

THE BURLEY LINE



BJ with his rod well loaded – read more about their Eucumbene trip below



From the Editor's Desk

Our AGM was conducted on 11 August. Lots of smiling faces with the awarding of trophies. We await advice on possible changes to how fish can be reported for trophy purposes ... all a bit academic until our lockdown is relaxed.

With my Membership Officer hat on – reminder that fees are due – go to [‘join us’](#) to update your contact details via the webform or simply email me. Please note our new bank account numbers (these were changed last year), they are given in this newsletter. So far 24 members have signed up again – means 22 from last year remain to renew, plus hopefully some new members – spread the word folks.

Our traditional casting for the public days were to be on 12, 19 and 26 Sep – of course these dates were always dependent on progress in respect to the COVID lockdown. Given the uncertainty with both ACT and NSW regional lockdown, the Committee has made the hard decision to [postpone the event](#).

Though we are in lockdown, readers are lucky enough to be able to read here about some fishing going on before the current lockdown was started. Others of us have had to live vicariously through videos on the Internet –a number of these have been provided by the Manic Tackle Project and notified on our News Blog ... thank goodness for our bro's "across the ditch". Peter spotted the promotions and I'll try to provide advice each time they come up via the News Blog and CAA's Facebook page.

My dedicated helpers have come up with more funnies and interesting snippets from the web ... keep it up guys.

Coming Events

Meeting: 8th September.

Warning – this is an “early in the month” meeting. More details via email. Mickey Finn will regale us with “Stories from a Drift Boat” via Zoom from 7:30.

Fly Tying: 22nd September

We've decided Zoom works best even when we aren't locked down. From 7:30 – more instructions via email in due course.

Next Events

Free fly casting lessons for the public, have been postponed till the COVID situation is clearer.

Fingers crossed that our annual Lyle Knowles trophy on the Cotter will be able to go ahead on Sun 17 Oct.

CAA 2020 AGM and Trophy Awards

The [2021/22 Event Program](#) has been published on our website.

Dates	Event	Organiser
Postponed	Fly Casting for the Public	<i>(anticipate on Old Parliament House lawns)</i>
Oct 17	Lyle Knowles	Lyall
Nov 28	Murrumbidgee	Alan S
Dec 8	Christmas BBQ	<i>(Lake Burley Griffin)</i>
Dec 10-12	Saltwater	John
Jan 16	Carp Bash	Claude
Feb 9	First meeting 2022	
Feb 11-13	Jindabyne Trout	Bill
Mar 4-6	Tantangara	Claude
Apr 1-3	Brindabella	Greg W
Apr 30-May 1	CFA Interclub Comp	Stefan
May 6-8	Tumut	John
Aug 10	2022 Annual General Meeting	

Your Committee is basically unchanged for 2021-22:

President	Claude	Vice President	Rod
Secretary	Lyall	Assistant Secretary	John
Treasurer	B.J.	Public Officer	Lyall
Council Member (Membership)	Bill	Council Member (Raffles)	Angie
Council Member (Raffles)	Micheal	Council Member (Facebook)	Shaun
Council Member (NSWCFA)	Jason M	Financial Reviewer	Jason Q

Membership fees are to remain unchanged for 2021/2022. The frequent approach of paying at the Casting Days will not be possible so we would appreciate if those members renewing could use electronic funds transfer if at all possible. Canberra Anglers Association, BSB 032727, A/C Number 233821. Please remember to put your name into the EFT comments field for identification. If any of your contact details have changed, please advise using the fill-in form on the membership page.

As part of the AGM, the annual trophy presentations were undertaken – well done to the various recipients. The various rules for the 2020-21 season are documented [here](#). (Updated rules, Natives Calculator etc are [here](#)). Very few fish were recorded in ‘the little green book’ so not all trophies were awarded. (The registration process may be amended – advice will be provided, meantime I’d suggest you make sure you take a photo alongside some means of confirming length).



Alan took out the Lyle Knowles Trophy with an impressive 47cm rainbow – as he said, proof that there are some mighty trout in the Cotter system.



Angler's Art Trophy for Best Trout on an Outing Other than Lyle Knowles was won by Bill with a 33cm brown – good reason to come on the Jindabyne trip.



The Mick Cornick Trophy for Best Trout on Fly, Streams was won by Alan's rainbow.



The Mick O'Brien Trophy for Best Trout, Any Method was won by Bill's 50cm brown out of Lake Eucumbene during the summer.



The Keith Shields Trophy for Best Native was won by Jason M with a 36cm Australian Bass (Jason was absent on the night and the trophy was passed to him later)



Jason's Bass also won the Bass Trophy



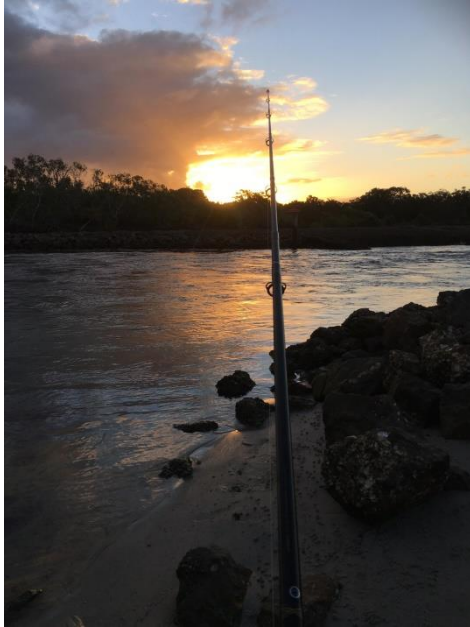
The Carp Challenge was won by Peter with a 61cm monster



We managed to get down to the coast this season and Owen was selected as the winner of the Saltwater Trophy on the basis of his collection of Australian Salmon off the beach.



The President's Award for contribution during the season is a vintage split cane rod from the House of Hardy. Stuart spoke briefly on its provenance and value. The award was presented to Bill.



The Best Trout by a Junior, Dr Bryan Pratt Murray Cod Trophy, Charlie Diedo Golden Perch Trophy and Best English Perch were not awarded due to lack of entries ... better effort next year folks.

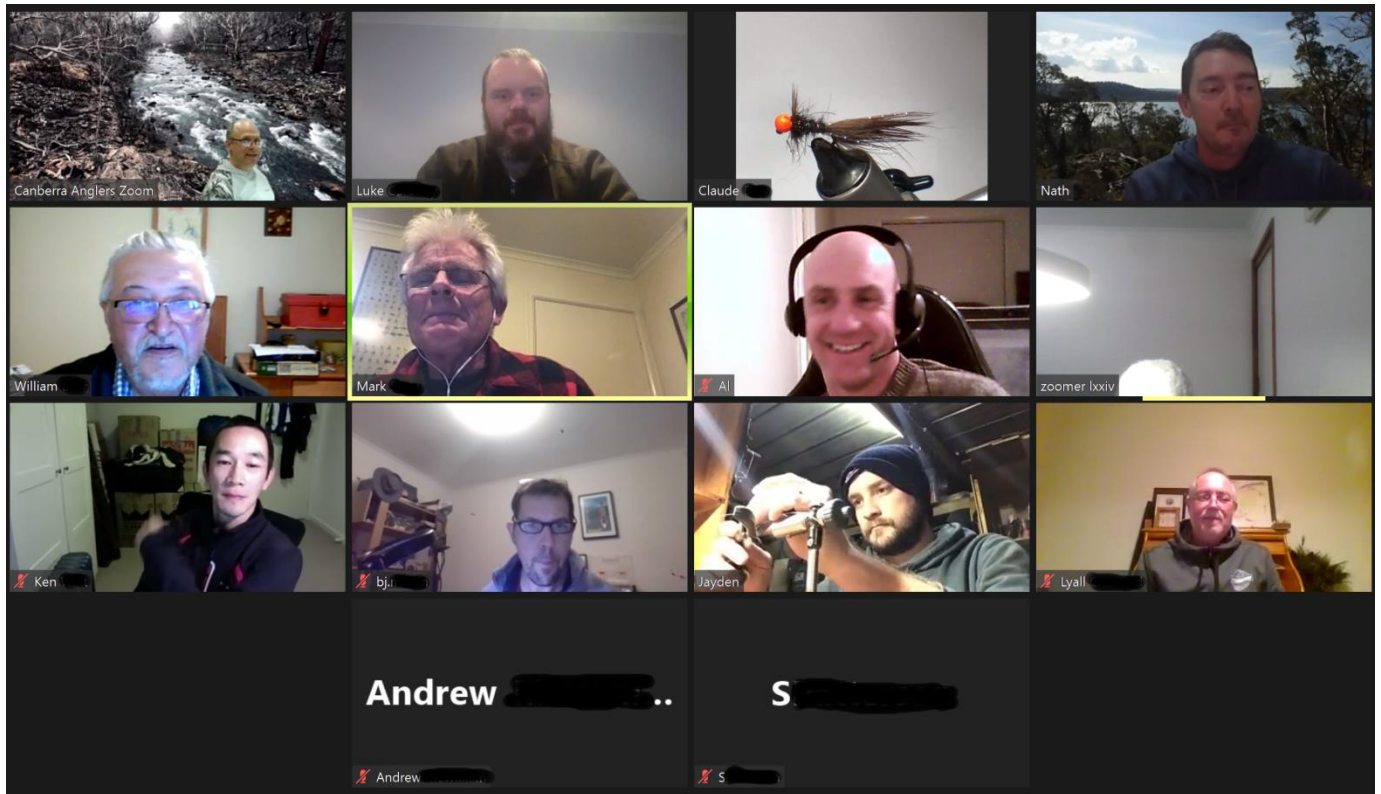
We had a number of apologies but this one from Stefan was pretty dubious.

Fly Tying 25 August

Claude was in the lead for a slightly controversial fly The Eucumbene Walker Magic Killer Fly (EWMK). Instructions are [here](#).



We appreciated Nathan and Mark S coming along to provide tips on finessing the tie. Options were discussed in respect to copper vs tungsten/flouro bead etc.



A good crowd turned up – many thanks to Luke for the photo.



I did Tom Jarman's [CDC Orange Beaded Damselfly](#) instead. I'll try to EWMK another time.



BJ: "Turns out I didn't have any black possum or seals fur or small black hen hackle. So brown and orange spectra it was"



From Claude



Eucumbene Disappointment

Claude and BJ (most photos from BJ)

With the threat of COVID lockdowns approaching the ACT at a rapid pace, Claude and BJ decided to give Rushy's Bay a crack. With some tips from Nathan and interweb reports, we headed off at 0700 on a beautiful sunny day. We were surprised to find the water level about three meters lower than the last time we were in the same location. The water was so low, we couldn't see any weed beds to cast over. The day started overcast, but cleared up after lunch. No fish were sighted during all of the walking around the bank – the mud was so slippery it seemed like we were walking on ice. Three rises were observed, but nothing repeatable to cast to. Numerous flies and line combinations were tested during the day without success. With the frustration of not catching any fish, YouTube was consulted on our return to see what we should have done. It is recommended you watch some of the Tom Jarman videos before your lake adventure.

[Tough Winter Fishing For Trout Off The Bank | Fly Fishing Hepburn Lagoon](#)

[These Flies Catch Trout! | Fishing Victorian Central Highland Lakes](#)

[Lake Fly Fishing Set Up Explained | Leaders and Flies](#)







Cape York Adventure

Mike was lucky enough to get on one of Stuart's trips North before the lockdown. The trip report will be added to our ["Places" segment](#) of our blog for future reference, but reproduced in full here.

Mike

There is nothing like the reward of being in the right place at the right time versus my normal situation of the being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I got a call from, CAA's Life member, Stuart, asking me what I was doing, how I was getting along, which was followed by the normal exchange of pleasantries. My answer was continuing with the renovations to the townhouse and all the other normal dull life duties. He asked me, what about going fishing on the Western side of the Cape York peninsula? My response was, a resounding, yes!

Travel plans were for the six of us, Derek, Phil, Steen, Stuart, Wayne, and myself, to travel from Canberra to Mapoon and return together. Sadly, Steen had an accident five days prior to leaving. He's okay, but, was unable to make the trip. Our sixth fisherman, was filled by Gordon. Gordon is a very active member of the Victorian Fly Fishers, in Melbourne. Travel arrangements were very easy, primarily because I had specific Qantas flights to book. The travel itinerary schedule was; Canberra to Cairns, overnight in Cairns, then Cairns to Weipa. Once in Weipa

there was a three-beer (Stuart's terminology, not mine, lol) bus trip to the boat ramp in Mapoon. At the boat ramp we were transported in three guide boats to the, mothership, Kerra Lyn, our home for the next eight nights.



The next morning, two casts later, and Stuart was into a Longtail Tuna.





I have to say that every fish I hooked was a “first of” for me. I mainly spin fished, but did fly fish, 60% - 80% spin and the remainder fly fishing. I was more than happy, to spin cast from the back of the guide boat, while the other, dedicated, fly fishers did their thing in the front.

Stuart arranged that every fisho changed guides and boat-mates every day. I loved it, meeting new fisho’s and guides. Our three guides were, Clinton, Cam, and Wade. Clinton is the owner / operator of the Australian Fly Fishing Lodge (<https://www.australianflyfishinglodge.net.au/>). You will not meet a more friendly, helpful young man than Clinton. He does cater to non-fly fishers, and I will attest to that. Cam, aka. The Bird Man Cam, would tell us the name of every bird in the area. Wade, the Captain of the Kerra Lyn, had detailed knowledge of every fishery system we fished. The

guides kept us into fish, and did everything in their power to help us. We had a tally board for the all the species we caught. At the end of our trip 44 species of fish were caught.

The equipment and gear used was; Fly 8,9,10 weight fly rods. Fly reels need to match up to your rod, plus the reel must have a good drag system. Tippet material needs to be 30, 40 pound range, with fluorocarbon preferred. For the flies, the number one fly was an all-white 1/0 clouser, with a little bit of UV material in the wing. Other flies that were used; olive over white clousers, surf candies, gold bombers, and black barra bunnies. Four fishos were strictly fly fishers. For the two that used spinning gear; the rods were three-piece travel spinning rods. Reels were the in the 4000 and 5000 series. The reels were spooled up with 30 – 40 braid, with 40 pound fluorocarbon leaders. Some of the lures that were successfully used were the Samaki Flash, Rapala Saltwater X-Rap Long-Cast Shallow, Halco Twistty, and Nomad Riptide. It was highly recommended to bring an extra rod/reel rig.





Six full days of fishing with those saltwater battlers took a toll on equipment, I have a three-piece travel spinning that is now a five piece. In total three fly rods were broken in the heat of battle.

(note that the dates on the photos are incorrect)

Mike Found a Funny

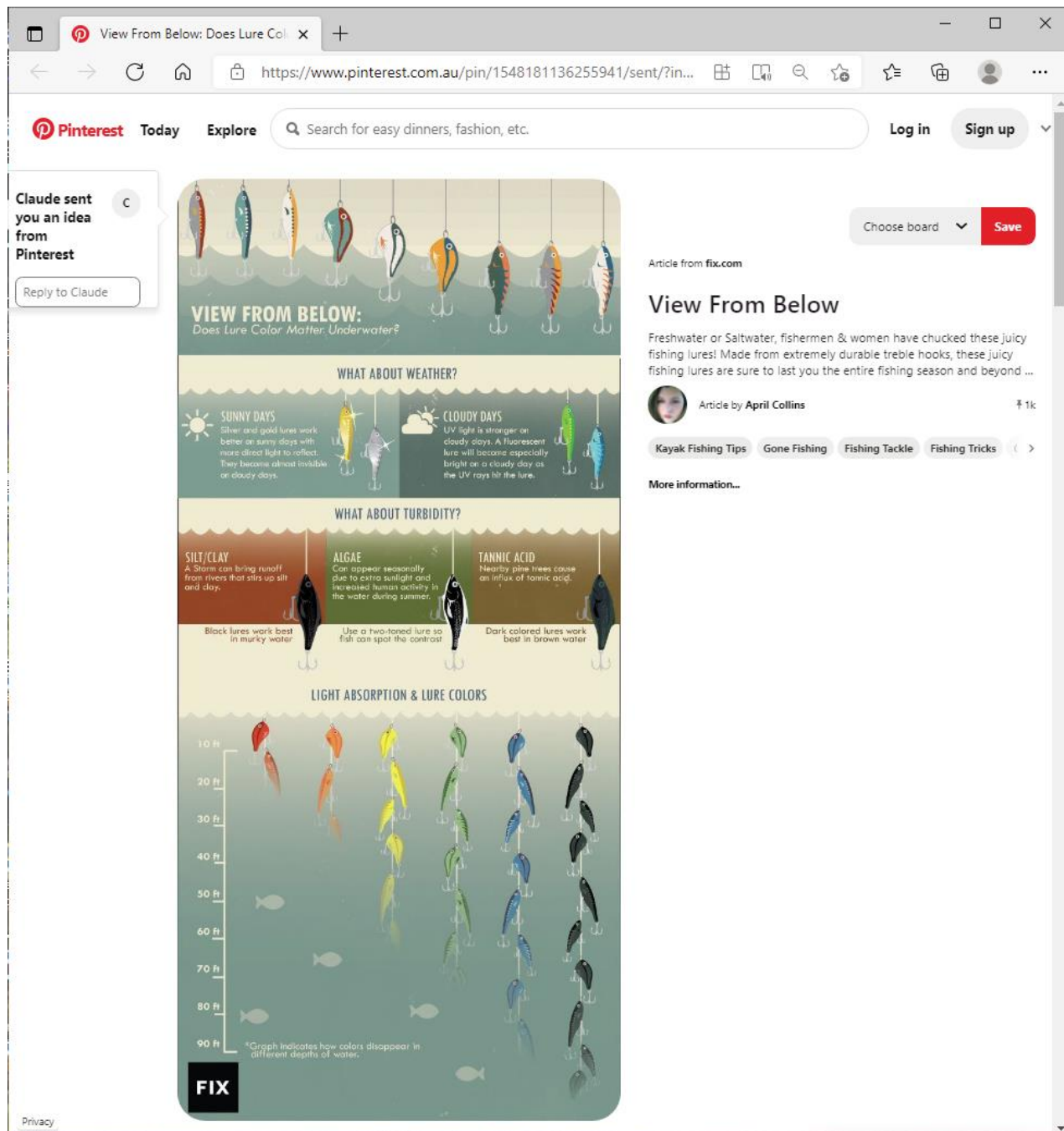


Mike found these on a Texas fly fishing Facebook group, but the original posting was on another public Facebook group dedicated to "[The World of Calvin and Hobbes](#)", one of my favourites.

(Peter would have you believe this happens to me every time we go fishing together ... I do fall over a lot!)

Spotted by Claude

Claude found this interesting examination of lure colours on Pinterest – [here](#).



Spotted by Greg S

Greg spotted a [discussion that has started on ABC Landline](#) whether anglers should be required to log their catch on a phone app. Not sure how broad this idea is reaching but I recall it related to fish stocks under pressure in WA. Interesting discussion anyway.

Spotted by Jaime

A mate of his found this on [Reddit](#). You can see it there without signing up, or look at it below. So who are you?

Streamer Chucker

- Thinks all other fly fishing tactics are for pussies.
- Rips heaters and drinks a flask of Wild Turkey out on the river.
- Probably was a bass angler earlier in life.

Dry-Fly Guy

- Absolutely despises all other methods of fishing.
- Has to post "Hitting dries!" on every post they make.
- Claims to only fish with bamboo but uses TFO and Redington rods.

Euro-Bro

- Euro nymphs because they can't catch fish with any other method.
- Doesn't understand hatches, or even knows the bugs that live in the water.
- Thinks they need a bunch of shit that they don't actually need.

Spey Swinger

- Just a strange dude.
- They're favorite color is pink.
- Thinks nymphing for steelhead should be illegal.
- Can perform a perfect snake roll but hasn't caught a fish in 2 years.



For those of you who don't follow the CAA News Blog ... Jaime responded to some recent posts advertising the Manic Tackle Project efforts on Facebook to bring some great fishing videos to

those of us in lockdown. Many thanks to Peter for spotting these broadcasts and to Jaime for his contribution (the videos he has identified are very good). From Jaime:

Yes Peter, it was very fun, thanks! . I watched at 1:30AM just to relax my mind before bed... made me dream about fly fishing ;-) Cheers, Jaime

And

Peter's post just made me think that we need more of those videos now that we are in lockdown – maybe with a bit more freedom to manage time and need to take breaks from work. So here are more videos, all from same people/producers, they are good cinematographers. They have a youtube channel called Tight Loops, they are not like other youtubers that post hundreds of silly videos. They just have maybe no more than 10 but all are very good, with good feeling. What I mean is that their videos are not focus only the fishing part but mostly in the journey which I really like. So just search "Tight Loops" in youtube, click on their icon so you really enter in their channel or just click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm3b5diwVZdfS13g7CNGkXg>

I recommend the two videos in the list "Journey on" (name of videos start with "Van Life..."

They also did a similar doc that won some awards called "Big Land", nice one.

Hope you guys enjoy it!

You can see all comments on the post here:

<http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/manic-tackle-video-night/#comments>

Another Spotted by Jaime

I'm hoping to get him to buy this book and do a book review – that way I could borrow it!

Jaime

According to the description in the link it sounds like an interesting book.

<https://marcelogleiser.com/books/the-simple-beauty-of-the-unexpected-a-natural-philosophers-quest-for-trout-and-the-meaning-of-everything>

Wild Horses in KNP

I think this [ABC article](#) is quite a balanced look at this issue. If nothing else the images and video clips are very pretty and get you hoping we can escape to the mountains soon.

NSWCFA AGM and Quarterly General Meeting



The minutes are not yet endorsed by attendees (thanks for attending Stefan) but I noted a couple of key points:

NSWCFA and DPI (Fisheries) are making a lot of progress via a small collaborative working group to address our concerns over the Angler Access Website. The intent is to have a small number of regions placed under the microscope to update/validate the access site data.

Meanwhile they are working out how the site can be sustainably maintained up to date. More to follow.

COVID is of course impacting on our fishing, but Jim Harnwell (our prime contact in DPI) raised one I hadn't thought of – COVID movement restrictions have impacted on much stocking activity. The immediate impact is on the transfer of ex-brood trout stock from Ebor and Gaden. In addition the stocking of some 20,000 bass from Port Stephens' hatchery. These fish will have to be placed into waters much closer to the hatcheries than had been planned. Simultaneously DPI are having to prepare for the potential that Trout Acclimatisation Societies (locally that means MAS) may not be permitted to travel to undertake stocking. Again, more news when available.

The Trout Strategy is being examined for revision and update. The latest trout waters Report Cards will be on the web very soon – these will be promoted here when available.

There has been some changes to the NSWCFCA committee, but your dedicated *Burley Line* Editor remains the Assistant Secretary and MAS Delegate.

The President's Report on the activities this past year is [here](#) – some interesting points.

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.

[Stretch Your New Flyline](#)

The New Fly Fisher describes a step I've not been aware of.

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 to Facebook, 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 longer-term interest – often that'll mean nothing in any particular month, but I'll keep the placemark.

[A good news story for a fellow NSWCFCA Affiliate](#)

[Apologies for the Profanity – Peter in NZ](#)

Peter displaying his nettings skills – certain folk here should take note.

[DPI are looking for your help with trout research](#)

Have you caught a tagged trout? Read all about the program.

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](#), a useful calendar of events and recent videos are 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 August edition is on the [web](#). Those of you who follow the CAA News Blog will have seen this, but for the others, key points are:

- **Many NSW dams near capacity**
- **The Murrumbidgee River's wet season height has dropped by 30% since the 1990s**
- **Kosciuszko National Park: Draft Amendment to the Plan of Management: Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct** I've put in a personal submission and I know MAS has prepared one plus I envisage NSWCFA. The big concern is that angling is not discussed at all.
- **'John Barilaro is privatising Kosciuszko National Park'** In public policy commentator John Menadue's Pearls and Irritations blog, Carolyn Pettigrew writes that John Barilaro's Snowy Mountains Special Activation Zone Precinct effectively wrests the control of developments in Kosciuszko National Park from the Minister for the Environment into the hands of the Minister for Regional NSW, John Barilaro. The plan is to heavily develop Jindabyne and surrounding areas for tourism, with little thought for the environment.
- **'Real truths'? John Newbery looks at C&R** Writing in [Fishing World](#), John Newbery looks at some of the issues about catch-and-release and how the ongoing arguments will lead to pressure on recreational fishing in the future.

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 August edition is on their [web](#) as well as the CAA News Blog will have seen this, but for the others, key points are:

- **Bromadiolone mouse poison knocked back** RFANSW, supported by NSWCFCA and others have convinced authorities of the inappropriateness of this measure.
- **Melbourne to host 2023 World Recreational Fishing Conference** I'd envisage in a COVIDSafe manner.
- **Trout season operation detected 36 offences** DPI Fisheries pursued checks during the close of the season
- **Clean For Life, Fish For Life** DPI's Fish Care team getting runs on the board and are looking for sites to work on.
- **Federal intervention to protect Kosciuszko from feral horse damage** We will have to see what will transpire.
- **Gone Fishing Day** is on again 10 Oct
- **National Recreational Fishing Conference 2022** the organisers are looking for volunteers to help organise

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 ☺).

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

Provided for your calendar planning, members can 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*.

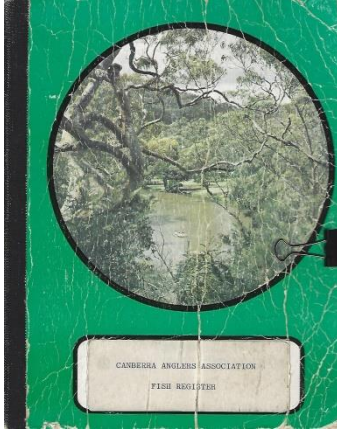
COVID continues to play havoc with these events.

Dates	Event Details
Check website link.	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshops had restarted after the major COVID restrictions passed in NSW, but of course we are now in another surge. The dates for Jindabyne had been published for 21-22 Sep, but they are now showing TBA (as are a number of workshops). Advice from the DPI organiser is that he is hoping for fishing workshops at Gaden next January. 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 proposed for Dec	<p>Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Anaconda Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants.</p> <p>The word is that there'll be a special prize exclusively for fly anglers. Here are some pages related to the 2020 event</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2749280708483144</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage/posts/2820574901353724</p>
	These have been annual regulars in the past
Feb	<p>the Thredbo fly fishing expo (free event) – 2021 was lost to COVID,</p> <p>https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/fly-fishing-weekend-2020/</p>
Fri 29 Apr to Sun 1 May	<p>NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers InterClub Meet – similarly, you can possibly expect Stefan to promote this for 2022</p> <p>http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/cfa-annual-interclub-flyfishing-meet-3-5-may-2019-program-and-other-info/</p>

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. Currently, 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. This process may change this year – await advice, meantime I'd suggest you make sure you take a photo alongside some means of confirming length.



We welcome emails advising how you are going, but don't forget to formally register them. 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 registered.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/ Date
Awaiting your advice for the 21/22 season				

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Join Us

Thinking of becoming a member? The membership application form can be found on our website. Fees are payable each year after our AGM (adjustments will be made for joining later in the year). 2021/2022 rates are unchanged from last 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 via 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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