

THE BURLEY LINE

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During April, Bill has jumped the ditch and has been lucky enough to fish NZ again.



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Presidents Report

CAA President—Jason Q

Emails and text have been pretty slow of late and like many of the browns recently caught out of Eucumbene this newsletter is looking pretty thin too.

Recently I was watching the local news and there was a trout spawning ad advising the changes to the regulations to the trout NSW trout laws. A great reminder to the masses who make an annual pilgrimage into the mountains. I am not confident this year's run will be as spectacular as others based on recent fishing reports, be it skinny and poor conditioned trout or the lack of rain.. Who knows what mother-nature holds but let's hope snowy hydro have plans to increase and maintain lake levels next season.

Travel safe as the roads begin to get busier with the spawning and snow bunnies and look forward to catching you at the next meeting.

Tight Lines!

Jason Q

Coming Events

Monthly Meeting

9th May—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

With the Trout Strategy Workshop coming up later this month.

Steve Samuels will be speak on the background and drivers of the workshop.

FFA Fundraiser

17th May—Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin. 7:30pm

ACT Fly Fishers are holding a fundraising auction in support of Fly Fishing Australia Inc.

Tumut Outing

18/19th May—Stefan will once again be leading the outing to Tumut. More detail to come.

Fly Tying

23rd May—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

Jason Q will be running through some winter wet patterns. Recipes and material lists will be sent out closer to date.

Dusky Flathead Symposium

Victorian Fisheries Authority

In March we hosted our first Dusky flathead symposium at Lakes Entrance.

As part of the Stage Government's Target One Million plan and a year-long project run by the Victorian Fisheries Authority to improve our knowledge of Dusky flathead in Victoria, recreational anglers were given the opportunity to attend the free event on 10 March 2018 to improve their Dusky flathead knowledge and fishing success.

The symposium featured speakers including Kaj 'Bushy' Busch, Dr Paul Hamer and Dr Brett Ingram of the VFA and a representative from the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.

Attendees learnt about the ecology and biology of the Dusky flathead, their current status in Victorian fisheries and how we can improve Dusky flathead fisheries and their environments.

In the lead up to the event, the Victorian Fisheries Authority asked anglers to tell us about their experiences with Dusky flathead fishing. The results from the survey were also presented and discussed at the symposium.

If you were unable to attend the symposium, check out our [YouTube playlist of the event](#).



Vale Lefty Kreh

Lefty Kreh passed away in March at the age of 93, at his home in Cockeysville, Maryland, USA. He was 93.

Perhaps the best-known fly fisher, casting instructor and fly fishing author in the world, Kreh learned to fish and hunt as a teenager. He served in an Army artillery unit in Europe in WWII and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, in 1947 he met Joe Brooks, who introduced him to fly fishing. Together they pioneered techniques and patterns now known to all saltwater fly fishers, including the famous Lefty's Deceiver saltwater fly. In 1951 he started to write about fly fishing with a column in The Frederick News-Post. His articles and advice were so popular that within a few years he was writing for 11 different newspapers.

Kreh did much to promote the catch-and-release ethic. He travelled the world extensively, learning something from the top guides and fishermen in each location. His wit and enthusiasm meant he became a popular guest and speaker at fishing events and trade shows and even recently was still working on books and videos and consulting with tackle, boat and clothing manufacturers.

His health declined over the past few years and he died of heart failure.



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

Out and About

Recently JQ had a chance to take his son Eli fishing, with reports back that it was VERY productive with lots of fish landed.





Luke C and Rob spent ANZAC day down the south coast chasing flathead in the lake and rivers, and salmon and tailor off the beach.

Both options were very productive with over 2 dozen flat-head landed and around a dozen tailor and salmon landed off the beach.

Reward for rainbows in Snowy Mountains and Oberon

Recreational anglers can now receive a reward for catching a tagged fish. DPI has released 900 tagged yearling rainbow trout into Khancoban Pondage last month and will release a further 1000 tagged yearling Rainbow Trout into Oberon Dam in May.

DPI Senior Fisheries Manager Cameron Westaway said anglers who get their hands on a tagged fish should report their capture to DPI and will receive a trout lure in return.

One of the 900 tagged Rainbow Trout released in Khancoban Pondage by the DPI



“Recreational fishers who land one of these rainbow trout are asked to record their capture by phone or on the web,” Mr Westaway said. “This will let DPI Fisheries know survival and growth rates of the fish, allowing us to determine a size class of stocked fish that can avoid redfin predation and improve stocking practices in the future.”

The trout, which were produced at DPI’s Gaden Trout Hatchery and the Dutton Trout Hatchery, average 25 cm in length. “Each fish has been released with a yellow external tag attached to them. Khancoban Pondage and Oberon Dam are renowned for great fishing and these fish will further boost recreational fishing opportunities in the area,” Mr Westaway said.

Fisheries experts at DPI believe the larger trout will do better in the presence of redfin, which have had negative effect on both Khancoban and Oberon since they were illegally introduced.

“DPI is developing longer term stocking strategies for waters with redfin. By stocking larger trout, they are too big for redfin to prey on and will provide anglers with excellent catches,” Mr Westaway said. Tagged fish recaptures can be [recorded online](#).

Eucumbene Spawn Run

Applications for the Eucumbene River Vehicle Access Permit for anglers with limited walking ability are now open for the 2018 season.

As the trout spawning season approaches, anglers who require vehicle access to the Eucumbene River can apply for a special Vehicle Access Permit.

To ensure that the value of the fishery will be preserved and the fishing opportunities retained vehicle access to the Eucumbene River at Denison was restricted in 2017. While most anglers can access the area by foot, some anglers are unable to walk the extended distance to or from the river.

For more information [email the Angler Access Manager](#). Please apply for a key and permit at least two weeks prior to your trip. To apply for the gate key [download an application here](#). More info by phone at 02 60517769.

Gone Fishing Day 2018

NSW Gone Fishing Day is on again! And NSW DPI will be running a host of events to celebrate our love of fishing and encourage everyone to get out on the water. It doesn't matter if you haven't fished before or if you're the keenest of anglers, Gone Fishing Day is for everyone!

Free NSW DPI community fishing events for everyone will be run in six locations across NSW on **Sunday 14 October**, from 9.00am - 3.00pm.

There is something for everyone, including beginners, who want to learn about fishing, as well as activities for the keen angler.

For more info call (02) 4424 7437 or email gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Gone Fishing Day is supported by the Recreational Fishing Trusts and NSW DPI.



Nathan and Luke C recently took advantage of the great weather we have been having and had a productive day out on local water.

All fish landed were rainbows in great condition. Eager to take nymphs in size 16.



Mitta Mitta Habitat

If you fish the lower Mitta Mitta river, you're in for a treat!

Your fishing licence fees have helped the North East CMA install more than 250 of these large snags back into the river to improve fish habitat. Imagine the Murray cod hiding inside those holes!

The three year project was a collaboration between local angling groups, landholders and the CMA to enhance fish habitat and connectivity, and increase recreational fishing opportunities.



REC Fishing NSW Advisory Council—Meeting 8

Steve Samuels has provided the minutes from the latest Advisory Council meeting. There is some interesting discussions being made around the Snowy Lakes and associated feeder rivers.

Minutes can be accessed via our [blog here](#).

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/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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