

THE BURLEY LINE

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Caden and the Inaugural Redfin Trophy



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A Note from the President

Dear Friends,

Firstly, my apologies for not attending the AGM. I was at a conference on conservation in Belem, Brazil, courtesy of the Brazilian government.

I wish to acknowledge the work of our outgoing President. He has done an outstanding job and showed great leadership. I can only strive to emulate him. He has personally made me feel welcome and valued, and does an inspirational job in promoting the skills, the strength, and camaraderie of the CAA. He will be sorely missed and is a very difficult act to follow.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to working with the committee and all members, and representing the interests of CAA. I enjoy new ideas and thinking, and will always be available to discuss ways of promoting the goals and interests of the CAA. I'm also keen to broaden my understanding and contribution to the recreational fishing sector. I have a personal and professional interest in conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and I'm aware that these issues are central to anglers across Australia.

While my record as an angler in southern Australia is not impressive (however I'll share some photos of monsters I've caught up north one day!), I can only hope that that my enthusiasm in new fishing experiences and indeed captures, compensates for the infrequency and paucity of my catch.

Thanks again for entrusting me with the honour of becoming the CAA President. I look forward to the year ahead.

Rod

From the Editor's Desk

This issue covers our 2018 AGM with all the trophy results – well done to all awardees, but there is extra interest given we have four new trophies to compete for. The new committee and council was elected and recorded here for those who couldn't make it. Many thanks to those who have stood up to help run the club.

For those who love photos of fish and happy anglers, there's plenty for you in this issue – in particular some mammoth cod courtesy of Ash and impressive trout from the Bondi Forest trip.

Lyall has provided another tasty example of his culinary acumen.

Newsletters from external agencies like CFA are abstracted here. It is refreshing to hear that NSW DPI has acted on their promise of embracing science in the management of trout.

The 'Notable Fish' board is back up and running – just remember to ensure that the fish are recorded in the official 'green book' if you want them considered for trophies. By the by, there's been a change to our native fish assessment tool. Of course all of you who monitor [the news on our webpage](#) (or better still register to get notified each time something gets added) would have known about that.

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Coming Events

Next Meeting:

Wed 12th Sep – usual time/place, 7:30PM at Raiders Weston Club. Advice on speaker will be provided later.

Next Events:

The [2018/19 program](#) is up on our program page on the web. Meantime, per usual, here are the next few.

Sun 9th, 16th 23rd Sep – Our annual fly casting lessons including the final Sunday on water. [Flyers and more information](#) on our news blog.

Wed 26th Sep – To Be Confirmed – Fly Tying Workshop – usual time/place, 7:30PM at Raiders Weston Club. Details will be announced closer to the time.

AGM

The 2017 AGM was well attended and a lot of work was completed. Members can obtain a copy of the formal minutes from the Secretary. The winner of the AGM silent auction of the shelf unit was Jeannine. I'm sure she and John will hang it up with pride and fill it full of fishing tackle. Again, many thanks to the anonymous craftsman who made it. There was a huge array of 'minor' raffle prizes (sincere thanks to Tackleworld for their support here) but the major prize of an Abu 1000 class reel was won by Russell – congratulations to him and all the other winners.

Trophies and Other Awards

As part of the AGM, the annual trophy presentations were undertaken. Well done to all:



BJ won it with a 40cm rainbow.

Lyle Knowles - longest (nose to tail) individual trout on fly at a defined club event

*Best Trout by Junior - any
method, year to July meeting*



Junior trout no award of the Junior Trout this year

*Anglers Art - best trout on a
club event (other than Lyle
Knowles), any method*



Bill snared the Anglers Art with a 58cm brown caught on the 'Committee Retreat' at Bondi Forest Lodge last year

*Mick Cornick - best trout on fly
during season, streams*



Peter's 61cm brown from an unnamed Monaro stream won Mick Cornick

Mick O'Brien - best trout, any method, year to July meeting



Luke's late season (Lake Eucumbene) 69cm brown was a standout

Keith Shields - best native fish, year to July meeting.



Ash's 80cm cod was a pearler, but checkout the 'notable fish' section later in this issue

Carp Challenge - best carp from local waters, year to July meeting



Claude won this with a 63cm specimen, but was away.

Salt Water - best fish on a nominated club event, members taking part in the event to agree on which is the best fish,



Rod and Luke share the Saltwater trophy, Rod was away but you can see him and the fish in [Burley Line Issue 134](#). Luke collected the shield on the night.

Redfin Trophy for the best redfin for the season



This is the inaugural year for the Redfin Trophy and the perpetual trophy has not yet been acquired. Caden seemed to be content with the awardee's miniature – we understand he took it to bed that night. Well done young man and we look forward to seeing more of your successes.

*Inaugural Bass trophy – best
bass for the season*



The inaugural bass trophy was taken out by Roger's 43cm specimen (again, the perpetual trophy will be acquired this year)

*Dr Bryan Pratt Murray Cod –
best Murray Cod for the season*



The inaugural Bryan Pratt Cod trophy was won by Ash's 80cm cod. For interest, this came in at 71.7% on the CAA rating scale used for 2017-18. There has been a new Murray Cod line record set in Aug 2018 so our rating scale has been updated for this coming season.

Charlie Diedo Golden Perch trophy – best Golden Perch for the season

The President's Award for contribution over the year is recognised by the awardee holding a heritage Hardy rod with a long history within CAA



Inaugural Charlie Diedo Golden Perch trophy was won by Claude with a 45cm fish. Claude was away so Charlie substituted in for the photo.



The President's Award of the Hardy rod was awarded to Claude for his efforts in 2017/18.

Your New Committee

The AGM appointed a new committee for 2018/19.

Congratulations to the new committee/council members and many thanks to those standing down. The following were elected:

President	Rod
Vice President	Claude
Secretary	Lyall
Assistant Secretary	John
Treasurer	Angie
Public Officer	Lyall
Council Member (Raffles)	Greg S
Council Member (CRFA)	Jason M
Council Member (CFA)	Stefan
Council Member (Membership)	Bill
Auditor	Jason Q

CAA Native Fish Assessment Tool – 2018-19 season

There has been an update to our [native fish rating tool](#) (a new record for Murray Cod was set during 2017-18). The tool gives a percentage score of 1% for legal length for the specific species through to 100% if the catch matches the ANSA record.

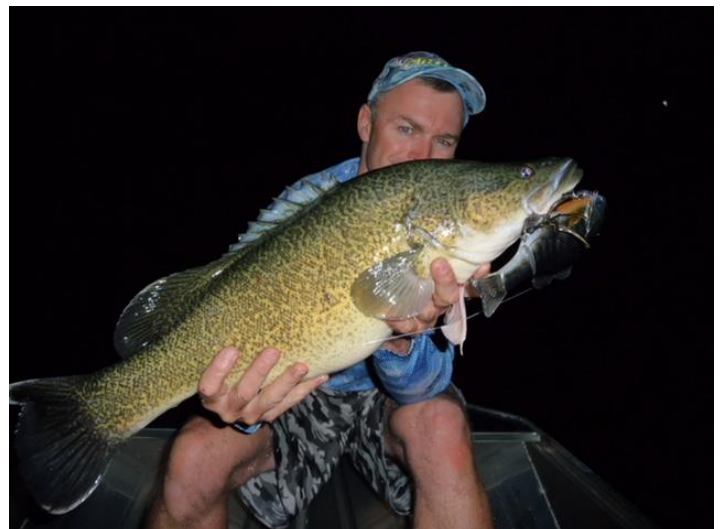
Report from Ash

Our Champion cod chaser has done it again.

Late July I was reminded just what fishing's all about again when I was fortunate enough to land a beauty going 100cm. It may sound vain but it's indescribable just how good it feels. Shaking legs and hands, it's a feeling of euphoria that lasts for weeks!!

I have not been out too much of recent months but have had a few reasonable results, not great numbers but a few better fish amongst them. A more recent trend I'm jumping on the band wagon with is the use of big swimbaits. During low light and into the darkness they are handy to say the least.

Get a load of the size of those lures!



100 reasons to smile 😊



Report from Roger

You asked about where I caught the bass for the trophy, it was caught on a private trip on the Brogo river, below the dam. I've attached the photo I took. It is not very good but it was a fairly chaotic situation.



A very artistic image!

Cooking – Smoked Trout and Horseradish Spread with Dill and Sage



A fabulous recipe here

Lyall has a huge collection of enticing recipes – [here](#) is one more. A bit of a play on words with 'sage'!

Bondi Forest Lodge – 24-26 Aug

This date was again used by the committee to get away and consider issues for the club. A reduced committee indeed did meet and the outcomes will be briefed to members at future club meetings. Moreover, it was a club event with its highlight the running of another 120 minute challenge.

Six members, including our newest member Barbara, braved the cold and took to the field.



It only took one cast of a squirmy for Luke to land this brilliant 55cm brown



A technical hitch (major file system crash on Bill's phone) prevents us seeing Luke's second of the morning (hot spot nymph this time) – 54cm brown. However a [movie](#) of the netting of this fish is on DropBox.

The 120 minute challenge commences. Bill is off camera using his haemostat again



After Luke's dawn success, squirmies were popular. Lyall's fly at top got 'best dressed'



Rod was first on the board with this 53cm beauty – his best trout (on fly?) to date. Not sure about this kissing fish stuff though ☺



Lyall assisting Barbara with the finer points of fly casting.



It took a mammoth team effort, including Lyall swimming, to get Luke's out of the reeds



Luke was down to his last fly with only a small scrap of marabou and its hot spot surviving but it was enough to pip the new president with this brilliant 54cm brown



Hanging Out for Streams to Open Again?

Luke is always willing to share photos for the *Burley Line*. Here's Evan from a trip earlier in the year to the Cotter – just to get us in the mood.



NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers News



The [August newsletter](#) has arrived. CFA are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website). Key topics were:

Survey cameras at Thompsons Creek Dam

As part of an angler survey DPI, is hoping to install cameras at Thompsons Creek Dam to assess angler visitation. They say that at this stage the information collected will be used for assessing site use (numbers and times) but will not be used for compliance. They may also include a log book to get some additional information at the camera site. As part of the planning for this, Energy Australia (owners of the dam) has asked DPI to inform anglers that the recording device may be put in place. While not yet installed they aim to have the camera up and running within a month or so, pending final approval and development of a data management plan. The camera will be sign-posted.

For more information on access and regulations at Thompsons Creek dam, [go to this link](#).

Scientists say past damage to Australian Alps still not fixed

Scientists and academics say that there are about 200 sites in the Kosciuszko National Park damaged by the original Snowy Hydro scheme that are yet to be repaired, adding to the more recent problems caused by feral horses. Apart from the environmental damage, past damage and ongoing degradation of waterways is limiting water available for hydro power.

They say over 400 sites in the KNP were damaged in the construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme but that only half have been repaired. They say that NSW agencies had estimated the cost of remediation at about \$100 million, but that only about \$32 million has ever been spent. Unfinished work includes revegetation and the stabilisation of spoil dumps. What to do with tunneling spoil has emerged as one of the big problems of the proposed Snowy 2.0.

Environmental experts, led by Australian National University Associate Professor Jamie Pittock, are calling on the federal government to allocate a share of Snowy Hydro's future profits to repairing and preventing environmental damage to the KNP. They say it would boost the financial viability of Snowy 2.0 and offset some of the environmental damage it will cause.

National Carp Control Plan research delivering interesting results

Fishing World magazine is reporting that with the National Carp Control Plan's (NCCP) research program now over half way through, some interesting, and at times unexpected, findings and further questions are beginning to emerge. Over the past 18 months, Australia's leading universities, research institutions and expert organisations have been working to deliver independent and rigorous science to inform development of a plan for the control of carp in Australia, including the possible release of the carp virus (CyHV-3).

NCCP National Coordinator Matt Barwick says that the issue of carp control in Australia has prompted widespread discussion and debate, with many valid points raised by stakeholders and the wider community, and that sharing some of the early lessons from the research will contribute to this important discussion.

Here are a few examples of what the science is revealing

- There are larger than expected carp biomass variations
- Decomposition has no impact on fertiliser quality
- Investigations are still continuing into virus spread
- Research into dead carp impacts on water quality are ongoing

Barwick says "It is important to remember no decision has been made in relation to carp control, or the possible release of the carp virus. The NCCP is designed to enable risks to be identified and explore ways to manage them. This information will then inform the decision-making process."

Read the full article on Fishing World [at this link](#).

Kids' fishing workshops at Gaden Trout Hatchery



Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from DPI.

The workshops run from 10 am to 2 pm and include fishing techniques, bag and size limits and fish handling methods for best releases.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag...all to take home.

Bookings are essential, there is a maximum of 25 participants.

Bookings (and you need to get in early!)

Location: Gaden Trout Hatchery, Jindabyne

Four Workshop Dates: Friday 5th & Saturday 6th October 2018, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th January 2019

To book: e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Stephen Thurstan, on 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190.

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW News



The [August Newsletter](#). RFA NSW are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website). Some of the more interesting ones were probably:

Batemans Marine Park pilot takes flight



Tomaga River, pic NSW Department of Primary Industries Justin Gilligan

A new approach to managing NSW marine parks has begun with a pilot project underway in Batemans Marine Park. A new management plan is being developed to replace existing arrangements in Batemans Marine Park and for the first time will take into account the environmental, social, cultural and economic values to be conserved by the marine park, as well as ways of addressing the threats to those values.

... Engagement with the community and key stakeholders will occur during July-September. This will involve workshops with the Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee, State agencies and local government and Aboriginal community members in the region."

Broader views will also be sought via a telephone survey of the local community and an online survey for key stakeholders and the general community.

Once this initial consultation is complete, a draft management plan will be released for public consultation for two months, where the community will have an opportunity to have their say.

For more information, [visit this link](#).

There's a life jacket to suit every rock fisher



UP until recent times, lifejackets have primarily been designed to assist boaters when their vessel

capsizes or is swamped. A lifejacket designed for this purpose can be quite bulky and uncomfortable to wear. This sort of product isn't what you'd want to use when engaged in an active sport like rock fishing.

NSW DPI Fisheries has been talking with fishers about what sort of lifejackets are best suited to rock fishing. What we've found is that different anglers want different things. For example, some experienced rock hoppers may want to wear a product that provides them with the freedom and flexibility to swim away from the rocks and wash if they get swept in. Once safely in clear water, the lifejacket can be activated to provide the fisher with additional buoyancy to help him/her stay afloat until help arrives... Less experienced rock fishers, on the other hand, may feel more comfortable wearing a lifejacket with inherent buoyancy.

(Editor: It would appear that DPI are examining the issue in an informed fashion rather than insist on a one-size fits all)

Fish counter on Eucumbene spawning run



Rainbow and brown trout in the Eucumbene catchment will be a little more closely watched from 2018. In late July, NSW DPI Fisheries installed a [VAKI Riverwatcher fish counter](#) to help monitor the numbers and size of fish in the spawn run.

The VAKI Riverwatcher uses an infrared scanner to record a silhouette image of the fish as they pass through the system. The scanner also triggers a camera to take photographs or a video of each fish. These images can be downloaded or viewed in real time by researchers connected over the 3g/4g network. The system automatically links the images with useful information such as time, temperature, fish size, and swimming speed, for analysis by researchers.

For more information contact: Narrandera Fisheries Centre on (02) 6958 8200.

Australasian Fishes – a great site for fishers!

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Stats

Totals	Most Observations	Most Species	Most Observed Species
10180 Observations »	richardling 1201 observations	rainmagee 678 species	Pilot-bellied Seahorse 96 observations
1378 Species »	eschlogi 1052 observations	eschlogi 548 species	Common Triplefin 83 observations
370 People »	rainmagee 1024 observations	johnsear 387 species	Eastern Red Scorpionfish 77 observations
	sascha_schultz 1014 observations	sascha_schultz 386 species	Old little 68 observations
	johnturnbull 989 observations	johnturnbull 330 species	New Zealand Eagle Ray 64 observations

Have you ever wondered what that strange fish on the end of your line is? Right now, you can have your fish catch identified by an expert and at the same time keep an online record of your catches over time. By doing so you will be contributing to an image database that is helping us learn more about our Australian fish fauna.

Australasian Fishes is a website that contains thousands of observations of fishes from around Australia and New Zealand, both freshwater and marine, all submitted by members of the public. [Australasian Fishes](#) allows anyone to upload images of fish. It welcomes the contributions of all fish-fans, be they anglers, divers, beachcombers or someone who spots a fish from the shore or boat.

The site has been online for less than 2 years, but already contains over 33,000 observations of fishes, and it's growing rapidly. More than 1,000 people have contributed and over 200 discoveries have been made based on uploaded observations.

You can browse the site any time, but becoming a member will allow you to identify and comment on the images of other contributors. I invite you to join the Australasian Fishes community. Feel free to [email me](#) if you have questions - Mark McGrouther, Fish Collection Manager, Australian Museum.

Fisheries Victoria News

The best Internet resource is the [Victoria Fisheries Facebook page](#) where individual topics are posted up separately. [Fish eFacts 434](#) has arrived but nothing much there of relevance to us.



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 the [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
Phil	Brown	55cm (5lb)	Fly	(ACTFF trip) 28 Jul 2018
Ash	Cod	100cm (rates in 74% in this season's rating scale)	Lure	Jul 2018
Luke	Brown	55cm	Fly	Bondi Forest trip 25 Aug
Luke	Brown	54cm	Fly	Bondi Forest trip 25 Aug
Rod	Brown	53cm	Fly	Bondi Forest trip 26 Aug – 120 Minute Challenge
Luke	Brown	54cm	Fly	Bondi Forest trip 26 Aug – 120 Minute Challenge

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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 us.

Join Us!

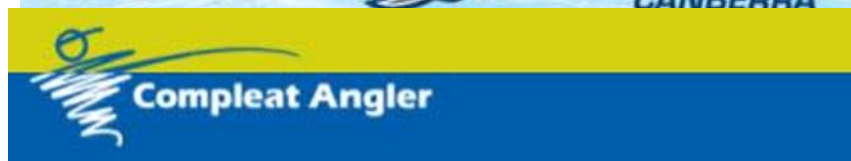
The Membership Application Form can be found at the Canberra Anglers Website - Current fees are payable each year as at our AGM (adjustments will be made for joining late in the year):

- \$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 web-site.

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