

# THE BURLEY LINE



## Stuart and a Gulf of Mexico Jack Cravalle

(see the story inside)



## From the Editor's Desk

I got an email the other day that reassured me that my efforts here in *Burley Line* have some value, but perhaps that some other aspects of the CAA communications might need revisiting: "*the Burley Line is the most touched aspect of the club....I've never been to the beginner part of the website...but I read every BL.*" *Burley Line* comes out monthly but our on-line presence is much more than that. Our website hosts a number of resources – much of it is embodied in our Blog .... hmm, that's just a fancy name for a collection of snippets (posts) which we've uploaded onto the Internet (you've seen 'posts' before when you went to download *Burley Line*, but we post up lots more informative material). The 'Beginner' section referred to is one, though it has now been renamed 'Tips', but there a number of different segments that you can browse or search (Places to Fish and Cooking are two in particular that I reckon are well worth cruising through). The posts idea also offer you an opportunity to upload comments and questions. Plus, you can (like around 50 have done already) register to get an email notification when new posts are uploaded. Read about how to use our blog [here](#).

For this issue, thank to Claude for his EuroNymphing tip. Not sure I'll be using it mate, :-)) but I'm sure many in the club will benefit. Jason continues to have us jealously looking north, this time some fish photos. Talking about fish – Stuart seems to travel even more than Lyall, currently in the USA. Nathan and Compleat Angler may have been re-branded but his support for CAA and fly fishing generally is unchanged. I've put in two articles in relation to two organisations that CAA are affiliated with.

Here we are in August, which means our AGM is just around the corner. This is a 'must-come' event. Get along and acknowledge those folk who have earnt the various trophies. Of course an AGM also means hearing how the club has fared over the year and the election of a new Committee. Don't be worried that you'd be shanghaied for a job, I'm sure the Committee have identified at least one person for each job, but everyone is encouraged to put their hand up for a position. Being on the Committee is a rewarding experience and new ideas are always welcome.

### Coming Events

#### **Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> August.**

Our Annual General Meeting. All the details will be sent via email.

#### **Fly Tying: 24<sup>th</sup> August 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**

Details to be confirmed soon with the release of our annual program, but I'm aware of two that are coming soon – a return to Bondi Forest for a retreat/quiet fishing the dam 19-21 Aug and our Annual Fly Casting Lessons to the public – 11, 18 and 25 September

## Spotted by Claude

I'll pop this into our new ['Tips' blog collection](#) for future reference. There were some suggestions that I omitted this from last month's *Burley Line*, "Are you reluctant to include it because you know ECN fishing catches more fish than dry flies?" - could be, but more likely it arrived very late and I wanted more items for this month :-)

### Claude

Whilst searching YouTube for fly fishing videos I came across White Dog instructional videos on 'How to Euro Nymph Series'. The videos are great and I have picked up a number of good tips. I consider the videos of equivalent quality to that of Dynamic Nymphing which you have to pay for. There are about five videos in series...with some additional videos on topics such as '*5 Biggest Mistakes When Euro Nymphing - Tips to Euro Nymph Effectively*'. Start here to increase your knowledge on Euro nymphing => [White Dog How to Euro Nymph](#)

## The Latest from our Wandering JM

### Jason M

#### Salmon Fishing in .... not quite Yemen, but Coorooman Creek.

After being blown back from an attempt to head offshore, my old school mate and I fished a local creek. After trying lures working dropoffs and casting at runoffs, we went further upstream to find some fish.

Finding a nice confluence of water, we anchored up and worked the current intersection and resulting scoured bed.

Some nibbles on prawns didn't result in much, but a suspected bream struck near the boat. Trying again, a yellowtail (yacka?) was landed, revealing the baitfish school we were in. Returning as a livebait, and spotting a diving longfinned eel or seasnake, I soon checked my yella to find two bites between the head and hook! The rest turned into baits, but bites were light and not hooking up.

Allowing the line more slack, the hook finally stayed, revealing the nice deep fork with a tinge of dark grey, identifying it as a threadfin salmon. Eventually landed, it was easily over minimum length for a blue salmon. Having eaten one about 20 years ago, I knew they tasted good fresh & cooked it up on the bbq. They also have a nice sweet cheek I discovered.







*Salmon showing a bit of cheek....*

Alas, no barra or mangrove jack, but a fun day out whilst catching up. Maybe next time it will be calm enough to get to Great Keppel Island.

And now some miscellaneous images:









# Popped into my In-Box

Stuart is in Mobile Alabama on the Gulf of Mexico. Mike explains to me:



Cover photo is a Jack Cravalle (a little different from the Australian version). These two pictures are of Red Drum, "Redfish". Color difference is probably due to light angle.







This one is also a Red Drum, aka "Redfish". Different fish, and picture from earlier email. .

## News About One of Our Supporters



We have left the Compleat Angler group and started our own brand of stores named 'BOSS OUTDOOR'. From this point forward we will trade as Boss Outdoor Canberra. Our 2 other Compleat Angler stores will now trade as Boss Outdoor Merimbula and Boss Outdoor Nowra.

Any loyalty points accrued for those that are members will remain the unchanged.

We will still be stocking all the products we did as Compleat Angler plus much more. The main new addition to our store will be camping and outdoors products.

We also have a website ( <https://www.bossoutdoor.com.au/> ) which is still in it's infancy, but product is being added on a weekly basis, so we encourage you to keep an eye on this over the following months as we strive to add as much product as possible.

We have grown exponentially as store thanks to CAA and the Canberra community's support, so we will continue to support the CAA however we can.

Best Regards,

Nathan Walker

## Spotted by Peter

Peter has become quite a champion for Macquarie Perch and found a [very interesting video](#) on these fascinating creatures.

## NSWCFA Foundation Membership

It is a strange term, but Foundation Membership is actually a mechanism for an individual to participate in the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers. A modest fee entitles you to participate in meetings (though not vote) and have your voice heard even if you aren't a formally nominated delegate of a fishing club affiliated to the Council. A reminder arrived in my inbox and I thought I might share some of the notes included in the letter encouraging me to renew my membership. It gives a comprehensive insight into the important activity of this peak body. CAA Members might consider whether they might supplement the club's affiliation fee by becoming a Foundation Member as an individual.

*In 2021-22 your Foundation Membership has been crucial in sustaining the organisation. Our modest membership income from our affiliate clubs remains reliable and steady, so we have managed to keep the organisation financially stable and viable. A contribution from you this year will help us maintain that situation.*

*Thanks to the diligence of our Treasurer Don Salter and the executive committee, all our costs continue to be kept at a minimum. We have not had the expense of hiring meeting spaces in the past year, and don't expect to have face-to-face meetings in the near future due to COVID-19. Our quarterly general meetings of members and our monthly executive committee meetings are held by Zoom. Face-to-face meetings are something we hope get back to one day, but in the meantime the online meetings are well attended, productive and save a lot of time and travel and venue costs. In the past we have had a policy of paying phone and out-of-pocket expenses for the President, Secretary and Treasurer but none of those officers have claimed these expenses in recent years. Newsletter distribution costs, website hosting, insurance, and membership of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW remain as our only substantial outgoings.*

*A few issues continue to frustrate us. For example, in 2016 a review was commenced of the potential of allowing fishing in Sydney's water supply dams. Some of our members were involved in advisory and assessment committees during that review. A working party was formed between NSW DPI Fisheries and WaterNSW to advance the issue. We have lobbied—without success—for recreational anglers to be represented in that working group, especially as licence money from the Recreational Fishing Trusts was used to pay consultants for the review process.*

*However, we have made progress on other important issues. In particular, we have put a lot of effort into working with Jim Harnwell and Alistair McBurnie of NSW DPI Fisheries over the past year or so to improve the NSW Angler Access Website. The website has now been given an official relaunch by Fisheries, including media releases which acknowledged the NSW CFA's contribution to the project.*



*We have clarified with Fisheries' legal team that the NSW Biosecurity Act and related regulations do not override the basic rights of anglers under the Fisheries Management Act to access the bed of a stream.*

*We are watching—with some trepidation—a proposal by EnergyAustralia to build a pumped hydro power station at Lake Lyell, possibly restricting access to parts of the lake and making boating and fishing access on the entire lake difficult, if not impossible, due to constant fluctuations in lake levels. This is just one of dozens of pumped hydro or small scale hydro power generation projects that are under consideration in NSW and we are concerned about how these projects could affect waterways. The executive committee is starting to delve deeper into this problem*

## **ANSA NSW Affiliation and Public Liability Insurance**

Members will be aware that, as part of our affiliation with the Australian National Sportfishing Association, N.S.W. Branch, we've come under their Public Liability Insurance umbrella.

In the past, Public Liability Insurance has been a hot topic within the club - whether we need it, whether National Capital Authority were justified in insisting we have it for our Fly Casting for the Public event, whether indemnity forms was sufficient, whether it would be useful for our other fishing events, etc etc. Earlier investigations into PLI caused me, and our lawyer life member Mark F, some concerns in that coverage seemed to be limited to supporting the club itself and the committee, but not members. As a consequence I had some interest in the 'fine print' of the ANSA NSW coverage. With assistance from John Burgess, the ANSA NSW guru on insurance, I've explored the matter and am very happy with my findings:

- It is quite apparent that not having PLI is a high risk situation. John told me of one club that had been pursued on a public liability matter with significant impact on the club, and more worryingly on the individuals on the committee
- The ANSA NSW PLI covers
  - "(a) The Club, the Association or entities specified in the Policy Schedule;
  - (b) Coaches and Referees;
  - (c) Any of Your directors, executive officers, committee members, office-holders, Employees or Office Bearers but only whilst acting within the scope of their duties in such capacity;
  - (d) Any of Your registered Members or voluntary workers but only whilst acting in connection with Your Business activities and whilst conforming to Your rules and by-laws. Such Member or voluntary worker shall only be entitled to indemnity hereunder to the extent that said Member or voluntary worker is not entitled to indemnity under any other policy of insurance; " ... most importantly there, it covers you and me
- " Business means all activities undertaken by the Insured and connected with the Sport including responsibilities as landlord, tenants, property owners and organisers of social and fund-raising activities but does not include any coaching activities unless noted in the Policy Schedule " - John has reassured me that this covers our entire outing program and our casting days

- ANSA NSW has particular conditions if CAA were to conduct ANSA NSW branded activities (eg Canberra Fisho's Burrinjuck weekend) but our club program does not have to be a formal part of the ANSA NSW Calendar to be covered. As John said "In a nutshell all recreational fishing and social activities undertaken by the club and managed by its committee are covered for public liability risk other than for those activities listed as exclusions in the policy document." The exclusions principally related to a club operating a jetty or other property.

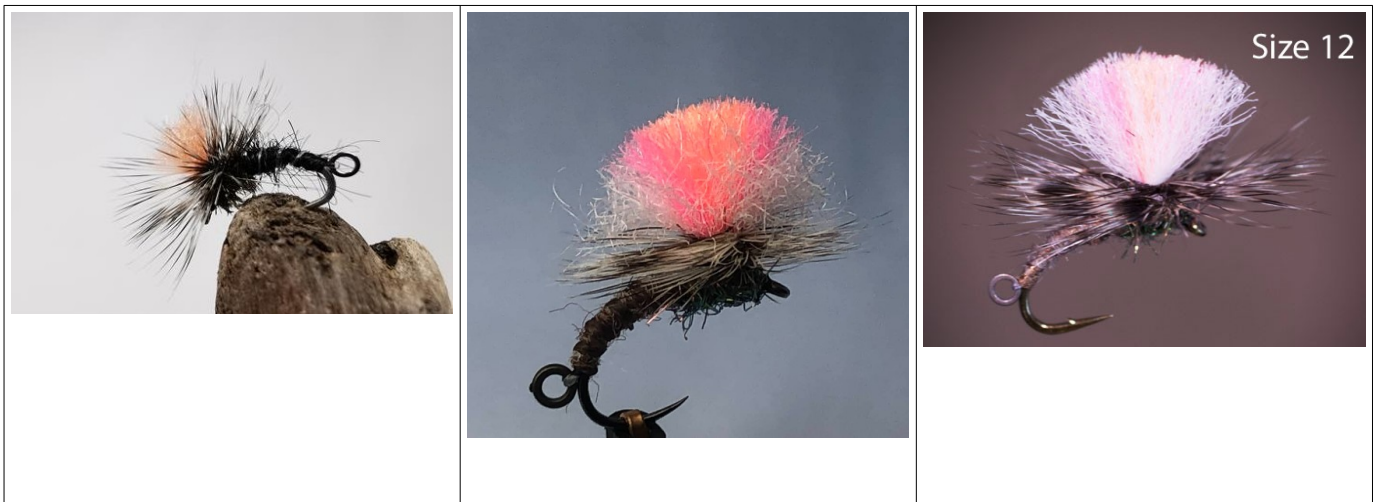
John also made the point that an injury that a member of the public might pursue CAA/CAA members is not limited to physical injury "this expression goes well beyond the boundary of physical injury - it could include professional or personal reputation injury and even much broader definitions of injury."

Members should note that our previous PLI policy also included a personal accident/death element. The ANSA NSW policy does not, however if any CAA member wants to join ANSA NSW as an individual (or family) their membership fees covers a substantial accident policy. I'll write a short note on this in the future.

There's more information on the ANSA NSW website <https://www.ansansw.com.au/>.

## Fly Tying 27 July - Klink n Dink Trout Fly

Claude led a small group tying this interesting fly. It incorporates a tippet ring for attaching a dropper – apparently the intent is to overcome the possibility of the dropper slipping off the bend of a barbless hook.



The information is [here](#).



## 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.

### [Improving Your Euro Nymphing](#)

The suggested resource from Claude.

### [Tip: Best Practice for Handling Fish](#)

Short Youtube video from Mike Kirkpatrick – some nice images.

## 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.

## 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 July edition arrived and was put on our News Blog. Top items:

- NSWCFE Interclub Fly and Lure Fishing Meet 2023 – Glenbawn Dam 17-19 Mar 2023
- Changes coming to Antiquarian Angler – a specialist fishing bookshop.
- Maccas in the Georges River – spotted via DNA in the water
- US trout conservation group Trout Unlimited has challenged US car makers to show something better than 4WDs and trucks charging through and destroying streams.
- Applications are invited for appointment to the Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel for Kosciuszko National Park.
- Winburndale trout relocation. Trout being relocated from closed waters to angler accessible to give Macquarie Perch stockings a go.

### 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](#).

July Newsletter has arrived and notified on our News Blog. Key freshwater topics covered in NSWCFE Jul Newsletter. Some south coast saltwater items

### 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 are to be confirmed as part of their wider program but there are also saltwater events across the state including Burrill Lake in September  <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>
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A number of our members are comp fishers. There is also care needed to avoid some waters during the competition. The proposed program will be recorded here:

3	19/20 November 2022 :-	Mitta Mitta River competition
4	25/26 February 2023 :-	Rocky Valley Reservoir boat loch style competition - "President's Shield"
5	22/23 April 2023 :-	Ovens/Kiewa Two Rivers competition
6	20/21 May 2023 :-	Goulburn River competition

Tasmania.

Round #	Date	Venue
1	27/28 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Curries River Dam Bank
2	22/23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	Mersey R & Four Springs
3	12/13 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Woods/Penstock Lagoon
4	21/22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023	Tyenna River
5	4/5 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mersey R & Meander R
6	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023	Little Pine & Pine Tier Lagoons

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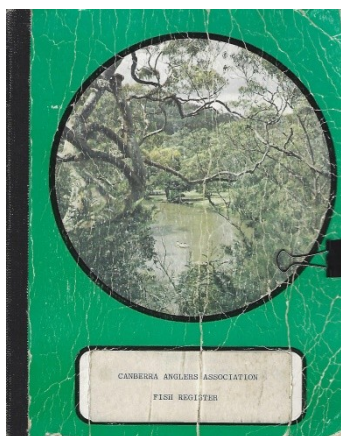
Round	Date	Venue
1	8/9 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Loch Style Snowy Mtns
2	5/6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	Loch Style Snowy Mtns
3 Nationals	7-10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Snowy Mountains
4	2/3 April 2023	Tumut River
5	May 2023	Bathurst

Victoria

Round	Date	Venue
1	17/18 September 2022	Steavenson/Rubicon R or Newlyn/Hepburn Lake Bank
2	22/23 October 2022 :-	Wendouree lake boat loch style competition - "Vern Barby Trophy" and the "State of Origin"

## 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

Start telling me folks, and putting into the Green Book.



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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.

## Supporters

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