

# THE BURLEY LINE

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BJ's fish from the Cotter River during Lyle Knowles – rather nifty measure net



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# Presidents Report

Dear Members,

I wish to thank Nathan for taking full rein in my absence whilst I travelled the entire east coast for some long awaited leave and family time.

So much has gone by including our casting days, trout opening, and Nathan's and Claude fly tying extravaganza nights. I feel I've missed out on a lot and I am hoping you really benefited from these volunteers donating their time to share their knowledge and skills with you.

Canberra Anglers just keeps getting better and if they're are not enough GregW has lined up Dr Heins from Erindale Skin Cancer Clinic next meeting to walk us through all things skin, freckles, moles and diagnosis etc. You don't want to miss it's almost a free consult!

For many you may be aware Nathan our Vice President has qualified for the Australian Fly Fishing Championships to be held in Tassie later this month. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping him towards the next step. We wish Nathan all the very best, and when he returns he is prepared with the ear bashing of questions from us all.

The club boat saw no offers from members so the intent is to advertise elsewhere and move it on. It's been a fantastic asset over the years and there's still a chance to reconsider your decision when it goes online for sale. Check out the blog later this month for links etc.

Whilst away I received a very kind letter of thanks and appreciation from Casting for Recovery Coordinator Mr Nick van Weelden. These thanks I expressly pass to you. I firmly believe this donation in the best investment CAA has ever made. By investment I mean of benefit for the human-wellbeing and support to those touched by the program. Thank you members for agreeing to support this fantastic organisation. Keep your ears peeled for a chance to volunteer at a future retreat.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, and don't worry the person who took a pot shot at the Weston Raiders doors at 3am last fly tying night won't be coming back any-time soon!

Tight lines - JQ

## Editors Notes

Well, it has been a busy month, what with trout stream opening, Lyle Knowles (back to the Cotter), Nathan doing well with the recent Fly Fishing Australia competition and some of us travelling. All this and more coming up here. A huge issue this month – principally due to the contributions from Jason M, many thanks.

As always, thanks  
Bill for your efforts in  
this months newsletter.

## Key Dates

8 November  
Monthly Club  
Meeting

22nd November  
Monthly Fly  
Tying

25-25 November  
Brogo Dam Outing

Seems it has been a slightly slower start to the season for some of us – as for that member catching 12 fish during the now one-day Lyle Knowles, I demand a swab be taken! Meanwhile Rod and I decided “gentlemen’s hours” would see us up to the Cotter for a nice afternoon and evening rise. Instead it rained quite heavily and few fish were seen. Rod has fired me as guide and is looking elsewhere for his next trip to the streams. My response is that he should visit his brother in New Zealand more often. All part of life’s fun.

An important change to our program has been promulgated on our blog and reflected below. Conflicting engagements for Stefan and others will see the Brogo trip slip by a week.

I’ll be away for much of the time the next Burley Line is being prepared so my erstwhile off-sider JQ will be taking the reins. With Luke managing the ‘look and feel’ with our new format perhaps you won’t notice the difference in wordsmithing. Regardless, please get your material into the Burley Line address before the last week of the month.

## Coming Events

### **Next Club Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Usual time/place, 7:30PM at Raiders Weston Club. We will have Doctor Hein from Australian Skin Cancer Clinic at Erindale give a presentation on identifying and treatment of skin cancers. An important message for those of us who have had a lot of sun exposure doing what we love.....fishing. See his poster [here](#).

### **Next Events: Wednesday 22nd November**

Monthly fly tying, 7:30PM at Raiders Weston Club. Presenter and fly pattern to be advised. Keep an eye out for details in email and in our blog.

### **Sat-Sun 25 - 26th Nov - !! Note the date change !!**

Stefan will be leading the team down to chase Australian Bass in Brogo Dam. More info via email. You can expect some will head down Friday night to catch the early morning action on Saturday.

BJ's trout caught on our Lyall Knowles outing is our cover photo this month.

## Report—Lyall Knowles Outing

Provided by Lyall

Revisiting our roots, the 2017 Lyle Knowles Trophy was set on the Cotter River instead of the Eucumbene River. In the early years, when the ACT government stocked trout in the territory, the Cotter River below the Cotter Dam was an excellent location for a spot of fishing and a social BBQ.

Having been run since 1946 there are some famous names engraved on the trophy. Norm won the trophy in 1961, the year I began soiling nappies, then three other years as well. Mark S is right up there as well as Ian, Alan, Peter and Jason M.

Sorry where were we? Oh yes, 2017. A dozen CAA members

fly fished the Cotter River from downstream where Condor Creek joins the Cotter up to the foot of Bendora Dam wall. Either the river fished better the further downstream you went OR

the top guns who were simply better fisherfolk fished downstream. Having fished well upstream and scoring zero, I have to subscribe to the fact that the downstream guys were just better than me.

Catches varied from twelve fish by one gun angler, to some healthy sized trout close to Condor Creek to other anglers who caught only one or two, to myself and a few of 'me best buddies who just enjoyed the day.

Thanks to all those who submitted photos of fish and tape measures for the record.



Claude with his Cotter catch.





It seems logical to hold the event on the Cotter River again next year but my time might be better spent floating down the river on my new flying saucer shaped Refreshments Water Vessel handing out sausage sandwiches and cold beverages as I pass better fly fishers than me.



Rod contemplating whether the rings were rises or just water dropping off the tree.



So pretty, shame no fish rising! (picture from Ray C – thanks)

## An interesting October Meeting

The October meeting comprised an informative talk from Richard Hanly of NSW Roads and Maritime Services when he presented on boating safety and lifejacket wear, care and servicing.

Barry volunteered to be the 'crash-test dummy' showing how the automatic inflatable life jackets performed. I suspect Barry thought he was going to be drenched in water to simulate a dunking, but instead Richard just dunked the sensor.



The full video of the test (all 69MB!) is in our [Drop Box](#).



Another key notification this month was that CAA has completed our donation of \$900 to Casting for Recovery. A very worthy cause.



## October Fly Tying—The Bibio

Nathan led the team instructing on the Bibio. Seems it was a very productive fly for Nathan at a recent Fly Fishing Australia competition (more on that later). The Bibio is quite an adaptive and relatively simple pattern both as a dry and wet (Nathan uses it as first dropper in a team of three when loch style fishing).

Afterwards, Luke and others commented on how the tying nights are being quite popular with its relaxed and social environment. We even have folk coming along to observe and converse rather than tie. Everyone welcome and we have 'loaner' kits if you don't have the gear.



## Report—JQ's Recent Holiday

Thought I'd pull my finger out whilst Eli is asleep and our camping gear is slowly drying out.

We're currently in Gladstone waiting out this deluge of rain across the QLD coast following our trip to Cairns to catch up with many family and friends. The fishing opportunities have been limited and not so successful.

On the way up we stopped off at Clairview - Barracrab Caravan Park just south of Mackay, my only chance on the way up to fish. Here the area is renowned for mud crabs, Barra, Geetees, Queenfish, Golden Trevally, Bream and more.. We set up camp at low tide and I managed to sneak away and try my luck.



Third cast in I spotted a swarm of what looked like golden trevally mooching through. I raced over to them and cast just a head of them. Strip, strip, feel weight, set hook and it's on!! Couple of seconds later it was wearing the fly line from a bust off.. broken leader and a very cut up leader?? Maybe the bottom or barnacles! Goldens have gummy lips..!? I quickly tied up a new bite leader and fly and soon caught another group mooching through. Cast and strip and on.. bust off but this was my leader to bite tip-pet. Re-tie and try again.. same school was moving back up the flat to me. Cast out and bang on again! Bust off again... wtf - frustrating to say the least.

After this the tide was beginning to turn and I started to move back up the flat but didn't get another chance to sight any schools or movement on the top.

Whilst walking back I managed to slip on a barnacle and grazed the arch of my foot. In just 24hrs I was in severe pain barely able to walk, it was badly infected. I'd not felt pain like it... The doctor laughed at me for being such a small graze but knew the



seriousness of such encounters. Antibiotics issued and now I'm all good again!



Anyway Eli is awake again and I'll email again when I've got something more of substance for the newsletter!



Jason M reports on his son's efforts to snare his trout.

## Another Jason and Another Junior Member

With cooler months and a break from birthday parties, a little six year old was keen to have a go at winning a trophy. After spying the Lyle Knowles trophy at our AGM and hearing it was going to go to someone else, he was keen to win a trophy. Interest wavered with other activities, but after our Monaro Streams event in May he was keen to have a go, and I had some spots to return to.

We then ventured out before the season closed on the Sunday. Stopping for lunch on the way (junior anglers take a bit to get going) at Adaminaby, by two pm we were at the Portal near where a number of us had been successful. But the water was barely flowing, with boggy mud and a bit of weed to catch the young fellow's lures on. One other family had a brown on further up the river but the bank was too steep to land it and it was otherwise quiet.

So we ventured to the diggings near Kiandra. With a couple of vehicles there we ventured to some pools nearby above the bridge. It was a mixture of Tassie devils, and with a small trout rising to some midges on the opposite bank it was tying on a quick dry and some more casting lessons, but by then it cooled off and the trout had stopped rising. He was keen to try again for some more on the way back, but the sun was getting low and after a short time in the car the eager angler was fast asleep dreaming of that elusive trout.

The next weekend I decided to take the club boat out and try some of the areas we'd had some hits on the club outing. Putting in near some trees, I found the bank still boggy with the receding water and I had some minor difficulty driving the empty trailer back up the slight embankment. We putted around, enjoying the serenity.

Trying a mix of putty baits (I found the Adaminaby tackle shop wasn't open on Sunday afternoons for fresh bait after the rivers closed) and some artificial lures all was quiet but we enjoyed being almost the only fishers out there. We even came back with more lures than we took, rescuing a silver minnow from a tree. But despite the nice afternoon before the temperature dropped nothing else moved and it was time to recover the boat from a more rocky area out on the peninsular and head home.



Luke having a fish below the portal.



Luke fishing the diggings.



The following weekend my keen junior angler was ready to go again. This time we decided to try closer to home, near Uriarra Crossing. Bringing his little BMX, we went down to the river and started fishing below some riffles. Again, all was quiet even with our freshly dug worms and grubs from home. Bryan later advised the grubs were lawn beetle grubs, which he has never known any fish to eat, which is a shame as my Canberra mulch is full of them. I did notice in a recent tv show that the trout in the show had been feeding on the lawn beetles.

As we moved down to the pools I could imagine a carp, or even a hungry cod, coming to engulf our baits and stripping the little Ben 10 1000-size reel but alas nothing touched them or the lures. We hiked back to the car and my eager angler insisted on moving to the bridge, fishing the riffles without luck. But at least we had fun rock hopping. Unfortunately my GoPro had run itself flat, so no glorious photos by the river.



There was one last chance before the end of the year, so on Friday after school we headed back South, keen to follow up on the recommendations from various sources to fish by the Old Adaminaby boatramp after sunset. Rods were pre-rigged during the week, and a mix of four or five different putties were packed to balance the odds. Going through Numeralla and Cooma with the sun getting low it was already minus two, and by Adaminaby it was minus five. We drove down the boatramp, and the water was below it, about 7pm. It turned out the lake was down to 39%, and we were casting into a strong onshore blow in the dark, and for the first part barely centimetres of water. Only my second visit to Old Adaminaby, I was surprised to find the ruins, and we worked our way out to the point casting directly into the wind.

My little angler turned archaeologist, searching the ruins and enjoying finding the footpaths, steps, and old bottles and mugs. He was most upset I wasn't pitching the tent for the night, but I gave him a try at my trick of a sleeping bag in the ute tray for a short term fix. Again, we recovered a number of lures that must have until recently been hidden by water over the rocky point. Despite the efforts though, and some star gazing in the ute tray, with only 90 minutes left in the financial year we put the billy on, packed up and headed back home, stopping at Cooma for some late night Capital Pizza I had ordered on the way back and got home early Saturday morning in what was minus eight in Canberra.



So, after four solid weekends of trying my junior angler was happy he'd tried his best to catch a trout for the junior trophy, and remains keen to get that first one in the region. On the back of his other sport on Saturdays he certainly didn't need much encouragement to fall asleep on Sunday nights.

Fortunately, after a false start, I was able to find some schooling fish down at the coast on our next trip, but the challenge is still on to get a trout and keep him hooked. As he said when we recovered the boat in July, "Tonight I'm going to dream of catching a HUGE trout." I may even cultivate those Eucumbene casting efforts at the September lessons and get him out with his own fly rod.

We took the opportunity in the school holidays to head back for another go. With the eldest contemplating coming, we waited but in the end it was just Luke and I. However, the delay meant we

Fishing down near the camping ground boat ramp. It was a nice little area to moor the boat.

were into 45kph winds and it was too windy for us to anchor, despite seeing some nice fish on the sounder on the opposite bank.

Buckenderra proved a great little spot to camp though, and despite some dusk and morning fishes from the shore we failed to attract any interest, but it was the same for the others. Other boats also only braved the weather for an hour or so.

## Streams Opening & Burrinjuck

Provided by Ash

Well I had high hopes for the opening weekend on the Eucumbene and hoping it was full of rainbows. Unfortunately the Saturday was not an option so I ventured up late that night for an early start Sunday at Denison. I ran into Mudeye Mick and had a chat and when he told me he fished the morning for only a couple of rainbows my heart sunk. I almost considered turning around.

Fished the morning for a few hours at Denison from day break and did eventually score a reasonable rainbow of 42cm on a size 16 black tungsten nymph which I was pleased with.







Fish were scarce and only the odd one was caught it appeared. I finally worked out this Czech nymphing technique out so I was pleased with that.

I must add the river was at an amazing height, if it was May it would be loaded. Did I mention how cold the water was?? 100% snow melt. My feet were so cold they were hurting, that's wearing a neoprene booty as well as the neoprene sock of the waders. They have never been like this in May/June.



Mick and I had a look around Kiandra for a bit of a reconnaissance mission but no joy.

Beautiful water up that way and look forward to getting back there when it warms.



Another pic here I have included is of a very quick fish with the family out from Good Hope at Burrinjuck on the following weekend. My oldest, Lachlan who is 4, showed us up. He and his 3 ugly stick kids combo caught 3 nice yellowbelly and a decent reddie in less than 2 hours on the troll between colouring in and eating anything he could get his paws on.

Family fishing is certainly a learning curve. Lachie is absolutely loving it

## Nathan's Efforts at Tantangara

I was hoping to get a report from Nathan, but a recent break-in into his car has clearly been more critical. With luck he'll fill us in on all the details next month – meanwhile, check out the results. If your eyes are like, mine, click on the chart to download a [big-ger version!](#)

ROUND 02 ROUND 02 2017/18 - Heavy Metabolism - 7th and 8th October 2017

PROVISIONAL RESULTS AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 - APPROXIMATE RESULTS AFTER 2 DAYS OF THE OBSERVATION PERIOD

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NSW/ACT Round #1 2017/18 - Snowy Mountains - 7th and 8th October 2017

PROVISIONAL RESULTS AS AT 9 OCTOBER 2017 - DECIDED FINAL AFTER 7 DAYS IF NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

Angler Number	Angler Name	Angler State	Session 1			Session 2			Session 3			Session 4			Cumulative			Rank	Ranking Points	Session Fish Points
			No. Fish	Fish Points	Place	No. Fish	Fish Points	Place	No. Fish	Fish Points	Place	No. Fish	Fish Points	Place	No. Fish	Fish Points	Place			
A28	Geoff Naylor	NSW	5	4600	3	2	1500	11	2	1480	5	4	2900	6	13	10480	25	1	27	4
A15	Rick Sunderland	NSW	4	2920	7	2	1560	10	2	1560	3	2	1640	11	10	7680	31	2	24	4
A6	Chris Dawson	NSW	4	3440	6	6	4960	2	0	0	28	7	5920	1	17	14320	37	3	21	3
A11	John Fisher	NSW	4	3620	5	2	1500	11	5	3620	1	1	620	22	12	9360	39	4	18	4
A10	Pat Kennedy	NSW	2	1500	16	8	6760	1	1	700	15	2	1880	8	13	10840	40	5	15	4
A1	Mischa Berndtsson	NSW	6	5060	2	0	0	28	1	1140	7	3	2340	7	10	8540	44	6	12	3
A17	Bob Bartels	NSW	4	3860	4	2	1500	11	0	0	28	5	4500	2	11	9860	45	7	9	3
A12	Janis Kruska	VIC	1	620	21	2	1580	9	1	740	13	5	3680	4	9	6620	47	8	6	4
A8	Jason Mahoney	NSW	1	1000	17	2	1820	8	1	1140	7	2	1420	15	6	5380	47	9	3	4
A27	Emilio Cagliano	NSW	2	1560	15	3	2600	5	1	940	9	1	780	19	7	5880	48	10	0	4
A25	Michael Lowndes	NSW	2	1800	10	0	0	28	2	1380	6	4	3160	5	8	6340	49	11	0	3
A21	Nathan Walker	NSW	7	5700	1	1	580	20	4	3520	2	0	0	28	12	9800	51	12	0	3
A4	John Cummins	NSW	2	1760	12	4	2960	4	1	720	14	1	680	21	8	6120	51	13	0	4
A9	David McCallum	NSW	3	2400	9	4	3140	3	0	0	28	1	800	18	8	6340	58	14	0	3
A18	Mark Bulley	NSW	0	0	28	1	780	17	1	800	11	5	3700	3	7	5280	59	15	0	3
A24	Phil Ravanello	NSW	1	940	18	2	1940	7	0	0	28	2	1860	9	5	4740	62	16	0	3
A16	Craig Dawson	NSW	0	0	28	3	2280	6	1	540	16	2	1540	12	6	4360	62	17	0	3
A5	Des Walters	NSW	2	1780	11	1	860	16	1	800	11	0	0	28	4	3440	66	18	0	3
A19	David Karpul	NSW	2	1580	14	1	780	17	0	0	28	2	1540	12	5	3900	71	19	0	3
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# Report—Murrumbidgee at Yaouk

Provided by Roger

This is the result of my latest escapade, last Saturday evening on the Murrumbidgee at Yaouk.

Only 31 cm but my first capture casting a dry fly to a rising fish in glassy conditions. Had some near misses too.

The drive home in the dark was interesting. 40 kph along Yaouk and Bobeyan roads with plenty of close calls with wombats, wallabies and kangaroos.



Rising fish are so much more fun than casting to likely holding spots eh! Well done Roger, I have endless problems when the water is so smooth.

Our Jason M is a rising star in the galaxy of fishing activists (modestly called 'Future Leaders').

In December last year he attended a Victorian Fisheries conference on Murray Cod and here he reports on that event and promotes two others.

## VIC Fishing Conferences

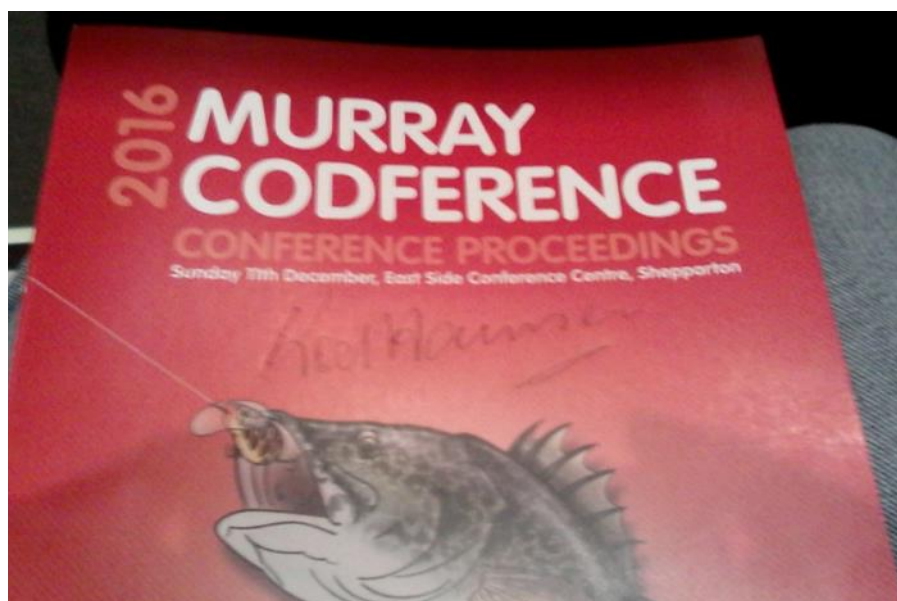
**Provided by Jason M.**

For the benefit of our new members, here is an article on the free regional conference hosted (& funded by Vic Govt and Vic fishing fees) in Victoria. There are two imminent conferences, the [Trout Conference](#) in Mansfield VIC on 11 November, and the 2nd [Murray Codference](#) at Shepparton again on 10 December (for tips on good camping/fishing spots we also have an article). Both cover SE Australia issues, so may be worth considering for those wanting to learn more about trout or cod. No doubt Trell's Tackleworld in Shepparton will have another BBQ after the Codference, where more secret tips and fishing yarns will be swapped.

### The Inaugural Murray Codference

In early December I attended the first Murray Codference, held in Shepparton. Getting there was an interesting journey in itself, but I managed to catch the tail of a Rivers of Carbon presentation in Hall, ACT, by Matt Barwick and Luke Pearce that gave a good start to the weekend, and followed up with some viewing the cod waterways on the way south.

The Codference was a free, single day event, funded through Victoria's Target One Million. It attracted a great cross section of cod enthusiasts, from barefeet and fishing shirts, lots of Akubras, and people from down southern the southern end of Victoria right up to northern NSW. There were still quite a few seats, and it was noted early that this conference had attracted more junior anglers and families than the other fishing conferences, reflecting the strong influence cod fishing has.



After issuing the swag, in its own swag, to the registered attendees, the Codference followed a natural progression, stepping through the early observations on cod and their habitat impacts by the elders and a demonstration of the blood tissue map of the cod, through the history of European discovery and early scientific research and breeding, and the changes over the decades of the Murray Darling Basin including habitat and fishing methods. Local elder Uncle Col summarised the Codference well when, with 80 years observing cod, he noted that one needs to go back before you go forward.



A local cod painting done during the Codference was presented on the Codference completion

Following the history of de-snagging, damming, and commercial fishing, the return of the cod was discussed, and included some assessment of cod breeding patterns, movement of the population within rivers, and the broader biological chain of the river. The loss of the wetlands was highlighted, with examples given of the redgum encroachment into traditionally wetland grasses such as moira grass and the loss of biofilms, and the following impact that has in improving carbon absorption and reducing contributors to black water events.

It was also interesting to note the slower growth rates observed in cod, such as in the Murrumbidgee. Other interesting discussion points were the stressors on cod reproduction, not only during spawning, but leading up to it and following it. Additionally, if a male cod is taken away from the nest and not there to defend



Future leaders catching up at the conference.

the eggs, shrimp will devour the eggs within hours. Also, in the event of a significant water drop, a male cod is likely to desert its nest. Whilst naturally this might be from drought, human influence on waterflows can also influence this.

Additionally, it was noted that whilst possible hybrid species were discussed, and it was noted that where there has been one big population and a small other population, cross-breeding has been known to occur however in the Murray it was rare and not common enough to warrant management options.



Linking in with population diversity and hybridisation, it was noted that wild and native trout populations don't interact, but with cod they do, especially with the genetic stocking in NSW to improve the diversity of the fish. Over 900 sites, NSW has stocked 12 million cod. The discussion later in the day leveraged off of experience in handling the big breeding cod, and noted that generally in water temperatures of 30°C or more, handling big cod was likely to lead to their death. This, and other scientific elements on cod physiology and handling techniques were briefed and will be considered by the Murray Cod Reference Group, especially in mind with preserving these fish above the slot limit.

Specifically querying the NSW panel about water controlled releases in areas like the Murrumbidgee to improve cod survivability, it was generally concurred by all the experts that this is not managed well.

The Codference was not all history and science, but also had some entertaining and informative sessions with Rod McKenzie and Rod Harrison.



One of the local flies noted for cod.

Some great tips were provided in catching them, mostly alike, and some competing, but as they say, you need to be there to get them. We also got a specially designed Million Dollar Fish cod lure to go and target them with. Some interesting cod flies were also discussed. There was also lots of activity during the snack breaks, and afterwards we retired to Trellis's Tackleworld who donated a major door prize and many anglers snapped up some new rods following the tips. I was happy catching up with the two Rods, and learnt a few more tips over a couple of cold refreshments. It was tempting to head on back with the group for the evening, but a six hour drive beckoned.

There is almost certainly going to be another Codference in 2019, still in Victoria but possibly a bit further north. Ideally it would be a bit longer, noting many presenters were short for time with only 15-20 minutes each – and after all, a day and a half would allow for some night fishing in between. I'd certainly go back, and I encourage anyone else interested to go too.



Question and answer panel included presenters Matt Barwick, Cameron Westaway, and Luke Pearce.

The November 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



### Record number of Australian Bass stocked in NSW

A record 429,000 Australian Bass have been stocked into dams across NSW throughout 2017.

“Australian Bass are a sought after sports fish with bait, fly and artificial lure. They travel to estuaries to spawn, between June and August, and stocking is the only way to maintain the Australian Bass numbers in our impoundments. All 413,000 Australian Bass were bred from wild fish caught when they were ready to spawn and breeding takes place under strict protocols to ensure the fish are of a high quality. Anglers will be able to catch these fish in three to five years providing significant social and economic benefits for the regions.”

- 20,000 Australian Bass were stocked into Lake Lyell near Lithgow;
- 99,000 were stocked in Glenbawn Dam and 64,000 stocked in Glennies Dam in the Hunter Valley;
- 30,000 Australian Bass were stocked in Toonumbar Dam in the Northern Rivers;
- 81,000 Australian Bass were stocked into Lake Yarrunga in the Shoalhaven;
- 2,000 were stocked this week into Pejar Dam in the Southern Highlands.

### Building a Fish Friendly NSW - The NSW Fish Habitat Strategy

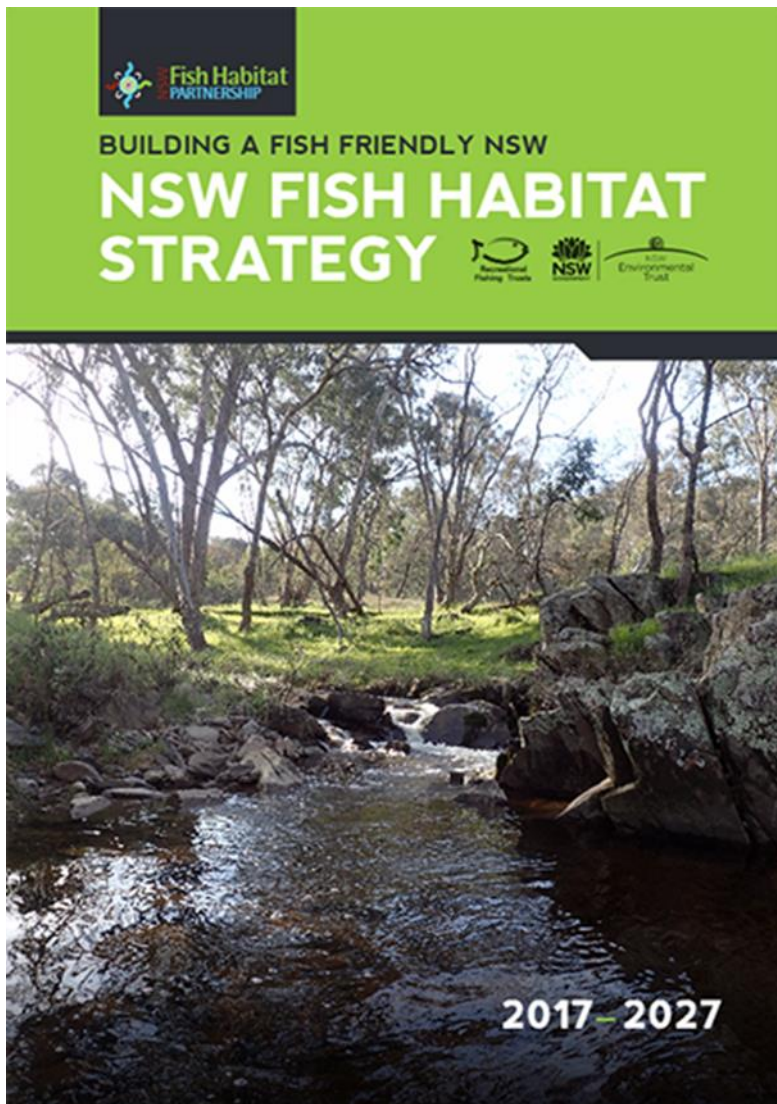
The NSW Fish Habitat Partnership has developed a strategy on how to build a fish-friendly NSW. [You can download it at this link.](#)

Over the last 200 years we have lost extensive amounts of fish habitat in NSW which has had a very significant impact on the number of fish, the resilience of fish communities and the sustainability of oyster production. Across NSW there are thousands of barriers to fish passage, poor water quality in most inland rivers and many estuaries, and the loss of riverbank vegetation and coastal fish habitats has been significant.

In response to these ongoing challenges, the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership (FHP) was formed in 2014 to implement a shared vision for the future that involves “working together for



fish habitat". The FHP is an alliance of stakeholder groups, representing over 1 million people that together contribute over \$29.3 billion to the NSW state economy. The FHP is independent and not subject to government direction or control nor that of any one of its constituent members. It seeks to promote, protect, enhance and deliver improvements to fish habitat that achieve improved sustainable economic growth and environmental and social benefits for NSW.



The [October newsletter](#) has been received.

RFA NSW are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website).  
Amongst lots of salt-water stuff, there was:

# NSW RecFish News



## Progress report from National Carp Control Plan

The National Carp Control Plan has published a September Progress Report which says it is now in an information gathering stage...

"The National Carp Control Plan (NCCP) has moved into a new phase of knowledge generation. This involves:

- establishing expert advisory groups to guide the project to underpin the NCCP's governance structure;
- progressing the legislative approval processes that would be required to release the carp virus; and
- launching an ambitious cross-disciplinary research program."

The report can be downloaded [at this link](#).

## Booking an Eco Fishing Hut



DPI Fisheries is encouraging anglers across NSW to book in to one of the new Eco Fishing Huts, which offer NSW anglers access to discounted huts and camping grounds at National Parks around the State.

The initial launch includes Eco Fishing Huts and camp grounds close to trout, bass, beach and rock fishing opportunities.

Head to [this link](#) to check out the range of huts on offer and book your stay!

Editor Note: As an example the image above is Wolgal Hut in historic Kiandra. It looks pretty swish – see interior shot below.

The cottage sleeps up to 8 guests with 3 bedrooms [1 double and single bunk bed; 2 single bunk beds]. It is fully furnished and has a full kitchen with gas appliances and 2 bathrooms.

Minimum of two nights at \$280 per night plus the typical 2.5% booking fee. Yep ... bit more upmarket than we'd normally pay but there are more economical options available on their website including others in the Currango area of Kosciuszko National Park. Special deal of 3 nights for price of 2 may also be in the offing.)

## Fisheries Victoria News



The best Internet resource is the [Victoria Fisheries Facebook page](#) where individual topics are posted up separately. Fish eFacts 415 arrived just after Oct Burley Line was issued – it only related to the national “Gone Fishing Day” on 15 Oct. 416 had more information including community engagement by the Carp Busters in the lead up to the publication of the National Carp Control Plan at the end of 2018. There was one inspiring item (though the photo suggest shore based fishing might be problematic):



### Chinook Salmon

A recent study of the Crater Lakes (Purrumbete and Bullen Merri) found the reintroduction of Chinook salmon has provided a great return to anglers!



For a copy of the  
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gov.au](mailto:brett.ingram@vfa.vic.gov.au).

The study, funded by recreational fishing licence fees, assessed the performance of these popular fisheries after salmon stocking resumed in 2012.

Over the 4 year study, 2,367 fish were caught and, the vast majority of more than 1,000 anglers surveyed were satisfied with their fishing experience.

From March 2016, social media reports showed some truly impressive fish were caught including salmon over 8kg, brown trout to 6kg and rainbow trout to 3kg.

The study estimated the Purrumbete recreational fishery to be worth over \$2 million annually, providing enormous social and economic benefits to anglers and the regional community.

Rob Hems, Secretary of the Lake Purrumbete Angling Club, said the project confirms the return of the salmon has created world class trophy fishing and a huge economic benefit to the region.

"At this rate, it won't be long before we're back to the halcyon days of the 1980's when 20lb Chinook salmon were caught."

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

Contributions are always encouraged to The Burley Line as well as words for posting on our 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 on the blog site. 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](mailto:burley-line@canberra-anglers.asn.au)

(you can now click to initiate an email directly from [our home page](#)).

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# 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
Ash	Rainbow	42cm	Fly	Eucumbene River/Sun 1 Oct
Roger	Rainbow	31cm	Fly	Murrumbidgee River/Sat 21 Oct
BJ	Rainbow	43cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles/Sun 2 Oct
Claude	Rainbow	15cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles/Sun 2 Oct

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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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