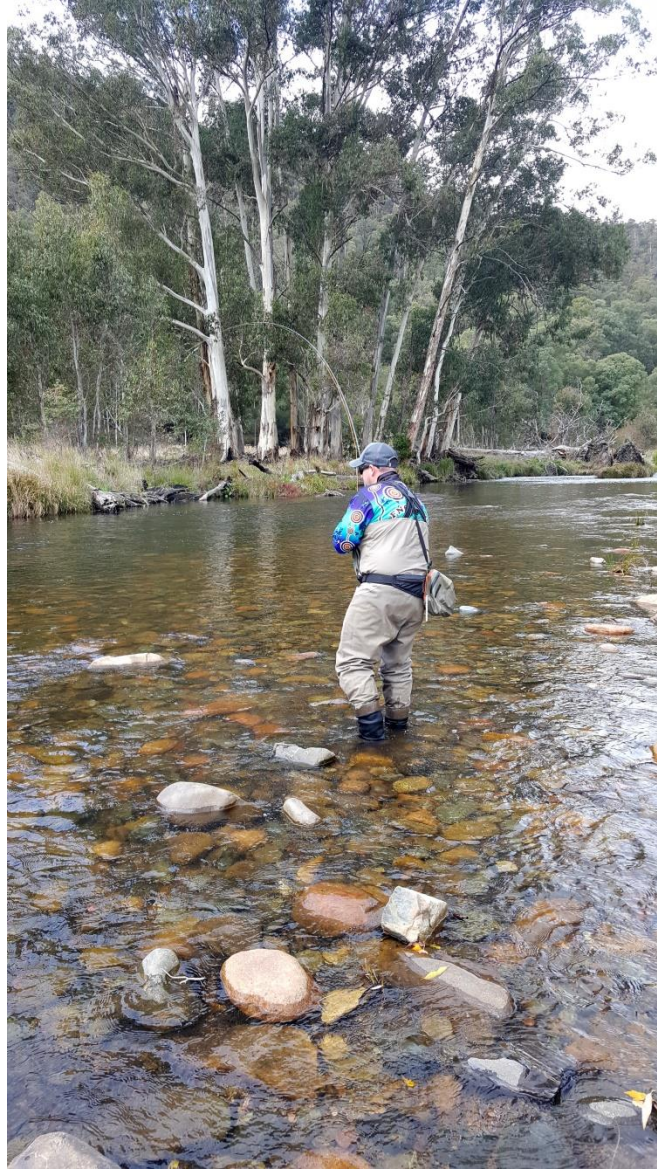


THE BURLEY LINE



JQ in action in the Brindabellas



From the Editor's Desk

The Tumut trip report that missed the schedule for May *Burley Line* has arrived – wow! Some excellent photos – don't you love the *bokeh* (selective focus on the fish and not the angler :-). Seemed quite a success despite the high flows and will be a must-do event next year.

Was very exciting to have JQ down here from Cairns and available within his busy schedule to get out for one day chasing our speckled friends up in the Brindies. This was a recce for a planned club trip next year being championed by our man in London (soon to be back home) Greg W.

I've put some thoughts to the committee on trips that I'd like to conduct next season. Put your hand up folks – the program is in development and all the trips ought not have to fall upon the 'usual suspects'.

Similarly, the stories here are a bit thin – aren't you fishing? We'd all love to hear what you've been up to with the close of stream season almost upon us.

Coming Events

Meeting: 9th June.

At the Raiders, and hopefully also via Zoom. An International Presenter to discuss 'The Rainbow Trout of NZ's Taupo Region' – our newer Kiwi AI. More details via email.

Fly Tying: 23rd June

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

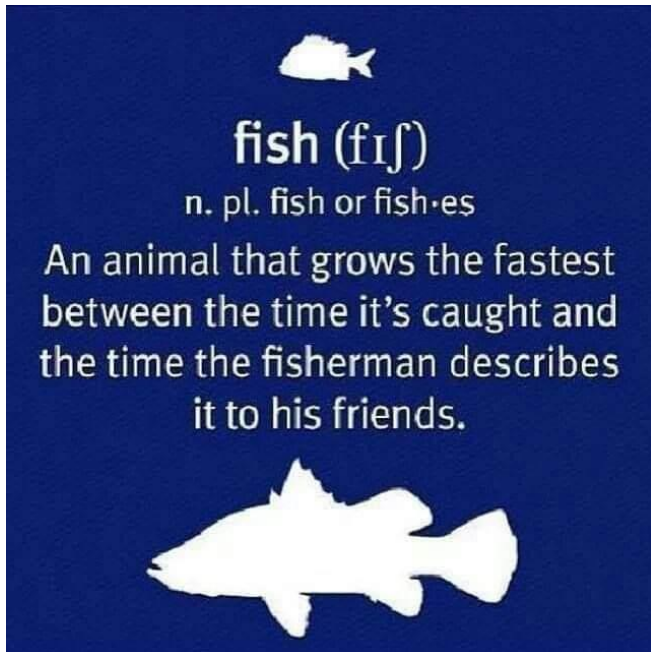
Next Events

25-27 June – “June Chill” at Buckenderra.

Jason M has sourced a cottage at Buckenderra – it sleeps four in adult beds. Other space is available on the floor. We can also 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. So far we have 6 takers and one maybe. Still some room.

Another Funny from Mike



Club Trip to Tumut 31 Apr-2 May

Claude and John

Another successful outing was recently held on the Tumut River. The activity was organised by John R and was attended by John, Jeannine, Lyall, Alan and Rod who stayed at the local caravan park, while Claude, BJ and Shaun camped by the river upstream of the township.

The river was high

The weather was perfect with blue skies and day temperatures in the low 20s. The trees were in their glorious autumn colours. Some fishing/casting practice occurred on Friday for those that arrived early, but no notable catches were recorded.

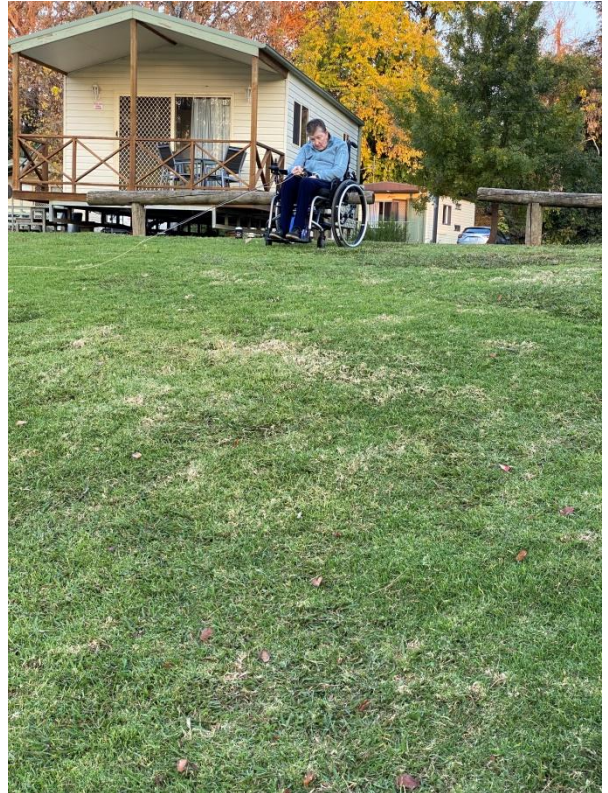


Saturday was a mix of activities: BJ and Shaun fished near the campsite in the morning prior to following Alan, Rod and John down the Goobarragandra River in the afternoon, while Claude and Lyall took a drift with Mickey Finn from Aussie Fly Fisher.

Lyall and Claude had a great time on the drift. It was an early start with a 0700 meeting outside Toms Outdoors prior to heading Jones Bridge Park to launch on our 22 km drift. The river flowing at around 7000ML/day...up from a gentle 800ML/day the previous week. Claude started in the front with Lyall in the back with a swap at lunch. Mickey was a great guide and hardly stopped talkingexplaining boat handling, drift fly fishing techniques....including ...”mendmendmend....strike

....strike....strike!” Claude didn’t need to wait too long for success with a nice rainbow 15 minutes into the drift. The drift focused on nymphing and a little bit of streamer fishing. Lyall and Claude even managed a double hook-up. Most of the day was spent focusing on the indicator and you had to remind yourself to look at the scenery every now and again. We didn’t bother counting or measuring fish, but at least 10 fish were landed. Lyall caught the fish of the day with a very solid 45cm rainbow. The key takeaways were:

- Nymphs with pink UV provide a lot of success
- Soft casting is not the way to go...hard casting to get the fly and the ‘parachute’ wool indicator is the way to go
- Clarify terminology and techniques at the beginning of the trip
- Don’t roll cast from the back...Mikey doesn’t want to have fly ear piercings
- The front caster has priority....Claudethe front caster has priority!
- When, not if, tangled -> cut, untangle and re-tie
- Two turn surgeon knot is usually sufficient
- Learn to tie the Penny knot – quick, simple and strong
- Don’t go light with tippet nothing less than 4X, more often 3X...the fish aren’t shy
- When the river is high and drifting – strike like you are landing a tuna old pole and fixed line style









BJ and Shaun fished the Tumut just near the campsite with Shaun jugging a couple of fish tightline nymphing and swinging. Rod, Alan and John fished the Goobarragandra with Rod landing a small rainbow and Alan had success also. Alan thought the water was so clear and inviting that he decided to take a swim...unfortunately it wasn't a voluntary swim!





Goobarragandra I would suspect.

We all enjoyed a great dinner at the Oriental ... it was quite busy and we had to rug up a little and eat under the verandah outside.



Sunday was primarily independent fishing with a number of the team heading home early. Rod took the scenic trip back to Canberra over the Brindabella's, fishing the Goodradigbee, with no success. BJ was so impressed with Alan's swim, he decided to take a dip himself....luckily it was in shallow water by the bank.

Brindabellas

Four of us, Mike, JQ, Peter and I (Bill) had the opportunity to spend a few hours on the “river that shall not be named” (long story as to why we call it that, dating back a few years – ask me sometime over a beer). As I mentioned earlier, this was by way of a recce for return to the property after a long period (triggered by a number of major floods). Anyway, I think it is fair to say that the fish are there, the huts are in good condition and we have support from the club leadership for a trip next season. All systems go.

Photo of the month shows JQ with a nice fish on. Some more photos follow. The fish seem to fall into two distinct classes. 10-15cm dudes who are displaying strong growth given they would have been stocked last December as fry. Secondly those around 30cm or more.



Mike with one of the small class – he didn't give me a photo of the larger fish he caught later – plus of 20cm? These are the first stream trout he's caught in Australia. A very happy chappy.

A pretty brown ... and I thought there were only rainbows in that river. Is that a dry fly? I suspected JQ had caught his 20+ fish mainly on nymphs in that deep EN manner.



The best of my 4 for the day – 29 cm. The little guys seem to be taking the nymph. I probably should have cut it off and focussed on my parachute Adams. Two landed on the dry and a

number dropped. Peter has always emphasised I've gotta be prepared to entice the rise and so it was.

After a tough start, Peter did land some fish just before we packed up.

A Day Out for Claude and John

Claude and John

Claude and John recently headed to the hills to practice some 'Tight Line' Nymphing. We both had the same gear so it was going to be a good test of skills. Claude provided John one of his favourite nymphs and let John select his 'No 2'. A great time was had with both catching some nice little rainbows. Near the end of the session, Claude headed up stream to tackle a large pool while John carefully worked up a nice riffle. About 10 minutes later, John appeared from the lower section with a really nice 1.5 lb rainbow in the net and a very big smile on his face! It was a great morning session in a fabulous environment.



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[26 May FlyTying – Woolly Buggers](#)

A variety of styles was discussed on the night – some images here of Claude's work.

[Mice Plague](#)

Some fabulous vision of mouse pattern working so well in Alaska has me wondering if we might see something here if the threatened mouse invasion reaches this far south.

[A Nifty Way to do a BloodKnot](#)

For fumble fingers like mine.

[Fundraiser and Movie](#)

An ex-member Cate sent in a flier.

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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.

[Fly fishers hit out at Supreme's 'laughable' range of utility wear](#)

Some fashion news.

News from MAS

A snippet from Steve Samuels re the Providence Portal repairs. He promised me some additional photos of the completed works, but these might not arrive till later:



Advice from Snowy Hydro is that completion is expected in about 3 weeks. Works are now focussing on diversion wings and creating a 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.

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.



(Editor:) I attended the MAS May quarterly meeting – here are my notes:

A summary was provided of activities within NSWCFCA 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 **and now also** a useful calendar of events.

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 June 2021 Edition hasn't arrived but is due this coming weekend. I'll upload a link into our newsblog once arrived.

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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

The May and June editions have not arrived.

Fisheries Victoria News – ‘Nibbles’

Remember you can subscribe yourself, here is the [link](#). 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 ☺). After a bit of a hiatus, an email arrived on 14 May. Top items were:

- A new native hatchery.
- They are stocking another 7,000 tiger trout into Lake Purrumbete this season, half of which are already in there. Purrumbete's got it all – Chinook salmon, brown, rainbow, brook, tiger and cheetah trout and a self-sustaining population of redfin to boot. Lake Bullen Merri is being targeted for stocking with 3,000 tiger trout, so you can catch a variety of Chinook salmon, tiger, rainbow and brown trout and Aussie bass.



- The Australian Trout Foundation Inc kicked off a week-long tree planting on 15 May. They're planning to plant a whopping 10,000 trees along the banks of a river that Alan S and I speak about in hushed tones. All to assist in its recovery from bushfires in 2020.
- More habitat in the Mitta Mitta.

All in all a very fulsome account of the serious way Victoria is improving angling down there especially via grants from licence funds.

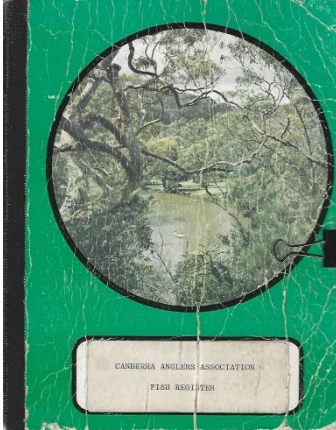
Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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
To be advised	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshops have restarted after the major COVID restrictions have passed. The South Coast saltwater events have passed, 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

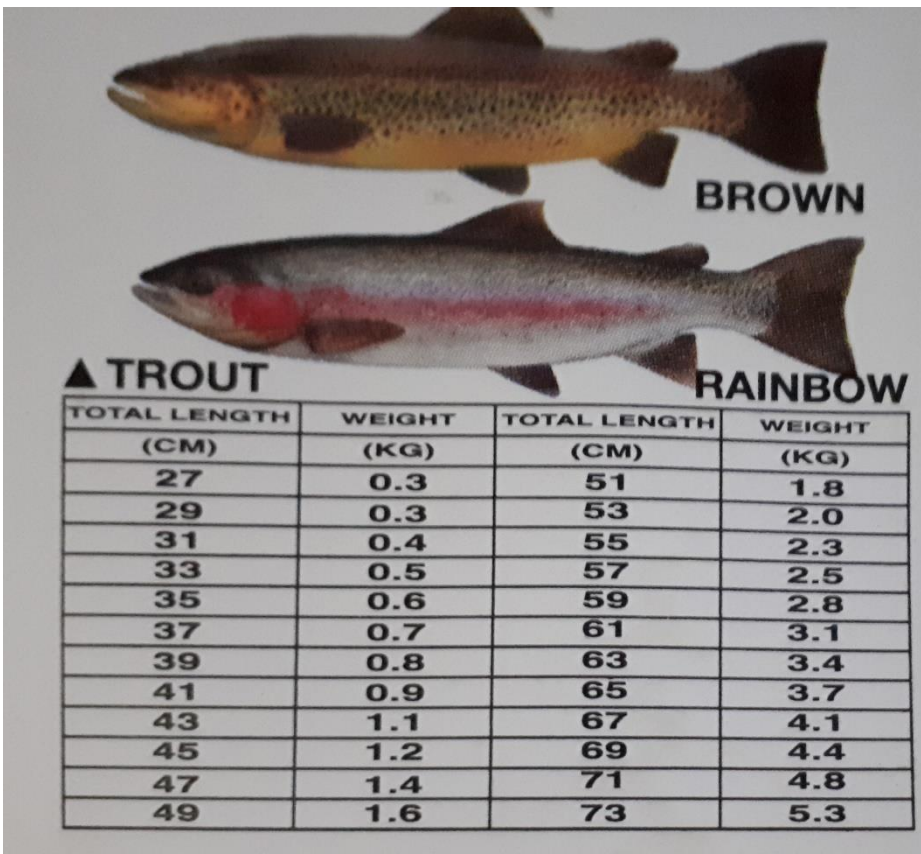
The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and share the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and so can include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies. The authoritative list for consideration for the [club trophies](#) is the little green book brought 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.



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
Lyall	Rainbow	55cm	Fly	Tumut River 1 May
JQ	Rainbows and Browns	20 odd with best ???3??cm	Fly	A little known stream in the Brindabellas, 6 May

Mike	Rainbows and Browns	several with best ??23??cm	Fly	A little known stream in the Brindabellas, 6 May
Bill	Rainbows	four with best 27 and 29cm	Fly	A little known stream in the Brindabellas, 6 May

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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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