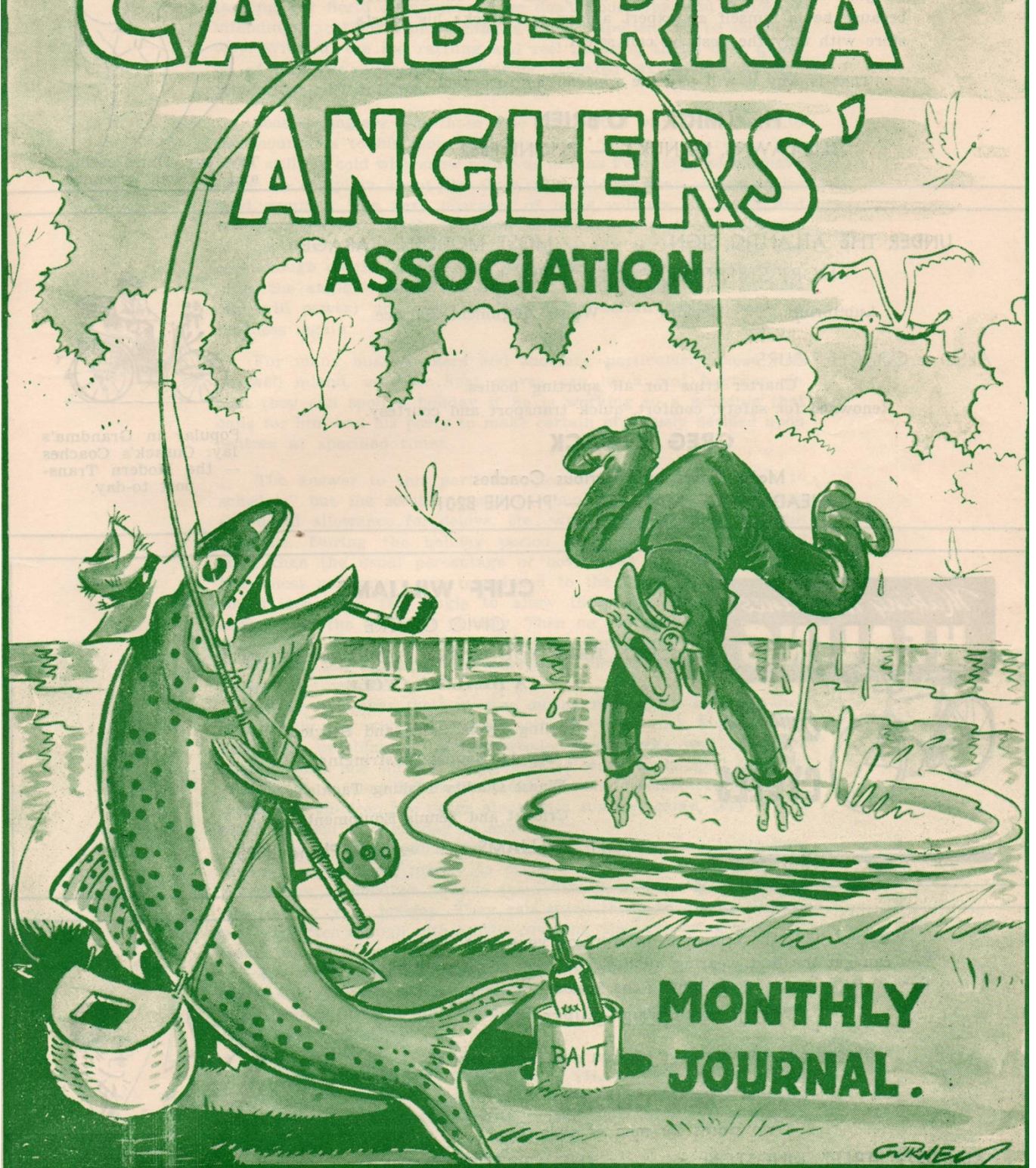


# CANBERRA ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION



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# THE BURLEY LINE



**Cotter Rainbow with Alan**



# From the Editor's Desk

## Bill

Ian has reminded me that the 1950s vintage front cover we displayed in the [October issue](#) was drawn by [Alex Gurney](#), the artist who penned *Bluey and Curley* amongst others – some of the senior members of the club will know who we are talking about. I've found another one from the early '50s. I'll try to find more during this year of recalling our heritage.

Many thanks to Claude for his "President's Notes" this month and his report on Oct Fly Tying. Also, sincere appreciation to BJ, Shaun, Alan and JM for contributions this month.

JM provided a promotion for the Brogo event but just a short while ago advised that WaterwaysNSW have their reservoirs still for "Day Use Only" due to COVID-19. He's exploring options and all will be revealed by email soon. I've left the article in this issue as it might entice some private visits to the waters – it is a great site that we will certainly visit again at some time. Jason also noted that in Dec 2019, after we were last there, levels had halved again, down to 13%. Jan 2020 they were at 10%. In Feb, it went from 10% to 100% in 24 hours. Wow!

Reports this month are: the successful 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner; the equally successful Lyle Knowles comp with reports here complete with photographic evidence; secret hints from Nathan for fishing the Eucumbene – many thanks to Andrew for taking notes at the October meeting (this was conducted as a "Zoom and Room" – a few hiccups and mixups but I believe successful) and finally an item from JM on using his kayak on the Goodradigbee.

Worth a look: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/targetonemillion2/crownland> ... the Victorian initiative in respect to Crown Land/TSRs. Is this a model we should seek for in NSW? I dropped in to the Goodradigbee and the TSR has clear 'do not camp' signs. The problem there (and some other land which I think Council manages) is probably the poor behaviour of previous campers. That said, if toilets are not provided then the inevitable happens – it is one thing to seek people to take their rubbish, it is a significant step to insist they have their own portaloos ... though the Kiwis have forged a path in that respect too.

While talking New Zealand, a mate pointed me to this – he denies it was him. My first reaction was "canal feeder" but it being a brown does have me wondering.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/timaru-herald/news/300143657/fisherman-who-landed-massive-trout-in-mackenzie-wishes-to-remain-anonymous>

With my Membership Officer hat on ... another gentle reminder about fees. There are handful of 'regulars' who have not yet paid. Remember that you need to be financial to be considered for trophies! Alan had to rush through his dues in light of his Lyle Knowles catch 😊

## Coming Events

### Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Normal time 7:30PM via Zoom. [Steve Dunn](#) – long term guide/angler/Fisheries department manager will be speaking. There is an option for upto 16 to meet at the Raiders in upstairs room “The Loft” (our normal room downstairs is currently storing all the seating made excess by COVID restrictions). I suggest you contact Lyall to see what arrangements might be made in respect to the Zoom technology at the Raiders.

### Fly Tying: 25<sup>th</sup> November



Normal time 7:30PM via Zoom – [Flat Wing Deceiver](#) – more details to be advised but JQ will be leading from FNQ

### Next Event.

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – “We Should have been at Brogo Dam for Bass” event. Jason M will disseminate info via email.

## President's Notes

### Claude

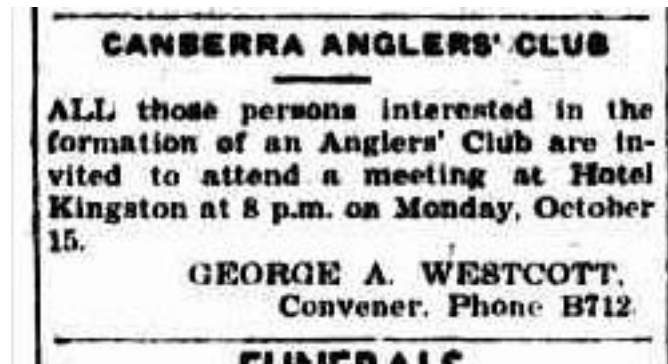
Another great edition of the Burley Line – congratulations Bill and the other contributors. It's always great to read the adventures of club members, particularly the club events. We had a couple of notable events over the last month – the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner and the Lyle Knowles. Thankyou to Rod and BJ for hosting the night. The ‘old and bolds’ tell me that this year's Lyle Knowles was one of the most successful Cotter events in recent history. Congratulations to Alan, BJ and Shaun for their catches...let's see if there are any other entries in the book in the next couple of months. Please consider coming to some of the upcoming club events, it's a great way to enhance and build new friendships. Welcome to our new members Ken, Tristan, Jim, Maria, Noel, Scott and Guy. We hope to see you out on the water soon.

The committee is working hard to develop an interesting program for the year. We have made contact with some notable speakers who have agreed to present to the club, so it's just a case of

coordinating their availability. Hopefully the COVID environment will settle down if the city folk follow the rules. We are slowly returning to meetings at the Raiders Club, which has limit of 16 people in the allocated room. We don't normally get 16 to a meeting so don't feel like you can't attend in person. We still expect to Zoom our club meeting and tying meetings. See you at the next meet.

## Re-enacting the Start of CAA

Bill



The plan was to recreate the scene 75 years ago when George Westcott called for registrations of interest.



*COVID restrictions did cause some limitations, but in the end thirteen attended, including Dr Bryan Pratt's wife Doris.*



*The three wise men (Mark, Ian and Norm) represented the old guard – Norm’s salmon fly shirt was a real hit.*



*Mark relating a tale from when he was a junior which had [made it into the Canberra Times](#). “it was this big”.*



*The ever sartorial elegant VP Rod reading out some articles from the Canberra Times of the day.*

More available [here](#). (Many thanks go to my wife Glenys for creating the list in Trove).

## Lyle Knowles

### Bill

Thanks Lyall for honchoing this event.

As far as we know, 5 anglers headed up to the Cotter with most having success – just look at our Photo of the Month above!

Alan and I headed up as close to the Bendora Dam as we could. The water was coming fast and cold with nothing showing. I managed to equal my ‘three times falling over’ record on the slippery rocks ... but in fairness, one was for a worthy cause as you’ll read soon.



Alan and I had actually given up our efforts and decided no-one was at home when he spotted a big, big fish in the clear water.

Ever the gentleman, Alan sent me down to catch this beast given that I was still rigged up and he wasn't. While I drifted the fly directly over the fish, as observed by my guide, it did not evince any interest. After I lost two flies, Alan came down to show me how it is done. On the fourth cast he hooked her. By the time I got down with the net, Alan had her in a shallow backwater, to then find her making a quick escape. Like a Keystone Cop scene, we both slipped onto our bums trying to regain control with



me finally recapturing her in the net ... thank goodness. 47 cm and in great condition. Rest assured, recorded in the little green book on our way home. Well done mate.

Dropping into Lyall's also was an opportunity to hear how he went. Lyall was a little lower in the system and spoke about how he was surrounded by rising fish – unfortunately none to the net but a promising sign nevertheless.



We had also seen Shaun's black SWB Pajero parked by the road even further downstream from any others. I was aware that he and BJ had partnered up. Their story follows.

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### BJ and Shaun

Shaun was enticed with BJ's tales of success from the previous weekend (blue sky, nil wind, much success with new member Tristan) fishing at the Bendora end of the Cotter for fixing on a Lyle Knowles trophy plan. A new entry point and walk/wade circuit had been spotted and might be worth exploring to avoid a fishing cluster at the dam end. Early start was the key and we got first-to-arrive positioning. A 2km hike in and a bit less to wade back. Should be a happy half day fish.

Our first sight of the water looked promising and clear, if a bit full after previous day's rain and whatever the 100% Bendora dam releases were doing.

Overcast and rain forecast threatening, a narrow run, with full straight flow at waist depth was the step off point to calibrate dropper

depth and back cast liberties. Leap frogging looked to be the likely shared approach and Shaun had first dibs. He got a chance to try his tenkara rod earlier than expected when a snagged back cast recovery effort caused his sweet Hardy rod to try and explore downstream faster than he'd wanted. In order to save total system loss Shaun had to reach out with his foot and managed to stop, but snapped the lower rod section. It wouldn't be 2020 if we didn't start with a disaster.



It was then a slow start working the first few hundred meters and navigating the side brush. One swipe at the orange wool indicator caused a switch to try dry fly indicator – to no avail. First take fell to the tenkara and a willow grub fly at a fast bend. A feisty 22cm rainbow according the imperial Gambrill hand-span scale. Spirits and confidence was then up and we waded and bush bashed on with more relative speed.



Some active feeding evidence delivered a few smaller fish between us and then the photographed 28cm hit a deeper nymph at the tail of some faster water.



From here on the fatigue of fast water wading and thick stream-side bashing was wearing thin and we had both taken some water on the inside of the waders on at least 2 occasions. Focus on the walk out became all-consuming to close out a 6 hrs session with sufficient slime on hands to keep a sense of satisfaction on top.

## Nathan's Talk about the Eucumbene to the Club

Andrew

Bill

I took some notes on my phone last night of Nathan's presentation:

Nathan's presentation covered the area of the river from Providence Portal, Dennison, the Flying Fox, Sawyer's Hut and Kiandra. Timeframe: over the last few seasons when fish were more plentiful and water flows higher.

His slides revealed sizeable fish caught. All in good condition and weight. He mainly uses a 5 wt rod on the river. The following tips were shared during the presentation.

Check Cabramurra rainfall readings on BOM or the NSW 'Water Live' App. Rainfall at Cabramurra in the upper catchment is an early indicator of increased cold flows down the Eucumbene hrs later or the following day. Rain at Cabramurra means head to the Eucumbene after 24 hrs.

Early season rainbow spawning runs present a good opportunity for the trout fisherman although in recent years the run has been less consistent than in Nathan and Mark's earlier experience some seasons ago. Mark had fished this area in his youth so brought much experience to the discussion.

In October each year at the beginning of the season, maybe the fisherman might investigate the area of the river along the track from where Sawyers Hut was located. NB the access track in from the Hut might be locked due to the aftermath of the 2019/20 bushfires.

Fishing at Kiandra up from the road bridge with two nymphs rigged may present some opportunities to cast to resident fish populations particularly where there may have been earlier rain higher in the catchment area resulting in good flows in the river. Fishing early and late in the day seems to work best. Mark noted that the thick tussock at Kiandra presented a challenge underfoot but the rewards can be good.

Kiandra fishing using hoppers cast to the edge of the river with a slow drift is a good way to prospect for fish. A black nymph pattern underneath an indicator works well. Note that the fly would be around the depth of water plus a half below the indicator.

Nathan described and showed members a flexible NZ strike indicator system which allows the wool indicator to be moved according to the depth of the river without having to clip bulky indicators on and off the line.

Nathan suggested using split shot to drag the fly to the bottom of the river to get through the turbulent flow of the water column. [NB the frictional forces between the gravel and water are greatest at the edge and on the bottom resulting in lower flows. Trout will rest and feed in these areas of laminar flow, where less effort is required to remain in position]

Nathan said to use darker flies during the spawning run: - sometimes combine a "scruffy" bulky nymph with a more streamlined different fly pattern like a pink stimulator. CDC is tied into wet fly patterns for good results. Nathan described the air bubble which surround flies in the water making it attractive to feeding fish.

When fishing streamers with a sink tip cast down and across - good for the Tumut River when flows are high in tailrace locations.

Use the 'Water Live' App to get Water Flow Rates. NB < 3000 is wadeable, when > 6000 fish the backwater on the edge of the river and stream inlets.

When fishing dry dropper patterns maybe use a big caddis dry and a dropper underneath.

The higher the elevation of water in the Snowy Mountains use smaller nymphs.

In the spawning run use a 7 - 8 lb leader and rings to preserve the leader.

Mark said that Kiandra can be very productive with the resident population in the bigger pools after rain.

Next year will be better after this season's rain when fish have put on some condition.

The Thredbo is not fishing that well at the moment. The yabby population in Jindabyne has plummeted in 2020 and this has caused the rainbow trout population to decline.

## Back to Brogo

As highlighted earlier, we aren't able to camp out at Brogo at the moment. Nevertheless I thought it informative to include this here regardless. Jason and I can provide directions and map extracts. Reports on previous years can be typically found in the December editions of *Burley Line* eg [Dec 2018](#) or [Dec 2015](#).

JM

I thought I would put a few words together for those members who may not have ventured down to Brogo Dam. This November outing has been on our program for a number of years, I think my first trip was [back in 2012](#). Having tried a couple of other times heading up there, November seems quite good with the cold weather having slowed the weed down and the fish active.

The main fish to catch are Australian bass, which are stocked by NSW DPI as it doesn't link to the breeding areas downstream. In recent years, they have also stocked estuary perch. A typical bass seems to be about 30-40cm.

The dam itself is relatively small, but spreads out a good distance across a few arms. Personally, I usually fish the launching area down to the T-junction, but it goes down to the dam wall to there (and the more formal boatramp), up to a small picnic area, or from the launching area goes up into more gorge-like country and up into the inflow. A couple of members have had luck up there too.

There are a few ways to fish the dam. Essentially though, getting away from the shore is almost a must, so if you don't have a kayak or small boat, I'd recommend borrowing one. The shore there gets a workover, but I have noted that the bass come in closer about 11pm.

Although you could fish deep (eg Carolina or Texas rig), I can concur the recommendation that it can catch the local eels, and likely result in a lost lure. As such, keeping your lure (or fly) off the bottom is a good way to focus more on the bass.



*(Brogo Bass on a minnow – runs about 1m deep)*

Flicking (intentionally of course) into the bank, especially with the overhanging shadow has resulted in some good strikes over the years. My preferred method has been to target the snags with a diving lure. Although, with the low water last year, I am assuming (blindly) that the reeds might not be back yet, but it has been about 6 months since the rains earlier this year.

I have watched boats (and trolled myself in the old Club tinnie) with mixed success, and casting tends to work better. I'm not sure how my Mirage Drive will go with the Hobie, as I have found the slow rocking-roll of my sit-on-top Mini-X kayak seems to give a good action to the lure. Personally, I haven't had much luck with bigger or bulkier lures, so smaller is better. Alan and Bill have had some luck with flies over the years. Ultimately though, it helps to find those bite windows. One seems to come on around dusk, and then get more serious later on once it is dark. *(Ed: Peter and I had them rising past midnight one year when the water was low and moon full)*. They seem to enjoy a bit of breakfast as well, before it gets too warm. Other than that, the bite slows down during the days, and I suspect the deep or shadows are areas to target.



*Members having a fish in 2019, this area is usually full of water.*

Last year was a great opportunity to see the dam's structure. It has some deep channels, and wide banks, with a few snags or rocky structure. One tip I picked up at Sydney's International Boat Show's fishing clinics from the Social Fishing team out near Tumut was using Internet mapping (I think Google Earth was the example) to look over the years. 2012 I recall was about 76%, and generally 100% since then but it dropped last year with the drought to about 23%.

I hope to get down and see how the area fared with the bushfires. The informal camping area is very basic – and watch out for the wombat. Be aware that people sometimes bring down caravans, even down to near the water. The bugs also get active in the evening – good for the fish, but thick enough to blacken your torch, so clothing and bug repellent might be useful. Plan

to take your rubbish with you. Fishing on the dam is also great fun spotting the wildlife. Kangaroos and echidnas come down to drink, the rare snake has been spotted crossing the water, and water monitors can be seen on the bank.

How do you get there? I know some club members come down through the Clyde and go south, (*Ed: this might be more problematic with the current road works on the upper Clyde Mountain*) but I reckon heading past Cooma and heading north from the Princes Highway junction just north of Bega is easier and slightly quicker – watch out for the fixed speed camera. Once you get on Princes Highway, it is about 40 minutes. I turn off up near Quaama, There are two roads in that join up before it becomes dirt and heads through the farms. You will probably spot the odd wedgetail eagles, and maybe the occasional red-bellied black snake sunning itself on the road.

I will dig out the directions for those wanting to head down. Hopefully this has given some idea of what to expect.

## Down The Coast

Bill (with some editing by JM)

I had a brief foray down the coast during this month.

Jason M had booked into a cottage at Kings Point on Burrill Lake – hmm, complete with its own private jetty. The original plan was for his parents to occupy the downstairs granny flat but with the COVID risks in NSW, they weren't able to come down. Instead my wife and I gratefully accepted the invitation. The lake is not fishing terribly well, even considering the poor moon timing, but I did manage to land a 65cm flatty – back into the system to grow a bit bigger. Jason landed a tailor on bait when we did some night fishing, but efforts to scare up a crab (or even an octopus) or two into the dilly net went for nought, with nothing touching the bait. There were a couple of small fish landed on the fly but nothing else of note. Probably the best catch was

some cockles, a mussel, and an oyster in the shallows for a tasty cook-up. It was a tough life – wine, shellfish, fly rod & sunset – just be wary of putting a wine glass too close to the edge of the jetty as the fish might get drunk when it gets blown in by the wind.



*Part of Jason's movie – my little rod taking a hammering*



*Please, no criticism that I was wearing my ACTFF shirt ☺*







*Interestingly, I caught it in almost the same place as the 80cm example with which I won the Saltwater Trophy back in 2016.*

After this enjoyable break, I had to head down to Narooma to house-sit for my sister, and keep an eye out on my very ill mum.

In between such duties, I did manage to drop by and have a chat/beer with Randy and Lindsay. Their post-fires travails continue as their househunting is being made more difficult with competition from a lot of

Sydney-siders wanting to move away from the big city and COVID. I'm sure we all wish Randy and Lindsay well.

The next day I had an afternoon with (life member) Stuart on Tuross Lake. The tide was running in fast (not the preferred tide, but we just have to work with what we're faced with) and the system has changed significantly due to the floods earlier this year. Stuart almost grounded his boat in one reach due to sand bars having moved since he was last in the area. He managed to get a number of smaller flathead (duly returned). I landed a decent one (45cm??) which in due course was returned given that Stuart needed one more to make a feed for both him and Tina.

Stuart is all set to host, with John, the CAA Coast Trip 11-13 Dec. Stuart tells me that the warmer water will see the fish more active, and I can see on the forecasts that the tide will be better than we had. All's we need to do now is try to entice Randy out with his boat too. Expect more info on the trip in due course.

# Streamed Kayak Fishing

JM

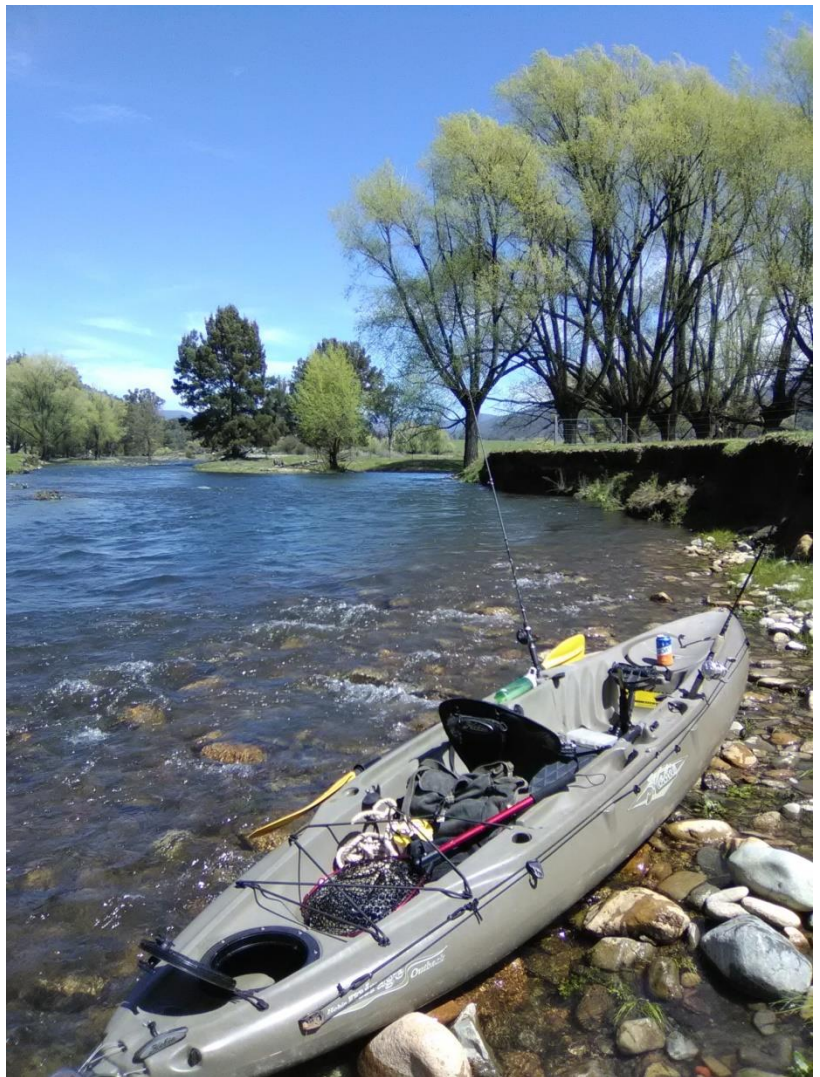
No, this isn't about streaming over the Internet, but after choosing a BBQ after the final casting day out at Googong instead of having a paddle in my Hobie, I decided to use it to get exploring for the opening weekend. Like samurais and their swords, I usually prefer to use my rods or kayak once I have loaded them up, so after carrying them around for the week, I headed up to Brindabella with a plan to paddle upstream, and then fish some likely spots on the way back.

Having done some raft fly fishing in New Zealand, and more of a haul down the Murrumbidgee to Pine Island a few years ago, I figured the fish might not be too timid on the way back downstream. They were probably going to be deep given the heat and already a day into the season. Recalling some water between the publicly accessible sites, I parked at the head of the first access area and rigged up. I chose the pool just above a rapid, intending to avoid portering the first rapid and getting my feel before fighting the current.

I quickly remembered that one piece rods were a bit harder to store than two piece ones. With my fly rod safely in the hull, I left the baitcasters out and headed onto the water. I soon reminded myself of the different coordination needed in a Hobie over my old Malibu. Still trying to get the Pro Drive deployed, and with a longer hull, I almost immediately had my bow out mid stream and perpendicular to the flow to the top of the rapid. Rather than fight it and flip, I used the oar to go downstream and get used to the current – at worst, I could later drive down and pick up the kayak.

I soon got into the rhythm and used to the rudder again, and paddled & kicked back up the rapid. Trying a lure, I found the fun of trying to steer a rudder into the stream whilst holding a rod, with the paddle at the ready in the other hand to assist me when the Pro Drive wasn't enough to overcome the current.

After seeing my rod go over at the head of the pool whilst pulling the kayak up and then recovering it, I decided it was a good spot to cast from the shore and survey the pools ahead after paddling under some blue wrens.



After snagging up across the river, I paddled across and fished from that side. I planned to head up from there, and fish the next run, anchoring near a fence on one of the farms, but yet again the current quickly caught my bow. I instinctively put my foot down to try and stop the kayak, but pulled it back in and paddled down, and regained control. I did bash my rod down about 5-10m of trees, subsequently finding the tip intact but the butt took some damage. The rudder half worked, but at times was ineffective due to the speed of the water coming from behind and reversing the direction, making my paddle useful to assist steering.



Trying out the anchor, and settling in with some worms, I sat back and enjoyed the surroundings, finishing lunch and a refreshing drink. I saw one rise under a branch, or at least the slashing splash. After snagging both the bottom, and the tree, I decided it was enough fun and headed back downstream.

Taking my time to pack back up, I spotted a good sized monitor coming down from the paddock opposite. I thought perhaps it was in the river when I saw a brown head that ducked underwater (no white mouth) but watching on I saw a platypus about 20-25cm long. I took solace in the fact it seemed to have as much struggle as I did in going upstream, and eventually he made it to the snag where I had thought I'd seen a rise.

In the end, I think my Hobie is great for dams and coastal work, but with the long hull (my Mini-x was only 9 foot) and underwater fins and rudder, it isn't well suited to the shallow rapids. Still, a lovely day out, and short enough to remind me next time to put sunscreen on my knees.

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# Fly Tying Wed 28 Nov – Droz Nymph

Claude reports here – have also added it onto our [Fly Tying blog](#).

Claude



A small group joined me in the tie of Nathan's favourite 'Droz Nymph'. We had a good old natter along the way, particularly passing on what knowledge the team had to Ken (one of our new members)...and I also refamiliarized his knowledge on the names of all the fly tying tools...it's been a while. Thanks Alan, Peter and Lyall for your assistance! The fun part of the evening was discussing dubbing loops, thread splitting and dubbing wax 😊



*BJ did some before the session started.*



*My ties – With Nathan's circled*

# 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.

## [More News of Snowy 2.0 Construction – Impact on Tantangara Road](#)

Partial closure of Tantangara Road, and reduced speed limit during site establishment and preparatory construction activities. Quarry Trail Road on the western side of Tantangara will remain closed until further notice.

## [Petition to see KNP Feral Horse Management Plan Released](#)

Unfortunately only open to NSW residents. The post offers a link to a petition regarding the release of a feral horse management plan for Kosciuszko National Park. I understand KNP is currently managing under decade old plan. Much work has been undertaken to develop a new plan but there has been a lack of transparency.

## Other News

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



### NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

The Council has been very busy this month pressing NSW Government on our behalf. The [key correspondence](#) is on their website.

Remember you can subscribe to the Newsletter (*Freshwater Fisher*) 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.

The October 2020 edition came in [here](#). Key points:

- **Spring rains bring heightened risk of blackwater** – concerns about blackwater events in the Murray Darling basin with rain after years of drought.
- **Different Fishing Seasons Opening and Closing** – some reminders.
- **Tagged rainbow trout yearlings for Blowering Dam** – a thousand yearling trout (I've been advised they'd be around 15cm at the moment). This is part of the DPI Trout research program – anyone who captures one will be rewarded with a trout lure in exchange for capture information.

MAS have separately advised me that some **4,000 yearlings** have to be taken out of Gaden in the next week or so – destined for **stocking closer to here** with sites like Googong, Pejar and Sponsor's Dam along with Snowy below Jindabyne being mentioned.

- **Experts say Snowy 2.0 a \$10 billion white elephant** – concern over the commercial viability of Snowy Hydro 2.0.

### Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in every monthly newsletter. Recent, previous RFA newsletters can be accessed via their [archive](#). They also have a presence on [Facebook](#).

The October 2020 edition came in [here](#). Lots of saltwater stuff as you would expect, but some interesting points especially for our region:

- **Fishing groups complain about slow reporting from RFNSW and Trusts** – RFA, along with many other groups including NSWCFR complained to the Premier about the tardiness of the Adam Marshall, Minister responsible for fisheries. I daresay the Premier has a few other things on her mind at the moment. RFA's correspondence is available [here](#).
- **South Coast Issues** – including "Marine Park Sanctuary Zone stoush- Battleground Batemans Bay", "Batemans Bay Foreshore Plan", "Ramp Closures Batemans Bay", "Tuross Head Infrastructure" (improvements to the boat ramp) and "Access issue Coopers Island Road".

### Fisheries Victoria News – 'Nibbles'

Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in their fortnightly newsletter. News and updates from Fisheries Victoria can be found also on their [Facebook page](#) (you don't need to be a Facebook user, though I'm sure they'll 'encourage you' to join ☺).

[9 Oct issue](#) arrived:

- **Stonker fun comes to Metro Melbourne** – 18 family fishing lakes in metropolitan Melbourne are being stocked with 500 ‘stonker’ rainbow trout weighing up to 7kg. (Ed: I think I’ll wait till COVID has calmed down ☺)



- **Fishy housing boom on the Mitta Mitta** – fish habitat improvements on the Mitta Mitta being funded via grant money.
- **Wild trout plan grabs grant** – Australian Trout Foundation Inc has been successful in obtaining a grant to deliver phase 3 of the Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program.



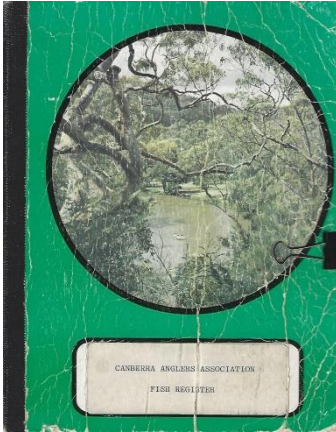
# Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>2020</b> |  |
|             | <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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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>   |
| <b>2021</b> | <b>These have been annual regulars in the past</b>   |
| Feb         | the Thredbo fly fishing expo (free event)<br><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.<br>Here are some pages related to the 2020 event<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144">https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144</a><br><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<br><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>  |
| Oct         | Gone Fishing day. <a href="https://gonefishingday.com.au/">https://gonefishingday.com.au/</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.

| 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      |
| Bill         | Flathead    | 65 cm   | Soft Plastic | Burrill Lake, 9 Oct                |
| Bill         | Flathead    | 45 cm   | Soft Plastic | Tuross Lake, 12 Oct                |
| Alan         | Rainbow     | 47cm  | Wet fly      | Cotter River, 17 Oct, Lyle Knowles |
| Shaun and BJ | Rainbow     | 3 each with best at estimated 28cm  | nymph        | Cotter River, 17 Oct, Lyle Knowles |

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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 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 notes and places to visit. Comments on individual blog posts are also encouraged.

## Supporters

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