

THE BURLEY LINE



Claude was Speechless After This One



From the Editor's Desk

Quite a full issue. Jo Starling's talk to the club meeting was very informative, including guidance on a new knot to try out. The Tantangara trip was a real success for most, though many of us under-estimated how close we are to winter. Many thanks to Greg S and Jason M for some interesting links.

Coming Events

Meeting: 14th April. As usual 7:30. More details via email.

Fly Tying: 28th April

On Zoom from 7:30 – more instructions via email.

Next Events

Not Until May 2021 – Tumut with John Details in due course.

Always an excellent event. Check out the reports in *Burley Line* Jun 2019, Jun 2018 and May 2017 (a very successful year 2017)

<http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/june-2019-burley-line-newsletter-issue-144/>

<http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/jun-2018-burley-line-newsletter-issue-133/>

<http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/may-2017-burley-line-newsletter-issue-121/>

Don't Forget – We've Moved Our PO Box

We've moved the PO Box from Civic to Hawker. If you are intending to use snail mail to send stuff to the club, the address is now PO Box 4115 HAWKER ACT 2614.

March Meeting – Jo Starling Talk

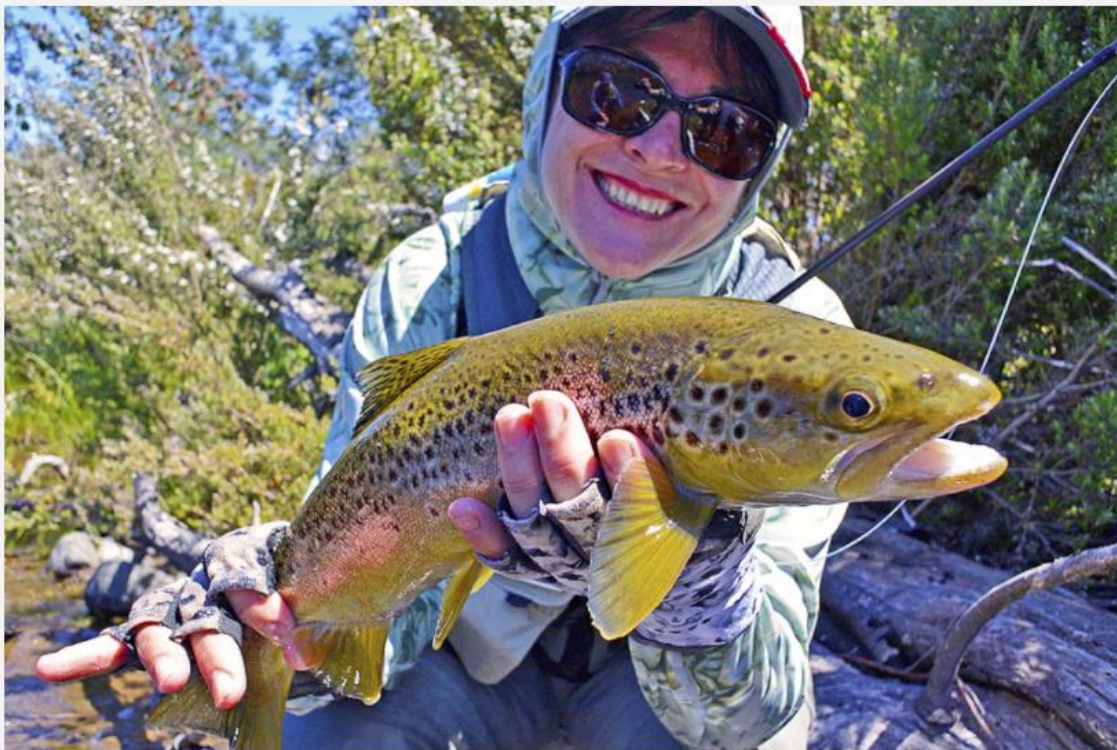
Claude

Jo Starling was an excellent speaker on 10 Mar 21. Jo was very generous with her time and discussed her fly fishing journey from first picking up a fly rod in 2010 to undertaking her Fly Gap Year (a year of fly fishing only). Jo also gave us a tour of



the 'Starlo' creation <https://www.fishotopia.com.au>. It looks like a great resource and there free and subscriber elements. The good thing is that you can just join for a month or annually...so if you need some reading material while on holiday, give it a try.

We asked about her favourite tip/hack and Jo showed us the quick 'nymph knot'...a couple of us are still trying to learn it but it looks great once it can be mastered.



My smile in 2016 says it all! I don't think you ever stop learning, once you "start to fly", it's a journey. Won't you come along?

Tantangara Trip Report – 26-28 Mar

Claude

The CAA had a very successful trip to the Tantangara over the 26-28 March weekend. We had nine members come along and by all accounts everyone had an enjoyable time and caught a fish on at least one of days. A couple of the guys left Canberra early on Friday to make the most of the weekend. Lyall visited the Portal area and practised Spey casting in the sunshine, BJ and Shaun



fished Denison Plain but found that the higher than normal water didn't excite the fish as much as they hoped and hit the Tantangara in the drift boat in the afternoon. Shaun, being an experienced Loch Style fisherman, had a successful afternoon catching three rainbows. Alan fished the Eucumbene downstream of the Portal and we await results. Claude and Al hit the Eucumbene at the start of the tree line, and found the fishing pretty tough using normal floating lines...the water was much better suited to Euro style. Al had one fish take on his indicator and regretted not putting on a dry dropper. Bill and Ken travelled North around to the Western shore and fished the Murrumbidgee close to the lake. They had success on both the swing and dry – Ken who joined the CAA to meet fellow fishermen and learn more about fly fishing, continued to teach his companions how to fish...often catching a fish in the first five casts to the dismay of his companions.





Wares Yard Campground



Shaun inflating his Taj Mahal



Claude and Al at the state of the art kitchen



As the sun sunk below the horizon we all gathered at the campsite, stoked up the fire and enjoyed our dinner and good company. Here toasting some seasonal hot cross buns.



After a pleasant start



Saturday welcomed us with grey skies and a brisk breeze.

Bill and Ken hit the Murrumbidgee and had a fun time catching rainbows on buggers and the odd fish on dry dropper rigs. Claude, Lyall and Al took an adventurous trip to the dam via the East Tantangara Trail. It was probably the most adventurous 4WD'ing we have done. We finally got to the water and were welcomed by 15 kph headwinds and one foot chop. I had heard that such conditions are ideal, but

Al and Claude both struggled in the conditions, gave up after 30 minutes and just enjoyed watching Lyall Spey casting off a rocky outcrop. BJ and Shaun did some more drifting on Tantangara with BJ catching his first Loch Style rainbow. They finished off going home via the Eucumbene near the bridge and got thoroughly soaked in the rainstorms...fish TBA.

Alan hit Lake Eucumbene from the Portal, but only got to enjoy the walk and scenery. Rain hit most of us around 4 PM causing us to return to camp.



On return to the camp we were welcomed by Jason who had stoked up the fire and started to set up a tarp shelter. Despite many offers of help, Jason was determined and successfully demonstrated that he could set up the shelter solo! He was more impressive in that he appeared quite comfortable in his shorts while the rest of us were wearing beanies and down jackets. The shelter proved very useful later that night when the rain started.....but we did race back to the fire at every rain break!



Sunday was a frosty start with some waking up to 'solid' waders and hard to put on boots. Lyall and Ken took an early mark after breakfast. Claude and Al were guided to Murrumbidgee entry to Tantangara by Bill for an entertaining and sometimes frustrating fishing session. Claude decided to break out the switch rod and managed to land his first fish, a feisty rainbow, on a two hander. Bill and Al tackled the river 'normal style', and Al landed a nice rainbow on a Royal Wulff. Bill headed upstream to hit the area where Ken landed three the previous day. He diligently worked the water with a dry dropper rig without success. Claude fished behind Bill and was lucky enough to land, after a heart-in-mouth fight, a mighty brown that took a hares body, elk wing, fly. (Ed: see photo of the month).



Al had an unlucky rest of the day with numerous strikes and misses, but it was reassuring that we were still able to fish dries at this time of year. We were surprised to find that despite 5.5km

and a big hill, we were able to stay in contact with Jason via our walkie-talkies. He was hitting the water in his new double hobie and reported back his success. He landed a large brown on a yabby lure which was a great end to the day.



It was an excellent weekend....and we hope more will join us next year 😊



Jason enjoying his lunch.



Leftovers from some-one else's lunch.

Some Interesting Video Clips on Facebook

Greg S

Good Morning Bill and Charlie

Perhaps fodder for the newsletter ? Drone footage from Yallingup WA. Salmon balling up.

<https://www.facebook.com/droneadventuresbunburywa/videos/842068049676905>

Video quality is rubbish, but you can see what is happening.

<https://www.facebook.com/LandlineABC/videos/1082828382217745>

Googong overflowing again.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/947601095285164/permalink/4110524192326156/>

(Ed: you don't need a Facebook account to see the videos)

Also from Greg – ABC Report on Murray Cod

Greg S

Darling River ecology 'extinct' and Murray cod 'in real trouble', warns expert Dr Stuart Rowland. "Dr Rowland says native fish are the victims of drought and river mismanagement."

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-03-13/dr-stuart-rowland-darling-ecology-extinct-murray-cod-at-risk/13238454>

Spotted by Jason M

Jason M

A major release of Macquarie Perch into Wimburndale Dam. The fish were bred up by DPI Narrandera Fisheries Centre as part of the Macquarie Perch Recovery Project. [Read all about it](#) in this issue of Fishing World.

Another from Fishing World – [How many carp are in our rivers?](#) As part of the National Carp Control Plan, the Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) estimated 199.2 million carp in an 'average' year, 357.5 million carp in a 'wet' year.

(Editor: hmm, NCCP has been very quiet recently)

Historical Footage of Macquarie Perch Hatchery

ACT Fly Fishers recently had a speaker talking about Macquarie Perch, I think also the efforts to restore this threatened species. A link has been distributed of an ABC TV article on this. Makes for interesting viewing:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lzGwQMBPcas>

Book Reviews

A new section to *Burley Line* and indeed to our blog – with its [own category and menu item](#). No reviews this month .. fingers crossed for next *Burley Line*.

Have Your Say on NSW Fishing

Our speaker for the March meeting was Jo Starling as described above. Some members may not be aware of her role in an organisation called [Recreation Fishing NSW Advisory Council](#) (RFNSW ... not to be confused with RFA of NSW!). Its charter is “to provide advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on key recreational fishing issues in NSW” – significantly it provides recommendation to the Minister on the use of the Fishing Trust funds ie our NSW fishing ‘licence’ fee.

RFNSW has regionally oriented representatives and Jo is the representative for the South Coast. In her talk she remarked that she welcomed input from anglers on issues related to recreational fishing on the South Coast and cited the example of the objections to the super-trawler [Geelong Star](#) operating on the Australian coast. For those of us on Facebook, Jo would welcome messages direct to her via messaging from her Facebook [page](#). Otherwise, you can email rfnsw.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au and your email will be forwarded on to her.

A friend of CAA and President of the Monaro Acclimatisation Society Steve Samuels is the representative for Central and Southern Tablelands.

A New Knot to add to your Repertoire

Claude

For the ‘viewers’ at our last meeting, Jo demonstrated the nymph knot that is used by competition fishers who need tie on flies fast with a strong/reliable knot. I hadn’t seen it before and it’s a great and quick. I found a demo on YouTube...I can put away the tweezers that I use for knot tying!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGFu3wS1TbU>

(Ed: hmm, still not super clear because the demonstrator brings the material out of our view ... I think he is creating a thumbknot/overhand not. When he spins he would then take care to hold onto the points where the tippet crosses itself – I’m still trying to get this working. I think also easier with heavy Euronymphs and light tippet?)

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.

[Have Your Say in a Review of NSW Crown Land Management](#)

Management of NSW Crown Lands has been somewhat problematic - it impacts on we anglers as the sale of crown roads and travelling stock reserves can impact on angler access to fishing sites. The opportunity to comment on a Discussion Paper on the Review of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 has been extended to Friday 9th April 2021.

[Remediation Work at Providence Portal – some Angling Disruption](#)

Short term pain for a long term gain in water quality downstream.

[NSW have finally moved to ban Opera House traps](#)

So far behind other states and the ACT.

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 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 in *Burley Line* that is of a long-term interest – often that'll mean nothing in any particular month, but I'll keep the placemarker.

I've recently noticed that posts from visitors (ie not from our Facebook administrator) do not automatically appear on the timeline – we're working on it. Disappointing as there's been a number of posts from me, Jason M and indeed from our administrator Shaun (as himself, not as administrator) that are not visible.

[Historic \(1961\) Photo of Trout Fishing at Cotter](#)

Hmm, I wonder if this was a Lyle Knowles comp day.

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

- The Snowy Trout Challenge isn't over yet. It is open to all anglers and runs from October 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021. 430 large tagged rainbow trout have been released into the local waterways of the Snowy/Monaro. Each fish is tagged with a pink tag. At the end of February are still over 270 tagged trout out there with sponsored prizes attached to over 70% of them, including \$1000 cash prizes and accommodation packages.
- Fertile trapped Kosciuszko feral horses are being set free
- NSW CFA Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held on 27 January and 24 February 2021 and a quarterly general meeting of the Council was held on Saturday 20 February 2021. All meetings were held on Zoom and were well attended. Notes are in the newsletter.

The Apr 2121 Edition is [here](#). A very full edition:

- Have your say on whether bowfishing should be legalised
- Redfin have arrived in Thompsons Creek Dam.
- Description and link to video of the Zoom presentation by Dr John Harris on the Tube Fishway Project.
- Failure of a NSW Parliament ePetition to end controls on feral horses in Kosciuszko.
- NSW Opera House/pyramid yabby trap free exchange.
- Cod fishing competitions feeding into DPI research.
- [Free skin check guide](#) from the Cancer Council of NSW.

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](#).

[Mar 21 issue](#) has arrived. Interesting points:

- National ban on polystyrene packaging
- Progress at last on Trunketabella Lake access? – the local council is examining a complaint that a private landowner has closed Coopers Island Road near Tuross Head.
- Gone Fishing Day is now scheduled for Sun 10 Oct..

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 ☺). No emails this month.

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

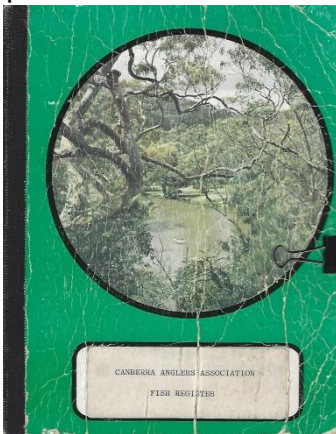
Provided for our calendar planning, members to see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
Sat 17 – Sun 18 April	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
April 2021 for South Coast	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshops have restarted after the major COVID restrictions have passed. The South Coast saltwater events are scheduled, but Gaden is still to be determined https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
Sun 10 Oct	Go Fishing Day NSW version. https://gonefishingday.com.au/
Recent advice is that this is now scheduled for Dec	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Anaconda Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants. The word is that there'll be a special prize exclusively for fly anglers. Here are some pages related to the 2020 event https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144 https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2820574901353724

	These have been annual regulars in the past
Feb	the Thredbo fly fishing expo (free event) – 2021 was lost to COVID, https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-weekend-2020/
May	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers InterClub Meet – similarly, you can expect Stefan to promote this for 2022 http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/

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.

Length to Weight?

Has anyone seen this chart before? I wonder whether you find it very accurate – clearly the fish's condition would have to be a factor.

▲ TROUT		RAINBOW	
TOTAL LENGTH	WEIGHT	TOTAL LENGTH	WEIGHT
(CM)	(KG)	(CM)	(KG)
27	0.3	51	1.8
29	0.3	53	2.0
31	0.4	55	2.3
33	0.5	57	2.5
35	0.6	59	2.8
37	0.7	61	3.1
39	0.8	63	3.4
41	0.9	65	3.7
43	1.1	67	4.1
45	1.2	69	4.4
47	1.4	71	4.8
49	1.6	73	5.3

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
Bill	Rainbow trout	40cm	Fly	Barrington Tops 9 Feb
Bill	A few Rainbow trout	Up to 40cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene 27,28 Feb
Claude	Rainbow and Brown	34cm and 50cm respectively	Fly	Lake Tantangara CAA Event, 26-28 Mar
Ken	8 Rainbows	Best two at 36cm	Fly	Lake Tantangara CAA Event, 26-28 Mar
Jason	Brown	45cm	Lure	Lake Tantangara CAA Event, 26-28 Mar
Bill	Rainbow	25cm	Fly	Lake Tantangara CAA Event, 26-28 Mar

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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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