

THE BURLEY LINE



Lyall sends a postcard named '4 kilometres short of Heavens Gates'



From the Editors Desk

Jason

The emails have been few and far between in the Editors Inbox, so I can only assume everyone is out living the dream!

This is a great edition; we have more great articles even a special one from around the globe and spectacular pics of the most recent outing- Lyle Knowles on the Cotter River.

Thank you for the contributions, I hope you enjoy the content.

Bill

Many thanks to Jason for largely putting this together in my absence. Thanks also from both of us to Greg for his report on Scottish fishing.

Coming Events

November Meeting: 13th November

Normal time of 7:30PM. Speaker yet to be identified.

Fly Tying: 24th November

Bring your vise and materials, tying kicks off at 7:30pm at the Raiders Club in Weston. Details will be sent to your email prior.

Waterbugblitz: Sat 16th November @ Cotter River

This is being coordinated via Jaime.

Non CAA Events:

Weekend 31th Oct and 1st Nov – CAA will be cooking the sausage sizzle at the Compleat Angler Fyshwick MASSIVE weekend sale. You don't want to miss this!



CAA Presidents Report

Our President is absent. Can't imagine what else he's doing, but there are two items we got from him later in this issue.

JQ Special Guest Stars on Television!

Some time ago you may remember me sharing some time on the water with a special character! Well, Eli and I were sitting on the lounge watching Network 10, having 'quiet time' before Eli's bedtime. Suddenly an ad for The Amazing Race Australia 2019 came on the screen, and who did I see!!?

The preview showed Sister Therese and Sister Judy. How uncanny and cool is this!!?

I can now say "I KNOW SOMEONE FAMOUS AND SHE'S A TROUTY!!!!!" Go Therese!!!!!

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Photo from <https://10daily.com.au/entertainment/tv/a191018fkrly/the-amazing-race-australia-2019-meet-the-11-teams-20191020>

Rod sent us his happy 'snaps' from NZ



Editor: This guy can fish!
But I am concerned by the globug in its scissors...
Rod, no one is judging HAHA!!!

Thanks for sharing. 😊

Lyle Knowles Cotter River 19th Oct 2019

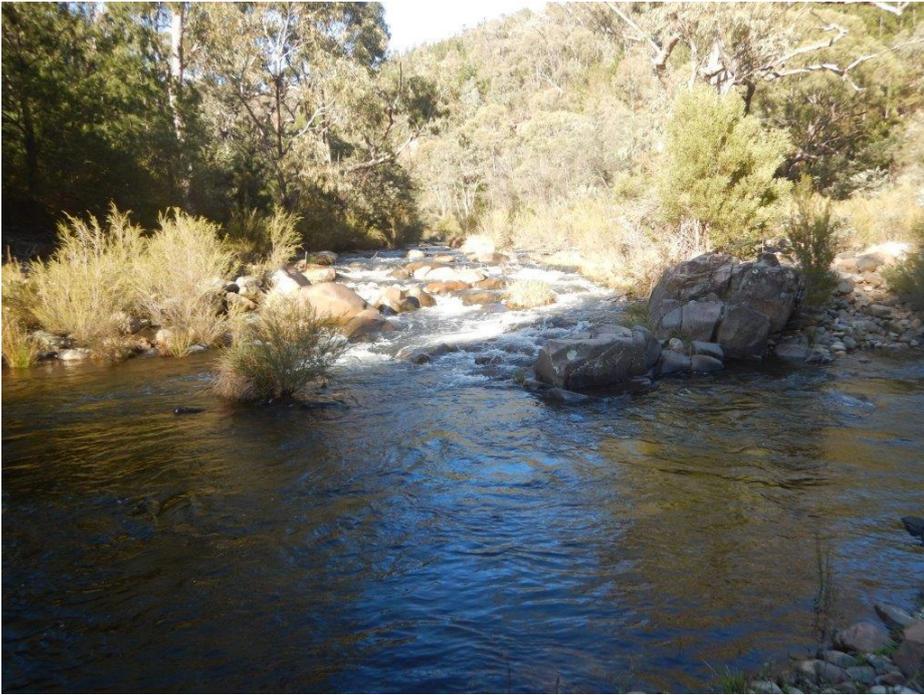
Editor: Thanks for the photos Claude, Bj and Lyall.



Gal Power!

Shanta having a blast down on the Cotter River during Lyle Knowles.





Could this be the Lyle Knowles Trophy winner?!
Watch this space!

Scourie Fly Fishing By Greg W.



Greg W is currently residing in the UK. He has been sampling the Queens finest and as such has sent an amazing trip report and location guide. Greg was able to link with Geoff D (previous President of CAA) to gain the insights and hot tips from the region. The advice proved valuable!

Greg wishes to thank the lads Neil, Leigh and Chris for allowing their faces to be shared in CAA newsletter and in CAA Discovery section.

If you wish to get in contact with Greg about his amazing experience, please email the Secretary for his contact details.

Thanks Greg

Full story below, and additionally, the link for this and other fantastic location reviews and guides can be found in our [“Places to Fish” page!](#)



Scotland's Highlands



Greg Wood - August 2019

Being a new bee to London, one of our previous CAA member's Geoff Donkin, provided me with an intro point to get the lay of the land in the UK and Europe. The London Fly Fishing Fair run each year around March.

The London Fly Fishing Fair brings together the best of what the fly fishing world has to offer, all in the heart of London. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, or somewhere in between, this is the ideal place to get involved in the sport. Here you can buy equipment and find your next trip from destination all over the world.

I ventured out and organise a few days away Fly Fishing for a number of Australian friends here in London. The Fair provided me with this avenue to get the info required. Hence after talking to the people at the stand of the Scourie Hotel located in the North West of Scotland, it provided an excellent venue for eight of us, including wives, from London to give it a go.

The team at the Scourie Hotel provided me with the right package to suit the fisher folk and provided us with a great venue to relax and unwind.

Where is Scourie you might ask, so did I.

Scourie is located approx 2.5 hours drive NW of Inverness, if you are inclined about 12 hours Drive from London.



The Scourie Hotel (scouriehotel.com)

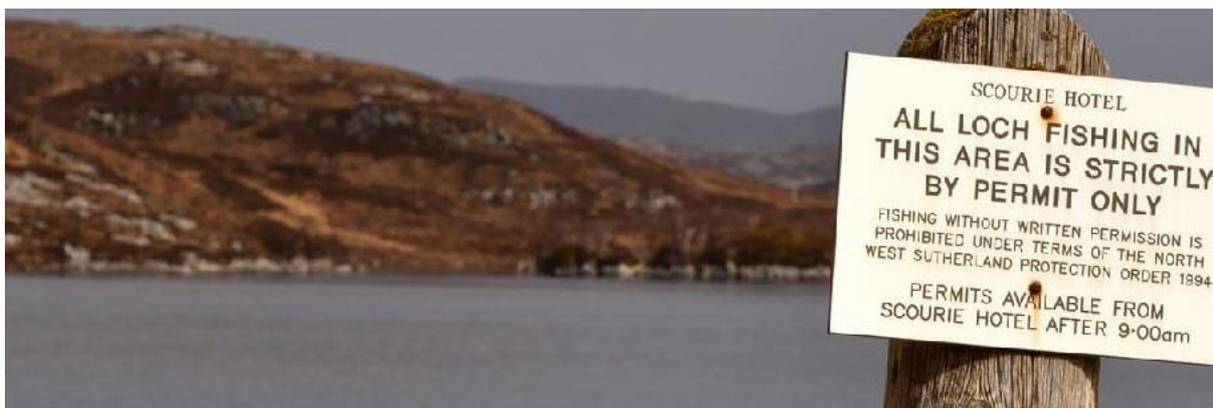




The hotel does have rods, reels and lines for hire and stock a good selection of flies for sale for all their fishing. The most successful flies are the traditional Scottish Trout and Sea Trout flies, though some newer types of reservoir flies such as the **Muddler Minnow** can be useful for Salmon.



The accommodation package provided by the Scourie Hotel provides permits, fly rods and tackle for a nominal fee without the need to cart your fishing gear from one side of the globe to the other.





Permits/Licence

Licence type	Trout and coarse 2-rod	Trout and coarse 3-rod	Salmon and sea trout
1-day	£6	Not available	£12
8-day	£12	Not available	£27
12-month	£30	£45	£82
12-month - over 65 or disabled	£20	£30	£54
12-month - junior (13 to 16)	Free	Free	Free

In Scotland, you need a rod fishing licence for the Border Esk and its tributaries. You do not need a rod fishing licence elsewhere in Scotland, but [you need permission](#).

District Salmon Fishery Boards are able to issue licences for operations taking place within their districts but only in the case of salmon and sea trout. If other freshwater species are likely to be caught, including Brown trout, written permission issued by the Scottish Ministers is required. The only

exception to this is within the area covered by the River Tweed Commission which issues licences under specific Tweed legislation within the statutory fishing season.



The Scourie Hotel package also provided Bed, Breakfast and Dinner. This really is the place to come for exciting trout and salmon fishing in Scotland. The Scourie Hotel has fishing available on around 300 lochs and lochans, split into 46 hotel-controlled beats. All of which, with the exception of Loch Stack, More and the River Dionard, are absolutely free to hotel residents staying 3 days or more. Scourie really is Scotland’s Fishing Hotel.

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The names of all hotel residents wishing to fish are put onto the fishing roster, known as the Board, in order of arrival at the hotel. Each evening, after dinner, the fishing is allocated according to the order on the Board. Guests are free to choose any beats not taken by those above them on the Board. Each day the name at the top of the Board moves to the bottom and everyone else moves up one place. Should you choose not to fish every day, your name will still progress up the Board. A gillie (guide) can also be organised at a daily cost to assist you in your fishing day.

All fishing on hotel controlled beats is by fly only, including dry fly, wet fly and dapping. Barbless Hooks must be used when fishing on Loch Stack & Loch More.

The walk into the Beats can be demanding with some offering boats to fish the Loch.

Access To Loch Stack is from the roadside as are some of the hotel brown trout lochs. It is fair to say that most of the better brown trout lochs involve a fair amount of walking, although most of it is fairly easy and along established paths.



On average you could expect to walk from three to eight miles in the course of a day's fishing, although there are beats that will involve less walking and some which require more.



Neil is seen here proudly displaying his first trout in the Highlands. The colour of the Trout can be attributed to the amount of Peat that is in the Loch's.

Peat is also used in the process of making Glenmorangie Whisky (now that's another story).



The scenery was fantastic, but unfortunately between the four of us, a total of 10 fish were caught over the 2 days but we were overawed with the scenery. Due to the sizing, these were returned to the Loch.

I was unfortunately less than fortunate to the size of one of my trout. It appears that my reputation is still with me, even on the other side of the world. Look closely.









The Aussie guy's, Neil, Greg, Leigh and Chris giving it a go in Scotland's Highlands.

After the two days of fishing, and after a fantastic stay at The Scourie Hotel, half of the group went back to London and Jane and myself joined Neil and Morag in the North Coast 500.

Now that's another story!!!

ACTFF Auction Night in support of Fly Fish Australia International Competitors



SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY THE 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2020

AUCTION FUNDRAISER

ACTFF will be hosting an Auction Fundraiser event on behalf of Fly Fish Australia at our 6th of February meeting.

Proceeds from the sale of auction items will go to supporting the Australian men's & ladies teams selected for the 2020 Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships, being held in Taupo, New Zealand.

This is a great opportunity for members to purchase some great fly fishing gear, camping and recreational items, a full day guided by the current Australian National Fly Fishing Champion on the

Tumut River, but wait there's still more! Fly boxes filled with flies tied by competition anglers, plus still more!!!



**Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date!
Deakin Football Club, Grose Street, Deakin
Thursday, 6th February 2020, 7:30pm**

From Jaime – My First Australian Native Fish



Yes, I caught my very 1st Australian native fish, beautiful Cod, and it was in a fly!!! (streamer pattern). Well, is not really my very 1st native because about 2 years ago I caught 2 beautiful Macquarie perch, one in a dry fly (nice take of those little fellows!) and one that took a corn-baited hook targetted to a carp. At the beginning I didn't have any idea what fish they were but when I realized it and knew they were protected I stopped fishing that spot. But now we are talking about sport aussie fish (which we still have to be careful with so we keep their populations healthy).

My friend and I went to his farmer friend property, still a little wild I would say because according to the farmer they haven't stock any fish, they were already there when they got the property in the 70's. They just love having that healthy Cod population so they do their best to guarantee the little lake is clean and protected from contamination. We started fishing a little before sunrise. We were expecting some rises but water was very quiet. I started with a popper fly anyway, just for the heck of adventure and because my friend suggested (he normally see raises in the morning). My leader was strong, my tippet not so much but still good... hmmm... I told myself I will be careful in case of a fish strike. 15min had passed, hope still plain... and Bang!!! the water exploded, my heartbeat follow... and my arm just couldn't do anything different. I snapped the tippet and the popper and fish just disappeared under the waves. Totally shaky and feeling a little stupid I decided to fish same strength tippet than my leader, tied another popper - not as nice as the other one - and keep fishing. About 5 min later same thing happened but this time I was prepared... but the fish missed the take. No more surface water explosions happened anymore, sun was showing his bright face so I decided to move to a streamer with an articulated/trailing hook. I keep fishing, walking the shore... and at 7:48AM

magic happened. I saw my rod bending and felt the fish shaking under the water... I couldn't feel happier and I think that looks obvious in my face.. doesn't? Here you have a photo of my 1st beautiful Cod with a fly, almost 60cm.



The day was beautiful and got better later, just look at the beautiful circular rainbow! I got another fish that morning, about an hour and a half later but was with spinning gear from a boat, awesome fish, also a little larger, according to my friend it was 6-7 kilos fish, very powerful head-kicking (don't have a photo, only a video they could share later). However, even this last fish being larger I feel no doubt in my crazy-obsessed fly fisherman soul that I enjoyed much more the one I caught with my fly rod. And I know one has to be grateful and appreciate what life is giving us in the moment and not be greedy... but still cannot stop thinking how incredible would have been landing the fish that bite the popper early that morning. Good that there is still life to give it another go...

Dave's Kids' Clinic With Menslink

Canberra is truly blessed with natural beauty and assets just waiting to be enjoyed. The skies are blue, the lakes open and inviting but there is always a but – a wind can be found to be howling when least expected. And thus, it was in a recent Saturday when the Anglers gave of their time to show some of Canberra's young men the subtle art of luring a fish to the end of line. The wind howled but the spirits soared.

The Menslink organisation takes on the mentoring of young Canberra men who are in need of adult male companionship. They age from 10 -18 and are paired with an adult male who as a mentor acts as a lighthouse that guides them through life's tricky patches.



Wise mentoring from Lyall

Along the way, Menslink organises a series of monthly link-ups when the pairs get together to enjoy some activities and food. October saw the first time link-up with the Anglers to introduce the boys to fishing

Canberra's lakes. A blustery day saw a hardy bunch of anglers show the young men the parts of a rod, the tricks with bait and the key features of an effective cast.



Claude and Zac



Jordyn with his catch



Jesse handling his first fish

In return, the boys, away from their PlayStations, got to engage with nature and share the experience with their mentors and friends. As luck would have it the fish were obliging with two redfins about 8 inches long gulping worm-laden hooks and landing to the great delight of the collected young men.

A windblown BBQ followed the adventure and in the early afternoon, the crowd dispersed, ready to tell their mums and friends about the whale-sized monsters they caught that day.

The Menslink organisation is very thankful for the effort made by the Anglers Claude, Lyall, John and Alan with a special mention for the well crafted berley baskets by Charlie. Special thanks also to our friends at Tackleworld Fyshwick who donated the rods, reels and tackle used at the event.

David

Fly Fish Australia Raffles in support of Fly Fish Australia International Competitors

JQ will be selling raffle tickets (when he's not on work travels and at the next meeting/ tying nights!).

If you purchase tickets please email him at: wetanymph@gmail.com where he will be able to allocate your tickets.

Please support those who support us in sharing their knowledge to help us improve our catch rates, innovate fly designs and who practise catch and release.



FUNDRAISER RAFFLE SUPPORTING THE 2020 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS' TEAM

PRIZES ON OFFER INCLUDE:-

MANUKA PARK SERVICED APARTMENTS

2 nights accommodation in a resort-style executive appointed 1 bedroom apartment close to Canberra's major attractions, boutique shopping, restaurant villages, nightlife & Manuka Oval valued at \$500.00.



1 x Brewery Tour Voucher for a group of 4 people valued at \$100.00 (\$25pp) +
1 x Capital Coast Ale case valued at \$85.00



MOUNT TUMBARUMBA VINEYARD

Mixed Wine Pack
Valued \$160.00
8 Bottles including
3 x Pinot Noir, 2 x Rose &
1 x Pinot Gris

On the fly



Super Retail Group Gift Voucher \$100.00



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CAPITAL WINES

Produce Platter & Wine Tasting for 2 people
Taste the wines from Capital wines acclaimed Ministry Series & premium Kyeema Vineyard range valued at \$40



Drawn at the ACT Fly Fishers Auction night held on the 6th of February 2020 at Deakin Football Club, ACT.

TICKETS: \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20

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

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](#).

CAA Events Calendar Change

From Stefan: *for May 2020, the CFA Interclub is scheduled for 1 -3 May at Wallerawang, (I will be assisting with the event) and we should again try and entice a participant group from CAA; Fly Fish Aus will conduct their competition 9-10 May at Tumut; and I will organise for 22 -24 May for a CAA club outing to the usual Tumut region.*

Sep 2019 Gaden Hatchery Report

Some very informative stuff [here](#).

Fly Tying 23 Oct 2019 Cartside Gurgler

The materials list only [here](#).

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 November CFA Newsletter is [here](#). Key points were:

- More science ... Uni of Canberra is doing work to use DNA deposited in the environment (eDNA) to detect the presence of creatures, even when in low numbers.
- A summary of CFA activity, in particular engagement with NSW Govt
- Report on DPI relocating fish in the Murray-Darling as part of a fish rescue program

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 – only the equivalent of \$0.50 per week.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their monthly newsletter). The October RFA newsletter can be accessed [here](#). Apart from reminders about Bass and Cod seasons, it was mostly saltwater.

Fisheries Victoria News

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their fortnightly newsletter). Only a few interesting items in [Fish eFacts 457](#). Imagine how surprised the angler was that recaught a fish he had tagged less than an hour before.

Additional news and updates from Fisheries Victoria can be found on their [Facebook page](#) (you don't need to be a Facebook user, though I'm sure they'll 'encourage you' to join ☺).

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of 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
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
Fri-Sun 1-3 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 2019
JasonQ	Rainbow & Brown	47.0cm	Fly – Loch Style	Private Outing – Lake Eucumbene. Various fish landed, best 47cm (Brown), smallest 22cm (Rainbow)
Jaime	Cod	“almost 60cm”	Fly	Private water

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Join Us

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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