

# THE BURLEY LINE



**Peter, 61cm brown, June Chill 2012**



## From the Editor's Desk

After getting Peter's brown incorrect last month, my penance is that he's photo of the month this month. Actually the image is there to tempt folk into considering the June Chill event – big fish will be around.

CAA went up to Tumut last weekend. The flow was huge, impacting on the fishing no doubt. Unfortunately it seems both John and Claude are busy at work so we'll have to wait to next month for a report.

Greg S has been sending in weblinks to some interesting video clips and articles. Well spotted mate and keep them coming. I wonder if he (or anyone else) might like to take on the role of stand in editor – now that JQ has moved to Cairns *Burley Line* is missing this essential portion of the machinery. With COVID possibly easing a bit (New Zealand bubble at minimum), you can expect me to be looking to travel with consequences for newsletter production ... think about it folks, it isn't that hard.

Some funnies from Mike to lighten the spirits, also I've 'discovered' a particularly good YouTube channel with excellent video quality (I just love closeups of the fish taking the fly) but also instructional commentary along the way.

A couple of important items from Monaro Acclimatisation Society, plus highlights of NSW CFA and RFA of NSW newsletters.

### Coming Events

#### Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> May.

This won't be at Raiders or via Zoom. Nathan will be hosting our meeting at Compleat Angler Fyshwick talking about new gear etc. More details via email.

#### Fly Tying: 26<sup>th</sup> May

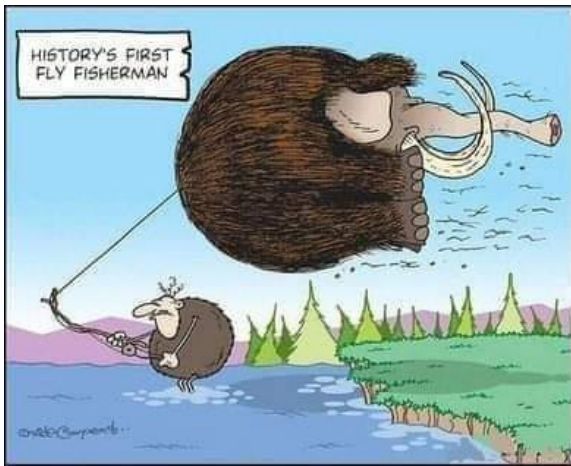
We've decided Zoom works best. From 7:30 – more instructions via email.

#### Next Events

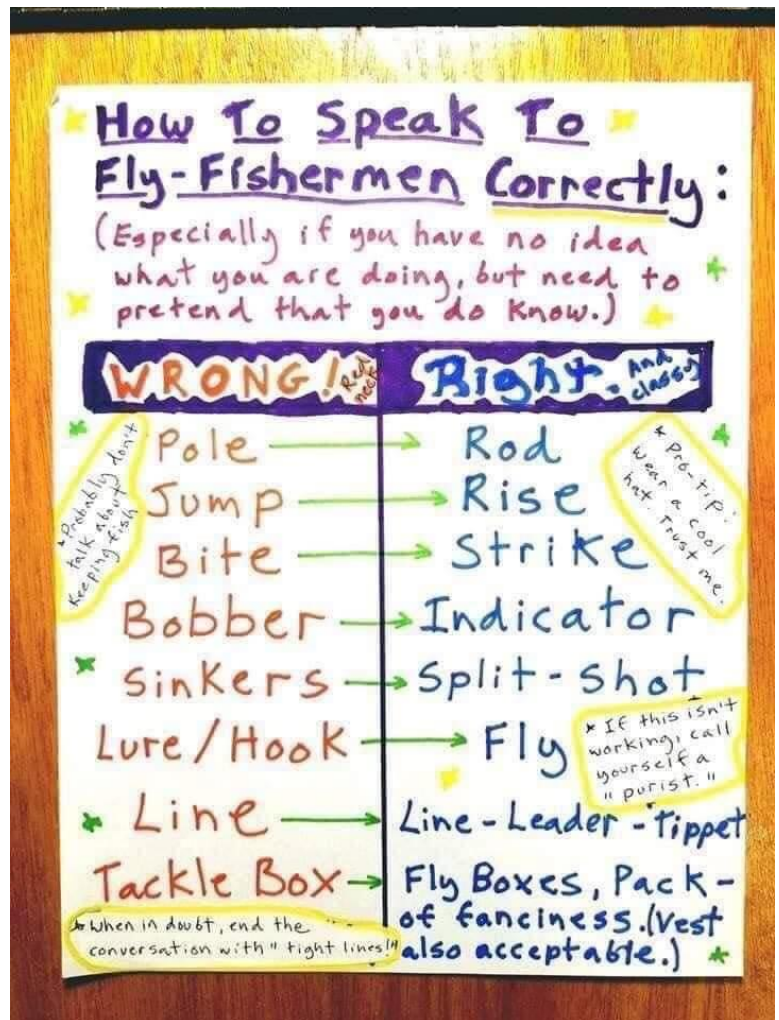
#### 25-27 Jun – "June Chill" at Buckenderra.

Accommodation is very tight in the alps with Snowy Hydro 2.0 and ski season but Jason M has sourced a cottage at Buckenderra – it sleeps four in adult beds. Space is available on the floor, and we can check with the van park but I'm sure there is space for tenting/vanning. More information in due course, but please register your potential interest by emailing me.

## Mike Found This Tutorial for Non-Fly Folk and Historical Photo



Hmm, I get caught up in my backcast too, or was this an early extra large Woolly Bugger.



## Greg's Been Watching More Stuff On-line

Links Provided by Greg S

Some more from Greg – note that you don't have to be a Facebook subscriber to watch.

Shark Population Explosion in WA?

<https://www.facebook.com/LandlineABC/videos/817885445746692>

Plastic from waste fish parts: [https://phys.org/news/2021-04-cleaner-greener-plastics-fish.html?fbclid=IwAR1WAKT-uGSs298oJmnGczgzFyAC5cvK0XwNBpQ8yYQ1VZiKa4\\_B75Z-dEA](https://phys.org/news/2021-04-cleaner-greener-plastics-fish.html?fbclid=IwAR1WAKT-uGSs298oJmnGczgzFyAC5cvK0XwNBpQ8yYQ1VZiKa4_B75Z-dEA). At first I was thinking this was recycling microplastics in fish, but the story is much more interesting – the resulting plastic is more biodegradable too.

Seems he watches Gardening Australia and here they have a segment on lung fish

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=439094703838263>

Golden Barra? <https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2021-04-28/scientists-hope-to-uncover-the-mystery-of-the-golden-barramundi/100088858>

And lastly, I thought going into freshwater was safe, seems not according to the [ABC Landline program](#).

# Excellent Tutorials on Trout Fishing Streamcraft on YouTube

I've been providing some informal mentoring to our new member Stephen and have pointed him to Jensen Fly Fishing (on YouTube and their website). Their videography and commentary are excellent. You might consider subscribing to their YouTube channel plus their free email newsletters/videos.

I initially pointed him to two specific videos:

"Nymphing Rainbow Trout in Ultra-Low & Gin-Clear Water (Fly Fishing) of Pre-Runoff" at <https://youtu.be/s1fx5nMUTP4>

And "Fly Fishing HUGE BROWN TROUT in tiny water. The art of hunting brown trout EPIC" at <https://youtu.be/RQK81K3CKGw>

I offered some observations, especially for the latter:

- Watch how you can often see the shadow better than the fish itself
- Looking for their white mouth is often a key sighting technique
- The refractive effects of water make them look much skinnier than they are ... see how wide (but shallow and short) they look when they swim directly away or towards the camera
- Some of these takes were of the nymph below rather than the indicator fly – watch both (maybe have to rewind)
- Again the refractive index means the fish are further away than you think. When he says his fly is right above the fish the fly looks too far away.
- When the fish takes the dry, see the pause till the fish closes his mouth ... but then again maybe he misses one strike by being too slow
- Watch them working the fish to and fro
- Take care, some of this is slomo ... sometimes hard to tell. I was taught to strike at the same speed that the trout takes the fly. Traditionally you sing the single line "God Save the Queen" then strike
- The very last fish filming is particularly good.
- Three flies are not permitted in our streams
- I'm not sure if they do this in these two videos, but in their streamer angling, they like to give the fly a series of little jiggles as they lift back for next cast

Some really good streamcraft lessons to be seen here. I'll place this material on our "[Beginners](#)" [blog](#), but I think everyone can take some lessons ... I should also put some of the stuff that Ian has been hammering into me over the years too. If you have a nice drift down (eg when you have cast somewhat across the stream) let the fly continue down (maybe a mend is needed) and take real care at the end of the drift when a nymph would rise to the surface as this can induce a strike (how many Mataura fish have I missed with this!). Don't false cast any more than is necessary (the Jensens emphasise this too).

My NZ guide also has encouraged me to be prepared to cast directly across the current to rising fish – their attention is often on looking forward and they won't be so attentive watching for me

coming from the side – means that the fly has less chance of being dragged – aim for just a rod length at most ahead of the fish.

Interpreting rise forms, especially understanding that fish might be taking just below the surface (bulge), is a topic covered elsewhere [here](#).

## Fly Rods Stolen at Tumut

Stolen Fly Rods : Rewad \$1000

Contact: 0422499839

I spotted this on Facebook – hopefully our guys didn't suffer a similar fate – keep an eye out guys.

<https://www.facebook.com/314598008685155/posts/2319707158174220/?app=fbl>

On Saturday 10 April two sentimental fly fishing rods were stolen from my caravan in Tumut at the Riverglades Caravan Park.

Im offering more than thesecond hand resale worth for their return without questions asked.

They will be difficult to sell without someone finding out so it would be worth while taking the offer and making a good return.

If the offender can be named as well as the return I will pay a total of \$1500

Rod 1 :  
Loop 7x 5# - Grey  
Reel :  
Loop Opti Dry Fly - green line  
Serial number (DF2337)

Rod 2  
Loop Evotec 3# - Yellow  
Reel:  
Loop Opti Creek - Green Line

The Low Life Thiefs also stole rods from young kids and holidays makers so help find these ratbags



# The Perils of Droning

You'd be aware that a number of us in the club have a drone, sometimes deployed on our fishing trips. We've been warned of the problems of the drone auto-returning to the launch spot only to find that the boat has moved, but this guy in Belconnen had a different problem. Anyone know him? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRLtU1f9cd0>

Some nice aerial views of Belconnen.

And then we find some Antarctic researchers lost a very different kind of drone:

<https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-27/research-sail-drone-washed-up-on-gippsland-beach/100099328>

## While we are in the Air

Others may have heard Alan S (our original Kiwi Alan) talk about his remote controlled glider. I've been entertained by talk about flying with wedgetailed eagles off the Lake George escarpment but never seen it in action. Well, here's the next best thing – I'm amazed at the manoeuvrability of these beasties. [https://youtu.be/O4Vu\\_0Bmf0k](https://youtu.be/O4Vu_0Bmf0k)

Not sure I'll give up my drone and powered flight yet ... with my luck the glider would end up not coming home.

## 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.

### [Yearling Trout Stocked into Snowy Lakes](#)

Some good news from Monaro Acclimatisation Society and a taste of things to come with larger trout being produced by Gaden Hatchery. Also reported on our Facebook site.

### [Hare and Copper nymph](#)

The topic of our April fly tying.

### [Some Changes to Our Website/Blog](#)

Maybe you haven't already read the instructions on [how to use our blog](#), including the idea of replying to posts or registering to receive emailed alerts when new things are uploaded. Anyway, our latest innovation is to provide a link to our [new search page](#) ... it only searches the blog but that's still pretty useful for those (like me) who can't remember when a useful snippet was posted.

## 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 placemaker.

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.

### Blah

blah.

## News from MAS

A snippet from Steve Samuels re the Providence Portal repairs:

*Advice from Snowy Hydro is that completion is expected in about 3 weeks. Works are now focussing on diversion wings and creating pool and riffle structure along the bed of the outlet. This work will ensure that we do not end up with a drain, but rather a close approximation of the previous stream structure that will benefit the aquatic environment.*



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*While the works will be completed in about 3 weeks, the commissioning of the system will occur some time after this. The Monaro Acclimatisation Society has engaged with Snowy Hydro to identify an initial release program that will not compromise the expected run of spawning fish that will be in the Eucumbene River. The initial flow down the outlet is likely to be discoloured so we are investigating the option of timing the first releases to supply a gradual flow during a rain*



*event that will shandy the water and keep the downstream reach of the river as clean as possible. It is anticipated that the commissioning flow will occur after the closure of the trout season.*

*These works will ensure that future releases from the Portal will have no detrimental effect on the Eucumbene River.*



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I attended the May quarterly meeting – here are my notes:

*A summary was provided of activities within NSWCFR of particular relevance to MAS.*

*NSW Government management of horses in the Kosciuszko National Park is failing to lower the number of horses due to the small number of horses being removed. The MAS will be considering its relationship with the Invasive Species Council over the horses issue. It was suggested that the MAS take a stronger lead on the matter and work with its sub-branches and other angling organisations to challenge the current NSW Government stance of protecting feral horses in the KNP. Key details will be provided by Kerry Pfeiffer.*

*In respect to the recent stocking of yearlings into Eucumbene and Jindabyne, the yearlings were 18 to 25cm. They were grown out via a highly technical water environment temperature adjustment technique - as we would envisage in the Snowy Hydro 2.0 grow out facility. By comparison a slightly earlier stocking of fish raised more conventionally saw fish more like 6cm.*

*A report was given on the Providence Portal repair – subject of the note from them above.*

*Snowy Hydro have identified an excellent person on a consultancy contract to design the grow out facility. The broad scope plan is about 2 months away from being passed to MAS/DPI for review and then subsequent approval by Government.*

*Pres MAS spoke about the DPI Fisheries restructure and anticipates improved interaction with the new principal point of contact Jim Harnwell.*



# 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 May 2021 Edition is [here](#). The more notable items:

- Eucumbene River end-of-season access
- Update on Recreational Fishing Access in Water Supply Dams Working Group
- Compliance office updates for Snowy Mountains and Monaro – staff turnover
- Trees helping restore Lachlan River waterway health
- Yearling trout stocking report

### 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](#).

[April 2021 Issue](#) has arrived. Interesting points:

- Lake Conjola, St Georges Basin and Burrill Lake Recreational Fishing Havens have just received flathead stockings (check out the [video](#)) ...but Tuross Lake misses out!
- Update on Recreational Fishing Access in Water Supply Dams Working Group.

### 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

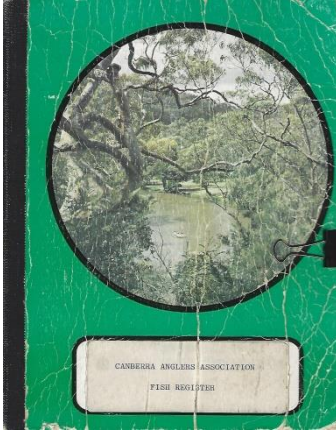
Provided for our calendar planning, members to see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
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  <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>
Sun 10 Oct	Go Fishing Day NSW version. <a href="https://gonefishingday.com.au/">https://gonefishingday.com.au/</a>
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  <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>

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

# Notable Fish Recorded

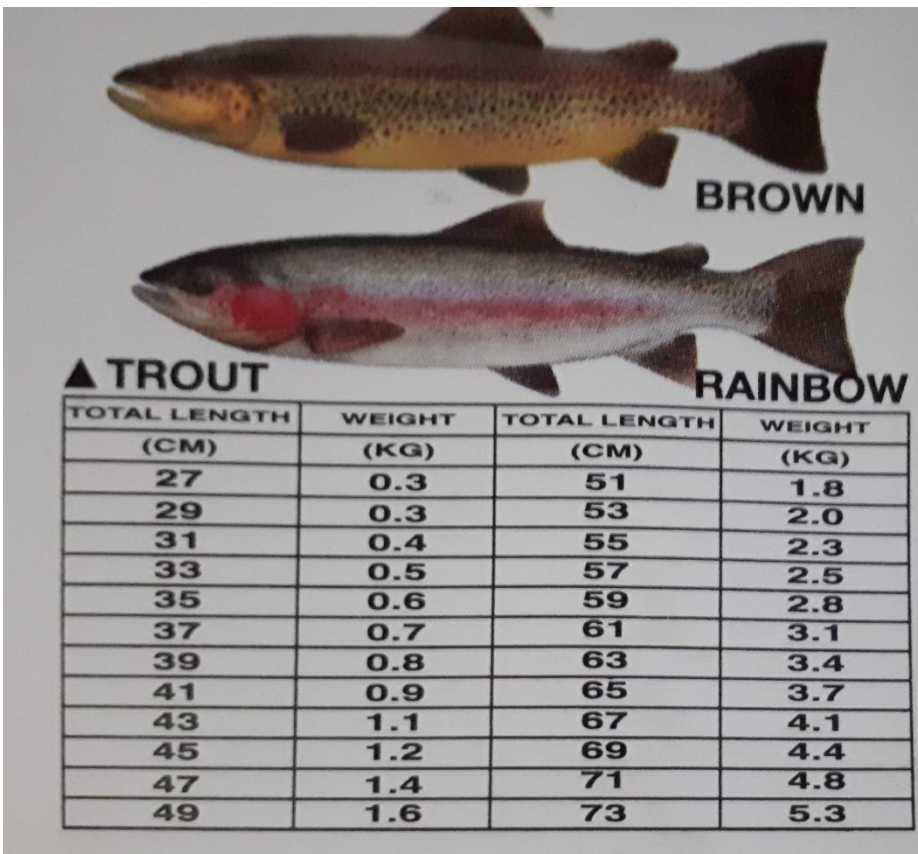
The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and share the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and so can include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies. The authoritative list for consideration for the [club trophies](#) is the little green book brought to meetings by the Secretary clearly marked as "Canberra Anglers Association Fish Register" pictured here.



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

## 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.



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
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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## 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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