

# THE BURLEY LINE



Hanging the rod up for a while – Photography by Roger





# From the Editors Desk

Bill

Well, what a situation we find ourselves in now. Restrictions on gatherings have impacted on our program, while many of our members have either found themselves in: self-isolation due to international travel (our thoughts go out to Ian and Stuart ... anyone else?) and now being asked to keep travel away from home to essential. Not clear if going fishing would fit within the rules. As a consequence, this issue is quite light on with club news with wrapping up from events from 'before the virus really hit' and a report on our first toe in the water of virtual connection. My aim with *Burley Line* will be continue each month as a means of staying connected in this new, socially isolated world. Any contributions or suggestions for topics will be appreciated.

Our next big innovation is shaping up to be our first effort at conducting a CAA meeting, complete with slide show, over Internet video conferencing. This proved quite successful at our test run with fly tying last month. The technology is relatively simple so please give it a try – one hint, keep your microphone muted unless you are actually talking to the meeting; background noise can be quite disruptive to the audience.

Some hints on how to use the Zoom package which we would be using is [here](#).

## Coming Events

**Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Normal time 7:30PM hopefully via Zoom  
A joint presentation on a recent trip to New Zealand

**Fly Tying: 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Normal time 7:30PM via Zoom – details via email

**Council of Freshwater Anglers Inter-Club Meet: 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
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# A Very Interesting Read on Australian Bush and River Resilience

Unfortunately, I received [this link](#) in the mail just after I published the March *Burley Line*. A fascinating and informed look at the way that our streams will bounce back after the summer fires.

# Council of Freshwater Anglers Inter-Club Meet



Murray Stewart's 62.5cm cod from 2019 Interclub

This year's Meet has been cancelled in light of the COVID-19 situation. However, the event is something that member's might want to discuss for possible inclusion in the 2020-2021 CAA program.

It is a major fundraiser for the CFA who represent us and project our needs to the NSW Govt. The meet is a team event where clubs affiliated with the NSWCFCA compete for the Best (fly fishing) Club Trophy. There are traditionally competitions for fly casting (short and long), fly fishing, fly tying and photography. We can anticipate the Meet to be conducted at Wallerawang in the first weekend in May 2021. Those interested in it becoming part of our program should register this interest to the CAA representative on CFA, Stefan.

## Natives At Casuarina Sands – 21 Mar

By Roger

6 ,hopefully virus free, club members attended the Natives on the Murrumbidgee outing on Saturday. It was good to be outdoors in an uncrowded setting, on such a spectacular day (weather wise).

Unfortunately the water conditions were not so spectacular. Low underwater visibility (around 15cm) meant that catching a fish on lure or fly was only a remote possibility.





John and Janine arrived shortly after 9.00 and set themselves up for some casting practice in the large pool adjacent to the car park.



Peter, who had arrived at 7.30, concentrated on the large pools below the weir using his 14ft Spey rod. In fact, Peter was the only participant who made physical contact with a fish, accidentally jugging a carp whilst retrieving his fly from a long cross river cast.

Yours truly, having arrived an hour before sunrise, tramped a couple of kilometres up the Kambah pool trail, only to find that the river was wide, still, and relatively featureless until about ½ a kilometre from the bridge on the way back. At least the water was a little clearer than below the Cotter junction, suggesting the latter was the source of much the turbidity.



Bill appeared, just after 12.00, and Alan made a brief drive-through appearance, before we repaired to the barbecues for a convivial lunch.

It looks like we will have to wait a couple of weeks for the water to clear in this part of the river. Hopefully it will provide some good fishing before the cod season ends in August. With impending interstate travel restrictions, it may be one of the few places we can fish in the foreseeable future.

## Fly Tying Over the Internet

I seem to recall that Lyall indicated this evening would be a bit different – we could attend the event from the comfort of our own home, with a glass of single malt in hand. Well Dan Murphy's didn't fulfil Lyall's order for my Lagavulin 18 year old so I missed out with the glass aspect, but everything else went superbly. One telling remark was made at the start that it was the biggest roll up to fly tying in ages – perhaps this is the model for all future tying? Attendees logged in from all over, in particular Claude from Melbourne and JQ (and Eli) from a hot, humid Cairns.

Evan set himself up with a 2 camera configuration focussing on both the fly in his vice and himself. Meanwhile the other participants joined in with fly vices at the ready following Evan's step by step instructions. I'm just kicking myself that I didn't take a screenshot to show you the effect.



*Even Nathan and Luke joined in from the Compleat Angler shop – CAA T-shirts were everywhere (good initiative JQ)*

# 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.

Much dominated by the impact of COVID 19. Click on the headings to look at the post.

## [Cancellation of 2020 NSWCFCA Interclub Fly Fishing Meet](#)

## [Federal Government Native Fish Recovery Strategy](#)

A short survey to give your views on the Native Fish Recovery Strategy.

## [NSW National Park Closures](#)

## Other News

### Additional news and links from supporting groups



## NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

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.

March Edition is [here](#). Interesting (some sad) topics:

- Col Sinclair of Adaminaby Angler has been driven to the wall by circumstances – his letter of farewell appears.

- Similarly, Steve Williamson has put his boat up for sale due to the parlous state of his economy.
- Native Fish Recovery Strategy including an opportunity to [have your say](#). Expires 6 April.

## Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

March newsletter is [here](#). Some interesting items:

- Especially after our excitement of the prospect of reducing carp in our waters, there is one titled "National Carp Control Plan criticised for lack of transparent consultation". In that article Estuarine Ecologist, Faith Coleman, who works in South Australia's Coorong, at the mouth of the Murray River, and has been tracking the controversial plan since its inception was quoted. She says the lack of transparency was troubling. "For those of us who have read the 13 background reports that have been released, the science is inconclusive to say the least," Ms Coleman said. "Because many of the [background] reports don't agree with each other, we as technical and scientific members of the community, can't actually see the outcomes of the investment through the National Carp Control program." It will be interesting to see what transpires.
- Another was an extensive article on the possible impact of high concentration saline coming out of the outfall from the Sydney desalination plant.
- Finally, a tagged bass has evaded capture for 26 years, travelled 190km and grown 13 cm from 26cm to 39.

Subsequently, Peter has published the [next newsletter](#), I believe mistakenly labelled March as well. Some disturbing news as well as evidence of innovative thinking by RFA NSW and championing our cause:

- RFA is lobbying the Minister for some temporary changes to regulations in light of the COVID challenge.

(Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their monthly newsletter).

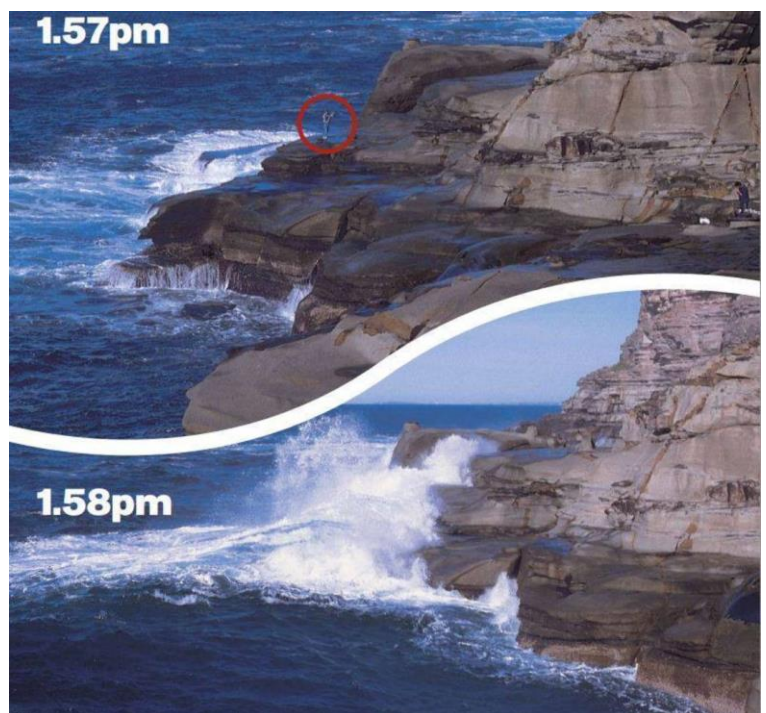
[RFA NSW](#) are offering up an [archive](#) (this is also on our Useful Links page on our website).

## Fisheries Victoria News

This is now known as 'Nibbles'. (Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their fortnightly newsletter).

[17 March issue](#) had a few interesting items, but most disturbingly a graphic image of the dangers inherent in rock fishing – take care those who into it.

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 ☺).



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# 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	
	The next run of events have been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic
	<b>Still no word on this and no indications on the web</b> OzFish Unlimited event (early advice is that this will not go to Penrith for a third year if it is conducted) <a href="http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/ozfish-unlimited-australia-fly-fishing-festival-update/">http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/ozfish-unlimited-australia-fly-fishing-festival-update/</a>
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Batemans Bay <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids</a>
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Tuross Head <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids</a>
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Greenwell Point <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids</a>
	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers InterClub Meet <a href="http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/">http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/</a>
15 Oct	Hopefully it will all be over in time for CAA 75 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="#">native scoring system</a> )	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong 1 Nov
Peter	Multiple redfin	To 30cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong 1 Nov
Jason M	Bass	34 and 37 cm	Lure	Brogo Trip 23-24 Nov
Claude, Peter and Bill	Brown and Rainbow trout	To 53cm	Fly	South Island New Zealand Feb 2020
Jaime	Rainbow trout	To 54cm	Fly	South Island New Zealand Feb 2020
Peter	Carp	51cm	Fly	Local lakes 29 Feb 2020

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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.

## 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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