

# THE BURLEY LINE



**Al McH and a nice Murrumbidgee Brown**

(see the story inside)



## From the Editor's Desk

Reports here from our recent trip to Tumut - many thanks John for organising. Disparate reports here also from a very wet Lyle Knowles.

Jason M has headed north on long service leave, but managed to depart with one article submitted, plus a much appreciated effort organising enamel badges. Thanks Peter for spotting an interesting podcast and to Al McH (recently departed for points south of the border) for two reports - he has promised to keep us apprised of activities in Victoria, and also to possibly lead a CAA trip south. I've also included some fishing regulatory items.

The July meeting fast approaches where the 'little green book' closes and registration of catches for trophy consideration ceases. Those who were successful in earning a trophy last season have been asked to return the perpetual trophy. With Lyall away for a while, John is filling in. See him at the June (and July) meeting. Those who think they are in contention (probably not me this year) might think about, if they should win, whether they would wish to receive the small replica trophy presented for keeping. I chose not to last year (the mini-trophies are not inexpensive, and also present a dusting task back at home).

Have you got some stuff to share with other members via *Burley Line*? Not looking for *War and Peace* folks, just a couple of paragraphs and hopefully some pictures. If you are up for it, can you email to me before 23 June please? (The burley-line email address link is on our webpage [www.canberra-anglers.asn.au](http://www.canberra-anglers.asn.au)).

Reminder also that the committee are looking for your ideas for events ... bring your suggestions forward so that the program better reflects what you want to happen. Even better if you volunteer to co-ordinate it, the task is not onerous - see this [guidance](#). As Claude said, one big bonus for you is that you'd be able to set the date.

### Coming Events

**Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

All the details will be sent via email.

**Fly Tying: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 ... to be confirmed**

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**

no more events this season, unless someone wants to propose something

# We All Caught Fish

John

During the days and weeks leading up to the Tumut, texts dominated my phone with messages of high water flows and strategies for fishing in slack water. Was there a chance that the water would drop? I was hopeful, but it was unlikely - our non-existent summer and higher than average rainfalls would keep the flow of the Tumut around 9,000 ML/d all weekend and lead to cancelling the NSW Fly Fishing Comp the following weekend.

A Friday afternoon departure saw me traveling the Hume to Tumut via Gundagai, arriving at the River Glade Caravan Park a little after 4:00pm. Owen arrived a little later setting up his swag and settling in for the night. BJ and Tony planned to arrive early on Saturday and Bill had commitments with MAS and would arrive late Saturday afternoon.



Saturday morning confirmed the Tumut would be difficult to fish as river levels were high and the flow rapid, Owen dropped by the cabin, kindly donated by Capital Fly Fishing - a big thanks to Lyall!!!, and we made plans to fish the Goobragandra. We headed for the Little River Road, arriving at the Rock Flat campsite we scouted the area before agreeing on fishing beats.





Owen elected to fish upstream





and I walked downstream with a Euro Nymphing rig. Lunch saw Owen with a circa 30cm rainbow and John with a sandwich! I swapped to my trusty 6wt Sage X for a delightful afternoon fishing catching a 15cm rainbow (if you can count it) on a size 14 nymph, Owen further upstream netted a slightly larger 32cm rainbow. It was time to head back to Tumut for a shower, catch up with Bill and head to the Tumut River Brewery.



## BJ

Arriving Saturday morning, after too many work hours the week before, we chose to try to explore the Nimbo Creek (hoping for fishable flows) and approach Tumut from the Brungle Rd Bridge. Pretty farming areas and a couple of public access points, but very coloured water and although significantly less than the 9000ML/d in the main Tumut River, not likely wadable and quite challenging for a fly cast. We tested the waters with a spin rod and lures and were teased by a couple of follows, but no takes. Also distracted ourselves to inspect the Nimbo Fork Lodge at the point of outtake. Speccy accom and top notch regional produce restaurant (Three Blue Ducks) – the receptionist even offered us to fish from their access points. Sadly it was a torrent of water so we couldn't make use of it. Tony Mitchell and BJ accepted the camping hospitality and views from a local farmer (and resident tawny mouth lookout) that El Presidente has befriended (he's good at that) up near the Junction Bridge rather than stay in town. Saturday arvo was setting camp, attempting to swing flies and not step into dangerous waters then happily heading to the TRBC for good company, beer and pizza (in that order).







## Bill

I had a Saturday breakfast commitment then afternoon MAS meeting so could only manage to get to Tumut a little before the Tumut River Brewery dinner - couldn't miss that highlight. I did get across the Kiandra Plains without sighting a single brumby - must be a record. Used some time checking out Yarrangobilly Village Campground, my intended Sunday sleepout. Nice looking stream.

Tumut River looked most uninviting so took up John's suggestion of hitting the Goobragandra for Sunday. Owen's success on Saturday showed some promise. First to the access point, is always encouraging, though we did see quite a few alternatives downstream - opportunities for another day. I'd fished this area with mixed results in previous years, especially with Jaime. Though the water was higher, it thankfully was not the chocolate brown that the various streams had been last weekend.

I struggled a bit at the start, dealing with a bleeding nose, deep fast water that I had foolishly headed into and later aggressive takes of my fly by the young willow trees on the bank - thank goodness they are flexible allowing fly recovery. The first pool delivered nothing and no sign of fish. In the next pool there was some motion suggestive of fish. Peter keeps telling me that I have to induce the rise - and so it turned out. 30cm rainbow hen to hand. Missed strikes from smaller fish in the shallows kept me from moving from the pool. A missed strike by a good fish



encouraged me to downsize my stimulator - thanks for the guidance Mark. After a few more casts I saw a fish come up, seemingly take a gentle sip of the dry, and stay connected during wild acrobatics. When brought to hand I thanked myself for not having cut off the nymph (given the interest shown to the dry) as this fish had actually taken the nymph. 34cm rainbow hen.

### John

I followed Bill upriver, fishing the stretch below him, yielding a 20cm rainbow from the same trusty nymph that caught the 15cm that day before.

Owen, arriving a little later after packing up camp and a pilgrimage to Macka's, decided to fish downstream.

### BJ

Sunday morning struck a picture on the misty waters, flushed up one healthy brown in a quiet back water on Spin gear, then we headed to the clear but strong flowing waters of the Goob. Dropping in at the lower TSR. 3 hours saw







us work it out on indicator nymphing, adjusting for depth and flow speed up to the swing bridge. Near full-body wet stumbles for Tony saw him learn the value of a wading stick, but we cleared 4 healthy browns upto 40-ish cm and 2 rainbows between us. They were all in the deepest channels avoiding the

forceful water. Happy Day for the drive home.

### Bill

Was now time for John to head home and me to head to Yarrangobilly.

Arriving at 3PM, I had success on the dry with one near 30cm rainbow landed, some missed takes and one strong unsighted fish take, took me into some roots and escaped ... possibly a brownie?

Back to the camp-site, 5 degrees and dropping fast. A warm bed was calling just over 2 hours away. I decided that getting home before the end of Mother's Day might get me some brownie points with Lyle Knowles coming so had a quick dinner and scampered back home.

Many thanks are owed to John for organising and to Capital Fly Casting for donating the cottage for Saturday night - very comfy. Will definitely be along next year..



# Lake Maraboon (Fairbairn Dam)

Jason M

For those nomads who may be heading north, here is a short trip report.

With a recent trip to Emerald, Jason M packed a telescopic rod and a handful of lures in the suit carrier and went back to Lake Maraboon (Fairbairn Dam) to find some Yellowbelly Redfin: The dam was down around 25%, and seeing the redclaw traps, a yabbie lure was tossed around. It appear a large half rotten transparent leaf (I'm sure it wasn't there on the



walk down) about 5cm square vertically out of the water, which didn't appear to wobble, but after the first cast it had disappeared and only the nearby turtles were still on the surface. Half an hour didn't see any action, but a pleasant drizzly morning before flying home. The other people got some redclaw though, using sweet potato and pumpkin in their opera house traps (and a couple of tortoises which swam off, and one trap they appear to have raided and left).



Signs of the other age old bait (catfood tins) littered some of the shore, so it was obviously a regular spot. With an upcoming trip, it was time to head back and dry out before getting a cold during 25mm of rain and rather damp joggers....

PS, the Ranger Wildtrak (about to be superceded) I

hired was quite pleasant, similar to my Triton GLX-R, with tyre pressure sensors, heated leather seats, electric tub lid, and a good visibility reversing camera.



## How anglers are protecting native fish and the waterways they call home

**Peter**

Bill, maybe some information you can promulgate in the CAA newsletter here. Of particular interest to me was the podcast by Andrew McGovern with Siwan on releasing and handling of fish. Australian River Restoration Centre [“Take me to the river - Episode 16”](#).

*In this episode, Siwan chats with Andrew McGovern, an avid angler and one of Australia’s most recognised fishing journalist. Andrew has been fishing in the Canberra and Snowy Mountains regions for over 40 years and has a special connection to the Murrumbidgee River, where he grew up. Siwan and Andrew discuss the role anglers play in caring for and protecting native fish, as well as the waterways they live in. Andrew is particularly passionate about sustainable catch-and-release fishing practices, and how we can minimise harm and maximise enjoyment of being out on the river and catching our wonderful fish.*



# Two Tales of One River

Al Mc



Thinking this would be my last fishing out of Canberra before Kel and I move to Melbourne, I took a sneaky Tuesday off work and drove down to fish the Murrumbidgee at the Bobeyan Rd bridge. I had previously fished upstream from the Yaouk Rd crossing and was keen to try the

same river in a slightly different location. This was early May, and when I arrived at 0900 it was cool but very sunny. It wasn't until I landed my first brown in amongst the reeds just up from the bridge (BJ's virtual guiding in action) that I realised I was standing in ice, giving





an indication of how cold it had been overnight. started with dry-dropper, fishing one of my patent pending-



trademarked-registered 'smorgasbords' under an inappropriately large green realistic hopper, and sure enough the hopper was getting the hits as early as 0900. There was action on the dropper, but after a few decent fish I ditched it in favour of easy casting and no bottom hook ups. I was unsure what the river level was like in comparison to normal flows, but it definitely had some colour to it.



The first few hundred metres immediately up from the bridge is weedy, muddy and generally unpleasant to fish, but once I opened out into the farmland and found some nice little falls and a bit of structure I was having a great time. Big (by my Australian standards!) rainbows were hammering my hopper, including a couple of spots where I would get two to three in a run. The trout were definitely holding in the faster patches, and I was stunned by the



great condition of a couple of the hens, big and silvery. My best of the day was caught on the surface in the bottom of a big run, the browns were definitely loitering in the slower edges.

As I neared the bush I recognised that there was fair bit of walking ahead of me as there are some long stretches of pretty benign water, and I decided to head back down, especially as the fishing had noticeably dropped off around 1330. I am not sure if this was time of day, or that I had lost my last green hopper, and they weren't interested in anything else. Anyway, what a day!

The only sensible thing to do now was rinse and repeat. Whilst I wanted to go to Tumut, I really had to pack the house on the weekend, so I snuck back down for a few hours early Saturday morning (4 days later). The conditions could not have been more different. Bitterly cold wind made casting challenging and it was overcast, with spots of rain. I started an hour earlier and moved alot more quickly through the river focussing on the likely spots. I felt the river had dropped 3-6 inches and was a bit clearer. It was clear from the get-go I was not going to experience dry fly action, but was disappointed my dropper didn't elicit much interest either. As I was moving more quickly I made it through the farmland and into the bush and explored a few pools upstream, which looked really interesting and worth further exploration. Imagine my surprise when my enormous Chubby Chernobyl was smashed in very rough water under the trees. It was a decent trout too but didn't stay on long, probably due to the size 2/0 hook (slight exaggeration for effect). I did land a few on the cold day, but it could best be described as hard work.

Well it was amazing what four days and cold weather can do to a river. Oh also, over the two trips I spotted a platypus, feral cat and big snake (on the cold day too!). All the photos are from the first day, my fingers were too cold to work the phone on the Saturday.

*(Editor: note "Murrumbidgee at the Bobeyan Rd bridge" would be Bolaro bridge)*

## Lyle Knowles - Some Perspectives

Peter and Bill

It was a very inauspicious start with rainclouds down sufficiently low to obscure the penthouse floors of the apartments in Denman Prospect. Thankfully there was no wind, but the forecaster's advice in respect to rain was a bit underdone.

With all the recent rains I suppose it should not have been a surprise to see Cotter Dam topping, but there was a surprising amount of water topping at Bendora Dam. The river immediately below was almost unrecognisable.





We spoke to two young anglers who had beaten us to the water (they arrived at 7:30 .... we'd only arrived at the Cotter Campground rendezvous that hour). They reported lots of eager fish and they were taking a number home for breakfast .... youth - one was in shorts!

Peter took station at the ford and ended up with 10 for the day with best a measured 30cm. Meanwhile Bill headed a little upstream and had two to hand with best a guesstimate of 25cm.







## Jaime

Hello guys, any news on what happened with Lyle Knowles? I did a very lazy late start just to realise that usual entrance to Vanity's was closed. So was not possible to fish Cotter :-)

To not waste the trip I kept driving to fish Condor Ck in the bridge a bit further down, always wanted to explore that section but not with today's conditions... water was high and strong. But managed to catch 4 rainbows, 2 tiny and 2 around 25, not bad for such a late start and switched destination. All fish were refuged in the edges in slow water spots.

Nice to hear you two went out... I guess my bed was very warm and nice to leave earlier in the day. Just got back on Wed from a work field trip to QLD collecting bugs in caves

## BJ

Hi folks,

Not an attractive day out. I went late for an intended closer easier access fish, but also found the gates closed (early - as the sign said the pig culling starts tomorrow), so I circumnavigated to Warks road entrance and attempted an alternate approach upstream of Vanities. Ill advised. More gates, bush bash along creek line then found the gorge impossible to navigate or fish safely. So I climbed out and proceeded get geographically embarrassed along unnamed intersecting trails and overgrown and misremembering which intersection I parked at. Was dark when I got there. Lessons relearned. Seemed obvious when I walked in!

Glad others were safe.





## Club Enamel Badges

Many of the 'older hands' will recall that CAA had enamel pin badges and 'dangle badges' for Life Members. With much thanks to Jason M, CAA has purchased a new die and commissioned the production of a new version of the badges. Thanks also go to those we ordered badges in order for the idea to be progressed. There remains some 'ring shield' versions left in our stock - \$10 each. See the Treasurer.



## Troutfest 2022 - A Special Report

Al McH

You will be aware that Kel and I have decided to make the big move down to Melbourne. On the spur of the moment I decided, with Kel already moved, to leave work on my last day and make the journey via Eildon, where I would overnight on the Friday and visit the 'Eildon-famous' Troutfest 2022 (in a salute to Lyall's Thailand presentation, to spice this reading up every time you read Troutfest you have to do it in the voice of famous 80s wrestling star the Ultimate Warrior).



*Our car camp set-up - note this normally sleeps both Kel and me.*



Being the scotsman I had decided to free-camp out of the back of the car, and arrived at Kendalls Camp on the bank of the Rubicon at about 8pm. It was pretty damp, and from what I could tell in the dark there were about 10 other camping groups in the sprawling area. Some adventurous types even had open fire going in the drizzle. If it hadn't been pitch black I suspect I would have looked the part trying to make enough room in the car to sleep, despite having it completely full of boxes and bags and all the things the movers hadn't picked up two days earlier (including a garden hose complete with reel).

Troutfest 2022 (I hope your arm tassles are jiggling) didn't cast-off till 1000, so I chucked the waders on and went for a flick in the Rubicon. I assumed the river was significantly up on normal flows and dirty as the fishing was challenging but I was later assured that was pretty normal for the 'Rubi'. I didn't have any joy in the main river with either indicator nymphing in the deep stuff or dry dropper in the pockets, but I did find a small split in the river and in the side stream spooked two nice fish before landing a small, but super attractive brown. By this time it was raining pretty persistently so I headed back and drove into Eildon.







*Troutfest wasn't huge, I suspect the weather had put a few people off.*



The Eildon community hall carpark had a few boats, including an electro-fishing vessel run by a research institute, the SES boat, and a very nice auction prize. There was also a coffee cart, the lions sausage sizzle and VFA had a big presence. Inside the hall were some trade stalls, a small presentation area, some indoor casting with two-weight rods and a few people tying. The most active groups were the VFFA, ATF and WIRF,

and I also met some guides, a journalist from Flylife magazine and Australia's world champion women's flyfisher who was tying for her trip to the world champs coming up in Norway.





The highlights of my Troutfest was the tour of the hatchery, and releasing trout into the Eildon pondage. I elected not to participate in the casting or fishing clinics but they were popular. I got to release about a half dozen rainbows of two years of age, and observed a WIRF representative release a monster rainbow hen for the crowd.

### *Chinook salmon eggs hatching.*

The hatchery tour was excellent, and whilst 'self guided' this just meant you walked your own way between the various tanks and rooms at which there was usually a staff member to explain what was going on. Whilst watching the thousands of 1yr old rainbows attacking handfuls of pellets was fun, it was most interesting seeing the Chinook eggs hatching, arguing with the staff over whether I would get to try some of the pink 'bubble tea', and seeing the enormous browns kept for breeding come out of the depths to monster pellets as they were thrown in individually.

I don't think I would drive from Canberra to Eildon for a Troutfest but combining it with a long weekend of fishing in this area would be good fun. That afternoon I drove the last couple of hours to Melbourne and am already planning my next trip to this area.





# Fisheries Management Act and Biosecurity Act

A little while ago, Peter and I were assisting the Kydra Kybeyan Acclimatisation Society with stocking the Maclaughlin River. An after dinner discussion with a landowner raised a thorny issue of his being responsible for Biosecurity on his property, eg control of weeds, yet anglers seemed to have legal access onto his property along streams. I sought clarification from DPI via NSWCFR. Here is the very clear answer we received. (Jim Harnwell is DPI responsible for freshwater recreational angling management).

*Advice has been received from Jim Harnwell, who sought advice from DPI's legal team, regarding possible contradiction between the FMA which allows us access to streams, and the Biosecurity Act, which allows landowners to have management plans which affect how people access and behave on their properties.*

*The advice is:*

- The Biosecurity Regulation states that Division 12, which applies to biosecurity management plans, "does not apply to a person who enters or is in a management area under the authority of an Act or another law."*
- Section 38 of the FMA provides authority for fishers to enter land to take fish, in certain circumstances. This means biosecurity management plans do not apply to fishers if they are on land, taking fish, in accordance with section 38.*
- The authority to be on land under section 38 of the FMA is limited by section 38. For a fisher to rely on section 38 they must be in a boat on the river or creek or on the bed of the river or creek. Bed is defined as "bed of a river or creek includes any part of the bed of the river or creek which is alternatively covered and left bare with an increase or decrease in the supply of water (other than during floods)."*
- If fishers are not taking fish and in a boat on the waters of a river or creek, or on the bed of the river or creek, any biosecurity management plan on the relevant land will apply to fishers. To be clear, they cannot access land where there is a biosecurity management plan in place beyond the bed of the river or creek, except in accordance with that biosecurity management plan.*

## Possible Non-Compliant Fishing Example

President NSWCFR has recently raised an issue for the council's consideration. He had received an email newsletter from Andrew Hestelow, "The Downrigger Shop". Hestelow runs a fishing tackle business in Sydney, mainly selling saltwater, boat fishing gear and has a huge following: 28,775 people follow him on Facebook, nearly 3,500 on Instagram.:



**Back to town and I stopped by the bait shop for some worms. Whenever we're staying somewhere for more than a night I always try to burley the local lake. Freshwater fish in a storage tend to patrol the perimeter. When they find a food source they feed and stay. But on big lakes, that process can take some time. Next morning, I set up the rod pod and put three baits out where I had burleyed up, in the dark. Note the park signage? That's how high Lake Jindabyne is right now:**



NSWCFA will raise the matter with DPI Compliance Office. The article might be interpreted as Hestelow having fished with three rods (illegal). The question as to whether the rods were attended will also be asked. There was a consensus that given the influence of Hestelow's newsletter, NSWCFA should express a very strong view that Fisheries should seek an enforceable undertaking from Hestelow to publish a correction.

This incident reminded me that Owen and I, on a CAA trip to Lake Eucumbene last year, found a large number of unattended set rods near the Eucumbene dam - seemingly left there all night. We subsequently reported this to DPI Compliance and would encourage all our readers to be on the lookout for illegal fishing.





<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/compliance/report-illegal-activity>

## Spotted on the ABC

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-05-04/gold-coast-seaway-discarded-fishing-line-sea-shepherd-clean-up/101033398>.

## Our Latest Aquisition

CAA were lucky enough to receive a grant from the Recreational Fishing Trust to purchase new rods for the casting days. Here is the President taking delivery of 35 Airflo Squire sets from our mate Nathan of Compleat Angler.





## Arrived in my InBox

Mike has just arrived back from greeting his new grand-daughter and sent me something. I'm sure Jaime will sign up:

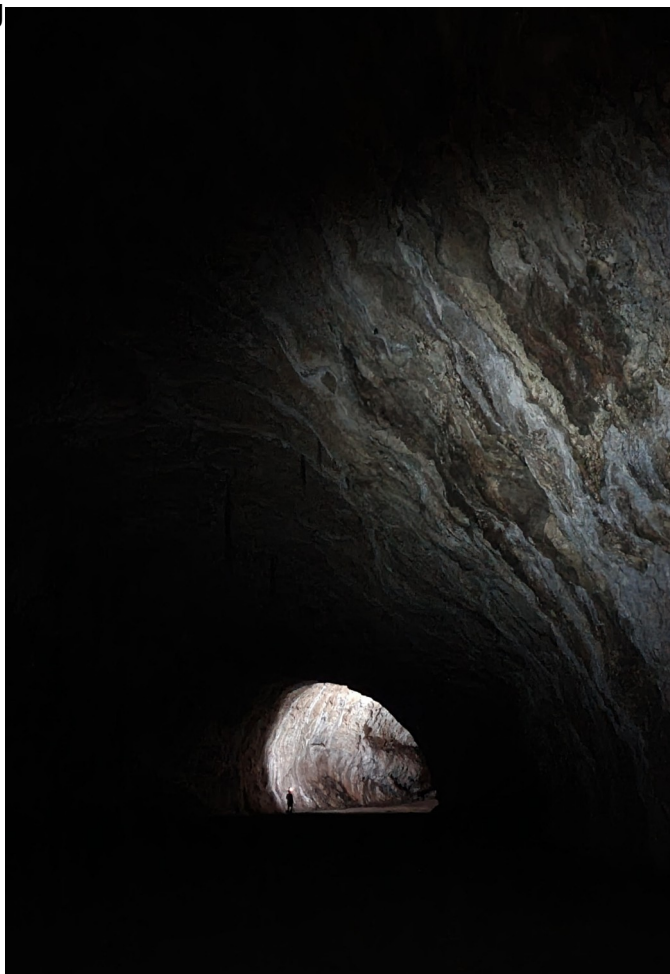
*Howdy, Bill. I've noted the Club is fishing on the Cotter, Lyle Knowles (?). Additionally I saw that the ACT is getting a lot of rain. The forwarding messing might be of help in high water situations. Hope all is well. Mike*



Speaking of Jaime, I asked why he was missing from the Tumut trip, he confirmed it was his recent work trip to Qld:

*Yeap, I had to tell Lyall I was not able to take advantage of the free spot in the accomodation he offered; it was a 10 day trip to QLD. Was fun tough, all new for me.*

*We were collecting different types of bugs but mostly beetles inside the caves. Most of the bugs in there have spend thousand of years living in those conditions. There is a weevil that when u look it under the microscope you cannot find its eyes, he doesn't have. It has to have been there for a loooong time for its evolution process to favour the no need of eyes, incredible and very cool !!!*





And Jason found this at



<http://www.realfunny.net/picture-5482-sockeye-salmon-.html> and offers it as a suggested trophy if we ever decide to have one for sockeye salmon.

## 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. These notifications can be very informative, for instance the recent invitation to head up to Eucumbene to see some brook trout being translocated, also the notification about a series of webinars on native fish initiatives on the 'Bidgee.

Nothing special this month.

## 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 placemaker.

### **What do Rakali Eat**



A fascinating video - I wonder how things worked out.

## Monaro Acclimitisation Society Quarterly Meeting

I attended the meeting prior to heading to Tumut. Some notes approved by Pres MAS, Steve Samuels:



*Steve had a positive meeting with Cooma Council re East Jindabyne developments, in particular vehicle access to lake. MAS seeks a written plan before endorsing the crown road closure. Supported by Jim Harnwell of DPI.*

*There is also news of a new proposal for residential development at Kalkite ... there is little detail yet. Early advice suggests impact on access to the lake via the crown road. NSWCFR will engage council along with MAS.*

*Discussions continue with Mayor in relation to fishing on Lake Wallace, especially in regards the illegal stocking and potential for pest fish. Council expressed concern over their potential responsibilities. There remains a possibility of management transfer of the lake to Fisheries.*

*Lake Eucumbene yearling stocking today ... 10,000 at ave 9 inches. They are all fitted with a small nose tag - only detectable using a special scanner. Steve has a scanner eg for Buckenderra comps.*

*Snowy Hydro 2.0 Grow Out facility ... the design tender process has been completed and winning tenderer selected - the company has water movement expertise.*

*We need to start considering where to place the grown out fish and how this may affect our trout stocking policy and numbers in the future. We do not want to over-stock with larger (yearling) fish.*

*Track damage remediation. Snowy Hydro is proposing to fund some work for Middlingbank/Rushy Plains as a first step. This will give guidance for cost of future projects elsewhere in the region. The MAS meeting supports MAS making application to the Recreational Fishing Trust to match Snowy Hydro for track maintenance at Lake Eucumbene, Jindabyne and Paddy's Corner.*

*The Grow Out Facility concept envisaged large tankers to carry the fish to stocking points. The idea has evolved after observing DPI acquire a specialist tanker for natives. Instead of a combined system, it is now envisaged to acquire a removable tank and enter into 3 year cycles of rental for vehicle. Central Acclimatization Society is exploring a similar tanker for the Dutton hatchery. This will allow efficient transportation of larger fish for stocking. MAS will bid from the Recreational Fishing Trust for the tank purchase and vehicle rental.*

*Concerns were raised about the size of these funding bids, but Steve observed that there is an annual \$3.5 M from Recreational Fishing Trust for freshwater and only \$400k for trout/Gaden operation.*



*The Upper Goodradigbee Sub-Branch sought clarification of stories about Trout Cod being stocked in the Goodradigbee River? Steve will pursue via Jim Harnwell.*

*Trout Allocation Meeting. Allocation for next year achieved. Note this year's production may be disrupted by Gaden renovations.*

## 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.

[May newsletter](#) has arrived and notified on our News Blog. Key points not covered by Burley Line:

- Respected fish researcher Richard Tilsey has died.
- Lake Lyell pumped hydro project plans – potential impact on recreational angling. Another Snowy Hydro 2.0?
- World Recreational Fishing ConferenceWorld Recreational Fishing Conference, 19-23 Feb 2023, Melbourne
- Trout Allocation Committee meeting

### 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](#).

### Fisheries Victoria News – 'Nibbles'



Not arrived yet. 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).

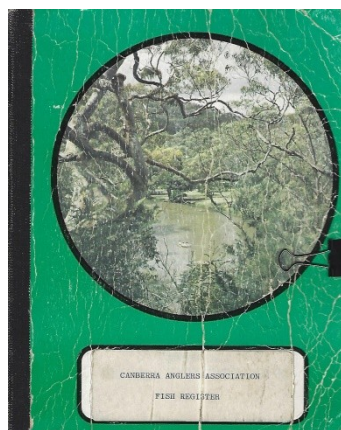
## Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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*.

Dates	Event Details
Oct	We can anticipate Go Fishing Day NSW version. <a href="https://gonefishingday.com.au/">https://gonefishingday.com.au/</a>
Dec	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Anaconda Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants. Here is info about the 2021 event <a href="https://visitcooma.com.au/events/2021-anaconda-trout-challenge/">https://visitcooma.com.au/events/2021-anaconda-trout-challenge/</a>
Jan 2023?	NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshops at Gaden Hatchery Jindabyne as part of their wider program but there are also saltwater events across the state <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>

## 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. The process will change this year and we hope to receive clear guidance prior to our first event. In the meantime, please take photos of your catch with a tape or other verifiable measurement device (eg rod, but not your foot or hand).



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 as being registered.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/ Date
Peter K	Redfin	33cm	No advice (likely to be fly)	Vicinity of Point Hut, 25 Sep
Peter K	Redfin	33cm	Fly	Vicinity of Point Hut, 27 Sep
Claude, Al, BJ and Shaun	Rainbows and browns	unreported	Fly	Cotter River, 2 and 4 Oct
Luke and Nathan	Rainbows	unreported	Fly	"local river" on opening weekend
Peter	Rainbows	Best at 42cm three others between 20.5 cm and 24cm	Fly	Cotter, 8 Oct
Peter K	Redfin	36cm	Fly	Vicinity of Point Hut, 17 Oct
Bill	Rainbows	Best at 33cm	Fly	Cotter, 28 Oct
BJ	Brown	Est 66cm	Fly	Tinderry's, 31 Oct?
Jaime	Browns and Rainbows	Best to 35cm	Fly	Goodradigbee 24 Jan
Bill	Browns and Rainbows	Best to 35cm	Fly	Goodradigbee 24 Jan
Peter	Rainbows	Best to 42cm	Fly	Cotter, ???
BJ	Brown	"3lb"	Fly	Jindy trip, 11-13 Feb
Jason M	Rainbow	35cm	Fly	Jindy trip, 11-13 Feb
Bill	Rainbows and browns	Best at 20cm	Fly	Jindy trip, 11-13 Feb
Owen	Rainbows and browns	Best at 20cm	Fly	Jindy trip, 11-13 Feb
Jason	One rainbow and many browns	Best, a rainbow at 30cm	Fly	Murrumbidgee, 5 Mar
Bill	One rainbow and many browns	Best, a rainbow at 37cm	Fly	Murrumbidgee, 5 Mar
Eli	Barra	75cm	Soft Plastic	Cairns "recently"



Bill	Two browns	Best at 40cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 11 Mar
Ken and Alan S	Numerous Rainbows including a few at 30cm	Ken's best 32cm	Fly	Goodradigbee River, 13 Mar
Shaun	Brown	45cm	Fly	Bolaro Bridge Murrumbidgee, 27 Mar
Bill	Rainbow	27cm – only one I measured	Fly	Goodradigbee River, 1 Apr
Am still awaiting more reports from our April trip. I know there were many more and bigger than mine! I hear tell of a 40cm caught by Rod on lure				
Owen	Rainbow	30 and 32cm	Fly	Goobragandra River (Tumut trip), 8 May
Bill	Rainbow	30 and 34cm	Fly	Goobragandra River (Tumut trip), 8 May
Peter	Rainbow	ten with best at 30cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles, Cotter River 15 May
Bill	Rainbow	two with best at 25cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles, Cotter River 15 May
Jaime	Rainbow	four with best at 25cm	Fly	Condor Creek, 15 May

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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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