

THE BURLEY LINE

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Rod managed this (admittedly small) flathead on fly at the recent club saltwater trip. When asked what fly he replied "I lost the fly. It had a reddish bit and two eyes. Just no idea what it was. And now never will. Like the lost ark, a mystery."



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Presidents Report

CAA President—Jason Q

Dear Members,

Winter is upon us and Jack Frost has decided to bring his occasional white goodness across our lawns and annoyingly across our windscreens!

The salt water trip appeared to be reasonably successful and the weather seemed to turn it on too. Thanks to Lyall for arranging this.

Another thank you goes to Evan for providing a sensational fly tying lesson on clousers and more so on bucktail and making the best use of your skin for future flies.

I've received some good reports of polaroiding in and around the bays at Jindabyne fishing both flies and lures. If you watch the weather and pick your leave day it would seem you should have an enjoyable morning until the wind drifts across.

Again a well executed newsletter by Bill and Luke, there's something in it for everyone.

See you at the next meeting if not the AGM just around the corner.

For now stay warm and bend a rod,

Jason Q

From The Editors Desk

The Burley Line Editor—Bill

Fishing is a bit quiet, though I had thought I might have had more on the trout streams closure – seems water levels meant that it was extremely quiet. Lyall reports here on our Saltwater Event which was a lot of fun (always good to catch fish eh!). This is the decider for the Saltwater Trophy. In that vein, if you haven't already brought in your trophies to Lyall, please do so at the July meeting so that they can be taken off to be engraved with this season's awardees. The July meeting is also the last opportunity to register your catches in the 'little green book' – remember that inclusion in the "Notable Fish Recorded" section of this newsletter is not an official registration for trophy purposes.

I understand that I was 'outed' as a closet bait fisherman during Jason M's talk last month. I thought I'd never kept secret the fact that my grandkids and I often use doughballs (thanks for the hint Charlie) and a burley basket chasing fish in the estuaries. Indeed in a recent trip north I managed one bream of 30cm then a beauty of 45cm on bread. That said, I didn't catch another fish bigger than 10cm for the rest of the trip – my mum used to say 'pride comes before a fall'.

Tuross Salt Outing—23-24 June

Trip Report—Provided by Lyall



Left to right—

Stef with a wader leg
full of salt water,
Luke and Evan

Eight CAA members ventured to Tuross in perfect weather to fish the flats, the estuary and the beaches. All methods of fishing were fair game and they all paid off.

Tuross Head Boat Shed Café was the venue for lunch where we met up with local friends and keen fly fishers Steen and Helen. We could have sat gazing at passing fish and fisherfolk but felt the tug of getting back to beach.



Luke landed this fantastic 58 cm Australian salmon in the surf and made everybody jealous. He also fished the flats and pulled in enough flatheads to open a fish shop!!

Rod got off to a great start with a dusky flathead on the fly – see the cover photo for this issue. Look how clear the water was.

Micheal and Angie got some fishing in at the little bay near the boat ramp. Bill reported that their daughter-in-law, complete with baby in front sling carrier, got 3 smallish bream on her first few casts.



Stefan was on the ball with this Australian salmon caught using a BIG stick.



Biill scored this poddy mullet, adding to the species count for the weekend. Bill also caught an Australian salmon.

It was a great weekend with fantastic weather and fantastic friends, not to mention fantastic fish.

A River Somewhere...

20 Year Anniversary

Luke spotted [this interview](#). I think he and I share with many that this series inspired us to take up fly fishing.

“One of our greatest pleasures when we’re out fishing and not being successful, as often can happen for long stretches, is the speculation. You come up with all these great theories. They generally involve a barometer, or the water being a little bit off clear from rain that fell in the headwaters two days ago. You can spend an hour following these theories and still not catch any fish, but it’s entertaining”.

Editor: Lyall forgot to note that this fish was actually caught on a dry fly .. surely bonus points are deserved :-)

Reminder—

CAA Trophy holders are asking to bring in their trophies so that they can be prepared for engraving.

Coming Events

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11th July—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

Bring your popcorn! We'll be sitting down to a movie night with European Nymphing Techniques Volume II.

Skills Outing

Saturday 15th July - Uriarra Crossing.

An outing to learn some new techniques and/or brush up on current skills. Nathan is taking us to Uriarra Crossing to learn more on how to vary our casts to deliver different forms of presentation. More details will be distributed via email.

Fly Tying

Wednesday 25th July—Raiders Club Weston. 7:30pm.

Jason M is doing some as yet specified fly. The Secretary will send out an e-mail in due course with a photo and materials list, so please keep an eye out for that.

Report from our Northern Refugee

Ian hasn't returned yet, he will be in for a shock!

Hello Bill

All good here, hardly any rain but might get some next week.

Wind has kept us from fishing some days but that's normal. We've had about 25 different species with one new one added this year.

I took a friend from Brisbane up the river, he cast out his line baited with a yabbie (nipper) and when he pulled it in there was a live prawn on the hook. He cast the prawn out, got a bite but unfortunately didn't land the fish.



The whiting have started to come on - we caught 12 nice ones today and some good flathead.



As always the happy hour sunsets are wonderful...



Some great photos,
thanks Ian for
sharing.

World's Best Freshwater Blog?

Claude must have seen this on WIN News. He tells me "Looks pretty good, but I didn't go past the front page ...because I'm still working". [See for yourself here.](#) I've also put it up on our ['Useful Links' Page](#).

Silent Auction

One of our members has donated a rather swish shelf unit to store fishing gear including rod tubes.

This is the subject of a silent auction – bids to Editor Burley Line if you can't make it to meetings to put your bid onto the hard copy listing. The finalisation of the Auction will be during the AGM in August. (Note that the photo has some fly kit to demonstrate how it might be used – they are not part of the auction, only the shelf folk!

Stores up to four rod tubes. MDF construction ready for undercoating and painting to the colour that matches your décor. If you want to varnish the cabinet you will need to do a little sanding.



Biscuit and glue construction
-> no nails or screws.

French cleat mounting
bracket -> screw the bracket
to the wall and then 'simply'
lift and hang the cabinet.

Dimensions:
700 mm x 300 mm x 900
mm (w) x (d) x (h)

Shelf heights: 155 mm, 160
mm, 125 mm, 195 mm

Rod tube storage diameter =
80 mm

Please email bids to: burley-line@canberra-anglers.asn.au

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

Winter on Eucumbene

Jason Q, Nathan and Luke managed to get away to Eucumbene for the day to wet a line after hearing it was fishing well. With the water level at 24%, there were few access points without a very difficult trudge in the mud. Topping that was a clear blue sky with no wind which made it for difficult fishing.

By targeting the fish which were actively feeding on the yabby beds, we managed to land a few nice fish which made the trip worth it. We seemed to pick all fish up close to the bottom, so an intermediate or sinking line is a must to get the fly to the zone.



All fish were taken on variations of a wooley bugger including Nathan's secret (and probably now favourite) fly — 'The Green Machine'.

After trawling back through the mud to the ute, the day was topped off with a cold beer at the Snowgoose before heading home.



An On-line Archive of Books etc

In a recent newsletter of the ACT Fly Fishers, I came across this great article by Brett Leyshon. With his permission I've popped his article on to our [useful links page](#). To give you a taste of what he's provided, here is an extract. The full article has a [step by step 'how-to'](#) including pictures!

A cold winter's night is ideal for spending some time at the tying bench, in front of a heater in a warm environment, learning how to tie the latest fly you wish to add to your fly-box, but it is also conducive for curling up in a chair in front of a fire with a good book (and perhaps a glass of good wine as well). If you want to combine the two activities (fly tying and reading – I wouldn't recommend adding wine to fly tying.....), many people would naturally pick up a book on fly patterns and study that before they actually tie the fly. What if I could show you how to access a series of historical books on fly fishing and tying, some dating back to the beginning of the 19th Century, would that make it more ideal to curl up with a book? Unfortunately this is the 21st Century, and access to these books in the normal 'book' format is difficult, if not impossible. However, with a modern computer, iPad or eBook reader there is a way thanks to an online website, the Internet Archive – www.archive.org.

If you have not heard of this website before it has been around since about 1996, close to the beginning of the internet and its first job was to start archiving all the webpages on the internet. As the web archive grew, the site soon branched out to other forms of published works, including books.



Gloss Black Cockatoo



There's been a number of articles in the papers seeking public support to sight the endangered Gloss Black Cockatoo – much quieter and shorter tail, but similar to the more common Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Fisheries Victoria News



Fish eFacts 430 has arrived. This article caught my eye:

Special guest at this year's free Talk Wild Trout event

Ever wondered why America's most famous trout rivers are so good?

Then come along to our Talk Wild Trout Conference 2018 on Saturday 11 August in Preston to hear Jim Fredericks – Chief of Idaho's Fish and Game Department – talk about how they're managed.

We've brought Jim (pictured here) all the way from the USA to headline the conference and get his world class expertise on what we could do in Victoria to further improve our river trout fishing.

Jim will be supported by a line-up of our own fishery experts who will also provide fantastic insights into our wild trout fisheries.

We'll then venture beyond the science to learn how we can improve our own fishing success from some of Australia's best trout anglers.

So, if you're mad about trout, then you'd be crazy to miss our free Talk Wild Trout Conference.

For more information and how to register, visit: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/talk-wild-trout-2018>



NSW RecFish News



NSW RecFish news has not arrived in time but are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website)

NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News



[July Edition](#) is available on the web. CFA are offering up an archive (this is also on our [Useful Links page](#) on our website). Key points:

NSW Trout Strategy update

NSW DPI recently held a series of workshops to discuss a strategy for the NSW recreational trout fishery. The feedback we gained from those who attended was valuable and will help guide the future direction of the strategy.

[An online survey is now available.](#) DPI is keen to hear from all who were unable to make the workshops and are interested in contributing to the future of the fishery.

To learn more about the NSW Trout Strategy visit:

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/stocking/nsw-trout-strategy

Sydney-based trout fishers warned about dangers associated with very low waters on alpine lakes

An SOS has gone out to city based trout fisherman as the winter fishing season ramps up, coinciding with extremely low water levels at NSW alpine lakes, particularly Eucumbene and Jindabyne.



Roads and Maritime Services Maritime Principal Manager South Mike Hammond said boaters would need to navigate with extra care this season – particularly if they had not been boating on the lakes in several months.

“Water levels of Lake Jindabyne and Lake Eucumbene are the lowest they have been in many, many years,” If skippers attempt to follow a path they preset last year, this will be bound to cause issues. A lot of the navigation markers are exposed, so many of the locations to avoid are not accurately flagged.”

...“Launching a boat is only possible at Old Adaminaby, although the boat ramp is 50 metres from the water’s edge. Work is under way to install a low water level ramp.’

Boaters are reminded that life jackets are compulsory to be worn by everyone on board a boat on alpine waters in NSW.

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 % on the CAA rating scale)		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
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Leon	Carp	73cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong/27 Dec
Jason M	Flathead	54cm	Bait	Clyde River/17 Jan
Claude	Golden Perch	Est 40cm (28% on the CAA scale)	plastic	LBG Natives Day/18 Feb
BJ	Brown Trout	52cm	Fly	"local river"/4 Mar
Peter K	Brown	61cm	Fly	Unspecified Monaro Stream/10 Mar
Bill	Brown	31cm	Fly	Unspecified Monaro Stream/10 Mar
John	Brown	50cm	Fly	Unspecified Monaro Stream/17 Mar
Mark S	Brown	3 fish to 51cm	Fly	Unspecified Monaro Stream/17 Mar
Bill	Brown	25cm	Fly	Tom Groggin CAA trip/17 Mar
Stefan	Brown	20cm	Fly	Tom Groggin CAA trip/17 Mar
Ash	Murray Cod	83cm (80% on the CAA scale, though out of area)	Lure	Mulwala Classic Invitational/20-21 Apr
Mark S	Brown	Best of 4 65cm (5.5lb)	Fly	"a Monaro River"/6 May

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/Date
Luke C	Rainbow	Best of 8 43cm	Fly	Tumut River /28 May
Luke C	Aus Salmon	58cm	Lure	Tuross Outing /23 June
Bill	Mullet	Bigger than his hand!	Fly	Tuross Outing /23 June
Nathan	Brown	60cm	Fly	Eucumbene /1 July
Nathan	Rainbow	41cm	Fly	Eucumbene /1 July
Luke C	Brown	Best of 2 69cm	Fly	Eucumbene /1 July

It is really important that you register your catches **NOW** as the July meeting is the last opportunity for recording them to give time for the assessment process.

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

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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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