

THE BURLEY LINE



Ken with a 48cm brown from the Thredbo



From the Editor's Desk

Seen at Tilba Tilba:

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles" More quotes from Doug Larson [here](#).

The shift from December to January for our Jindabyne trip proved very successful. A huge report is enclosed. Also reported is Claude and BJ's efforts in the Carp Capers – many thanks guys for the words and photos. Jason M has excelled again with two articles – his side trip after our Coastal Outing off shore to Montague Island, plus a quick review of his latest lightweight 'canoe' ... looks more like a swimming ring to me 😊.

Coming Events

Meeting: 10th February
First Meeting for 2021

Fly Tying: 24th February

Next Events

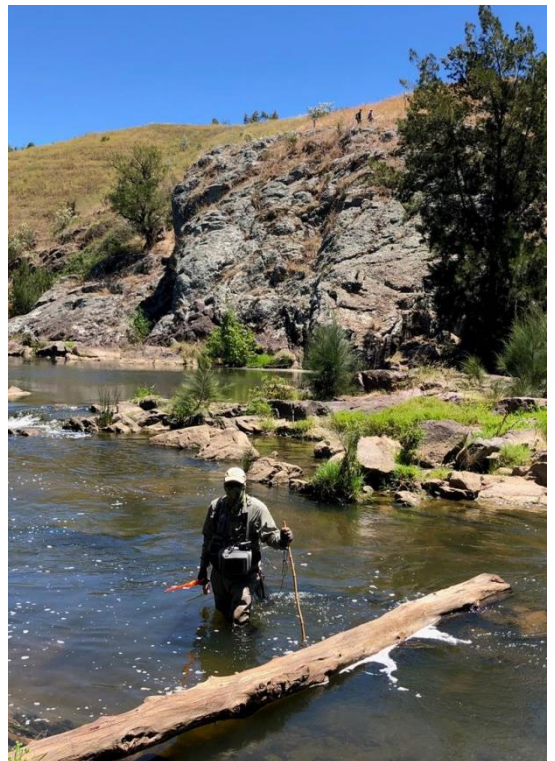
13th February 2021 – lake fishing and BBQ hosted by Lyall and Rod (LBG)

Carp Capers

Claude was the organizer, but other participants: Peter (who apparently did pretty well), Owen, Rod and Lyall appear to have been too modest to submit material. Claude's report of his day follows.

Claude

I fished with BJ on the Molonglo river near Uriarra Crossing. It was initially a frustrating morning because I lost the first two fished I hooked up...meanwhile BJ already had three in the net. The river was remarkably clear and we were doing sight fishing with either woolly buggers, woolly worms and BJ had a 'bread nymph' that I didn't think was actually resembled bread apart from having a white bit on it 😊. I caught mine on olive and black woolly bopper and the woolly worm. BJ and my biggest fish were around the 3.5-4 lb mark and put up a good fight!



Good place to go when the mountains are too far...and the carp sure put up a good fight and are excellent fly fishing practice...they are not as stupid, or as easy to catch, as you would like!



Post Event Note: I went up the following weekend with another fishing buddy and the river was around 30 cm lower, saw lots of fish, but we didn't have any takes!

Jindabyne 29-21 Jan



Various

What an excellent trip this turned out to be – despite some dodgy weather and water conditions. There were many stories and lots of fish (albeit many small but feisty) so this report is extensive. BJ sent one missive “I’d also back a piece on great organisation, great facility and CAA member camaraderie. Including coaching services offered to new chum Stephen, trout / fly conversion of Rod Kennett and highly successful stream conversion of Ken. Special thanks to JM forethought and generosity on the copious and tasty/healthy food supplies for Sat night.”

The change to late January has been a success and I’ve already forecast to CSIRO Ski Club that we’d like to come again in 2022.

Friday – Bill and Ken

Bill and Ken kicked off proceedings and snuck off for a mid afternoon fish before everyone else arrived. With a turn of the key, Bill's truck roared to life and it was soon pointed in a general fishy direction. Bill, ever so polite asked Ken if he had preference of location. Ken didn't have a clue - he'd never fish the region before. Bill on the other hand was working through the possibilities and before too long, the calculus had them walking the Thredbo, downstream of The Diggings.

The water the clear and flowing gently. Bill worked his way methodically from likely location to the next. Ken had a few takes but missed and then spent some time getting better acquainted with the surrounding trees. Aside from that, there were a few small rises but not a great deal of commotion. As the rises fizzled out Ken dispensed with the dry and looked to fish the deeper pools with a nymph... and then caught a fish. A nice chubby 48cm brown at the tail of a small pool. For photo – see photo of the month/cover photo. (Bill didn't manage any fish, but at least he didn't fall over in the fastish water).

A good looking pool nonetheless so why not try for another but this time at the head of the pool. Another brown of similar size, but we'll never know its dimensions for sure as the final outcome was slightly different to the one before. And that was that.

Friday Evening – Al, Claude, BJ and Rod

The four enthusiastic fishermen, buoyed by news of Bill and Eric's Friday successes, took a quick drive to the Mowambah River off Big yard Road to do an equipment check and get their 'eyes-in' for the next two days of fishing. It was getting on dusk, but an hour of delightful fishing was had, in gentle rain, with BJ managing one, fishing the obvious bends in meadow-like surrounds. The four metre hike from car to river was enjoyed by all.

Saturday – BJ and Shaun

Onto the lake with their drift boat. Apparently these fish were actually the first to be landed on this craft.



Saturday – Claude, Rod and Al

Fishing commenced on Perisher Creek at the weir just down from the Ridge Quad-lift in the morning in gentle rain. The water was swift but clear, and the trout were rising to well-presented dries in the gentler flows and pocket water, and also taking small nymphs. A number of petite browns were landed, distinct by the redness of their spots. Al perfected the fluid 'strike to land' in a single motion,



recovering the trout from the grasses behind him. Undeterred by what was becoming relentless rain and a chill breeze, the full stretch was fished with trout throughout, and only a small number of flies fed to the tea-tree lined banks.



The lunchtime interlude was spent visiting Island Bend campground on the Snowy River. Water was clearly being released as the river was a number of metres deeper than normal and unfishable despite remaining clear.

The afternoon was spent at Rainbow Lake fishing dries to rising browns. A number of healthy trout were landed, with the main tactic employed being landing a dry near a recent rise and waiting patiently. There were lots of refusals, marked by a big swirl under the fly. The fishing did ease off into the evening as the wind dropped. Insect life was prolific. An otherwise exciting afternoon was marred by the breaking of Rod's rod.



Saturday – Ken, Stephen, Jaime and Bill

On Saturday Ken, Stephen, Jaime and Bill took off to explore the Thredbo.

The area around the skitube has been quite productive in the past so the decision was made. Once there, Ken and Jaime headed upstream while Bill and new-chum Stephen headed down.

We found the river significantly changed from what we had seen on Friday.

It was running hard after all the rain, but more worryingly the clarity was akin to hot chocolate. That didn't hold back Jaime who used Euronymphing to pull two to shore ... albeit one was at his feet so hardly testing his casting skills. Meanwhile Stephen was coping quite well transitioning from casting little bits of fluff to casting a bead headed nymph. Nothing much was happening and the state of the river was disappointing – a change of plan was called for. After hearing from Claude that the Perisher Valley systems were not suffering from coloured water there were some thoughts of shifting over there, but instead Claude recommended going higher on the Thredbo – perchance they didn't want more anglers around them? Anyway upstream was the final decision.

Most people think of upstream as being somewhere close to Dead Horse Gap, but after years of counselling by Mark to 'go up, way-way up', we trudged up Cascade trail. Jaime and Stephen dropped into the pocket water after about 1½ km, where Jaime hooked a brown with a nymph that run straight towards him, wrapped him up on his own fishing line, made him fall in the bush and then slide into the water... Geeez! He got a little bit of a revenge later hooking a little fellow that jumped for his stimulator.



Meanwhile Bill and Ken found that further up more comfortable pool/rapid/runs were found.



Nymphing with indicator had some success with best (below) being Bill with a 33cm brown .. fat as ...but fish striking at the indicator called for a change to dry.



Bill then got one small one on dry while Ken was having a field day with small fish on dry (below)



but landed a more respectable 32cm brown on nymph in the same pool (photo below).



Stephen was learning heaps and was managing to get his fly into the zone but no response this time.

All in all, a learning experience ... thanks Mark

Saturday Evening – Photos by Jaime

We sometimes forget that the evenings are a major place to learn and socialise. Some even undertook to share some ad hoc fly tying tips.





Saturday Evening Fishing and Early Sunday Morning – JM

After getting down to Cicero late Saturday afternoon, I had a bit of a look at the lake and a quick cast with some lures. My survey found most of the water, not only being down, was only about 1-1.5m deep and little if any weed. After knocking up some leftovers for dinner, I missed the hatch (assuming it happened) but got down on dusk. Tossing around a couple of flies, there wasn't much action and a chilly breeze blowing up which seemed to be stifling any evening rise. I saw one plop near my line in the shallows, but otherwise only the microbat to keep me amused and I headed back for dessert.

Beating the rush in the morning, I headed back down about 6:30 and watched a couple of seagulls fly past as I worked the shore. I wasn't sure if one bombed the way through, but soon noted that the splash was a couple of small fish rising. I rigged a small mayfly pattern, unable to see what was rising as it went quiet. Working back to where they once were, I saw a mayfly drifting out, and followed it with some casts. Giving up after about ten minutes, to return to the original rising point, the bug was slurped. I (or perhaps it) missed a likely microfish slurping my fly, but otherwise it was dead quiet and eventually returned for breakfast, cleanup, and preparing for the day's fishing.

Sunday – Claude, Rod and Al

The team drove to Thredbo village and fished the length of the river adjacent the golf club. Rainbows were hammering well-presented dries throughout the pocket water, with finding casting space and timely striking proving the greatest challenge. One aggressive rainbow landed itself by catching the tippet on a low hanging branch during its aerial manoeuvres.

After lunch the party fished up and down from the Thredbo ranger station bridge. Despite the heat, only minimal activity was observed, however the trout would still rise to well-placed dry flies in the likely lies. Trout density was lower than previously fished rivers, however there were

definitely larger fish and some success was had. The river was in beautiful condition, with a healthy flow and very clear.

Sunday – Shaun and BJ

We had a fun 3-4 hr session at the Gungarlin River. 3 each browns and rainbows on dries or droppers.



Saw a 2 rod holding comp guy head in just as we arrived (late discovered to be Tim Watson). Plenty of rise forms. Long drive.

Pretty place. Heaps of bug life. Healthy flow. Not dead easy but they were there in numbers.





With a photo session stop at the Euc River crossing very lush, still and shallow with no cruisers spotted in mid arvo sun.

Sunday – JM and Stephen then later Jaime and Ken

Stephen and JM headed down to the park at the Thredbo River for a look to discuss riseforms, hatches, and spotting fish. They were able to see a nice rainbow working the bank in the swimming area, and there were a couple of other fish. After losing his dry fly, JM switched to some old spiders that he had tied and missed a take but most were donated to the grass and sign behind him.

After some restocking at High Country Outfitter, and catching up with Jaime and Ken, they headed to the hatchery for lunch and worked their way upstream. The river was flowing stronger than usual, but not too bad. However, even in the back eddies they didn't spot any rises and no hatching. So, despite wet wading through the river, it was time to head back with Stephen now having experienced wading in the river and having a better idea of what to pack (and what not).

PS They did see a big sign at the top of the no fishing area, although if read quickly it could appear as a copy of the one at the hatchery instead of realising it says "No fishing below this sign for 2.4km." Although not hooking a fish, it was nice to see a couple of takes, do some wet wading, clean out some old flies and do some fishing on a nice sunny Sunday.

Sunday for Ken

After three hours of walking and half an hour of actual fishing, Ken landed a camera shy rainbow of 37cm who wriggled away just when it was asked to say 'Cheeeese'. Ken went for an exploratory walk on the Thredbo both sides of the Hatchery. Ended up walking 45 minutes up the mountain bike trail with an ever increasing feeling of doom of not getting near the water. Then decided to bash his way down the hill to cross the river to the other side - water flowing too

fast - then dragged himself back up the hill through the bush, back onto the track and then walked back to the trail head. 'Ah, the track is on the town side of the river', right. Looking for the 'fish exclusion zone' sign, but didn't find it and eventually made it all the way up to some pink coloured holiday units. This was getting stupid so turned around again. Still no end of exclusion zone sign and still haven't wet a line. Turns out the boundary is in the vicinity of the water inlet/ladder over the fence. Good to know, but what happened to the sign!?

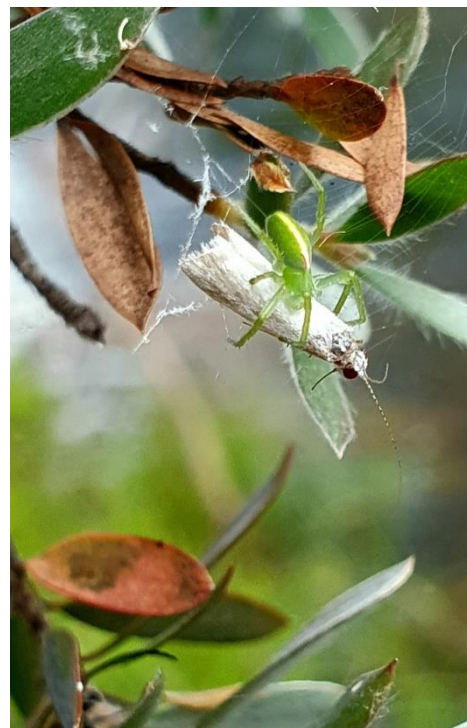
Eventually fished downstream of Paddy's Corner and caught the 37cm rainbow on a nymph. That was Ken done for the weekend - pretty satisfied.

Sunday – Jaime

Jaime ended up staying in the Thredbo river down by the bridge of Kosciuszko Road. He got a couple of small ones and a bigger brown at the end of the day, all very fighty and on dries. Snowflake caddis were hatching prolifically along the bank and the little fish were practicing acrobatics to catch them. Well, not only the fish were taking advantage of the abundant winged food, some other buggy creatures were having a good afternoon snack.

Sunday for Bill

Perisher Creek has been a favourite, and after all the good reports from Claude, Rod and Al's time on Saturday, the creek was 'a Monty' for a final fling. The water was lovely and clear bubbling down from the range. As has become his wont, the para adams was on before reaching the water. A few small fish rising, indeed jumping clear of the water offered great promise. Unfortunately the slashes by what were clearly small fish missing the take got just plain boring. I went down to a micro #18 or maybe #20 but they were still missing the fly. My goodness, do I have to resort to a nymph – surely not. I set myself up just below a small rapid and popped the adams into the pool a few feet away so I could strip out some line 'to get to the top of the run where the fish'll be' and of course the fly was chomped immediately it hit the water! A respectable 15-20 cm (estimated) before it threw the hook at my hand ... note to self "use the net you dummy". Next run a repeat session, yes the net was used this time but fish lost while composing a selfie ... note to self "get any shot at first and don't get fancy until one is in the can". Then back to little fish missing. Chose to fish one more run ... my goodness, there are four fish active in that little patch of water. No response from the first two but one at the end got on before shaking loose ... time to go home.



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Jason M

Thanks to helping a gent fix up his fish finder back in November, I was offered a fishing trip out of Narooma. I quickly suggested following the Saltwater Outing, and headed there as part of my Tuross and Brogo expedition. Apart from heading a couple of miles out briefly from a saltwater outing a few years ago, I hadn't fished there and this angler seemed to know the area well –

both for fishing, and for safely navigating the bar. I left Canberra with the advice that we may not see some snapper, but may stay inshore with poor forecasts. As such, I selected some gear that was generally more useful in Tuross but mostly some light bottom bouncing and some additional jigs or upperwater lures, not knowing what to expect.

After a cup of tea, checking the forecast, and heading to the VMR station to survey the bar (a boat had flipped there that day, but both locals got out safely), we decided there was a good enough weather forecast the following morning to head to Montague Island and perhaps chase some kingfish. With boarders eased and many schools and universities closed for the year, I found that the very empty national parks and caravan parks were now full, and found myself down near Brogo looking for a camp. Finding the freecamp at Cobargo, I settled in for a meal, a sleep in my boat, and an early rise to drive back to Narooma for a dawn departure.



Montague Island on the way out

My selection of mono for line wasn't ideal. Although easier for making paternoster rigs, the decision to head to Montague saw the fishing in 30-60m of water, and I soon found myself dropping much slower than my host who was using braid, and thinking about all the braid reels I had left back in Canberra, but at least I was out there. My last real bottom bouncing session was with Geoff D around eight years earlier, and in closer to 20m.

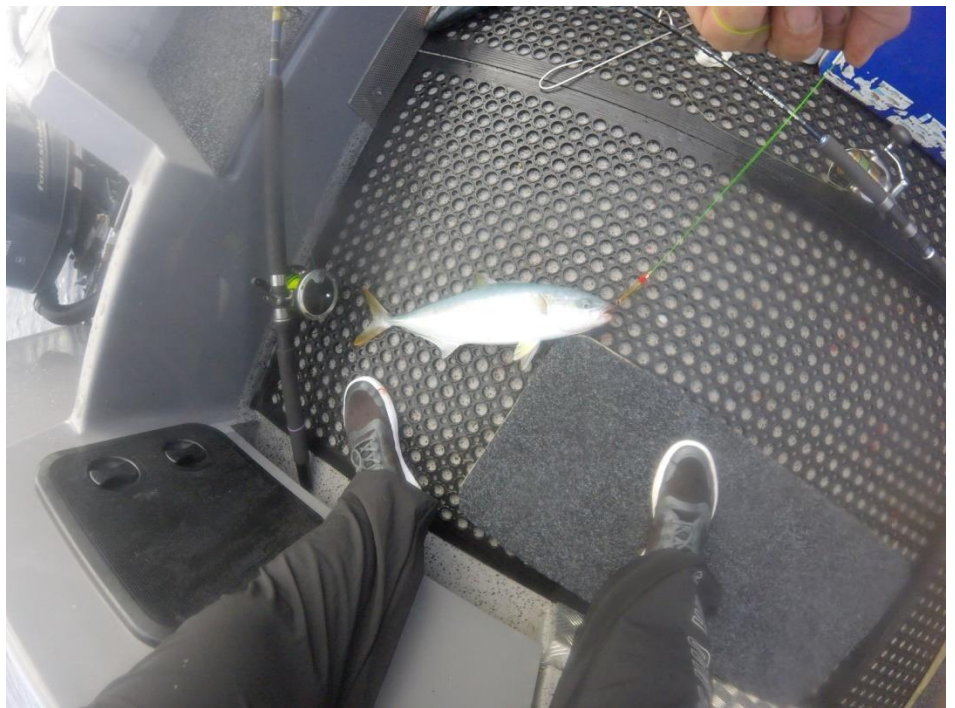
We didn't find any bait in the reefier areas, and headed to the point where a few of the boats were gathered to jig for some kingfish. I had never caught one, although hooking a couple in New Zealand on lighter gear. We soon joined the gathered boats, many of which were local

professional fishermen, line fishing with only 1 or 2 people in them. One large charter boat was out which looked like it had a crew onboard, and my host could name the person hooked up so it was pleasing to see such a collaborative fishing community.



Joining the circle work to find the school, noting the GPS tracks on the Lowrance

Not long after my host got to the 50m+ bottom he hooked up, and pulled a few kingfish in before I managed to hook up with my mono rig. I opted for an old metal jig, and lost one or two before landing my first.



First kingy landed, on my old Penn 330 GTi I bought back in 1997 when I first lived in Canberra

We would get two or three before needing to move and find the school again. They were all rat kings, around 55cm. It was fun though, and we worked the area with the other boats in the swell for an hour or two. My metal jig eventually snapped a rusty treble (it had been in my tackle box for almost 20 years), and then another closer to the boat. I switched to a BIG soft plastic, similar to one in the CAA Casting raffle, with a large jighead, and managed to get hooked up. I dropped the fish, or maybe it dropped me. I could see the bite mark halfway along the plastic, behind the hook. I also used a big marabou jig, and had some luck with that before things got quiet.



We decided to move inshore, and headed near the seal colony to rig up. Some drifting in around 20-30m provided little but some small squire and other undersized reef fish, but mostly snags, so we headed to a local flathead ground. This colony was in around 55m, and we then continued long drifts, with the occasional other fish. It was good fun, and slow to get the flathead up. We got a good feed, under our bag limit, and decided to head back.



Pretty bycatch (gurnard?)



Double hookup on my baitcaster



My host onto a nice flathead, at least he had an esky to keep him stable

Retrieving the boat, my host who was more familiar filleting the fish opted to clean the catch whilst I held guard against the seagulls, pelicans, and seals. The amassed animal kingdom was holding court in front of the cleaning table, and I was advised that they had become very brazen and aggressive. As such, I manned the hose to keep the flock of seagulls away, and as warned a seal had come under the cleaning table. They have been known to come behind the people as growl demanding the food. A minute or so of freshwater convinced the seal to return to the saltwater. As a result of this brazen nature at the cleaning tables, the local anglers throw nothing in the water at the cleaning table, and instead use the wheelie bins. Their problem is the many visiting anglers or other tourists who feed the birds, seals and stingrays at the ramp area their leftover fish and chips or their frames from the catch. Having seen the learned behaviour, similar to the swans and ducks at Lake Ginninderra boatramp, I could see the benefit of if there was to be any offering to animals of doing it well away from the cleaning station.

With my gracious host finished, and the boat already cleaned and ready for his son's arrival the following day, I gave my thanks and headed south. I had now caught my first kingfish, and had a nice feed of flathead. The benefit of local knowledge was definitely shown on this trip, and I also had my first trip to Montague Island. This gives me a bit more confidence if I want to go there myself, especially having spotted the local anchorages, but noting the swell and waves could pick up somewhat. With it not long after lunch, I began thinking about the trip home and a likely rest stop at Lake Williams for a flick for some trout on the way home....

Just a quick stop for a cast..or two



Pack It and Go

Jason provided an article on his lightweight rafting experience. The full text is in our [Gear Blog](#).

Jason M

Some of you may have read or heard about my initial trial of a packraft in winter in Tasmania in 2019. This is an article describing my set-up, beyond just the raft...

With an extra duffel to take up my lures, fishing gear, tinnie seat, and camping gear, I decided to throw the raft in and give my bigger system a test if I found some croc-free water on my quick trip to Queensland...

The day before I flew out, it was a blustery, rainy overcast day and a good one for a couple of hours wetting some barra lures before I flew back. With Awoonga Dam around 50%, and Boynedale Camp re-opening just before Christmas, we drove to the far side and down to the water to try to wet some lures...



Launching through the thick weeds on shore

...My chosen raft is an inexpensive, yet compact and light one – the [Klymit Light Water Dinghy \(LWD\)](#). Although under 1kg, I still prefer to keep trebles away from it where possible, but was more than happy to suffer a puncture from a barra if it needed to. A review I read of it noted minimal scratches from snags from a fisherman who had actively used it for a few years. Using its 30L dry bag for inflation, filling it up downwind wasn't too hard. I recalled a recommendation not to use it fully inflated, and dropped it down a bit. This allows it to contour more, and sits you lower in the water to drift less.

It has a number of tie-off points, which I used to run the anchor line through and back to an easily accessible point. I tied it to the oar at the other end, which worked well. I have contemplated adding a 2-3mm shock cord as a paddle leash, but this yellow rope was fine. I used sail tape and shock cord to make two lashes for my fishing rod...

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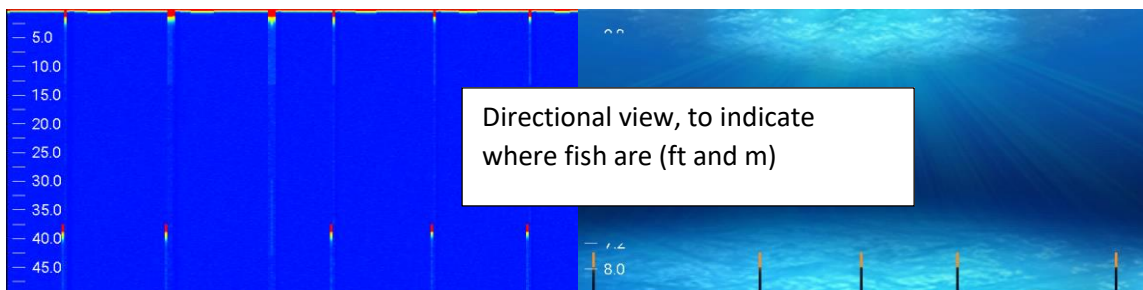
For myself, in addition to sunscreen and bug repellent, I opted for long pants and shirt for both sun and bug protection, and sandals for the hiking and weed/mud. I was also preparing in case I got blown down past my exit point and needed to walk back around. I added my neck tube, and ball cap and put my GoPro on the cap. I also took my Jonathon Paul Fitovers and the polarized amber lenses helped straight away with the reflected sunlight. A sunglass strap was added to avoid knocking them off.

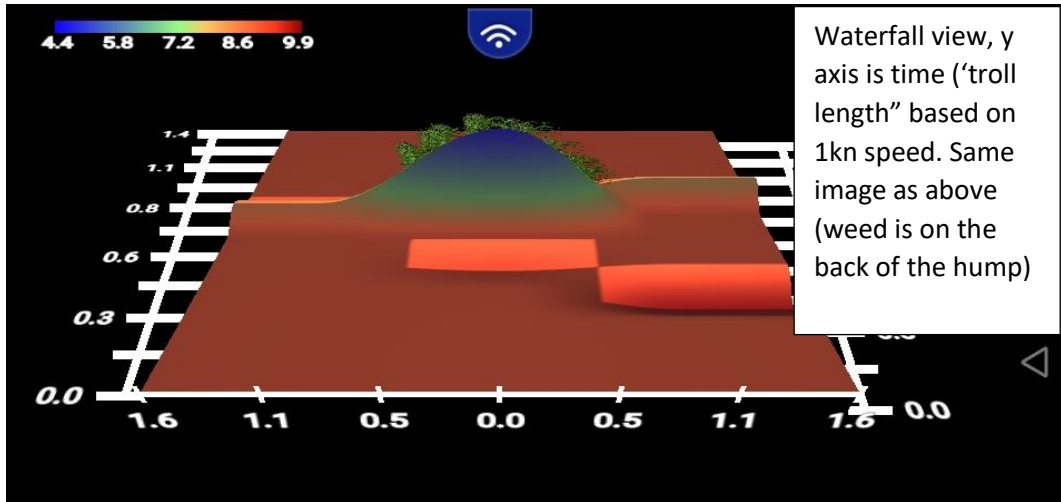


Polarised sunglasses, neck tube, with phone bag and tackle satchel able to access in the raft (my hat had the camera on it). Landing area is in the background, along with the new crowd of canoe-ers.

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I also had another gadget to try – a castable fish finder. It worked well to see the depth, and pick the weedline. I bought a secondhand Lowrance FishHunter3D. It can be used for a directional plot to figure out where to cast, or can also be used for bottom mapping...





Screenshot of the fish finder, albeit not too many features in this recorded 1.4 & 2.4m trolls



The orange-topped FishHunter 3D drifting around from behind the raft on its short leash

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In the end, I spent a bit over an hour in the inflatable raft. It worked quite well, although with the single oar and lower inflation my back felt it a bit. I was able to move to a more upright position and cross my legs when tied off to the stump, which helped get out of the reclining position I'd developed...

A quick opening of the deflation valve and untying the gear, and in short time I was packed up with the raft rolled back up and put away. The test worked well, despite the blustery weather. With calmer winds, and reeds or a treeline it would be great for a slow drift or tying off and casting lures or flies...



Raft setup at the end of the fishing

The beauty was most of this gear I already had, such as my estuary wading satchel and fishing gear. I took my inflatable lifejacket for Luke on the tinnies, but last time I checked weren't mandatory in QLD freshwater kayaking, but required in other states and ACT alpine waters. I left my CO2 cylinder at home, and bought a fresh one to avoid flying with dangerous goods. The rafting gear was only around 2kg and 2-3L if you include a multi-piece paddle. Although more whitewater packrafts are up around \$2,000, my setup (including FishHunter) cost me less than \$400. ... gives me a permanent grab-and-go alternative for travel or to put in the back of the car instead of strapping a kayak on the roof. I mainly got it for bike packing or hiking in to remote spots, so this set-up should serve me well. Now, I just need some more time off work to go bush....

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[Loch style Fishing](#)

Provides a video on loch style fishing – now copied into [our 'Beginners' blog](#).

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 December 2020 edition came in just too late for November *Burley Line* and links to key points were provided in “Stuff You May Have Already Read on our News Blog” above.

The February 2121 Edition is [here](#). The more notable items:

- **DPI releases tiger trout in Thompsons Creek Dam** DPI Fisheries has released tiger trout in NSW for the first time. The stocking is part of a three year trial. Tiger trout are a sterile hybrid between a brown trout and a brook trout. They have a reputation for eating other fish, which makes them especially useful where pest species such as redfin are a problem.
- **Canberra Fisherman's Club helps stock lakes with native fish**

- **Barilaro comes on board with science-based plan – time to get on with horse removal**
- **Lake Eucumbene water quality concerns.** Local anglers and businesses have raised concerns about water quality problems at the Anglers Reach end of Lake Eucumbene, with reports of yellow, putrid water in the lake.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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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 ☺).

[11 Dec issue](#) arrived. The masks have disappeared. Top item from my perspective was **Catch up on Talk Wild Trout presentations** – All the talks are on [YouTube](#).

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

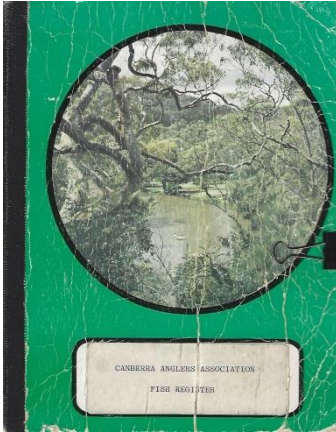
Provided for our calendar planning, members to see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
Mar	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Anaconda Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants. Here are some pages related to the 2020 event https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144 https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2820574901353724
Sat 17 – Sun 18 April 2021	Pirtek Fishing Challenge 2021 – “Fight a Fish for Medical Research’ – information at https://pirtekfishingchallenge.com.au/ . New 2 day format - \$240,000 in cash and prizes to be won
	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
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshop at Gaden Hatchery https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids

	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Batemans Bay https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Tuross Head https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Saltwater Workshop at Greenwell Point https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
	These have been annual regulars in the past
Feb	the Thredbo fly fishing expo (free event) – 2021 seems doubtful with COVID, https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-weekend-2020/
May	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers InterClub Meet http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/
Oct	Gone Fishing day. https://gonefishingday.com.au/ .

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 Native Fish Rating Tool)	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

Mike	Whiting	Two with best at 31.5cm	Lure	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Peter	Rainbow hen	45cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20
Peter	Rainbow hen	47 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20
Bill	Rainbow hen	36 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 26 Nov 20
Bill	Brown jack	50 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 3 Dec 20
Randy	Whiting	Too athletic to measure	Lure	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Stuart	Bream	28cm	Lure	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
John	Bream	27cm	Lure	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
John	Flathead	36cm	Lure	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
JM	Prawn	7cm	bait	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Jaime	Flathead	Two 35-40cm	fly	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Jason M	Bream	22 cm	bait	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Jason M	Bream	31 cm	bait	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Jason M	Flathead	38cm	bait	CAA Coast Trip, 11-13 Dec 20
Jason M	Bass	7 with best 28 cm	lure	Brogo 14 Dec 20
Ken	Brown trout	48cm	Fly	Jindabyne Trip, 29-31 Jan
Ken	Brown trout	32cm	Fly	Jindabyne Trip, 29-31 Jan
Ken	Rainbow trout	37cm	Fly	Jindabyne Trip, 29-31 Jan
Bill	Brown trout	33cm	Fly	Jindabyne Trip, 29-31 Jan

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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.

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