trout, very happy young man, thank you Canberra Anglers.



Well done Finlay! We can't wait to see what the upcoming trout season will bring you.

CAA in Switzerland

Stefan received some news from his relatives in Switzerland to share with us:

Our club T shirts doing it for fishers in Switzerland! My cousin Juerg and his fishing buddy Michel, showing a prize land locked Arctic Char (Saibling) caught from the depths of Lake Geneva.



Our 'Social Networking'

CAA has two major channels for social networking on the Internet. Luke is stepping in to run our [Facebook page](#). Meanwhile, have you had a real good look at the [CAA Website](#) – now mobile device friendly? Our aim is to make both of them dynamic and up-to-date linkages to CAA members and the general public (ie potential members).

In respect to the website:

- The “photo of the month” appears on our web homepage and is usually the covershot for *Burley Line*. Submit your photos to the burley-line email and be in the running to receive accolades for appearing on the webpage and newsletter.
- The small panel at the bottom of our homepage is our ‘news’ and you can expect to see the latest announcements appear there. It’s a way to see what new stuff has been added.
- A convenient way to keep up to date without having to consult the home page is to subscribe to our alert service – just pop your email address in the form at the right of the [blog main page](#). You’ll be emailed each time a new post is uploaded to the blog.
- The website has a ‘[useful links](#)’ page which is periodically added to – for instance the recent inclusion of the new DPI web page showing [fish stockings in NSW](#) plus a bunch of e-fishing resources that Claude provided me (apps, podcasts and YouTube suggestions).
- We welcome feedback to the various posts that you read – click on the ‘leave a reply’ link. Just remember that the name you put into the form will appear on the web – you might want to put just your first name and initial. Never fear, your email address will not be displayed to the public.

Some points in respect to the Facebook page for those not familiar with Facebook:

- Luke regularly pops photos and words onto this popular social media site and, like the *Burley Line* editor, he welcomes new material any time.
- You can go to our Facebook site without have to sign up to Facebook but you can’t add your own comments or other contributions unless you are logged into a personal Facebook account.
- If you have a Facebook account, ‘liking’ the CAA page will mean that each new post will automatically appear on your Facebook timeline.

The various CAA social media folk are hoping to start discussions on our blog and on our Facebook page.

While you have to be a registered Facebook user to leave comments there, anyone can leave replies to our blog.

Get into folks.

‘The Culprits’ Hit The South China Sea To Chase Sailfish On The Fly ... AGAIN !!!

Provided by Lyall

Yes, the fourth trip to chase sail fish in the South China Sea has come and gone. My laughing face muscles are nearly over the strain and the kilos I added to my waist line from too much magnificent Malaysian food have just about disappeared. The only thing I can't do is tell you all the details. That has to be saved for my Pan-Australia Speaker Series next year (well perhaps someone in Canberra might let me speak).

Instead, allow a few photos and captions to suffice.



The Culprits, Lozza, Bazza and Jazza.



The food—a different restaurant every night.



After a great deal of experimentation I came up with “mix and match” set of popper heads and tube fly bodies to change on the water as conditions dictated. Marketing opportunity?



Bazza and Jazza intensely watching the trailing teasers for black shadows then an aggressive bill fish. Lyall’s Purple Parrot Popper (there is obviously too much time to think up silly fly names when you are not on the strike watching for fish) .

Jason Stratford's (aka Jazza's) photo of the Salt in action. Two great photographers on the boat.



Juan Wei's (Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor, fly fishing guide and all around good guy) photo of the weapon – a custom built 12 weight Sage Salt coupled with a mammoth Sage 6212 reel and a 550 grain Rio GT line. The whole setup REALLY did the business. The big game leader was 80 lb butt section with a 40 lb class section (intended to break in the event of a propeller tangle and be more sporting to the fish) with another 80 lb bite tip-pet attached to the fly to handle the sand paper-like fish's bill.



Jazza's photo of Lozza and Juan (Jozza) with just one of our many fish landed on the trip. All of "the culprits" landed 40 kg plus fish, ate excellent Malaysian food to excess and laughed so much that medical attention was required on return to Australia !!! Stand-by for the fine details during the Pan-Australia Speaking Series in the coming year.

Best Wishes For A Speedy Recovery To CAA Life Member Bryan Pratt

Words by Lyall who is also on Canberra Hospital's Most Wanted List

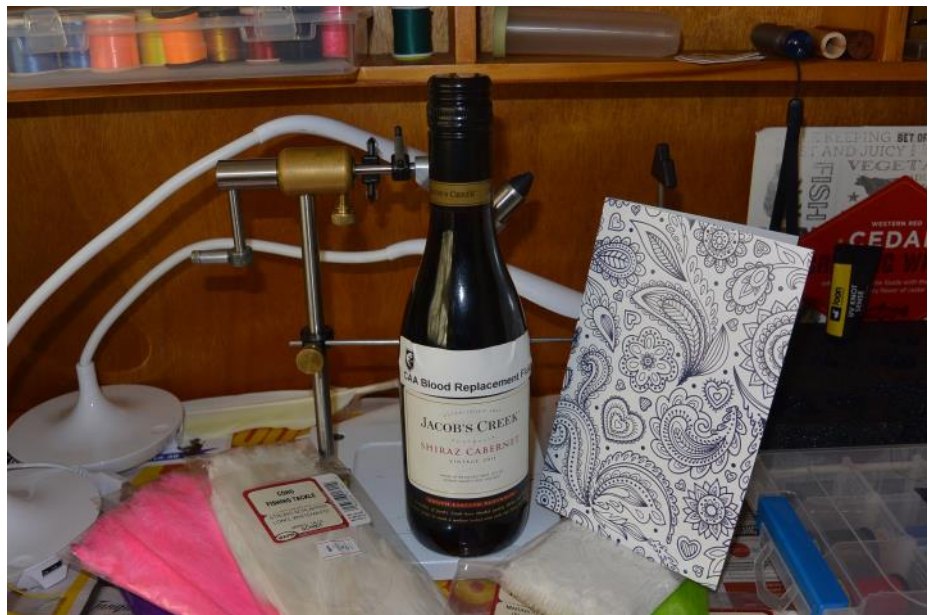


Once again, thanks for the great write up Lyall. More amazing photos are [available online.](#)

Our best wishes go to Dr Bryan Pratt, Canberra Anglers' Association Life Member and former President, who is currently in hospital after suffering multiple heart attacks some time ago when he was opening Pratt's Tackle Box one morning in August. A get well card was sent on behalf of all Bryan's friends at CAA the day following the incident via Bryan's wife Doris. She is managing both Pratt's Tackle Box in Belconnen and The Anglers Art in Philip which is no small task.

Knowing that Bryan had also lost a good deal of blood, Doris was given a small bottle of CAA Blood Replacement Fluid (pictured) which she wisely stored until a couple of days ago when she took it into the hospital. Bryan told me that before Doris could stop him, he had taken off the cap, poured it and was enjoying it. "Best transfusion I have had so far in the hospital and I have had a lot of them!!!" I bet there is now a legal order out banning CAA members from anywhere withing a kilometre of the hospital !!!

Your good wishes for a speedy recovery can be sent to Bryan via Doris at anglersart@grapevine.com.au



Gaden Hatchery Update

All our eggs for the 17-18 stocking season have been laid down and the trap has been taken out as of the 30th August.

Although the spawning run started late due to a lack of water and rain events, the Browns ran really well, with 2247 individuals recorded before the trap was taken out, and more still in the system near the hatchery. 400000 eggs have been laid down at Gaden , with another 600000 set aside for Dutton Hatchery.

We have about 300,000 wild RT eggs laid down for the Jindabyne and Eucumbene allocation, and 800,000 eggs from our 2+ and 3+ broodstock, which have all been mixed with wild males. The trapped Rainbow count for the year was 366 individuals, with many more seen after the trap was taken out.

About 25000 rainbow trout eggs were collected from Hughes and Tolbar creeks in the Eucumbene system on the 31st August. Once hatched, these fish will act as a genetic variation for the Jindabyne system, and future broodstock.

The findings from the coded wire tagging program were as follows:

- Hughes Ck- total R/T collected 229 including 6 tagged 2 false detections due to fish hooks
- Tolbar Ck total R/T collected 102 including 1 tagged
- Hatchery collected 366 Rainbow trout from the Thredbo River, with a total of 26 fish tagged and 4 false detections due to fish hooks etc. These tagged fish were from 3 year classes.

Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon have just started to hatch, with the brown hatchlings running a bit late due to the late trapping season.

All unwanted 2+ 3+ rainbow trout broodstock (230 individuals) have been released into Lake Jindabyne with an elastomer implant (pink) inserted near the left eye.

For those unaware, Gaden Hatchery is generally the single source for DPI and MAS stocking of trout in this region.

The situation last year was pretty par-lous with few fishing running up from Lake Jindabyne. Gaden used to provide monthly reports, but to reduce administrative workload, they are now less frequent. The latest report passed to us by Steve Samuels is very positive.

The inclusion of Eucumbene fish into the Gaden stock sounds like a good idea for genetic diversity. Keep your eye out for the tagged ex-brood stock fish in Jindabyne.

The October newsletter has been received and can be [read here](#).

CFA are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website).

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News



Recreational fishing in Sydney water supply dams

The NSW Government is undertaking a risk assessment of recreational fishing in Sydney water supply dams. Funding has been sourced from the Recreational Fishing Trusts to undertake and report on a risk assessment and identified risk treatments. The project seeks to deliver a detailed assessment of potential risks associated with a wide range of recreational fishing activities in water supply dams (including Sydney water supply storages) that are currently closed to fishing.

Opening access to dams with favourable recreational fishing attributes, with appropriate risk treatments and mitigating strategies, will greatly improve recreational fishing opportunities and deliver a range of social and economic benefits across NSW.

Third Annual Trout Conference on again in Mansfield

Victorian Fisheries is holding its third free one-day Talk Wild Trout Conference at Mansfield on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Fisheries scientists and anglers will hear about results from a three-year study, funded by recreational fishing licence fees. [There's more info and free registration at this link.](#)

Snowy Lakes Strategy

The Snowy Lakes Trout Strategy Working Group was established to assist the Government in the development of management objectives and responses for Lake Eucumbene, Lake Jindabyne, Tantangara Dam, Three Mile Dam and Dry Dam. The strategy sets out a range of management objectives, designed to support high quality trout fisheries and positive angling experiences for all anglers. The strategy has been developed to ensure that the Snowy Mountains region continues as the State's premier trout fishery for generations to come. [You can download a copy of the current strategy document at this link.](#)

Murray-Darling Basin Native Fish Forum recordings

Video recordings of the presentations from the recent Murray-Darling Basin Native Fish Forum have been [uploaded to YouTube at this link.](#)

NSW RecFish News

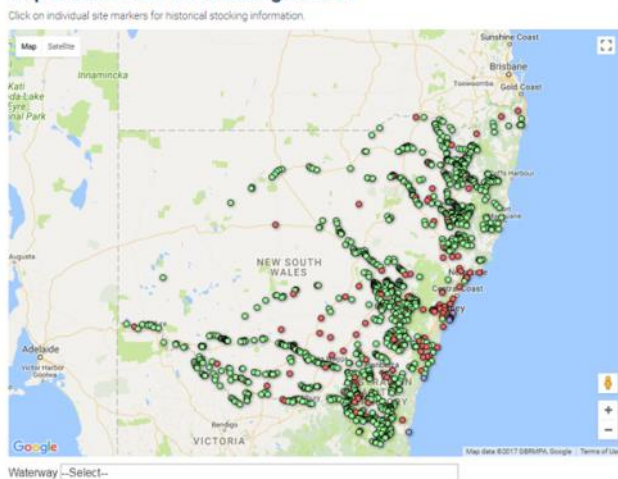


Historical fish stocking records now online

DPI has launched an interactive map that allows anglers interested in fish stocking information to access historical fish stocking records.

The map allows the user to select either individual stocking sites or to search by waterway. It also allows the user to pan and zoom to discover information on what species have been stocked across all river and impoundment sites in NSW.

Map of freshwater fish stocking records



The [September newsletter](#) was received just after we published the September Burley Line.

RFA NSW are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website).

To access the new fish stocking records map or for more information, [visit the website](#).

Fisheries NSW News



Many of us (all those who registered an email address when we bought NSW licence?) received a Sept “Newscast” from DPI. The full copy is [available here](#). Top items were:

- Reminder of Australian Bass/Estuary Perch season opening and Murray Cod/Murray Crayfish closing.
- DPI Fisheries Officers have been doing some clandestine surveillance operations on the Darling with success.
- 15 Oct is “Gone Fishing” day. DPI has a map showing the locations/activities. Nearest to us are Khancoban and Tuross Head.

Fisheries Victoria News



Fish eFacts 414 has arrived. Not a lot of interesting items with quite an emphasis on the Fisheries actions policing the opening of streams for trout. The best Internet resource is the [Victoria Fisheries Facebook page](#) where individual topics are posted up separately.

Supporters

CAA would like to thank the below sponsors for their ongoing support and patronage to our club.



Notable Fish Recorded

The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and share the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and so can include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies.

The authoritative list for consideration for [club trophies](#) is the little book brought to meetings by the Secretary. 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
Shaun	Rainbows	3 with max 45cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/ Committee Retreat/19 Aug
Bill	Brown	30cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/ Committee Retreat/19 Aug
Nathan	Brown	42cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/ Committee Retreat 120 Minute Challenge/20 Aug
Bill	Brown	58cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/ Committee Retreat 120 Minute Challenge/20 Aug
Jaime	Brown	47.5cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene/9 Sep
Luke	Brown	65cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene/9 Sep
Luke	Brown	61cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene/16 Sep
Roger	Rainbow	35cm	Fly	Thompsons Creek Dam/17 Sep

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The Membership Application Form can be found at the Canberra Anglers Website - Current fees are payable each year as at our AGM (pro-rata rates for joining late in the year):

- \$10 for concession (age pension or concession card)/juniors (under 18)
- \$30 for general membership
- \$40 for families

Payment can be via check, electronic transfer (bank details on the form), or in person at one of our regular meetings. More information is available from the Secretary via our website.

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