

# THE BURLEY LINE

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A sneak-peak of Bill and Peter's trip around NZ's South Island. More to come in the next issue!



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# Presidents Report

Dear members, Welcome to the 128th Edition of our great newsletter.

We are days away from summer and the local trout already think it is. Eagerly rising to many members dry flies and creating those spectacular moments, reassuring ourselves why we love dry fly fishing so much!

All the waterways are looking great. Be it that Eucumbene could have some more water, but there's a good grass covering and the lake is slowly rising making the future look very promising.

Recent carp catches are getting me excited and I'm now stocked on the sweet corn and just waiting on Eli to finish his swimming lessons before we take off to try our luck.

It is a bitter sweet moment for the Club as we have successfully sold the boat. The boat is remaining local so you may still see it around the waterways. The boat has been a fantastic asset to the club and we thank those that stored, maintained, utilised it and treated it like their own.

Look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party!

Bend a rod! - JQ

## The Burley Line and Member Contributions

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)

# Coming Events

## CAA Christmas Party

13th December—Chinese Gardens, Lake Burley Griffin  
Including Guest Speaker – Mr Wayne Alfred talking all things snakes and what to look out for this summer. More details to come!

## Club Trip

15th—17th December—Jindabyne  
Bill has emailed members seeking interest, if you're interested in attending please contact Bill ASAP.

## Monthly Meeting

14th February—Raiders Club Weston.  
Our first CAA Club meeting for the year. Lyall will be guest speaking.

## Club Trip

Lake Burley Griffin & BBQ.  
Hosted by Charlie, details will be provided closer to date.



Nathan with a nice rainbow to the net from a recent trip up in the mountains.



# Fishing DePuy's Spring Creek, Montana USA

Report from Lyall.

DePuy (pronounced Dee Pew) spring creek is located in the state of Montana in USA. If there is a fly fishing stream in heaven, this is what it looks like. This crystal clear water must be fished stealthily and was fed by springs at its head rather than the neighbouring Yellowstone River. It is a diverse fishery with slow pools, riffles and fast runs.



The photo doesn't really do the view justice but you can see a lone angler on Annie's Pool. The stream runs for three miles on the system which was created in the 1950s as a fly fishing destination for cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout. The clarity of the water was unsurpassed.



This wee brown was the first of many fish which came to hand, taken on a sulphur dun bought at the on-site fly shop owned and run by Buzz Basini. An hour spent with Buzz chatting fly fishing in arguably the smallest fly shop in the world is well worth it and an education in spring creek fly fishing.

To put things into perspective, Buzz's shop is the tiny brown wooden hut in the centre of photo. Buzz said that the trout would go crazy for sulphurs when a hatch took place but they would switch off at 3:00 in the afternoon. He was so right. Fishing was on hold after that until dusk.





Thanks Lyall for  
another great report.

Evan on a recent trip  
to some salt flats.



DePuy's in Montana is a magical stream. If Rob Sitch and Tom Gleisner had more time to spend in that part of the States when making their TV fly fishing series, they would have fished DePuys. But then ... there's always *A River Somewhere*.



# 7 Deadly Sins of Sight Fishing

Provided by Claude

Claude has provided some detail on this Orvis podcast by Josh Nugent, titled Seven Deadly Sins of Sight Fishing. It is definitely worth a listen. The podcast can be [downloaded from this link](#).

**Notes from Josh Nugent's Seven Deadly Sins of Sight Fishing** (Source Orvis Fly Fishing podcast 16 June):

1. Wear appropriate clothes – not bright, blend in with the environment
2. Don't rush to cast – see if you can wait to watch three cycles of feeding..(this will kill most of us inexperienced fishers). It will help you understand how and where the fish are feeding
3. Minimise, or be careful of your, movement around / on the stream bank
4. Use proper polaroid glasses – don't scrimp
5. Don't fish the wrong size fly - you may need to go small, or if there are lots of flies, you may need to discriminate your fly against the naturals by just going up one size.....this does not mean casting out a size 8.
6. Stop searching or scanning for your fly quickly over large bodies of water – if you keep losing sight of your fly, pick something that is drifting near your fly and pick a 3 ft. circle to scan – or scan slowly.
7. Make sure you have good presentation and accuracy – don't whack your fly onto the water, see how the bugs that are being eaten are behaving (dead drift, or induced movement), which part of the water that the fish are eating off.

Accuracy is sooooo much more important than distance

Claude adds "I still find point 2 the hardest...it's like someone putting out a bowl of chips while you are having a beer and someone tells you not to eat any because they'll make you fat!"

# NSW Government DPI Newscast

Anglers 'Lured In' by ECO  
Fishing Huts!



Primary  
Industries

Anglers are taking advantage of the great fishing opportunities currently offered by the trial network of seven “Eco Fishing Huts”, organised by DPI’s Recreational Fisheries Programs team.

The program is an initiative designed to increase recreational fishing participation, especially in regional areas, by offering anglers access to a variety of huts and camping grounds across the state.

A key aspect of the program is to highlight the wide variety of recreational fishing experiences on offer in NSW, as well as introduce more people to the unique travel opportunities NSW provides.

DPI has negotiated access to huts operated by NPWS offering a variety of angling experiences including Murray cod, trout, beach and rock fishing. The huts range from fairly basic to luxurious and encompass alpine, inland and coastal locations.

Significant discounts of 50% off standard accommodation rates are a key feature of the Eco Fishing Hut trial. These discounts have been made available via the Recreational Fishing Trusts, which manages monies paid by anglers for their NSW fishing licences.

More information, including detail on how to book the ECO huts can be [found here](#).



Wolgul Hut at Kian-  
dra is one example of  
what’s available.



## Good Luck Nathan!



The dream is real!

Many have heard or since been in touch with Nathan Walker who has qualified for the Fly Fish Australia National Championships which are currently being held in Tasmania.

Nathan, on behalf of the Club we wish you the best of luck and we're cheering for you. Enjoy the milestone, learn lots, fish hard and most of all have fun.

Tight Loops from all of us here at Canberra Anglers Association.

## Life Jacket Servicing

Following on from Richard's fantastic presentation on boating safety, Charlie has since found this person in ACT who services lifejackets and keeps you afloat! I can vouch for Alan's work having had my three lifejackets exclusively serviced by him.

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# Monaro Acclimatisation Society

Bill has provided some points from the recent MAS meeting held in Cooma.



- Last effort by Steve for angling in Lake Wallace via brief to council in Dec. If rebuffed then will be referring to EPA of risk of downstream introduction of redfin. His letter to council saw two positive or generally supportive responses but direct rejection from the mayor.
- The Snowy 2.0 environmental folk are taking redfin risk very seriously including international market research and mini pump experiments.
- Feasibility study process will recommend engagement with key stakeholders if decision is to progress. MAS has been expected as key stakeholder in EIS process.
- Snowy 2.0 will likely go ahead eventually so we should develop offsets eg Portal closed until filter is proven, MAS to share in some of the income to pay for things like growing out larger fish, trout research. Steve seeking ideas for other options.

## Robot 'Secret Agent' Infiltrates and Influences Schools of Fish

A very interesting read where scientists have introduced a robotic imposter into schools of zebrafish, to the point where the robot was able to lead the schools behaviour. What an age we live in!

The full story is [available via this link.](#)

# Trip Report—Snowy Mountains

Provided by Nathan and Luke

In light of Nathans recent qualification into the National Fly Fishing Championship, Luke managed to get a sneak peak on technique, gear and off course mentorship with Nathan. Luke managed fish but decided that Nathan was best placed to pose for the camera!







# 2017 Murray Codference

December 1 means the start of Murray Cod season! You may recall in last months newsletter that Jason M attended the Murray Codference. It's happening again in Shepparton with detail below if you're interested in attending.



This December, learn all about Victoria's Murray cod fisheries and how to improve your native fishing techniques at our FREE Murray Codference in Shepparton!

It's a great way to celebrate Victoria's cod-culture with presentations from guru Steve Starling and native fish angling experts.

Other topics on the day will include:

- flagship native fisheries and how we got there
- how fishing licence fees contribute
- native fish habitat
- native fish population surveys across 10 rivers
- record native fish stocking, and
- an update on the National Carp Control Program.

Save the date! 10 December, Eastbank Conference Centre, 70 Welsford St, Shepparton 9am - 4pm.

Reserve your seat for free here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/codference-2017-tickets-37180308303>



## Bill and Peter do NZ!

It looks like Bill and Peter are having a great time and are finding some great fish over in New Zealand. Bill has had enough time between fish to keep a blog. [You can follow their progress here](#). Keep your eyes peeled for the next issue of the Burley Line for a full report.



Peter and Bill's  
fantastic trout  
bumming adventure  
South Island  
New Zealand



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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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## Join Us!

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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