

THE BURLEY LINE



And they call him 'Stumpy'



From the Editors Desk

Bill

This month we have both a story from the President (thanks mate) but also one about him – Lost and Found.

Many thanks to Lyall for his comprehensive report on the World Championship – reads like a thriller except with pictures. Thanks also for Stefan's very thoughtful piece on the recent Brogo trip – more and more this proves to be very worthwhile event, but watercraft seem to be the go.

This will be the last edition that Jason Q is involved with. Can I publicly acknowledge all the assistance he has given me, not least is picking up entire editions when I thoughtlessly make myself absent. He has been a great asset to *Burley Line* and will be sorely missed. If anyone would like to step into that void, discuss with him what it involves and drop an email to the burley-line address

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Meantime, don't be surprised if I ply you with a beverage in advance of asking you to volunteer to help.

Congratulations to those who stepped up to help out at the sausage sizzle at the Compleat Anglers First Birthday celebrations. Unfortunately I was interstate and fully committed.

Finally, the story of 'Stumpy', our cover photo this month. I was lucky enough to be invited for a few sessions fishing with local angling legend Steve Samuels. His skills extend past fly fishing to soft plastics. There we were on Mallacoota's bottom lake, Steve calls the fish a good size looking at its head shaking, but when netted, it was revealed to be undersized! Clearly some pelagic likes flathead tails as much as me.

Coming Events

First Meeting 2020: 12th February

Normal time 7:30PM at Raiders Weston

Lake Fishing and Barbecue: 15th February

Lyall will send details via email

Fly Tying: 26th February

Normal time 7:30PM at Raiders Weston – details via email

Special Invitation: Thu 6th February

ACTFF is running their annual auction, and we've been invited to participate – a chance to bid and win some bargains. This time all funds raised are being donated to support the 2020 Australian team competing at the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships being held in Taupo New Zealand. The event starts at 7:30PM at Deakin Football Club, Grose Street Deakin.

CAA President's Report

Dear Members

Welcome to the 2019 Christmas edition of the Burley Line. Our newsletter has provided another bumper year of reading with many great fishing reports, tips, photos and up to date news. I thank Bill for his leadership on Burley Line, Jason Q and Luke for their support to him and especially Jason for stepping in to deliver when Bill is away. My thanks also to all the council and committee members who steer the CAA and to our growing membership base for active engagement in the CAA. CAA means different things to different people and it's a strength of our club that we can offer many options to participate.

Jason Q is one of our most active and committed members and has contributed enormously to CAA – as a past president, CAA back up editor, auditor and other committee roles as well as a crack fisherman. While we celebrate his new opportunity in Cairns in 2020, we will also miss his counsel and contribution. The upside is doubtless the awesome photos and reports we will get of tropical fishing and a generous host and contact for a visit north. Farewell Jason, Darlene and young Eli.

In addition to sharing our combined fishing knowledge and prowess, CAA has also made a substantial contribution to the community of Canberra. Our fly casting for the public was again well attended and regarded, our support for Menslink gave many young boys a first unforgettable day of fishing, and our partnership with Water Watch on the Waterbug blitz raised community understanding and awareness of the importance of invertebrates to the health of our streams. As a 75 year old club, our relationship with Canberra is enduring and I'm told that this year's fly casting for the public may have been our 50th anniversary of the event.

This year we celebrated the life of another enduring icon of ACT fishing with a formal ceremony and plaque unveiling for Dr Bryan Pratt at the Googong Dam. Dr Pratt's contribution to fishing, to CAA, and in establishing the ACT Parks service and Googong Dam is immeasurable. As President I was immensely honoured to speak of his life and I thank everyone, and especially Lyall, for helping ensure that we honour our heroes.

Summer is well established now and the bushfire smoke and heat will be with us for a while. So take care as you head out to join family, enjoy the bush and cast a line. I look forward to reading holiday stories in the next Burley Line and seeing you all again in 2020.

Happy Christmas, safe and happy travel and a wonderful New Year

Rod

CAA President

Rod's Rod

A joke that perhaps took a while in the understanding. President Rod lost a spinning rod (carrying a reel borrowed from Jason M) during the Brogo Dam event (see the 'wanted' poster at the end of this newsletter). Anyway, Rod decided to buy a new rod while he was working on the CAA sausage sizzle stall at the Compleat Angler first birthday.



As luck would have it, his purchase put him into the draw and he managed to snag two more rods – I understand somewhat higher in class than his purchase.



Meanwhile, unbeknownst to him, Jason had seen Rod's floating lure bobbing in the water in Brogo after Rod's departure. When he recovered the lure, he found rod and reel still attached. It was presented back to him at our end of year barbq. Rod now has an extensive collection of rods.

Compleat Angler First Birthday – CAA Sausage Sizzle



Rod, John, Stefan and Shanta working on Saturday. On Sunday, John and Stefan backed up again along with Angie and Michael. Well done guys for putting in the effort.

CAA Brogo Outing – November 2019

By Stefan

Brogo Dam was doing its job. It had been sucked dry supplying the valuable water needed by the dairy industry of the Bega district in producing our milk, cheese and such and of course fodder for other more desperate regions. Emerald green patches of Lucerne for hay were direct evidence of the irrigator's reliance on this ever diminishing vital resource. I don't know how long the storage period of the dam was designed for, but NSW Water recorded the level at 50.2% capacity and



without a decent out-look for rain on the forecast horizon, the situation will surely become even more dire over the summer.

So it was heartening to see that fish activity on the remaining water was still evident when I arrived early evening Friday. Fish were rising actively all over the surface, and particularly along the weedy edges. It seemed as if the water level had dropped a bit lately exposing a new edge of water grass. Rings on the surface were evident in the reflected light of the slowly sinking sun. I was enticed to rig up and conjure a fish onto the end of a fly line. As the bank was most unstable, wanting to suck me, boots and all, into the mire I had to choose my location carefully. Luckily there was a position from which I could cast and which I was able to stamp a platform from which to cast with my eight-weight and a floating line. Noticing some large moths floating in the air, I selected a suitable imitation pattern and cast to some very active fish. There were individuals which hurled themselves out of the water in their haste to grab a feed, but it was difficult to get a take on my offering.

As night settled in I changed to a popper style fly, which almost instantly enticed a rush and turn of a fish. However, with failing light and conscious of my risk of getting stuck in the mud, I returned to my camp, on what is normally the lake bed for an evening on my own. Nobody else had arrived. It was at this stage that I was most surprised by a most loud bellow from up the valley. Totally mystified, I had no obvious explanation, and it was followed by another minutes later, something akin to those vuvuzella trumpets of football finals. Traditionally used to announce dinner in Zulu villages, I wondered if there was an African inspired camp close by. The wanderings of an idle mind; it was time to eat in any case and then tuck myself in. It was only later on Saturday afternoon that I discovered the cause, I disturbed a herd of red deer while out on my cycle, they were heading for water. Sadly, another feral species that can have negative impacts on waterways and the environment in general. So many factors converging, it does make the head spin. Those poor animals most certainly also suffering from lack of access to viable water, they can see the water but would find it hard to access.

I had driven over the Brown Mountain, totally dispirited by the state of the Monaro, the drought is taking a terrible toll. I definitely cannot remember it being as bad as it now seems. No pick in the paddocks, an absence of stock of any kind and dry gullies everywhere. On top of that a roaring gale that made fishing at Lake Williams in Nimmitabel all but impossible. Funny that, on the way home Sunday the direction of the wind was in exactly the opposite direction but just as savage to the loop. No joy at that also struggling water hole for this time.

Saturday had me up early, fish were about but rising where I was not able to get to, a boat would have been handy! The morning was spent undertaking some camp maintenance, and marvelling at the revealed structure that is exposed by low water. Interesting to see what we normally fish over, the drop offs, the snags or remnant stumps, the channels where cold water sits and of course the reedbeds. All valuable in building habitat that may hold fish in good times.

During the course of the day I was joined by Rod - in his trusty 'Troopy', Roger - who had braved the Wadbilliga Track on his trusty steed (read BMW bike) and Jason with his young boy Luke in tow. The water this day was quite busy with fishers in boats and kayaks all day, at times there seemed a veritable flotilla out there. Most had come up from the dam wall end, some trolling, some casting toward the shore. It was hard to gauge the catch rate, but our group unfortunately drew a blank that day. The evening again produced a reasonable rise before sunset, and then after dark the insects in the air exploded in number, particularly clouds of small gnats swarming around our lamps, presumably out of the drying muddy flats all around us. I have every confidence the fish supped on those of their number that went swimming. The evening proved to



be quite convivial, with some quiet reflection over a red or two. Jason offered up a nightcap, maybe in anticipation of big things to come?

Sunday morning early was still and held promise. Jason, leaving his charge gently dozing, paddled his red torpedo boat, he is naval after all, out into the deeper water pulling along a bibbed lure some 2 or so meters under the surface, returning some hour or so later beaming like a Cheshire cat. He had bagged two prize bass and "returned" another while preparing for a hero shot. It was over 40 cm he assured us, and this tale fired up Rod "the Pres", keen to emulate the feat just demonstrated. He grabbed some of his gear, some of Jason's stuff and of course 'the lure', only to return without a fish, without a rod and without the lure! It had all somehow ended up in the drink! But don't despair, as with most tales of daring do, the lady of the lake has ways of selecting those that truly should be 'king'. Now there will be a moral in there somewhere: - when Rod gets his rods (yes multiple), and of course, lures return to the surface to greet their master, it's just that I haven't quite worked it out as of yet.

JM with double the fun



Roger on fly (left) and seagoing Rod in his big yak

Everyone voted that it was again a good weekend away, and that all notwithstanding, fishing is definitely not just about catching. Hope you all make it to Brogo someday, especially when it is at its peak.

World Fly Fishing Championships, Tasmania

By Lyall

A merry band of Canberrans descended on Launceston for the 39th World Fly Fishing Championships. Some were competitors and others volunteers.



The event was unusually held over five days of competition rather than three. Usually, competitors fish a beat for three hours in the morning and move to another beat in the afternoon. For the 2019 event, competitors fished from 1:00 to 5:00 for the five days in the hope that the afternoon would bring warm November weather and the usual hatches of mayflies.

The loch-style legs of the competition were held at Woods Lake, Little Pine Lagoon and Penstock. The river sections were on the Meander and Mersey Rivers. All of the venues are famous for eagerly giving up good numbers of large fish and fantastic hatches during the warm afternoons.

The scoring system is complex but suffice to say that catching a fish 200 mm or longer scores points and longer fish score more points. The dreaded “blank” is when the competitor doesn’t catch any fish on any of the legs and it brings down the score of the whole team. To score well, competitors need to fish efficiently, quickly net the fish and have it measured then quickly released so fishy photos are not the priority. Consequently, fish photos are few.

Add teams from 23 nations of up to six competitors each plus a manager and support staff to around 120 volunteers and organisers and you can see that this was going to be a big party!!! From day one, the spirit of cooperation between teams was palpable.



(L to R) Australian competitor Tom Jarman, Leighton Adem from FlyLife magazine and Euro nymphing expert Martin Droz 2008 World Champion from the Czech Republic analysed the day's competition in a brilliant ten minute Fly Life TV video each evening.

The FlyLife crew managed to get to each of the venues every day. The images included here are reproduced with Leighton's kind permission.

Neither the warm weather nor the hatches were to eventuate. The theme of the event was damaging winds and snow. Nobody could have known this three years ago when the dates were set.



Part of team Australia at the opening ceremony.



If you can pick it up on the image, that is snow.



Penstock Lagoon was relatively sheltered from the wind that day.



Little Pine Lagoon. There were just no sheltered bays to hide from the wind. Snow on the ground!!!







... and yet more snow ...



Australian Chris Bassano topped day 3 at the Mersey River then topped day 4 at Little Pine Lagoon with seven fish. He has the knack.



		FISH POINTS	
1	BASSANO CHRISTOPHER 	10	7100
2	GRESZTA MICHAL 	11	7000
3	KUNTZ PIERRE 	11	6700
4	BERTUZZI MORGAN 	10	6220
5	BOURNE SAM 	9	5660

After the fishing at 5:00 each afternoon everyone held their breath awaiting the day's results.



Ekert and the guys from Kiribati (all of the Kiribati team come from The Village fly fishing guide company from Christmas Island of bonefish fame) had never fished in fresh water, let alone caught a trout, before arriving in Australia two weeks before the event. They were the wildcard entrants and popular favourites.



Australian Jonothan Stagg on the Meander River. He won this section. These guys are good!



Lyall in discussion with Keep'emhonest Paul left (FIPS Mouche official observer from NZ) and the Kiribati team manager right.



Australian Tom Jarman (part of the trio on Fly Life TV each evening) topped day 3 at Little Pine Lagoon (then dropped all 5 fish at Penstock Lagoon on day 4 to blank).

Tom and Martin presented some really good analysis on the tactical perspective of competitive fly fishing. As you can see above, second, third and fourth place all caught three fish and it may have been the difference of less than a centimetre (all fish are measured in millimetres) could have meant the difference between second and

fourth. In such tough fishing conditions Tom observed that one fish can move you right up there or right down there.

One of the Canberra volunteers who is an expert competition angler made an astute observation. He was controlling in a boat with two competitors from different European teams. At the beginning of the day they agreed to cooperate and show each other what flies caught fish during the day rather than being secretive and uncooperative. Between them they caught more fish than any other boat that day. That certainly resonated with me: fish in a cooperative and friendly manner and *the boat* will win.

Day 3 team results with Australia on top but it was not to last ...



On the Mersey river there were 23 beats. 1 to 9 fished very badly every day while the further downstream you were in the random beat draw, the more fish they produced. The winner of day 4 on the Mersey fished beat number 23. The mini bus which transported competitors each day to beats 1 to 9 became known at the Graveyard Bus. As Tom Jarman observed, an unfortunate beat draw can be the end of your game.

At the end of day 4 Australia had dropped from first to ninth with two of the six team members having unfortunate blanks. The consistently best top teams over many years of competition have always been Spain, France and the Czech Republic. The young guns from Finland have maintained excellent consistency in the Tasmanian event so far in the top six every day and fourth on day 4.

AFTER DAY 4				
			PLACES	POINTS
1	SPAIN		146	93680
2	FRANCE		61	90660
3	CZECH REPUBLIC		162	84940
4	FINLAND		164	82400
5	ITALY		165	83580
6	USA		180	71460
7	SLOVAKIA		183	75680
8	ENGLAND		185	82100
9	AUSTRALIA		191	84300
10	IRELAND		191	67180



Day 5 at Little Pine Lagoon and better (but not good) conditions made the fishing a little easier.

There was even sun on the river on the last day. This is the view of the competitor that controllers saw each afternoon. Controllers must stand ready to run to the river's edge to meet the angler and quickly measure the fish so that they can release and get fishing and score again. The trick for the controller is also to be far enough away from the river so as not to spook any fish.





Australian Tom Jarman in the sun with fish in hand about to be measured by his controller.

The individual winners of the event were gold to England's Howard Croston (centre), silver to Spain's David Garcia (right) and young Kristian Sveda of Slovakia (left). As well being very skilled anglers, they are all nice fellows.





AFTER DAY 5

		PLACES	POINTS
1	FRANCE		190 109420
2	CZECH REPUBLIC		191 108040
3	SPAIN		192 111220
4	FINLAND		204 100920
5	ITALY		212 98720
6	USA		220 92300
7	AUSTRALIA		222 109420
8	ENGLAND		223 96220
9	SLOVAKIA		236 96600
10	IRELAND		237 82180

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In the final analysis the winning teams were France, Czech Republic and Spain followed by Finland's young gun team which will host the World Fly Fishing Championships next year. With luck, they will break their "always fourth" reputation with their local knowledge. As you can see, Australia placed seventh which was a great outcome. We are all very proud of them.

It was twenty years ago that Australia hosted the last World Fly Fishing Championships and may be another twenty before we do again. Acknowledging that I might be using a zimmer frame with a fly rod clamp by then, I am really glad to have taken the opportunity to be a part of the 2019 FIPS Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships in Tasmania.

If you have a couple of minutes, take a look at FlyLife TV and see how it all unfolded.

CAA Jindabyne Outing – December 2019

By Bill

I'm sure what has happened. This trip is normally booked out filling the CSIRO Ski Lodge, but this year only 5 were signed up. Then to make it even sadder, Shaun was called back to work (it seems his boss had quit) and Mark S (our new member, not our casting instructor) contacted us to say that an unexpected personal matter had intruded – he wouldn't arrive till Saturday. In the end, only Shanta, Stefan and me were rattling around the lodge built for 14. Alan showed up, but he was camped in town – he recently has been suffering disturbed sleep patterns and he was kind enough to not inflict this on other club members.

So, how was the fishing you might ask? Shanta and I poked around in the upper Thredbo near the Ranger Station Friday afternoon with no sign of fish – not looking good. Alan joined us for an evening fish below the lodge and pointed out how close the fish were rising – less than 10 metres. Both Shanta and I were busted off by what were clearly thuggish lake fish.

Saturday morning arrived. Alan and Stefan went off to explore Rainbow Lake (I understand Alan had a good one bustoff) unconvinced of the advice Shanta and I had received of fish in the Thredbo “from the village upstream”. He was right. Shanta and I spotted two or three rises only in the village snow making pondage but they got put down quickly in the wind. We had more luck just below the Skitube bridge with smallish fish spotted and also leaping. Two ladies sitting in the sun on the bank provided commentary while Shanta and I tried to tempt them. Shanta pluckily worked the rise dealing with rocks and trees trying their hardest to reduce her fly collection, meanwhile I reverted to my “I'd rather only cast to sighted fish” mode and chilled out in between rises. No luck here for us, though a number of near misses. I rationalised that the fish must be too small for my #16 fly.

We had earlier chanced upon Alan and Stefan walking down the bank. Alan had a 'sure thing' site for Stefan – Deer Crossing? – where persistence with nymph in the shallow riffles produced a modest but pretty brown for Stefan.



From Stefan: *Small in hand but nice to catch.*



On the deer crossing. Alan showing years of experience

Saturday night proved unproductive with a brisk Easterly shutting things down after some very strange rises just before dark – maybe they were trout, but so close to shore with light in the sky, a strange shape, no response to the fly, maybe we're dealing with turtles? Instead a lively conversation was engaged with topics ranging from what Mark had done down at Hatchery Bay, future club events, best leader configurations and much more.

After a slow breakfast and cleanup, Sunday saw people heading off in multiple directions. As a newcomer to the area, Mark headed down to check out Paddy's Corner. He tells me things looked pretty quiet and he needed to get home. Alan and Shanta headed straight home. Stefan tempted me with a visit to Perisher Creek – with me hoping for no slipping over like last year.



This time there were a number of fish leaping (caddis?). I had a number dropped but one landed on the ever reliable parachute adams – I just love casting to eager rising fish. This was just a slightly larger sibling to Stefan's earlier fish on the Thredbo, but a pretty brown and very acrobatic.

In due course I had to set off home, Stefan to try some more before doing likewise.

Will need to consider whether this event is too close to the Christmas rush. The lodge was acknowledged by all as an excellent, economical venue but deserves to have more attending.



From Alan Reporting from Rainbow Lake



Stefan at this beautiful site.

Both of us took time to lie down and rest up on the nice carpet of green with just a few yellow flowers for the insects. In the short time we were there we each had a short dance with one of the wild brook trout that have this catchment as their home.

From Stefan

Even without fish that location is therapeutic. Alan's assertion that there are brook trout for the taking may be a bit wrong, as Toby from the Outfitters said he has not caught anything but rainbows of late, and with the kill of brood stock at the hatchery one has to wonder if this renowned char fishery will or can be maintained.

Toby also suggested a good spot on the Thredbo under an overhanging willow where difficult fish always sit.

With Toby's advice noted, I spent the rest of Sunday afternoon at the "Corner". While practice casting with my recently repaired albeit shorter rod (thanks to Nathan from the Compleat Angler for a great quick job) I enticed a strong rise out of the big pool at the car park. Made the heart race!

Heading to the appointed spot, I cast into some runs with Nathan's setup of nymph with dry as indicator to no avail.

A circling platypus entertained me while I observed the chosen spot for action and observed a couple of good rises close to the far bank. Why is it always the far bank?

For more than three hours I spent targeting the fish, who were obviously active, to the point where on occasion they launched themselves clear of the water. In my own estimation, my casting was not too bad but I could not entice a take. Tried nymphs under the surface, small white duns on the surface, a red tag as the sun was setting. However the fish remain there for another day, maybe Australia Day?

Spoke to an old chum, who has fished there for a decade using lures, who lamented the lack of fish of late. He remembered back when one could've virtually walked across the river at the hatchery during spawn season. Not though in the last few seasons he noted. As I prepared to head home, he noted that his grandson had once caught a bonza 600mm salmon at the spot where I had had my significant rise. Ah, the memories!



At least the flowers of the melaleuca were pretty.

Some Photos from the End of Year Barbeque

Photos by Claude



Hmm, almost matching hat, two slightly different versions of CAA badge shirt, ?same? trousers and even same Merrell boots ... we must go to the same tailor! I managed first prize in the raffles – an excellent Trevor Hawkins print,



meanwhile even Eli won something, here with Claude and Rod.

If you missed the final meeting for the year, you missed a convivial evening under balmy conditions. Peter had some big reddie look at his fly, while the rest of us socialised and munched on the free snags – many thanks to Angie and Michael for cooking up a storm. Michael doubled up as raffle-meister and there was a

huge selection including stuff courtesy of Compleat Angler (I suspect thanks owed to Nathan, our resident connection).

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](#) though I have to admit, since I'm currently the administrator, there isn't much there that you won't find in our news blog. We are still looking for someone to volunteer and take this less than onerous task off me and the Pres.

MAS Response to the Brumby Survey report

[Here](#).

Cod Released in Lake Burley Griffin

[Good news](#) close to home.

Brumbies in the Alps have been counted

A [report](#) has been issued on recent aerial surveys and the numbers are scary.

Changes to Regulations for Batemans Bay park

I've always found the rules a bit complicated, but I'm sure it is because I don't do my homework. Meantime, there are some [changes afoot ready for school holidays](#).

Two Safety Related Offers from NSW Maritime

[DPI supporting](#) the disposal of out of date distress flares and servicing of inflatable lifejackets.

More Tagged Trout into Khancoban

Stocking of [yearling trout into Khancoban Pondage](#) supporting research into overcoming redfin predation.

A Season in Profile

A report on the MAS website recounting the 2018/19 year in the [Kybeyan region](#).

Other News

Additional news and links from supporting groups



NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

The December edition is available [here](#). Full of news including:

- DPI response to the drought, including fish relocations,
- The hunt to find Macquarie Perch using DNA fragments in the water,
- New England Trout Acclimatisation Society has been doing their own form of Casting for Recovery, and
- Outlines of recent NSW CFA meetings including the November general meeting attended by CAA.

Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in every monthly newsletter. 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 December edition is available on the web [here](#). Two items that particularly caught my eye are:

- RFA recording their concern that a promised Mulloway Recovery Plan has sunk without a trace.
- A number of items relating to NSW Native Fish Drought Response – how you can stay up to date and how you can help.

[RFA NSW](#) are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website).

DPI Fisheries NewsCast

Did everyone get [this NewsCast](#) in their email in-box. I think I'd seen most of the material either through Facebook or the CFA and RFA.

Fisheries Victoria News

Victorian Fisheries have retired 'Fish eFax' and now have a new fortnightly newsletter they are calling 'Nibbles'. (Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their fortnightly newsletter). The first issue is [here](#). The more interesting items are:

- Huge numbers of bass released, including into waters not that far for us with familiar names, eg Snowy River and Tambo River.
- Youtube videos of recent conferences including [Talk Wild Trout 2019](#).

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
Thu 6 Feb	ACTFF Auction, fund raising for the 2020 Australian Fly Fishing Team at the Commonwealth Championships.
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
Peter	YellowBelly	39.5cm (rates at 27% on our native scoring system)	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong 1 Nov
Peter	Multiple redfin	To 30cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong 1 Nov

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- 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.

Supporters

Canberra Anglers Association would like to thank the supporters below for their ongoing assistance to our club. We encourage all members to support these groups where possible.



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WANTED



Missing: One two-piece Shimano Sonic Rod.

Last seen attached to a floating lure, at the Brogo Outing, before being savagely (and stealthily) stolen by one aggressive Australian Bass. So new, wrapping was still on the cork grip. Reportedly good for redfin. President Rod's after a president's rod. Any tips (or even the rest of the rod might be useful as well), see the Pres at the BBQ.

Suspect was dark in colour, a shady character, witness identified the suspect from the image below:

