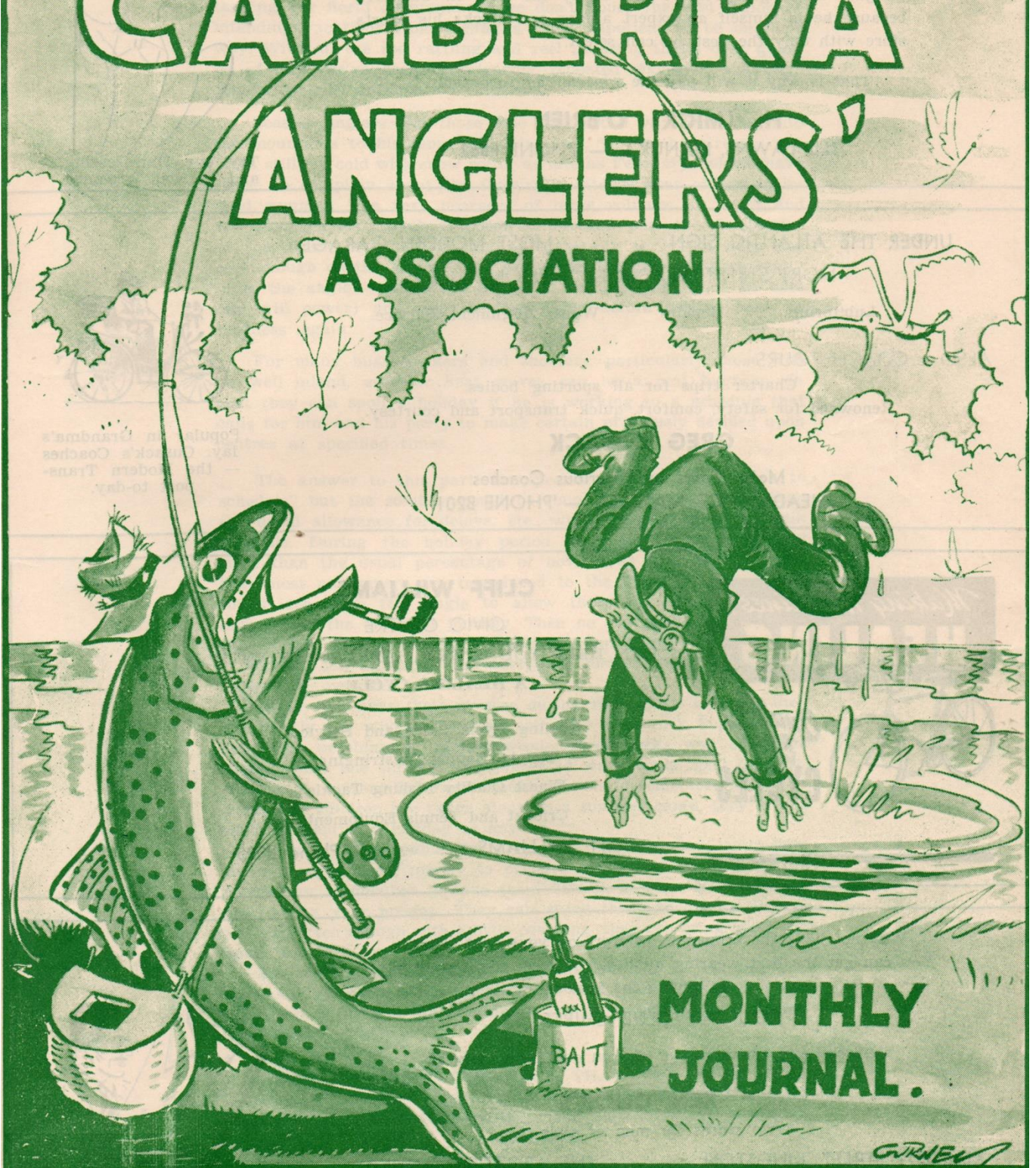


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# THE BURLEY LINE



**Tristan's First Trout Trip on Fly**



# From the Editor's Desk

In this issue:

- An article by new member Tristan on building a fly rod – quite inspiring and the rod does work (see cover photo).
- Images and videos of Googong – a bit more water there now than when we wet during the casting weekends. Thanks Greg S and Lyall.
- Jaime works as an entomologist (just an excuse to learn the wheres and whens of trout food!) and he chanced on an interesting find.
- Promo from me for the Jan 2021 Jindabyne trip.
- A sad tale from someone who will remain nameless.
- Brogo was cancelled, but that didn't mean we couldn't go fishing.
- Mike offered some supplementary advice in respect to JQ's Flat Wing Deceiver pattern.
- Did everyone know that Lake Eucumbene has been performing well?
- One item for sale.
- Lots of news from our lobby groups.

Earlier in October it seemed that spring was well and truly with us, but then as I was publishing the November edition of *Burley Line*, the weather got a bit nasty and it seemed winter was back with us .... at least it did up until this post popped up in my Facebook feed. Check it out (you won't need to join Facebook) I think we can all understand the kid's excitement.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=920155835180822>

I've recently chanced on 'Ben – I'm a huge fly fisherman' on YouTube ... pretty quirky but been loving it – search out his view on rod safes Claude. Here he gives a full explanation on aquatic insects. There's plenty more as he aims to put one video out each Monday.

<https://youtu.be/cB8pNZzNLJE>

While we are looking at YouTube, a friend of mine is the father-in-law of fishing journalist Andrew McGovern. He's produced a very slick and informative video on fishing for Australian salmon in the estuaries of the South Coast and Gippsland. Lots of product placements, but some excellent hints on techniques and tackle. The drone shots will inspire Peter and me to new heights of cinematic production.

<https://youtu.be/59iAVXuAcV8>

Those who are regulars in New Zealand would have received an email from NZ Fish and Game hoping for either a donation or purchase of fishing licence (with limited hope that it'd be used). The email emphasised the independence of Fish and Game from the NZ government, doing all its good work funded by licence fees. I remain hopeful of getting there in April so I bought the season licence.

## Coming Events

**Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas bbq.  
Details were sent out via email

**Fly Tying: Next year**

### Next Events

**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Coast Event at Tuross hosted by Stuart and John

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – Carp Bash hosted by Claude

**29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Jindabyne hosted by Bill.

## Building Your Own Fly Rod

One of our newest members has written this piece (placed in [our 'Gear' blog](#)) that might inspire all of us. A small taste below:

### Tristan

For me, the ultimate appeal of fly fishing was always the idea of hiking and fishing remote streams; so from the first time my old friend Aaron showed me the basics of casting I knew that I wanted a rod that was light enough for mountain streams and could pack down for ease of travel.

Knowing that I also love to build things, Aaron sent me a link to Swift Fly Fishing, a company that produces fly rod kits under the Epic brand name. They have a large range of both fibreglass and carbon rods; for my needs/wants, Aaron suggested their 476 'packlight' – a 4wt 7'6" fibreglass rod that breaks into 5 pieces. The 'studio built' finished Packlight retails at \$1209 AUD currently; the kit version is \$540.



The instruction booklet is thorough and leaves very little to chance. The kit comes with natural and black silk threads; the detail explains how, using natural silk thread and thinned rod finishing epoxy for the first coat, completely clear wraps can be achieved. I think this finish really complements the fibreglass blank. It is a fiddly process but not unfamiliar for anyone who ties flies; after the first couple of wraps I was surprised at how quickly I could finish one. Clear instructions are given on how to start and finish each wrap with the thread tag tucked under to hold everything in place until epoxy is applied.



*Clear wraps under preliminary coat – final topcoat smooths out the visible dimples and rough patches.*

I've now landed 4 trout – including my first ever on fly – using this rod on the Cotter (*Ed: well done BJ mentoring Tristan that day*). I absolutely love it, partially for the look, feel and performance, but there is also a huge sense of satisfaction in having built the rod myself.



# Googong

All local fisherpeople would be interested that Googong got to 100% full and overflowing too. Greg S provided me with [a movie](#) and pointed out the data was available

<https://www.iconwater.com.au/Water-education/Water-and-sewerage-system/Dams/Water-Storage-Levels.aspx>.

Lyll provided some photos to contrast with our experience earlier this year.





# Nymphs

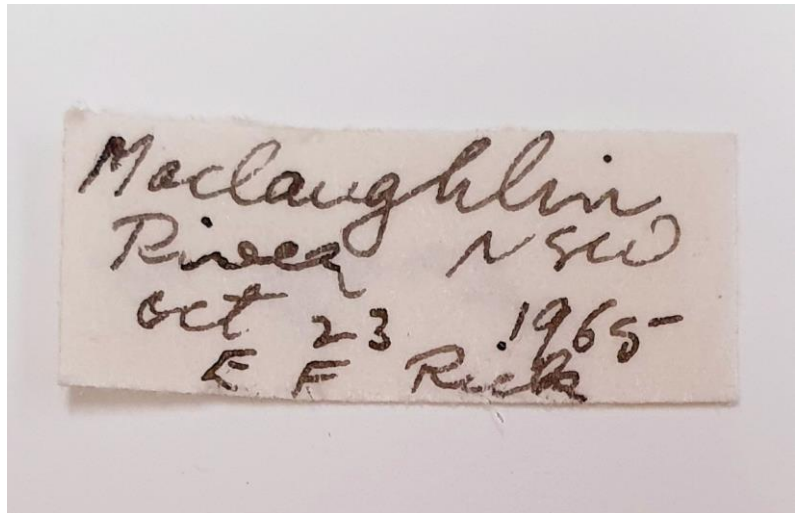
Jaime

Hello guys

When I found this today I thought it could be interesting for you too so decided to share it. I was working with a family of mayflies (Caenidae) today and what a surprise when I read the back of the label; you can see it in the photo below...



... it seems somebody decided to pump out some trout's guts and found a bunch of mayfly nymphs (I think a PTN would mimic these guys just fine). When I turned the label over I saw it was not far from home waters...



Edgar F. Riek was a well known taxonomist, later a winemaker... and maybe fly fisherman, who knows ;-)

## Jindabyne Trip 29-31 Jan 2021

Bill

Please start thinking on this trip – it has normally proved to be an excellent weekend staying at the [CSIRO Ski Club lodge \(Cicero\)](#) at East Jindabyne. Even with COVIDSafe restrictions, the lodge sleeps 14 – 7 bedrooms each with 2 single beds (proper ones, not ones made for kids). People can message me to book a bed – we have 3 spaces already reserved. Final allocation

will be about a week before the event when payment will need to be confirmed as having arrived in the nominated account so that I can pay CSIRO. Cost will be \$28.40 per person per night.

More administrative details will be shared with interested parties.

Meanwhile, here are some previous reports:

[Feb 2019 Burley Line \(Newsletter Issue 140\) | Canberra Anglers Blog \(canberra-anglers.asn.au\)](#)

[February 2018 Burley Line \(Newsletter issue 129\) | Canberra Anglers Blog \(canberra-anglers.asn.au\)](#)

Not sure what happened to reporting on the 2019 trip but here are a couple of photos I found in my album.



*Stefan exploring Perisher Creek*



*A feisty Perisher Creek brown – “I understand they count double if on dry and sighted 😊”*



# You Should Know Better

## No Names – No Pack Drill (as we used to say in the Army)

After attending the Nov MAS General Meeting and hearing about how the fishing was 'going off' at Eucumbene, I thought a short diversion on my way home was in order. The drive down towards the edge of the lake seemed nice and solid. The following is the stream of consciousness that followed:

*Hmm, the water is certainly up over the grass etc – no rises but maybe I should follow the lake shore to the next point – I'm sure that's where Peter dropped in on me some years ago, or maybe it was me who dropped in on him?*

*That track looks a bit boggy ... I should go uphill to the more frequently travelled track. OOPS*

*How many times have you been told not to go too close to Eucumbene on the wet, black soil!*

*Bugger, left the Trax at home.*

*What now ... I wonder if Peter would drive down and help me out – lucky the phone is working. Oh, even better, Steve Samuels said he was going to Buckenderra, that's near here.*

Steve arrived but wasn't prepared to come down and get himself bogged to do a rearward pull. Our combined snatch'em straps were too short to allow him to stay on solid ground above me. Maybe the Trax will work.

His Trax didn't help – we'll have to call in the expert.



*Steve's Trax stuck in the mud after I was rescued*



Quick trip up to Buckenderra Village where Josh was prepared to come down to lend a hand – easy peasy with his longer strap. What a generous and kind fellow he is even if he drives a Prado. CAA really need to re-introduce our trip there – regardless, I owe him a visit by myself. Thanks also to Steve for coming to my aid and driving me to Buckenderra.



*Safely out – and my front recovery points didn't get pulled off!*

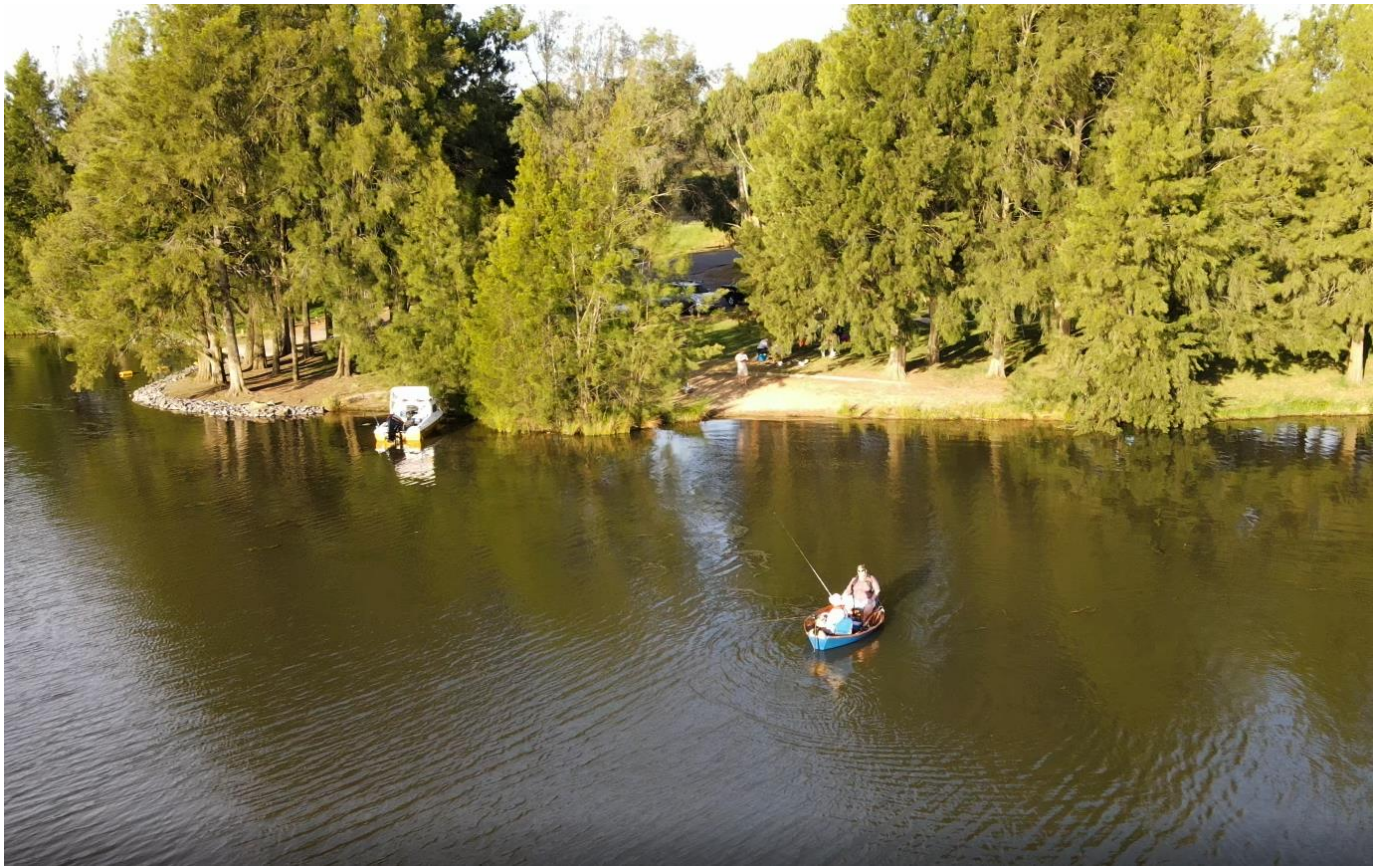
## Lake Ginninderra in Lieu of Brogo

**Bill**

The cancellation of Brogo led to an *ad hoc* outing down and Lake G complete with BBQ. JM, new member Ken, Mike, Alan, Owen, Claude, BJ, Shaun and Bill all attended along with the drift boat owned by some unnamed CAA members plus JM's craft. The others from the shoreline with some limited success. The bbq and a few beers made for an excellent social evening with us all looking forward to a *repechage* at the CAA Christmas BBQ coming up.







## Flytying with JQ – 25 Nov

A good crowd turned up to learn how to tie the [FlatWing Deceiver](#). There was some discussion on the cost of the plastic eyes. Mike has previously employed more economical ones from craft shops and was happy to share this:

*Here are two pictures of flies using doll's eyes. I've also seen them called wiggle eyes. I've found them in Spotlight, Reject Shop, and Super Saver. I'm sure other craft, hobby shops would have them.*





The small fly, 5 cm, has 1/8 inch eyes.



## Lake Eucumbene Providing some Enjoyment

**Bill and Peter**

Peter and Bill have had a couple of trips down to Eucumbene. The first trip down we were hosted and mentored by a Eucumbene old hand. *“midges are the go – retrieve really slowly if at all”* – Bill had one hooked and lost due to aerobatics and later landed a 35cm (estimate) rainbow in very good condition (*“I was pulling the line in real fast to ‘cause I thought I’d tangled the fly and the fish took it at full speed”* ... *“they’ll do that some time!”*). Peter got busted off by some underwater freight trains. As the sun went down the Easterly sprung up and, while there were desultory rises, the others were not interested in casting in the gloaming. We vowed to get down again real soon.

A week later our social calendar permitted another evening session. Forecast was for thunderstorms and Easterly to start at 6PM ... we ignored the bad signs and went down anyway. After Peter dropped one pretty much on his first cast, things got quite slow fishing midges until the sun set behind the hills. You can judge that Bill got a bit bored when he pulled out his drone and took some movies – here’s one from above [checking on Peter’s casting](#). The line is a little difficult to see, but silhouetted against the water was much better than against the sky.

Periodic frantic rising later resulted in a number of dropped fish for Peter but two crackers of rainbows landed. Bill managed to drop two fish (the last one was graciously rated as *“pretty much the same size as mine Bill”* ... way too smart for him with the fish rushing towards the bank and Bill unable to maintain pressure *“perhaps barbed hooks has some merit ☺”*) Anyway he did land one reasonable fish who had put on quite a performance. The rises looked to be caddis inspired, but the ever reliable Parachute Adams did it for Bill, while Peter adopted the Grab’all

All in all, the best fishing we’ve had in Australia for some time.



## For Sale

One pair of Simms Freestone wading boots. UK size 7. Very good condition with only some wear on toe and heel sections of the sole. My new waders have slightly thicker neoprene for the feet so I have had to buy a new pair of boots in a larger size.

New prices are around \$350. Asking \$200 or best offer.



Contact me direct or through the Burley Line address

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Cheers,

Bill

# MAS News

Two key lobbying efforts by MAS recently. In due course they should appear on the [MAS News page](#).

- NSW Lands Department is divesting its interest in many reserves around the state and passing them to local councils. In the case of Snowy Monaro Regional Council, this amounts to some 70 reserves. Some 24 are alongside and provide access to water, many of them trout waters. Since the lands are effectively freehold title to Council, there is a concern that they might be sold or leased out in a fashion that will deny angler access. MAS has made a submission to council to emphasise the importance of continued access to the general population and anglers. MAS has sought to discuss the matter with council.
- Crown roads have come up again. There is a crown road in East Jindabyne quite close to where we stay (in the CSIRO Ski Lodge) giving access to the water near Old Kosciusko Road. The landowner is seeking the crown road to be expunged. MAS has written an objection in order to retain vehicle access.

## 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.

### [NSWCFA November Newsletter](#)

Arrived too late for Nov *Burley Line*. A few items of interest:

**Changes to Crown reserve management in Snowy Monaro** – our chance to have a say. Unfortunately now closed for submissions.

**Second chance for petition to urge action against out-of-control horse numbers** – an e-petition has been started only for residents of NSW.

**Environment NSW update on feral horse removal from KNP.**

**Latest NSWCFA Executive Meeting** – The October NSW CFA Executive Committee.

### [RFANSW November Newsletter](#)

Arrived too late for Nov *Burley Line*. I saw only one item of interest. **Expired Marine Flare collection program 2020/21** – seems this has restarted. RFA's listing only provides dates for up near Sydney. People around here who have a need should contact the Roads and Maritime folk – try phoning 13 12 36.



# 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. Facebook is a fast moving medium so I'll only be putting stuff here that is of a long-term interest – often that'll mean nothing in any particular month, but I'll keep the placemaker.

## Other News

Additional news and links from supporting groups



### NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers

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](#). The [key correspondence](#) is on their website.

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 November quarterly Ordinary General Meeting was conducted on Sat 21 Nov. CAA was represented by Jason M. Key action arising is that NSW CFA will be taking on as one priority action the issue of fish passage (ie the existence in rivers of barriers especially for spawning) and the associated matter of water extraction (which often exacerbates passage barriers).

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the December issue will come up immediately after I publish this Burley Line. Keep an eye out on our News Blog.

### **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](#).

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### **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 ☺).

[18 Nov issue](#) arrived (lots of images with people wearing masks):

- **Freeing the rivers** – The Upper House has passed legislation to legalise camping on Crown Land with river frontage and grazing licences.
- **Trial trout stocking in the north east** – brown trout, have been stocked into a tributary of the King River as part of a trial supporting the Victorian Wild Trout Strategy.



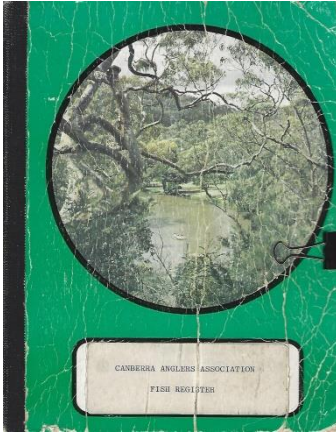
# Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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 <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>
<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>
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
Shaun	Rainbow jack	48cm	??	Swampy Plains River, Nov 20
Shaun	Brown jack	62cm	??	Swampy Plains River, Nov 20
Bill	Rainbow hen	35 cm (est)	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 22 Nov 20



Peter	Rainbow hen	45cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20
Peter	Rainbow hen	46 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20
Bill	Rainbow hen	36 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20

I'll slip this one in here to see if anyone notices. Mike spotted this on a [fishing related Facebook page](#).



*"Sorry. Casting when it's windy isn't one of my strong points."*

(the perils of being a casting instructor Lyall, Nathan, Stuart?)

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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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