

THE BURLEY LINE

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Leon's 73cm carp on his new trout spey rod – more about this inside this issue



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Presidents Report

CAA President—Jason Q

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2018 and welcome to finally what some might say is a 'grasshopper' summer!

Wow what a break. I trust you all have rested well or made up for lost fishing time. 2018 is off to a flying start with a number of key activities in the pipeline.

- ACT Fisheries Act is currently working through public consultation and seeking input from us all. Check out the links further down in the newsletter.
- Bill, Peter, JasonM and I recently I attended the CRFA well overdue AGM. A decision has been made to disband the CRFA Inc. There are a number of key things that need to be achieved in order to officially close the Inc. CAA members will have a say in where some of the current monies will end up, be it restocking, artificial structures even donation to MAS or Carp Virus etc. further detail to follow. On behalf of CAA members and friends I wish to thank the Committee of CRFA, in particular Shane Jazzposa and Anthony Heiser for their efforts acting in key Executive positions for a number of years and achieving a number key things the Canberra region waterways and fish needed. Jason M was elected President of the 'kamikaze' committee and I congratulate Jason on accepting such role in this circumstance.
- ACT government is catching up with a number of key people across the region to further detail and educate us in the Herpes Carp Virus. More to come.

You're all aware the club boat has sold, however you may not know it was sold to a Queanbeyan individual, so you may still see it around! We hope the new owner pops their head in and becomes a member! The club boat, trailer and equipment was sold for \$1,100.00 where essentially we recouped the cost of the motor. For many the boat was a great memory creator and we are sad to see it go, however in today's era, as previously conversed, posed a number of risks which the committee no longer wished to maintain.

Rumour has it there's been some great captures and I'm looking forward to seeing you next meeting to hear all about them!

Tight Lines!

Jason Q

From the Editors Desk

Burley Line Editor—Bill

Hope everyone had an excellent and safe festive season – seems not everyone did ... I received a disturbing email from the Pres on Christmas Day with a photo too graphic for a family journal such as ours. Jason suffered an accident requiring multiple stitches with him almost emulating my toe amputations – ouch!! I'm sure everyone will be relieved to know that all is now well (albeit he's lost all feeling in those toes).

You may have noted that the Secretary (on behalf of the President) sent out a call asking if someone might replace me as CAA Auditor – this is not a huge task (only a handful of hours at the end of our financial year, and nothing in the meantime – I can tutor the volunteer if needed). If someone can stand up to do this, then I would be able to take on a new role of Membership Officer and so take some workload off the hardworking Lyall – our Constitution debars me from doing both Auditor and an executive position. Come on folks, engaging in these roles is not onerous and gives you closer understanding and influence on the running of your club.

Those of you who, by chance, follow the Facebook page of Barry Perkins of Fly Fish Mataura might have [spotted this post](#) with a familiar face. Barry is the guide based in Gore who often takes out those fellows who regularly go to Gore – I can highly recommend his services. You shouldn't need Facebook to view the page (just ignore the invitation to sign in or sign up). For those who have an antipathy against Facebook, a short note and two photos from Lyall appear later in this Burley Line issue.

Meanwhile, Feb 2018 is again a bumper issue. I had thought the quiet period over Christmas/New Year might lead to a lack of material, but reports on club activities late in the year, interesting news from MAS and other angling bodies plus much-appreciated contributions from CAA members means that there's a lot of good reading here.



Bill from the recent Jindabyne outing—the full report further in this issue.

Coming Events

Monthly Meeting

14th February—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

Our first CAA Club meeting for the year. Lyall will be guest speaking.

Club Trip

18th February—Lake Burley Griffin & BBQ.

Hosted by Charlie, details will be provided closer to date.

Fly Tying

28th February—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

Claude will be leading with his take on the Royal Humpy ([more information here](#)).

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

Modern Nymphing (European Style)



Recall that at one of our meetings last year Jaime showed a video on this very effective technique. It would appear a second video is in the works, and until it is released the original video is available at a 20% discounted rate.

Brogo Dam Outing

Report from Stefan

Brogo Dam is rightly touted by many as the jewel of the NSW south coast's Australian bass fishing destinations. Being situated largely within heavily wooded valleys up against the Wadbilliga National Park, the water is pristine and relatively safe to all boating. This destination has been a regular feature of CAA outings over many years and this past November 2017 made a welcome return after a short hiatus.

NSW Water proclaims the dam as:-

- What Brogo Dam lacks in size it more than makes up for with stunning mountain scenery. Situated in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range above Bega on the South Coast, the dam supplies water to irrigate pastures for the Bega Valley's dairy industry and supplies towns and farmers along the Brogo and Bega rivers. The dam is also a popular fishing and water sport destination."

And also:-

- The dam is stocked with trout and bass. Fishing is best done on the water by canoe or boat, as the rugged foreshores are generally inaccessible. Access is via a boat ramp just south of the dam wall.



All signs lead to
Brogo!

The dam level was showing as only three quarters full some two weeks before the proposed trip, no doubt due to the spring dry that had been experienced in that part of our country.

Water would have been made available to the lower lying farmers to get their pastures in for summer. This, from all accounts, then gave a rare opportunity of some good shore based fishing, as experience on a previous occasion had shown good results when fishing with fly off the thus exposed bank which runs steeply down into the water. Bass have a tendency to predate on critters that fall into the water's edge during change of light conditions.



Lake full—looking at the campsite (right) from the water.

Ultimately, the water level dropped to the point where the dam was fully dry during the drought, and only the original water-course remained. Fishing then became unviable.

With the ending of the drought early this decade the water has lapped the high water level during all subsequent visits, leaving precious little opportunity for casting from the bank because of the abundant reed growth and inaccessibility of the bank where it is steep. The only way to get out among the action then is by boat, easily launched from the campsite location. I was not planning to have a boat!

When I arrived in early evening, under the fading light I very quickly realised that things were not as they should have been. The dam was chock-a-block full and there was not going to be any easy access around the waterline. I very quickly found out that in recent days some massive downpours had quickly filled the lake and covered the previously exposed banks. One could see a fine carpet of grassy plants disappearing into the depths and reed beds were not yet established. Fish were seen active in this zone. It seems a late afternoon shower had brought the fish to the surface. Good for those in boats!



Bass taken off the surface.

Roger B. had taken an early mark and was already on the water. His report concluded as follows;

From memory I caught 3 or 4 fish on Friday evening and around 6 on Saturday morning. The biggest was around 30 cm. The fish were mainly caught on surface lures around the edges but the biggest fish was caught trolling.

The surface bite was pretty good but unfortunately the fish were small.

Rod's first bass!



Later that evening Rod K joined us and plans were hatched for fishing the following morning. Rod was keen to land his first Australian bass, from a sea kayak no less!

The next day saw an absolutely brilliant sunrise, a fantastic fanfare of birdsong and, thankfully, quiet from a group of partying hairy legged youths who had managed to spoil the night till very late with their din. A local later recounted of similar occasions when "Facebook parties" had attracted scores of nuisance makers. Sad to see this happening to such a sweet spot and will maybe bode badly for the future of access. I have seen rubbish and despoliation steadily increase over the years. It seems the local people do their best to maintain what is by rights a "day use area". Hope we don't see locked gates and other restrictions implemented. It would be a shame. Don't know the answer when lack of responsibility is the cause.

Both Roger and Rod, and later Ray C (who joined us later in the day with his most recent acquisition – a Hobie pedal-action canoe) had good luck using a number of different methods.

Rod did recount the following:

My memorable moment on the Sunday was catching a bass that was only marginally larger than the surface popper. It was so small that I felt I could release it by grabbing the lure and unhooking it. Its first shake buried a hook barb deep into my index finger. In wrenching this hook out I buried the two opposing hooks into the other side of the same finger. A salutary lesson.

The most unusual landing was actually also by Rod, holding my rig while I was explaining the setup on my Tenkara system. A small bass misjudged the fly and impaled itself on the hook virtually at our feet. A fish is a fish I s'pose, especially as I had spent some time misjudging and missing the strikes from other fish in about two meters of water.



Two lads from Wagga Wagga regaled us on their first time exploits on this water. Between them they landed something like 100 fish. Their skill was evidenced by a master class one of them gave me on Sunday morning, pulling five fish in quick succession from areas I saw as unachievable. I of little faith. The sheer skill in accurately casting to a target area, waiting the correct time to allow the lure to settle to the correct depth and the to have the confidence that a fish was there showed that these blokes were in a league of their own. Apparently they work at Tackleworld, that figures! Tis fellow managed to garner a nice bass at about 45cm from the inlet just by the campsite. Who would have thought!

Thanks for a great trip report. It sounded like a very successful outing.

The Saturday evening was spent under a perfect sky nattering about what could have been, should have been or may yet be. I had some fun in breaking in my new outdoor cooker by Ozpig, a most convenient appliance I have decided. All this activity was most ably complemented by drinks from Ray's cellar {Thanks!}.



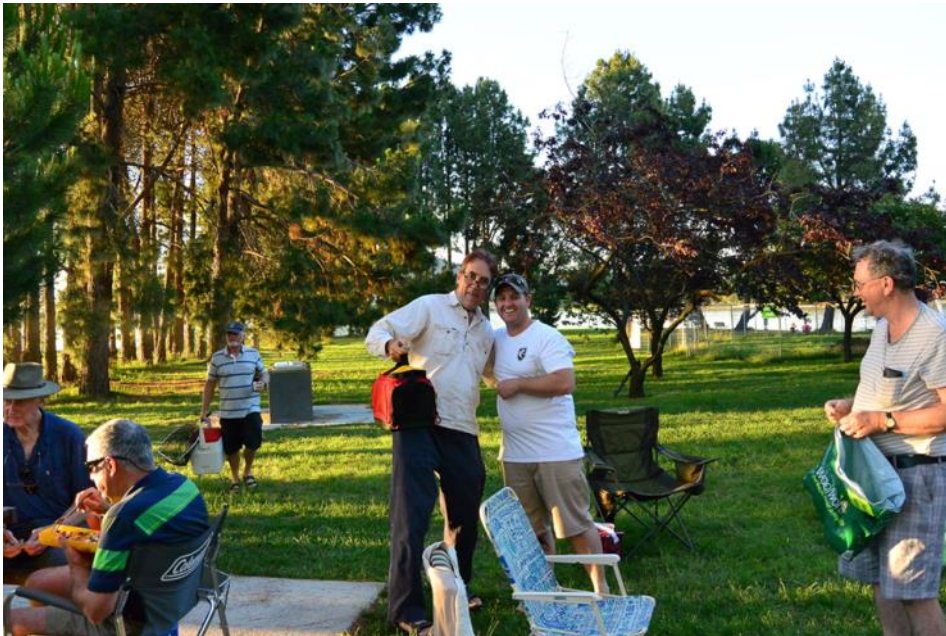
Sunday saw some fishing early on, then pack up and head over the range via Brown Mountain. An obligatory flick of the fly at Lake Williams in Nimmitabel concluded the weekend fun. With the fast approach of a band of rain from the west and fish having eluded us, Ray and I headed Cooma way.

Hopefully Brogo will stay on the program for years to come and it would be nice to see it grow in popularity.

Christmas BBQ

The BBQ went well with some old members coming out of the woodwork (life member Stuart was up from the coast for the evening and, typical, he won a major prize in the raffle!)





Rod with another of the major prizes (the tackle bag was full to the brim of good stuff too!)

We had a visiting talk from Wayne on snakes in particular snake incident prevention and the latest on first aid – very informative and clearly he had an impact judging by the number of compression bandages he sold after the talk.



Nathan demonstrating the need to be calm as part of the first aid protocol.



Nathan later showing some long distance casting.



Jason M brought his parents, here joined by Ray C and Angie. The shady trees, extensive picnic spot and bbq facilities at this part of the lake shore are excellent.



Meanwhile the move back to Lotus Bay proved productive for many – Peter caught a whole bunch of smallish redbfin on fly, whereas Bill had his dual soft plastic rig (another Peter invention) monstered by a school of a dozen or so bigger fish and a double hookup landed. Perhaps his biggest reddie to date though some smaller ones later stealing the entire plastic off one hook led to an early retirement.



Jindabyne Outing

Report from Bill

A smaller group than usual headed down to Jindabyne for the weekend 15-17 Dec. 5 members plus Jason M's parents (Allan and Glenys) took advantage of the splendid accommodation and weather (eventually much better than we had expected).

Jason was sent back to Canberra by the police when a collapsed wheel bearing on his boat trailer was seen smoking and threatening to lose a wheel. They eventually arrived Saturday instead. Friday evening was a quiet one contemplating Australia's cricketing prowess and the variations in the flavour of single malts (was way too windy to go to the shore).



Saturday: Owen spent his time cruising the lake edges with no results, while Bill led an intrepid band of Ian and Shaun into the "valley of death". I foolishly suggested going downstream of Ngarigo camp site thinking to avoid the crowds at Thredbo Diggings. Little were we to know about the deep rushing waters, 2 m waterfalls and impenetrable ti-tree on the banks. My wading stick didn't leave my hands all day while Shaun had a couple of slips leading to the drowning of a borrowed walkie talkie. Meanwhile, Ian was being very careful noting he was only kitted out with thigh waders. Few fish rising but some small browns were landed. Ian was best with a 25cm rainbow on nymph.

Shaun in one of the
'gentle' runs.



Ian working hard.



My nymph seemed
most effective in
landing the naturals.





Saturday evening
saw a dropping of the
wind for a time.

Jason found a sweet
spot with rising fish
but I'll let him tell the
story later in this re-
port. (Thanks for the
beautiful photo mate)

Sunday morning: conditions were much more pleasant down-
stream of Thredbo Diggings.

Small fish were leaping but not being tempted by anything offered
by me – further pain when I managed to snap one section of my
trusty #3 travel rod. The weekend was proving much more ex-
pensive than expected! Ian lost 'a good fish' and successfully
landed one around 20cm.





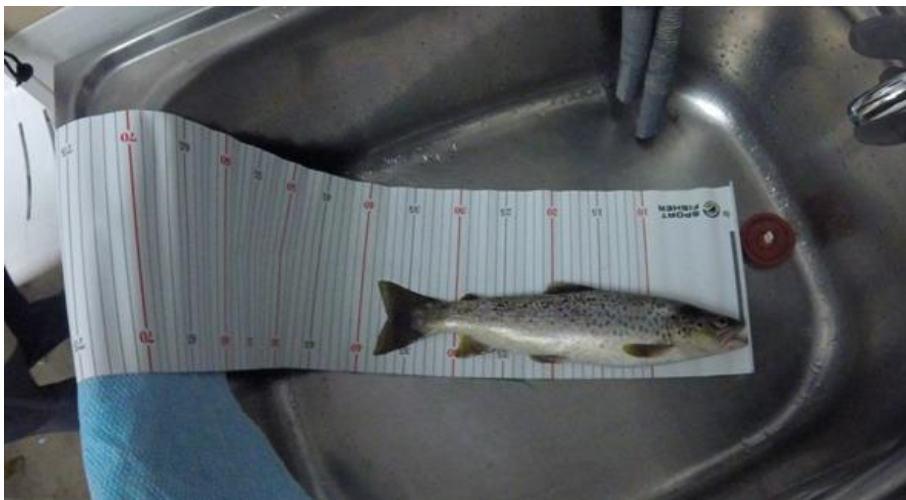
(An uplifting postscript to the broken #3: I was looking for a replacement on the web at Cabelas – who made the rod – I found that they were all sold out and the model discontinued L but I also saw some mention of “Lifetime Guarantee”. Short story is that Cabelas have accepted this to have been a manufacturing fault and gave me a new one free of charge including free postage. I just love this company! Ohh!!! and what of the walkie talkie you ask – prompt action by Shaun to remove batteries, some time sitting in the spare rice at the lodge as suggested by JM and then a couple of weeks in my rescue pouch and all seems to be well; after a second dunking during its life! Seems the electronic item drying product I have is no longer available, but [here](#) is something similar to my dunking rescue pack.)

Report from Jason M

After a practice run for a Waldo's Special at Cooma's Capital Pizza, Jason M & family made it to the lodge Saturday morning. We practised catching grass before venturing to the Thredbo River. Some fun was had spotting fish, mayflies, & cicadas, but another picnic group having a competition of branch tossing & dive bombing avoided any problems of getting fish on the hook.

After sightseeing at Gaden Hatchery, the Diggings were explored. Despite numerous bait & lure fishers & swimmers in action, some fish were rising & first cast of a dry saw a nice fish come out from the bank to investigate. Some other queries were noted, but no takes. Thredbo had lots of blue duns but no dry action, so it was back to the lodge.

After some evening nibbles (human, not fish), JM ventured out to his previous successful spot with the special fly Nathan put him onto a few years back for the same post-rain Jindy outing. The only movement until the sun got below the bank opposite were mayflies and dragonflies, but as the sky darkened a rise turned up in the middle, and five minutes later one in close by the special spot. JM returned back with fly rod in hand, and whilst trying to get a shot of the rise, missed a take as the action finally heated up. He was soon joined by BB, but as Geoff experienced the other year, JM seemed to have special morse code to tell them which flies to take. Finally, one was hooked on the dry, and after a short but multiply aerobic struggle it was landed, a nice silver brown at 38.5cm.



Returning to the action, a few more takes at the dry and subsurface fly were missed as the action was going off like fireworks. Unfortunately JM's father couldn't join in after a slip on the lino downstairs in the lodge (must note that bathroom area to the manager), so he just gillied.

After half an hour or so it was quiet though, and it was time for a late dinner. With visiting family being former NZ residents, the trout was destined for the smoker at home (even before smoking, the flesh was already much pinker than most lake trout and was very nice with manuka wood chips - the stomach had a few small shrimp in it). JM is happy to run through the two flies one evening, the dry was a JM special, and the other no longer available and after a few strikes is half missing, allowing further analysis of how to tie it.

Sunday saw the M's return to the Thredbo bridge. It looked like they were hitting emergers, but with a dun on JM enjoyed working the area. Three good trout were also working the lower end of the pool. Whilst unentangling some flies, JM thought a willy wagtail had eaten one, but it had its own catch to feed two hatchlings

in the tree, with stubby tails. After enjoying watching a platypus, it was back to the lodge for corn fritters and ham, and a clean up. The lake was tried with some bait before it got too warm, but apart from a couple of good broaches on the other side of the bay, once the fruit cake was polished off for morning tea it was a scenic drive back. Yaouk looked quite nice, but there were no rises nor any hits on the fly so it was back through Namadgi. We didn't see any snow up there, unlike above Thredbo and up near Selwyn, but did see some nice scenery and some bulls arguing by a waterhole.

Did Everyone See the January Photo of the Month?

Ash's first cod of the season—79cm.



I subsequently got some more Burrinjuck photos – Ash and his mates have been going great guns:

Carp on fly at Burrinjuck. Spawning carp by the masses.





Landing a carp and finding a stumpy at your feet!



A nice 54cm Burrinjuck yella by Chris.

A small consolation after a monumental bustup on heavy gear by a big Murray.



A 53cm Burrinjuck Yella.



My mate Russ from Melbourne dropped past so we hit up Burrinjuck for the night. Tough going but I managed this Murray at 80cm on the cast.



Ash has also been exploring some unnamed locked up private lake in nearby NSW and advised "kept 15 reddiees over 30cm and 5, 4, 3lb rainbows" – all very impressive.

Christmas Treat for Leon

Leon took his Christmas present out for a test run and this was the result:

Took my Christmas trout spey (4 weight) pressy for a test run on Lake Burley Griffin. The 2 carp I caught probably hated it. They couldn't break off my 4x tippet on this rod. I, of course, fell instantly in love with it.

One fish was 52 cm and the other 53 cm. They were foraging in very shallow water. Cast close to the fish. Dragged and dropped the weighted woolly bugger right in front of their faces. I might have twitched the fly on the bottom kicking up some silt.

I was dynamic roll casting a 6 weight (AFTMA) Rio Mainstream fly line short distances. Would have been better using a shorter rod instead of a 11' 6" for greater accuracy. A trout spey is better for swinging the fly. Luckily carp are not tippet shy!



And then on 27 Dec, this follow up came (see our cover photo):

Sight fishing for carp is very exciting. I missed the fish by a huge margin at the sight of it. Luckily I timed my retrieve to cross path with the fish. Then I stopped to let the fly (woolly bugger with dumbbell eyes) drop in front of it. It took on the drop. It stripped my standard spool of trout Dacron backing. Luckily all my knots were secure. I can't say I have been meticulous with my knots at the back end all the time. 4 x tippet didn't snap, thanks to this flexible trout spey. Now I really appreciate trout speys!

When I suggested to Leon that I was still dithering over acquiring a two handed rod, he replied;

Many new trout spey rods are physically lighter than equivalent single handers. Accuracy comes with practice. I much prefer my trout spey to a 8 weight for big heavy flies especially for carp. I use a lot less effort in casting. It won't give me elbow or shoulder pain. It is good for high sticking and can cover more water without moving much. I have lost count of how many trout I have caught using a 2hander. Can cast big flies and small flies by adjusting the length of the leader.

‘When Eli doesn’t sleep, we tie flies and make him sleepy concentrating on small stuff!’

Here Eli is at 2230hrs and helping his daddy tie up some Kate McLaren variants, in anticipation Mummy will let them go fishing very soon!



Some great fish
Leon! Thanks for the
contribution.

Thanks JQ!

NZ Check-In

Report from Lyall (7thJan)

We are still in NZ. Went fishing with friend and guide Barry Perkins during the week and top scored the season so far by netting 22 trout in one day, none less than 35 cm, most 42 or 43 and largest that day 51 but caught larger two days previously. The three sea run brown trout silver bars were a bonus.



World Fly Fishing Championship

Fly Fish Australia—Fundraising Raffle for the 2019 World Fly Fishing Championships

Australia has been chosen to host the World Fly Fishing Championships in December 2019. Fly Fish Australia has started organising the event which will be based in Launceston. In order to raise funds Fly Fish Australia is running a raffle with three fantastic fly fishing prizes:



- **1st Prize** Three night's accommodation at Driftwater Lodge in Tasmania's Meander Valley, two day's guided fly fishing, all meals, pre-dinner drinks and a bottle of Tasmanian wine each day. Value \$3,000
- **2nd Prize** Two night's accommodation at Thousand Lakes Lodge including all meals. Value \$850
- **3rd Prize** \$600 gift voucher to spend on fly fishing gear at The Essential Fly Fisher in Launceston

Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale until 31 March 2018. Only 2,000 tickets will be on sale and can be purchased at <https://www.wffc2019.com/raffle>

Khancobin

Members might recall that a mate of Ian and Bill's provided some local knowledge guidance in advance of our trip to Khancoban last year. He recently emailed Ian:

Every time your club go to Khancoban conditions are wrong so little success. Photo is three (out of 20, stopped then) nice browns caught when conditions were right. To prove there are fish there!



One way or another, a number of CAA members will be at the 2019 World Championships.

Everyone should think about supporting this event by buying a ticket – I'm hoping mine is a winner!

If the ticket numbers are allocated sequentially, then they are already halfway to selling out (as at 18 Jan).

CRFA News

Capital Region Fishing Alliance



CRFA had their belated AGM on 22 Jan. CAA was well represented to express our position. While CRFA achieved much in its early years obtaining extensive grants especially for habitat restoration, for the past two years it has been very quiet due to other commitments of the key players.

A special resolution was passed to wind up the incorporated body prior to the next AGM. Some \$5,000 in cash assets will have to be dispersed to activities that accord with the objects of CRFA and ideas will be formally sought soon. Ongoing collaboration and communications between the various member clubs was seen to be essential in the future in the absence of this body. Jason M has been elected as President for this last term.

MAS News

Monaro Acclimatisation Society



Snowy Hydro 2.0 Feasibility Study

Steve Samuels is well engaged with this proposed project and has provided the following update:

By now you will probably know that Snowy Hydro has released the Feasibility Report on the Pumped Hydro 2.0 Project which stipulates the project is feasible and will go ahead. A full copy of the Report can be found at: www.snowyhydro.com.au/our-scheme/snowy20/snowy-2-0-feasibility-study/

The essence of the project is that water will be released from Tantangara Dam into Talbingo Dam via generators. Water will then be returned to Tantangara Dam from Talbingo Dam to repeat the cycle.

We know that there are redfin perch in Talbingo and none in Tantangara. From a fishing perspective we remain concerned that there exists a real risk that redfin perch will be transported through the system from Talbingo Dam into Tantangara Dam.

Included below is the relevant section from the Feasibility Report for you to study – it is a short but important read.

In the new year I will be asking you all to participate with the MAS in contacting Snowy Hydro to impress upon them the importance of keeping redfin out of Tantangara, but in the meantime please have a good festive season.

Feasibility Report extract on redfin:

5.4.4 Transport of undesirable aquatic species. One of the key environmental risks for the operation of the Facilities (once the Project is completed) is the potential transfer of Redfin Perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) through the proposed tunnel from Talbingo Reservoir to Tantangara Reservoir. Redfin are a NSW-listed Class 1 noxious species under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW). Outputs from the NSW Department of Primary Industries ((DPI)) freshwater fisheries database confirm that a large resident Redfin perch population is present in Talbingo Reservoir. The same output has not detected any Redfin in the upper Murrumbidgee catchment upstream of the ACT border, which includes Tantangara Reservoir. Redfin are voracious predators known to prey predominantly on juvenile and adult forms of various fish species. Redfin are also known carriers of the Epizootic Haematopoietic Necrosis (EHN) Virus. This virus is lethal to Redfin but also to trout and native fish species. The introduction of Redfin to Tantangara could have significant consequences for the Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) fishery of Tantangara. Members of the fishing community have confirmed this distribution of Redfin and fishing advocacy groups have expressed concerns about the potential for transfer of Redfin as a result of the proposed development and consequent impact on the trout fishery and the impact on the local and regional economy that would arise from that. There are potential options for preventing the entrainment of Redfin into the proposed pipeline. Those with the most promise include physical screens, barrier nets and electrical barriers. The feasibility of © Snowy Hydro Limited 2017 Page 16 of 18 Snowy 2.0 Study Report - Chapter Seventeen - Environment, permits and approvals Commercial-in-Confidence these options will need to be considered in relation to their capability of preventing or minimising the movement of all life stages of Redfin during the EIS stage. Further investigations are planned to confirm the likelihood of Redfin survival through the proposed Project development including experimental studies to test the survival of all age classes of Redfin to the rates of pressure and shear stress that are likely to be generated during operation of the power/pump station. These will commence once the design of the Project has been finalised and the detailed hydraulic modelling of the Project has been completed.

Regards,

Steve Samuels.

NSW Recreational Fishing Advisory Council



Steve has also distributed a copy of the minutes for Meeting 7 of the Minister's advisory council. Of particular interest to me is the development of a strategy to sustain the 'social licence' for us to conduct our sport – ie society support to the acceptability of the activity in the face of criticisms.

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News



The [December](#) newsletter and the [January](#) issue have arrived. CFA are offering up an [archive](#). Key topics include:

- [Victorian Fines for Shooting Trout](#)
- [RFT to provide representation, consultation and communication to recreational fishers](#)
- [Protecting Macquarie Perch](#)
- [Watch Out for Tilapia](#)

NSW RecFish News

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW



The [December](#) newsletter and [January](#) have been received. RFA NSW are offering up an [archive](#). Amongst lots of saltwater stuff, there was some particularly informative items:

- [Do the Right Thing around Oyster Racks](#)
- [Help keep White Spot out of NSW this Summer](#)
- [Moruya Fishing Platform Construction](#)
- [Gone Fishing Day 2018 Date Set](#)

NSW DPI Fisheries

News



Department of
Primary Industries

December 2017 newsletter has arrived and is [available here](#). The item that most interested me was **First Estuary Perch Stocking at Brogo Dam**;

On 4 December DPI carried out its inaugural stocking of 10,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings into Brogo Dam. This is a fantastic initiative that will supplement the bass stocks already in the waterway and provide some exciting diversity to the sport fishing in the dam. A follow-up stocking is also planned in 2018. These great little fish should be catchable within the next couple of years and should prove to be an exciting new challenge for local anglers.

The EPs were bred locally at Narooma Aquaculture and were released with the help of the Far South Coast Bass Stocking Association.

Millions of fish are stocked each year into waterways across the state to improve recreational fishing in NSW. This is another great example of your licence fees at work!

See <https://goo.gl/YCDQr3> for more info on stocking and where fish have been stocked.

Fisheries VIC News



The best Internet resource is the Victoria Fisheries [Facebook page](#) where individual topics are posted up separately.

Fish eFacts 419 has arrived. Items of particular interest:

- [5 Point Plan for Handling Murray Cod](#)
- [Trout Stocking](#)
- [Be Shark-Smart](#)
- [Record Bass Stocking](#)

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
Bill	Brown	30cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/Committee Retreat/19
Nathan	Brown	42cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/Committee Retreat 120
Bill	Brown	58cm	Fly	Bondi Forest/Committee Retreat 120
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/1 Oct
Roger	Rainbow	31cm	Fly	Murrumbidgee River/21 Oct
BJ	Rainbow	43cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles/2 Oct
Claude	Rainbow	15cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles/2 Oct
Jason Q	Golden Perch	43cm (36.7 %)		Yerrabi Ponds
Ash	Murray Cod	79cm (68.9% on the CAA rating scale)		Undisclosed/9 Dec
Ash	Murray Cod	80cm (71.7% on the CAA rating scale)	Lure	Burrinjuck/no date Christmas-New Year
Ash	Golden Perch	53cm (64.1% on the CAA rating scale)	Lure	Burrinjuck/no date Christmas-New Year
Leon	Carp	52cm	Fly	Lake Burley Griffin/25 Dec
Leon	Carp	53cm	Fly	Lake Burley Griffin/25 Dec
Leon	Carp	73cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong/27 Dec
Jason M	Flathead	54cm	Bait	Clyde River/17 Jan



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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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