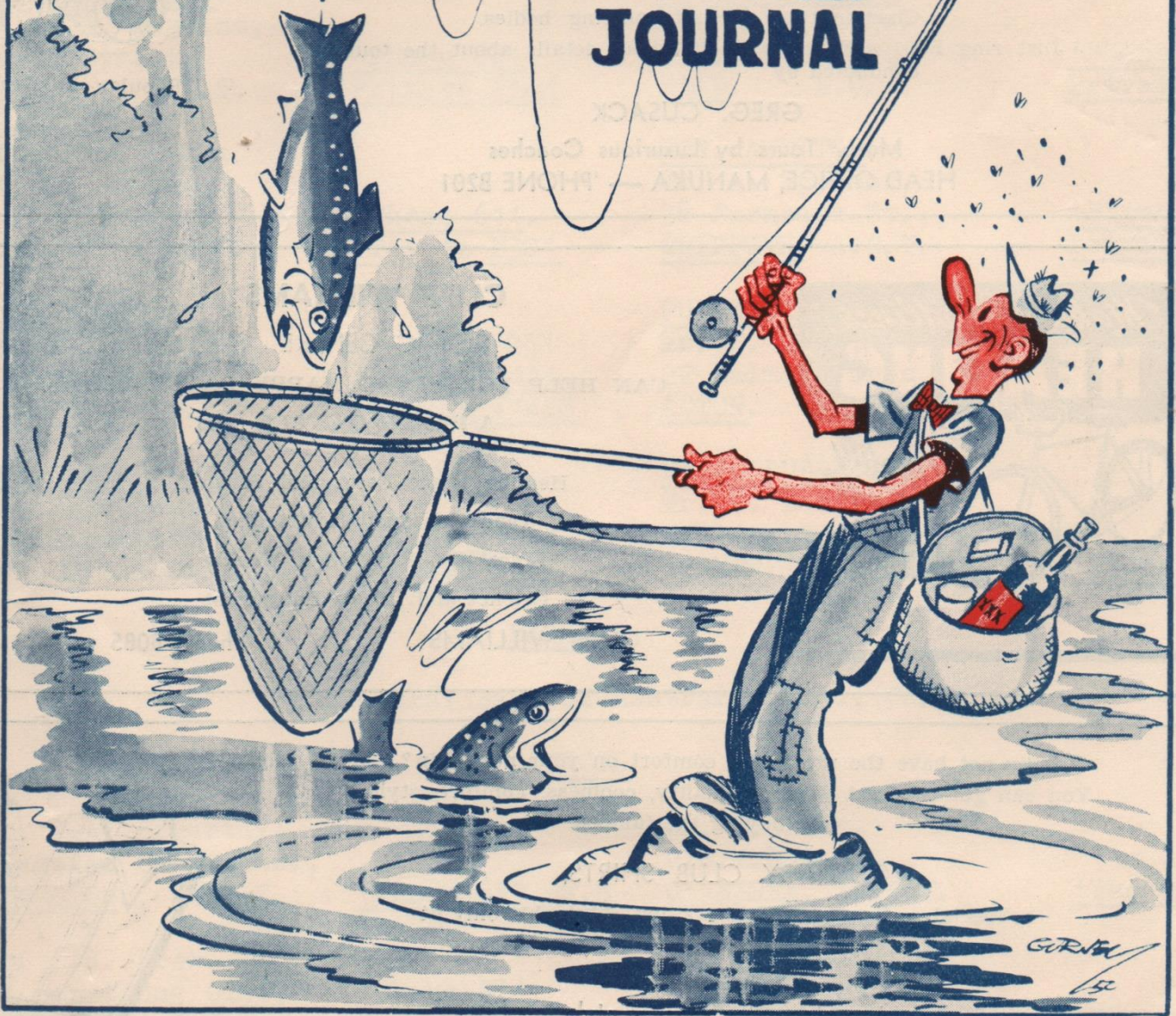


# Canberra **ANGLERS'** ASSOCIATION. MONTHLY JOURNAL



# THE BURLEY LINE



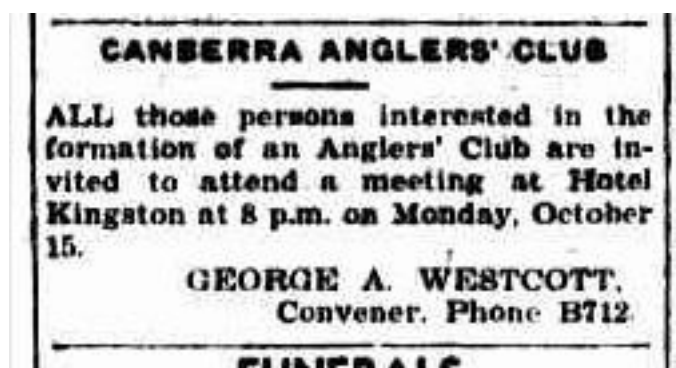
**Our Dedicated Chief Instructor Braving the Elements**



# From the Editor's Desk

## Bill

The front cover this month is reproduced from the 1950's version of CAA Newsletter – a special treat given it is our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.



<https://trove.nla.gov.au/list/64921>

This month *Burley Line* is dominated by images from our annual free Fly Casting Days for the Public. A pleasing turnout was achieved given some shocking weather and the threat of COVID. Everyone conducted themselves in a COVIDSafe fashion and still managed to learn much from our in-house instructors, Mark, Nathan and Lyall plus some valued guests in the form of Peter Morse and Nick Taransky. All the photos submitted to *Burley Line* (many thanks John and Andrew) are up on the web in an archive folder, protected by a password. CAA members and participants, can contact the editor if you'd like to browse on-line.

Remaining articles this month come courtesy of our two Jasons – many thanks guys ... I can trust you to provide contributions. A combination of fishing in warm places, information on native fish stocking opportunity and more reel maintenance (with an appropriate happy ending).

With my other hat on ... members are reminded that CAA fees are due from the AGM (ie last month), a number of our long-term members have yet to renew – please do so. Our 'Join Us' page has downloadable or on-line web forms to amend any contact information. It has all the information on how to do funds transfer ... note that we have a new account number.

## Coming Events

### Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> October

Normal time 7:30PM likely to be via Zoom.

### Fly Tying: 28<sup>th</sup> October

Normal time 7:30PM likely to be via Zoom – to be advised

### Next Events.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – Lyle Knowles Trophy. Cotter River per email.

# Annual Fly Casting Lessons to the Public

Bill

Day 1 – 13 Sep



*We were graced with the presence of Master Casting Instructor and TV host, Peter Morse. Here receiving a small gift in appreciation.*

Around 50 attendees – about an even mix of newcomers with members/ex-members/close connections. Cold, damp conditions and the COVID threat didn't seem to deter the keen students. Peter Morse's display and try of Sage rods matched with Rio lines drew a lot of interest.



*Peter Morse in full flow.*





## Day 2 – 20 Sep

Considerably wetter, but numbers were quite similar – especially in respect to the learners.



*BJ peering over the top of his sunnies.*



*Alan providing more tips.*





*One of our newest recruits, Scott, getting the benefit of CCI Lyall's knowledge*



*Anyone can be uncomfortable in the rain – Jason M showing how to avoid that*



*Jaime getting an introduction to charring the bamboo from artisan rod maker Nick Taransky.*

## Day 3 – 27 Sep

There were a few worries when a short storm went over during the setup, but by the time the students arrived the sun was shining.



*Vice President, Rod, giving the introductory brief – blue skies!*





*The lake is very low compared some other trips*

*The dead vegetation called for occasional rescue operations.*





*Grand Prize winner John with Compleat Angler donor Nathan.*

## Some Topical Humour

Mike found this. We made attempts in good faith at contacting the artist with no luck. Hopefully he would be happy for it to appear here.



# Native Fish Stocking Proposal

Jason M

Hi all, with discussions around the Dollar 4 Dollar stocking at the AGM I thought I'd put some more information in the newsletter as not everyone may know what we have been talking about.



*Yellowbelly fingerlings*



*Murray cod*

**ACT.** National Capital Authority (NCA) each year (in Nov/Dec) stock many of our lakes in Canberra. The one I did two years go did Yerrabi Pond, Lake Ginninderra, Lak Burly Griffin, Tuggeranong Lake, and some small stocking at Isabella Plains and Bonython, and finished by midday including the politician & press show. In all from memory there were 57,000 fingerlings of murray cod, and NCA try to alternate annually between cod and yellowbelly.

**NSW.** NSW has both a stocking plan, and MAS supports this in many of our areas (and QAS) for trout, but for natives NSW has the Dollar 4 Dollar fish stocking grant (funded through license fees etc), to match proposed purchase of native fish from NSW hatcheries, which meet conditions to be awarded a stocking permit (eg environmental conditions). This means that \$1500 buys \$3000 worth of fish, and we get to shape where the fish go.



Canberra Anglers Association did some Dollar 4 Dollar stocking in areas of the Queanbeyan River December 2013, aligning to where some of our members as Capital Region Fishing Alliance (CRFA) help re-snag the river. Read about it in the [Jan-Feb 14 Burley Line](#).

**Supplier.** Looking back over the years, both NCA and CAA have used Murray Darling hatchery. Looking at fingerling price last year, they still showed best value if we were to proceed.

**The concept.** One option to get more fish for our money is to try and align delivery with NCA's Canberra fish. This saves delivery costs (they come from Wagga that morning), and NCA offered this up through the Lake User Group previously.

For stockings, we identified two locations last year (let's call them Santa and Claus). Santa was a northern location near Yass, Claus was our previously stocked location in Queanbeyan. With the drought last year though, we deferred our Dollar 4 Dollar grant, which from a club perspective was both fundraised by sale of the CAA tinnie and dispersed stocking funds from CRFA when it disbanded.



**How it's done.** It's a pretty simple activity – the ute and trailer (with well conditioned tanks to ensure fingerling survival) are driven near the water, and then fish are scooped out and placed into a paint-style bucket. This is then carried to the water, and then slowly mixed to avoid shocking the fingerlings. I haven't gone back to my notes from 2018, but we had somewhere between 500-1500 fingerlings per

bucket. So, helping the hatchery owner with the fish, we quickly put a few thousand into Yerrabi Pond from the road – the others were parked near the water.

The idea would we would collect our fish up near Yass from the ute on its way to Canberra (probably around 7-8am), stocking some up there at location Santa, before heading south and doing one down there to Claus, transporting the fish in an esky with two aerators. This could be a bit more of a photo opportunity and followed up with some social fishing. That will get the fish in the water before it is too hot, with a great chance of survival.

Anyway, that's some thoughts from my experience, if CAA proceeds, which might be discussed at the October meeting.

## What's Been Happening Up North

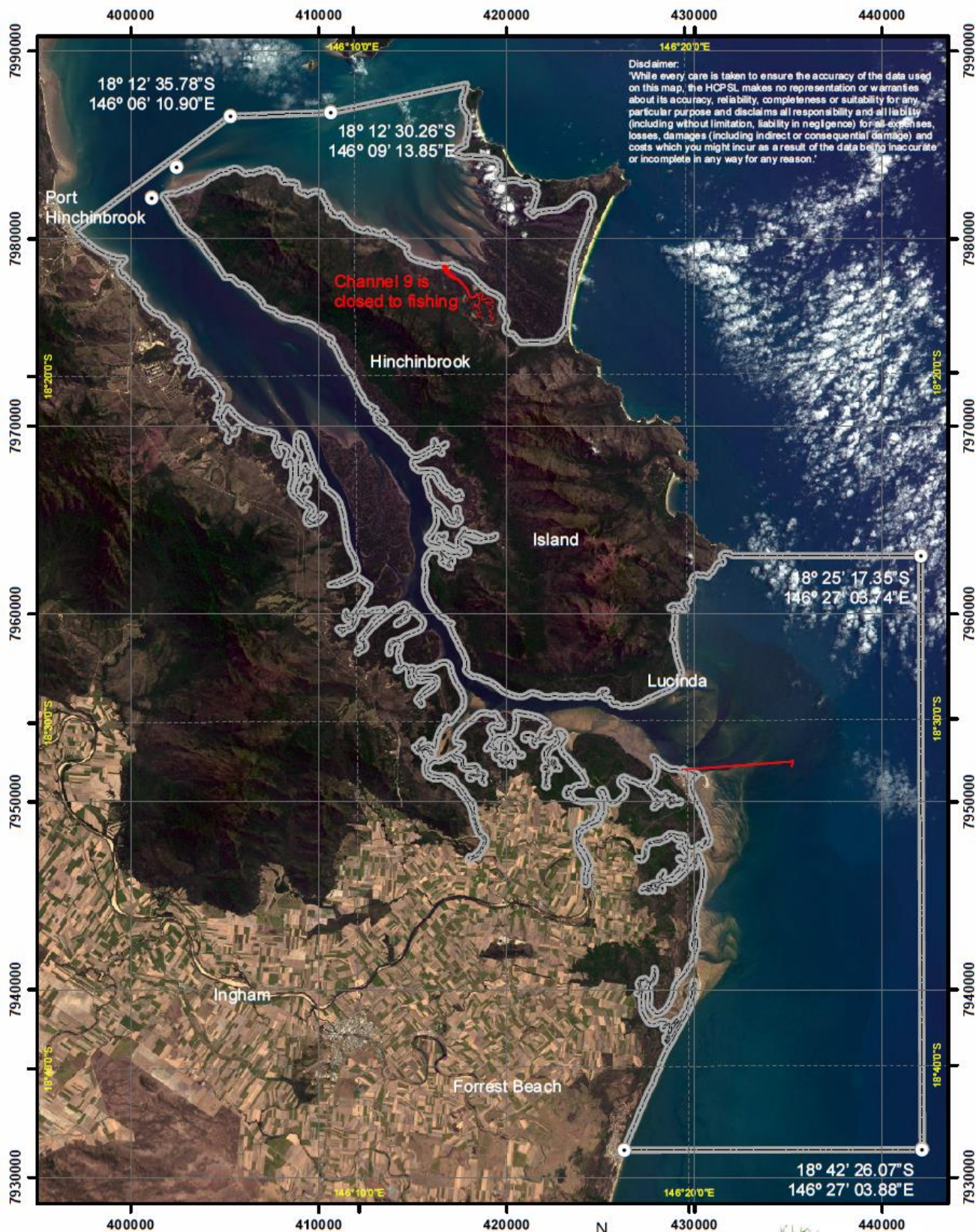
Jason Q

Dear Editor and Members,

I thought I'd get my last report in before the trout season kicks off and then Bill has to start prioritising whose article goes in when!

Recently I competed in the North Queensland Flyfishers (NQFF) Hinchinbrook Challenge. The challenge is in its 23rd year and attracts people from all over the country and even some international fishers. It was lucky to be held this year noting the COVID situation around the world.

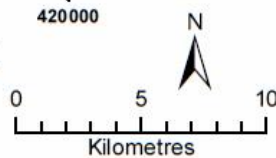
Anyway.. It's pretty much 50 odd anglers, 2x solid days trying to catch 7x target species, however 9 if you count a Permit or Golden Trevally which are huge point scorers but carry big risks based on their nature to be pretty hard to sight-hook and land!



## AFO HINCHINBROOK CHALLENGE Tournament Boundaries

DATA SOURCES  
Terrain NRM: Imagery (2008);  
HCPSL: Competition Boundary;  
Lucinda Jetty.

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Tournament Area 721 SqKm

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I managed to get a ride as a 'deckie' with the President of the NQFF - Matt. Matt has fished the comp for a few years and had a very good boat set up which I was very grateful to get a ride in.



Day one of the comp and it was blowing around 20km/h at 0600hrs and was only planned to get stronger throughout the day. We headed towards the channel looking for gutters on the



outgoing tide. We managed to find a gutter that held one fish - a 65cm scoring Barramundi. It managed to score me second-biggest Barra for the comp, the biggest being 75cm by the guy (Bob) who managed to land himself 2nd place overall for the comp.

Matt ended up landing a flathead and a wolf herring - one a target species the other not, but both measured for the score sheet!

Along with my barra I landed a measurable grunter. A slow day but we learned a lot.

We headed back in some very uncomfortable weather and ate at the Lucinda Pub where they put on a BBQ feast and had a few rums with fellow fishers.

Day Two saw us launching early again and headed up the channel to look for anything with structure! The weather wasn't on our side and what fish had been found and pricked the day

before was going to make things very tough.

We peppered snags, mangroves and anywhere we thought held a fish to no avail, it wasn't until we found a nice snag on the windward bank with the incoming tide ripping back in and along it.



We had boofs and all sorts of action going on, the most all weekend. Matt missed a very big barra roll on his fly, and I managed to price a Queenfish and larger Grunter. During our ventures we came through a small mangrove island and noticed a very large Barramundi sunning itself in the shallows. We both took turns to entice it, but it was my large flat wing I cast that stuffed everything! The fly landed right on its back and tickled it down the side of it. The fish was not keen and took off into the depths.. And after that, that was pretty much the day! Sore arms, ego, and sun and wind burnt!

On a positive note the wind was so strong there was not a mosquito or midgee (sandfly) in sight all weekend.

I learned a bucket load and eager to get into the mangroves local and try it.

Maybe next year around this time, you might like to come up and fish it too.

More details can be found here.. <http://nqflyfishers.com/afo-hinchinbrook-flyfishing-challenge.html>

For now, stay safe and tight lines.

# Finishing up on Baitcaster Reel Maintenance

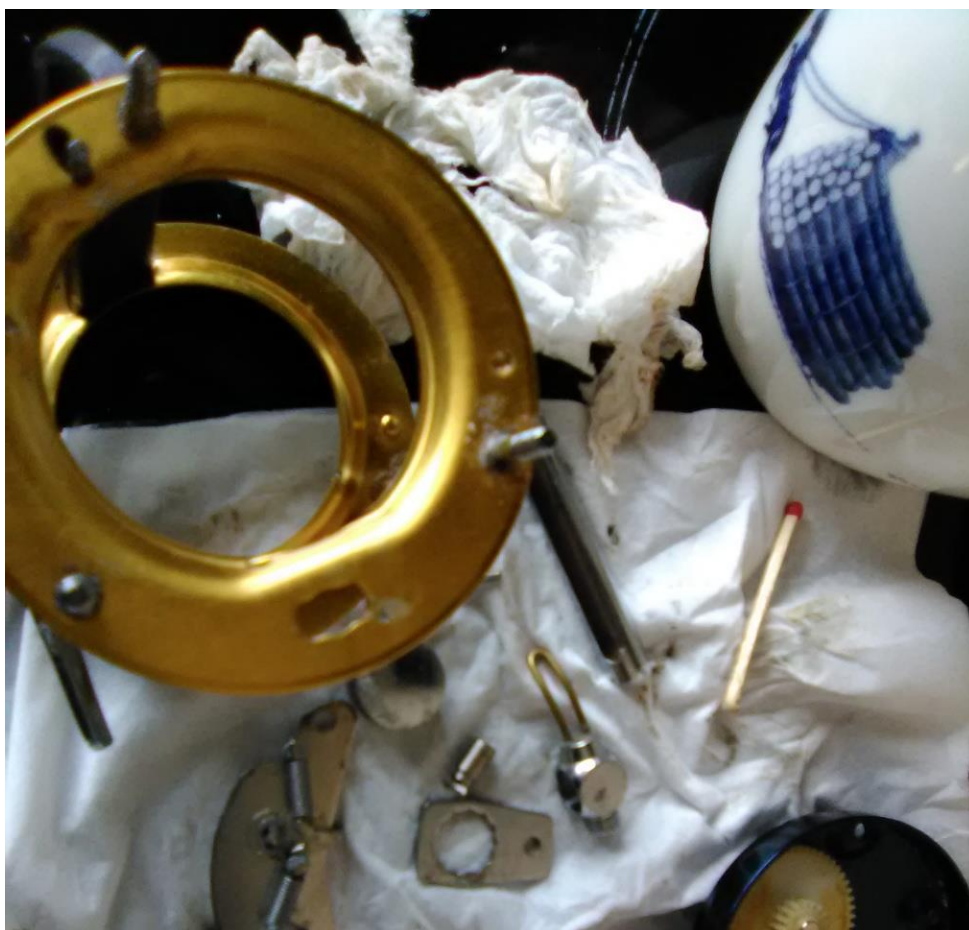
Last *Burley Line* Jason provided some notes describing his efforts of renovating an old baitcaster reel ... I thought the article seemed to end abruptly in a cliff-hanger. Little was I to know that a second part was in the mill. The full article is in our gear section, snippets below.

## Jason M

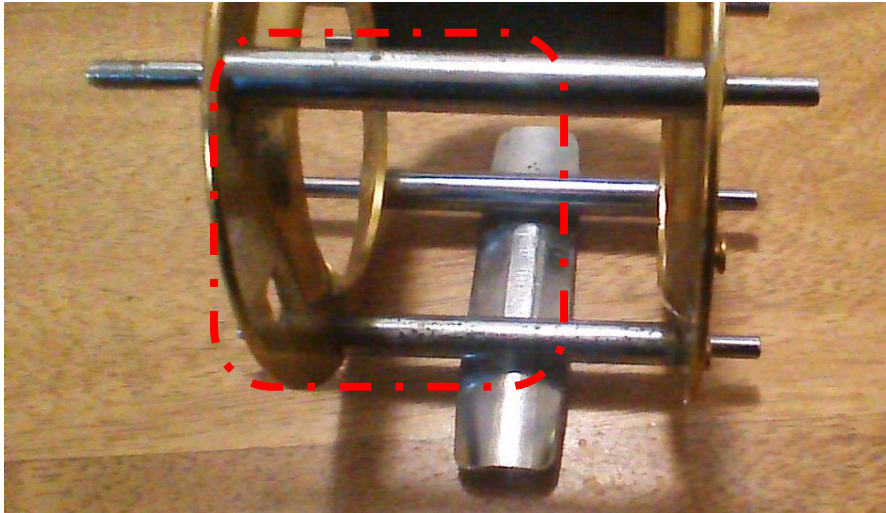
Following on from my [Tackling the Trouble](#), I thought I would spool up the second part.

Previously, we gave the reel a bit of disassembly and clean with oil. The corrosion was still pretty persistent, so it as time for a bit more elbow grease.

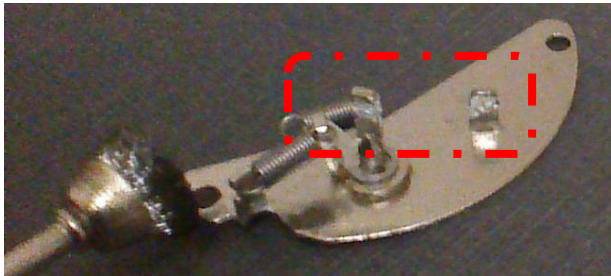
First was soaking it in some warm soapy water, or a bit of vinegar (not too strong). This helped dissolve the salt a bit.



This didn't remove all of it, but did get much of the thin layers off. You could use a stiff toothbrush, or similar.



*Still some pitting, but not blue/green like it was, ready for a coat of oil*



Cleaning the springs and mounts with the wire brush. The sparkly bits are where the corrosion occurred between the spring and bracket, so I used the wire brush to take this stainless steel back.



Ratchet spring half re-assembled.

The drive mechanism can be disassembled from the cover plate to lube it up better, but for two reasons I avoided this. One was I wanted to give it a fish the next day, and the second was the handle was corroded onto the shaft. Instead, I put the silicon reel greased into the grease access holes and worked it into the gears, which quickly restored the moving parts that had dried up.

Be sure to avoid any grease or oil near the braking surfaces (one on the spool, one on the reel). Otherwise, you will lose braking power and may need to replace the brake pad

For the re-assembly, remember to lift the thumb bar up, slide the little plastic momentum brakes back to the centre, and consider lining up the line with the level wind – on all but the Black Max, the levelwind moves with the spool both bringing line in and letting it out out, so having the levelwind and fishing line moving together helps reduce stress on the levelwind (& line), but more importantly helps casting by reducing friction. With these steps, the spool should drop in, and the mechanism side (right side) should go in easily to let the three thumb screws be done up.



*....and out*

With the weather blowing up down at Eucumbene, I noticed a nice weather window here in Canberra on Saturday afternoon, and invited Bill out for a fish. I would like to say I was actively fishing, but may have been more helping him clear some weed and manoeuvre around some snags when my reel began letting line out.

Seeing the chalky bulk in the water my first thought was carp, and then the profile reminded me of a cod (my biggest ...and only cod, was 45cm in Yerrabi). Once closer in though, I realised it was a golden perch / yellowbelly, much paler than the ones I grew up catching in the river in Queensland, but not the deep chunky ones often in dams. It was solid though, nice and thick, and was pleased to both get it on the reel – and the Berkeley baitcaster rod – but also the first yellowbelly I have caught probably since just after leaving school and in my yellow-bellied boat.

After helping my gillie Billy with assembling the landing net, the rod giving a nice tension without working the hole too much in the fish's mouth, we then landed the fish for a couple of photos and measuring at 55cm on my Neptune minnow. Now that's Reely Good....for reel!



*Reely good testing playing the fish.....(the reel came up well in the sunlight)*



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

Don't forget that you can register to receive automatic emails when new posts are uploaded. Fill out the form on the right of any post.

Click on the headings below to look at the post.

### [Online Survey "Capturing Freshwater Fishers' Knowledge of River and Fish Health in NSW"](#)

Help University of Sydney understand the state of our waterways in respect to fishing.

### [NSW CFA Correspondence on the Web](#)

Some exposure here to the actions of NSW CFA.

## Stuff You May Have Already Read on our [Facebook Page](#)



If you are on Facebook, you should consider "liking and following" the [CAA Facebook page](#).

For those of you who don't subscribe, click on the headings below to look at the post – you don't need to join Facebook.

### [Our Friend the Rakali](#)

Seems it is more than fish who live in the water. There has been a concerted effort to protect these dudes from the use of Opera House Yabby Traps.

### [Some Up to Date Tips for Fishing Lake Eucumbene](#)

Some clues from the shop at Buckenderra.

## Other News

### [Additional news and links from supporting groups](#)





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## 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 by [becoming a 'Foundation Member'](#) and personally support their good work. The website explains what that means – only the equivalent of \$0.50 per week.

October edition is [here](#). Hot topics:

- Fears of spring rains leading to blackwater events.
- Various seasons closing and opening.
- A pointer to an [open letter](#) from various luminaries expressing concerns that Snowy2.0 is a \$10billion white elephant.

## Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

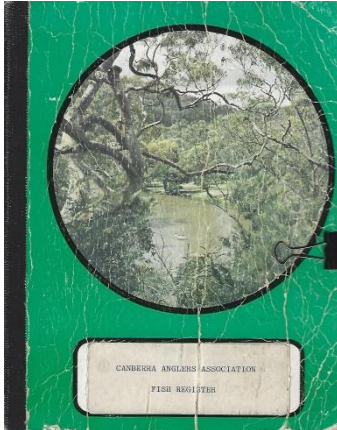
Provided for our calendar planning, members to see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
2020	
	<b>The next run of events have been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. I've left them here as a reminder of what might come in due course</b>
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshop at Gaden Hatchery <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 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>
15 Oct	Hopefully the COVID restriction will still allow for CAA's 75 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Otherwise perhaps a Zoom session.
Oct	Gone Fishing day. This has been cancelled for 2020 as a co-ordinated event, but clubs continue to be encouraged to do their own thing and indeed seek grants for equipment etc.
<b>2021</b>	<b>These have been annual regulars in the past</b>
Feb	the Thredbo fly fishing expo (free event) <a href="https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-weekend-2020/">https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-weekend-2020/</a>
Mar	Pirtek One Day fishing challenge – “Fight a Fish for Medical Research’ – information at <a href="https://pirtekfishingchallenge.com.au/">https://pirtekfishingchallenge.com.au/</a> .
Mar	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Buckenderra Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants.  Here are some pages related to the 2020 event <a href="https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144">https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2820574901353724">https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2820574901353724</a>
May	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>

# 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 green book brought to meetings by the Secretary clearly marked as "Canberra Anglers Association Fish Register" pictured here.



We welcome emails advising how you are going, but don't forget to get them inscribed in the book. Please be aware that I tend to collect catch information from word of mouth and articles submitted for publication. I occasionally peruse the little green book, but inclusion in *Burley Line* can't be interpreted as having been checked by me to be in the book.

The 'Trophy Season' closed at the end of the July meeting so the list is currently looking bare, but I'm ready to record your efforts from here on. Looking forward to hearing about them.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/ Date
Jason M	Yellowbelly	55cm (rates an excellent 70% on our <a href="#">Native Fish Rating Tool</a> )	Lure	Lake Ginninderra, 29 Aug 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 on our website or contact us via email.

## Contribute to *The Burley Line*

Contributions are always encouraged to *The Burley Line* and can be sent in via the email listed on the left (or via clicking the link on the web home page below "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

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