

THE BURLEY LINE



Stuart and a 46cm Tuross Flathead



President's Report

Rod – President

Dear Members

As we approach our AGM I'd like to thank all the committee members and other office holders for their efforts in making CAA such a success. Our meetings attract regular attendance in good numbers, our finances are in good shape, we contribute to the wider community, and our events are always rewarding – albeit with a slightly more 'select' number of members than we might wish for at times 😊. Our newsletters, website and Facebook are outstanding – interesting and informative and they tell a story of an active and engaged club. Our member stories cover a lot of ground and demonstrate that, as a group, we hold a wealth of knowledge and skills – and that our contributing writers can tell a good yarn. As many of you know, our costs are inevitably rising, with the legal requirement that we hold liability insurance taking a substantial bite out of our budget. Last September we voted to increase membership fees payable at the upcoming AGM to: individuals \$40, family \$50 and concessions \$15. This is a modest rise in keeping with other clubs and membership of CAA still offers value for money.

As we wrap up another year, please take the time at the AGM to acknowledge CAA's success and the many hours that our committee, office holders and other members contribute to achieving that success. And of course our AGM on 14 August will have free finger food, a free drink and marvellous raffles. Don't miss it!

Regards and Tight Lines,

Rod.

From the Editors Desk

Bill

A slightly smaller edition, but particular thanks go to John (for a report on our recent Saltwater event) and Andrew sharing his observations of a trip to UK – with success angling.

After Luke produced the new look for the newsletter (hope you like it), he and I have been discussing the general content. We are looking for some feedback please. Specifically:

- Are there any specific topics or items you'd like to see included in The Burley Line?
- Are there any existing topics or items you'd like to see removed from The Burley Line?

Meanwhile, two items have come up within the Council of Freshwater Anglers. CFA are looking for copies of historical angler's diaries to support Uni Syd study into recreational fishing challenges. We'll be formally approached in due course, but members with diaries are asked to consider whether they might be prepared to participate. There is a serious concern about Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council ceasing it's operation due to not processing wholesale replacement of its members. Without this council, the trust funds holding our NSW licence fees cannot be properly managed. All holder of the NSW licence ought to be concerned that the angling community have lost their voice in the management of what is arguably our money – watch this space.

Coming Events

August Meeting: 15th August

This is our AGM where our trophies will be awarded and Committee elected (think about putting your hand up to help shape the club). I've no doubts there'll be lucky door prizes, raffles and nibblies. Yes, it does conflict with the Rise Film Festival. Emailed volunteer nominations for the CAA committee will be accepted.

August Fly Tying: 28th August – Dubbing Brushes

This will explore both the use of dubbing brushes and how to make them. Bring your vise and materials, tying kicks off at 7:30pm at the Raiders Club in Weston. Again, details will be sent to your email prior.

Bondi Forest Aug – I've been advised the planning meeting/wider club fishing event at Bondi Forest Lodge has not been included in the 2019/20 Program.

Longer Term Planning:

Sundays 15th, 22nd and 28th Sep – our annual free fly casting lessons to the public on the lawns of Old Parliament House. The final weekend will be optional time on water at Googong Dam. More details closer to the date.

Sunday 27th Oct – CAA are helping Men's Link with fishing activity on LBG – we'll be providing some angling expertise to assist the Men's Link adults with mentoring youth proteges. More info from John or Rod.

2019 Saltwater Event – The Promise of Fun, Food and Fishing

Report by John

The 12th of July rolled around quickly enough, a mid afternoon Canberra departure delayed marginally by a quick trip to the Compleat Angler in Fyshwick. The pending strong coastal wind forecast pre-determined up-weighting fly lines and a non-existent stock of saltwater hooks sufficient reason to entice a 15 minute interlude.

16:00hrs with Braidwood achieved, a quick refuel at the local bakery and the VW headed towards Clyde Mountain, I must have struck the weekend exodus...the queue built and Tuross Head slipped further into the distance. An unexpected telephone call shattered my concentration as the sun dipped behind the great divide, Tom from the Tuross Head Beach Caravan Park enquired about my anticipated arrival. It was dark when I eventually arrived in Tuross Head, after a circuit of the caravan park Bill intercepted my wanderings and pointed me in the direction of reception and the cabin that was to be my digs for the next two days.

Bill travelled with his wife to the Coast on Thursday to fish Friday and Saturday morning before heading back to Canberra.



Bill's trusty 'A-Van' was parked some 100m from the cabin with a commanding daytime view of the river mouth and ocean beyond. The plan was to meet with Stuart for an evening meal, chew the fat, share a meal and plan the fishing for the following day.

The van park beach with a clear gutter showing – no success here.



The Pickled Octopus provided the venue and lived up to its reputation delivering fine food and a good selection of beverages. A plan was hatched, a 10:00hrs rendezvous at the local boat ramp agreed and a morning fishing the inland waterways of Tuross Head promised to full fill the promise of fun and fishing.



Fly lines wound onto reels and a few flies tied completed Friday evenings tasks. Saturday morning delivered heavy seas and the forecast winds – sufficient to blow the tops of waves ... conditions weren't conducive to fly casting. I met up with Bill and we drove together to the boat ramp. Stuart readying his boat, noted he was prepared to go out, although retrieval may be a challenge at the end of the day – but not insurmountable. With 45 knot bullets passing overhead we agreed to give it a go. Stuart launched his craft efficiently and we all boarded from the jetty. Despite the wind, the water was essentially flat. We travelled up river on the hunt for bait fish with the promise of flathead below.

Our first stop, over a 6-7m channel brought promise of good fishing – bait fish interspersed with Taylor on the finder, spinning gear in hand and armed with soft plastics and blade lures.

Stuart brought in the first catch for the day, an undersized flathead, I shortly followed with another, both were released to fight another day.



The best catch of the weekend followed, a 46cm flathead caught by Stuart. While we traversed the waterways of the Tuross River expertly guided by Stuart midday arrived with no further success. Bill was delivered safely to the boat ramp jetty for his return to Canberra, Stuart and I agreed to fish into the afternoon. Our first port of call was lunch, we moored up to the Boat Shed and enjoyed a meal together sharing memories of past days and constructing a plan of attack for the afternoons fishing.

We fished the remaining hours to 15:30 returning to the boat ramp empty handed. With the boat safely back on the trailer it was time to part way with Stuart, thanking him for his expert guiding and company. While the fishing was particularly hard it was fun to fish with friends and enjoy a new waterway.

Sunday's forecast while much the same, with strong winds forecast, suggested early morning may be perfect conditions to cast a fly. With this in mind the Tuross Head Tavern provided respite from the cool winter evening, the Mexican chicken parmigiana and local brew completed the day.

Sunday morning brought the forecast lull in conditions, with fly rod assembled and fly selected I wandered the estuary and flats in the vicinity of the caravan park. With no luck and building winds I retreated to the cabin to pack in readiness for the return trip to Canberra. The Boat Shed that served us so well for lunch the previous day was the ideal venue for brunch and reflection of a weekend of fun, food and fishing!

Living the dream: - on and off the water (with apologies to Orvis)

Andrew Mc Travels to Europe as Tourist and Angler

(Ed: an extract is below. The full report is on our "Places" blog.)

In June my wife and I travelled to the UK via Dubai and Amsterdam. We stayed in a self catering cottage at Richmond on the Swale River in Yorkshire. Recent summer rain meant that the Swale River was running full and tannin stained. The falls at Richmond were a torrent and having no pre-arranged fishing access walked along the river to the ruins of historic Easby Abbey.

Before travelling I had already arranged a UK fishing licence and sought advice and access to beats from the Richmond and District Angling Club. <http://www.richmondangling.org.uk/> I purchased a day ticket from the publican at the Black Bull at Reeth. We then set out for Muker and Ivelet in Swaledale.

The River Swale is a river in Yorkshire, England and a major tributary of the River Ure, which itself becomes the River Ouse, emptying into the North Sea via the Humber Estuary. The name Swale is from the Anglo-Saxon word Sualuae meaning rapid and liable to deluge. At Richmond there were warning sirens to alert walkers and fisher folk to the dangers of rapidly rising water.

I fished the Swale River at Ivelet near a seventeenth century, single lane stone bridge. There were a few small fish spotted that day but I could not get them to rise to the Adams Dry nor to the north country spider patterns that were presented via roll casting with the 4# wt under the bridge.



The following week we moved on to Ashford in the Water in the Peak District where we stayed at the Rookery Cottage. The owners had fishing rights on both sides of the River Wye at the Rookery. In the UK People often sell their fishing rights to anglers' associations. We are very fortunate in Australia.

Ashford in the Water is a quintessential English village. <https://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/explore/towns-and-villages/ashford-in-the-water-p678031>

The River Wye is a limestone river in the Peak District of Derbyshire, England. It is only 24 km long. The river's source lies just west of Buxton, on Axe Edge Moor. Part of the flow passes underground through Poole's Cavern before rising at Wye Head, and flowing through the Pavilion Gardens in Buxton. It then flows east, along a route roughly followed by the A6 road. It enters the Peak District, flows just south of Tideswell, then through Ashford in the Water and Bakewell, and south of Haddon Hall, before meeting the River Derwent at Rowsley.

This river is one of Derbyshire's best known and is popular with anglers owing to the large numbers of wild brown, rainbow trout and grayling it contains. The alkalinity of the Wye provides a rich source of nutrients that leads to an abundance of insects, invertebrates and other wildlife. This ensures that the Trout and Grayling grow quickly on a diet of freshwater shrimp, sedge and upwinged flies (to name but a few of the foods available).



I had visited the Orvis and Bakewell Fly fishing Shops for some retail therapy and some olive Mohican Mayfly pattern size 12s. The guides in the shops were particularly helpful. It sits

very high on the surface film of the water.

The previous evening I had walked the river bank and noted some likely lies to be investigated when the rain stopped. This is a fast flowing, fly-only, no wading - grayling and trout stream with a good reputation. The long pool in front of the cottage had lots of ducks and a resident Heron on station at the weir. Fishing day-tickets are expensive in the UK, but I figured why not as I may not pass that way again. Thanks for the good pre-embarkation advice Lyall.

With the sun shining at midday there was suddenly a lot of insect activity. At last, I was very pleased to be able to cast to some rising trout. I caught and released 4 small 25-30 cm trout in about an hour. The fish were attracted to the Mohican Mayfly. I thought that I might be able to include a late entry in the CAA exercise book but family events have overtaken.

I also got several takes on a Royal Coachman on a very long leader and steady drift. My casting was initially a bit rusty, lazy (past 2 pm) on the back stroke and the reel over spooled - due to my enthusiasm to cover as much of the pool as I could. I have resolved to commission CAA - Lyall or Nathan to correct my technique later in the year as a birthday present to myself.



Releasing fish in the Wye got “ugly” with fish and angler both-entangled in the weeds. Yet again I got wet when I sat down in the river without the benefit of waders. My 2018, NZ chilly, dunking experience on the Hinemaiaia Stream, Lake Taupo - was thankfully not repeated.



Luke’s Latest Innovation

We’ve all known that Luke is a sartorial trendsetter. So, he’s outdone himself with a brown trout pattern beanie. I was so impressed that I immediately ordered one myself. If you want to do likewise you can order one from Jaime. Just go to her on-line shop portal and search for ‘trout’. I understand she is considering developing a rainbow trout version for those who would prefer.

www.etsy.com/au/shop/cherrytreecrochet

Stuff You May Have Already Read on our [News Blog](#)

For some reason, the news blog got very busy this month. I promise I’ll be more circumspect in uploading. Don’t forget that you can register to get automatic emails when new posts are uploaded. If you are on Facebook, you should consider “liking and following” the [CAA Facebook page](#). Luke has been doing a great job here. The post on the ex-brood stock rainbows going into Googong has had more than 2,500 hits!

Calling all Budding Citizen Scientists

CAA has been approached by a citizen science research team to explore waterbugs in our region – in particular mayflies. Jaime has made a bid for CAA to collaborate with CSIRO to ‘test the waters’ in the Lower

Cotter Catchment. It is likely that this will not be until November but will involve a number of volunteers trawling nets through various habitats (runs, riffles, snags ... you can imagine) and then sorting and cataloguing the results. More information can be expected from Jaime if we win the bid – it is worth almost \$1,000 with kit and expert advice on the test day. Jaime envisages we would conduct shorter samples days through the year to see seasonal effects. Some info [here](#).

Comments Sought on Angling Good Practice

A consortium of state and territory outdoor recreation authorities are assembling a series of standards and associated good practice guides. They have drafted one on angling and are seeking public comments. Note the document is aimed at competent anglers who are leading a group of people who are NOT anglers and have limited or NO angling experience i.e. the group that is being led are dependent participants. This document is NOT aimed at groups where everyone is a competent angler. It is thus relevant to the CAA casting weekend, especially the on-water day, but also any other event where a competent angler is mentoring a beginner.

The base document is not overly large and there is a dialog panel where you can make comments while reading each section, alternatively you can email a single submission to info@australianaas.org.au. I took the former approach.

Here is more information on the [on line survey](#) which closes 7 Aug.

More on the Local Macquarie Perch Recovery Effort

In the [July Burley Line](#) Peter provided some notes on the recent workshop he and Roger attended. There are now some [additional notes](#) from the Rivers of Carbon organisation (including more science says Peter). Lots of photos of the good work being done in respect to habitat as well as the workshop itself. They even got a few snaps of Peter 😊

The article provides links to even more information on the recovery program.

Closing Roads in Lower Cotter Catchment

Some of may have spotted an article in the [Canberra Times](#).

“At the moment there’s two dead ends in the southern part of the catchment that have been hot spots for anti-social activity,” Mr Daines said. “This will just move them back to the main road. It won’t limit people’s access to the catchment.”

We can relax. Enquiries through Access Canberra provided a reassuring response from Nick Daines, Manager, Lower Cotter Catchment that sees the Western access to Vanity’s remaining open. More [here](#).

Citizen Science Supporting the Trout Strategy

Further to our [recent post](#) on trials of larger trout being stocked. DPI Fisheries is releasing larger Rainbow Trout into more selected waters to combat the negative effects of Redfin predation.

- Khancoban Pondage
- Oberon Dam
- Lake Wallace (Wallerawang not Nimmitabel)
- Lake Lyell

- Carcoar Dam
- Fish River
- Duckmaloi River

They are requesting all information from recaptured tagged fish to be submitted via their online recapture form. More information [here](#).



Exciting News About Googong Trout

Steve Samuels from MAS has advised that NSW Fisheries have released adult trout into Googong Dam. Each of these fish is tagged with a unique eye tag that consists of one or two luminous bars behind the left eye (see attached photo). In the future it is hoped that more substantial trout stockings will occur with yearling sized trout that will be able to out-swim the Redfin. He's asked for anyone catching such a fish to contact him. More [here](#).

Volunteers needed for Platypus surveys in the

ACT region

Volunteers needed to help with the platypus census. More information dates/contact details are [here](#).



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Other News

Additional news and links from supporting groups



NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their monthly newsletter). The July CFA Newsletter can be accessed [here](#). Key points include:

- A surprising report on the success of removing carp in Tasmania principally by netting them during spawning. The newsletter provides a link to an [ABC report](#).
- How to help authorities by reporting carp aggregations/spawning
- Further information on the Snowy Mountains brumby problem.

The August CFA Newsletter can be accessed [here](#). Key points include:

- The Australian Recreation Fishing Foundation (ARFF) has announced that the 2019 National Recreational Fishing Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania and focus on how every fisher can help steer Australia's recreational fishing future through taking part in citizen science projects.
- NSW DPI's long running, popular and successful Fishcare Volunteer Program is seeking enthusiastic people keen to help teach the next generation about the importance of our aquatic environment, and how it links to sustainable recreational fishing. They are calling for anyone interested in joining the program to register their interest to complete specialised training, the first is to be held in Sydney on August 18.

Previous CFA newsletters can be accessed [via their archive](#). They also have a presence on [Facebook](#). Don't forget you can donate to the CFA and [become a 'Foundation Member'](#). The website explains what that means.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their monthly newsletter). The [July RFA newsletter](#) arrived. The most interesting item for me was news of Vic Fisheries stocking Cheetah Trout (cross between brooky and rainbow) into Lake Purrumbete. There was a link to a [Fishing World](#) article.

[The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW](#) also produces an [archive](#) of their free monthly email newsletter. Additional news and updates can also be found on their [Facebook page](#).

Fisheries Victoria News

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their fortnightly newsletter). Fish eFacts [452](#) and [453](#) have arrived.

- Victoria has been very active in stocking good sized fish into waters easily accessible for school holiday programs.
- I just loved the angling themed personalised number plates they are offering up.

Additional news and updates from Fisheries Victoria can be found on their [Facebook page](#).

Long Term Program of non-CAA Events

Provided for our calendar planning, members to see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest to members, please email *Burley Line*.

Dates	Event Details
2019	
4 and 5 Oct	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshop at Gaden Hatchery https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids Some more information on registration etc for these DPI workshops are on our blog .
Sun 20 Oct	NSW DPI Gone Fishing Day, Ballina, Moree, Lake Macquarie, Sydney, Huskisson and Mulwala. Maybe more to come https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/go-fishing-nsw
2020	
10 and 11 Jan	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshop at Gaden Hatchery https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
14 Jan	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Batemans Bay https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
22 Jan	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Greenwell Point https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
Anticipate Sat-Sun 22-23 Feb	the Thredbo fly fishing expo https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-expo-2019/
Fri-Sun 20-22 Mar	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Buckenderra Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants. http://visitcooma.com.au/events/buckenderra-trout-challenge-

	2019/
Anticipate early Apr	OzFish Unlimited event (early advice is that this will not go to Penrith for a third year if it is conducted) http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/ozfish-unlimited-australia-fly-fishing-festival-update/
14 Apr	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Batemans Bay https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
15 Apr	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Tuross Head https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
21 Apr	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Greenwell Point https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
tbc Fri-Sun 8-10 May	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers InterClub Meet http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/
15 Oct	CAA 75 th birthday

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.

We 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
Kerryn	Rainbow	40.5cm	Fly	(ACTFF trip) 21 Jul

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Thinking of becoming a member? The membership application form can be found on our website. Current fees are payable each year at our AGM (adjustments will be made for joining later in the year):

- General Membership \$40.00
- Family Membership \$50.00
- Concession Membership (age pension or concession card) \$15.00
- Junior Membership (U18 years) \$15.00

Payment can be made via check, bank transfer (details on the form), or in-person at one of our meetings. More information is available via our website or contact us via email.

Contributions to The Burley Line

Contributions are always encouraged to The Burley Line and can be sent in via the email listed on the left (under contact us). Whether it be photos, trip reports, gear reviews, advertising, places to visit, we encourage it all.

Additionally, posts for our blog are also welcome, especially for our cooking page, gear reviews and places to visit. Comments on individual blog posts are also encouraged.

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