

THE BURLEY LINE



David on the Upper Mataura NZ

(see story inside)



From the Editor's Desk

Nice for the club to receive thanks for our efforts with fly casting instruction – certainly drew in maybe a record number of new recruits. The letter of thanks came along with some photographic evidence of (perhaps) lessons learnt, which in turn earns plaudits as our cover photo above – well done David. One of our youngest friends, not yet a member, has caught his first fish on fly – fly cast by himself no less – though he has a big advantage with the waters he is fishing and the excellent flies produced by his dad (a close look at the photo reveals JQ's tricky weedguard). Greg S and Peter have been fascinated by the amount of water around right now, though it was only after they sent this stuff to me that things got very dire in southern NSW and Victoria – our heart goes out to those affected.

Our News blog has been very active. Some pointers here for those who have not registered for automatic email alerts on new posts. A key one for me, relates to the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers who have uploaded some correspondence showing recent actions the Council has been active in on behalf of anglers.

On one hand it is disappointing that river conditions have led to a postponement of our premier trophy, the Lyle Knowles, but secretly I'm happy as I may actually be in town and available to have a go :-). Aside from Lyle Knowles, later this month and early in December we have a rush of diverse fishing activities. Be sure to contact the organisers and commit.

I made contact with Roger, our North American motorcycle road tripper. He wasn't able to get something prepared for this issue, but is hoping to deliver next month. He is currently on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada waiting for some rain due in a couple of days which he hopes will activate the Atlantic Salmon. Next week he's heading to Toronto with plans to have a crack at Ontario Steelhead. I look forward to hearing all about it and sharing it with you here.

With the postponement of Lyle Knowles this edition was looking to be a bit thin – I am much thankful for those who have provided copy this month especially some last moment stuff from Claude and BJ. Hopefully next month will be a bumper given the events but, as always, I would appreciate any and all contributions. Copy to me by 22 Nov would be appreciated.

Coming Events

Meeting: 9th November.

7:30 at Raiders. All the details will be sent via email. An important meeting as we have to formally endorse the financial review of 2021-22 treasurer's report to meet ACT Government regulations – I have it on good authority that all is well with our books.

Fly Tying: 23rd November 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

Double the enjoyment this month

Fri 11-Sun 13 Nov – Brogo Dam chasing Australian Bass – recall there is a specific trophy for bass. Led by Stefan

Sat 26 – Sun 27 Nov – “Alpine Lakes” – led by Alan.

Don't forget that real soon after is **Fri 2 to Sun 4 Dec** – Saltwater at Tuross Head led by John. You might want to check on accommodation soon before they're all booked.

Many Thanks

Newly Joined Member - David

My wife Claire and myself recently participated in the Canberra Anglers casting clinic series.

We would like to thank you very much for the club's welcoming approach and encouraging education. What's more your efforts have been successful for us. Please see the attached photo.

That is me with a Mataura Brown trout caught a few days ago near Garston in the South Island of NZ.

As I am writing this, we are heading out again for another fly-fishing adventure before the snow hits this area. Then over to Wanaka next week.

(Editor – David's photo is our cover photo/photo of the month – lovely fish, wish I was there!!)

First Fish on Fly

I found this appear in my Instagram account. Jason Q's boy Eli has been doing well with small freshwater tropical fish on tenkara, but here is his first serious fish on fly – he cast it himself too. JQ is over the moon, another generation of gun anglers coming here.

All's we need to do is to get Eli onto a sighted trout on dry fly and the journey will be complete.



Water, Water Everywhere

Greg S

Some examples:

Dartmouth Dam flooding

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1482590955479588>

This time Wyangala Dam overflowing

https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-10-12/flood-ravaged-forbes-farmers-call-urgent-wyangala-dam-upgrade/101522332?fbclid=IwAR3wFu-ikRGDk5kZvXsH2Bbx0R5sU5oW8LQU6z7EjpU2GFjNxsgJR_S0Bj8

Lake Eppalock Victoria spilling

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=5459566874155751>

Impact on fish?

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-09-29/floods-blamed-for-fish-deaths-in-lower-murray-and-lakes/101487218>

and from Peter



Closer to home –
Murrumbidgee River at
Point Hut crossing, 10
Oct 2022. “Ended my
fishing trip to Paddy’s
River in a hurry”

and from me

Molonglo above Coppins
Crossing



Opening Weekend and Recent Adventures

Claude and BJ

A few club members got out on the opening weekend. Claude caught his on one of the inflows to the Eucumbene River and Nathan's photo is of one of his six he caught in Lake Eucumbene pulling small buggers. Unfortunately, a cold southerly wind resulted in the midging not being successful.



The dynamic duo of BJ and Shaun headed up towards Namadgi got about three fish each....apparently because there aren't photos.

The duo also headed out on the last weekend in October and had another successful outing getting six in the net each. Shaun lost the biggest for the day as it danced around on the water surface teasing him before dehooking itself 😞. One that was landed by Shaun is below...well done Shaun!





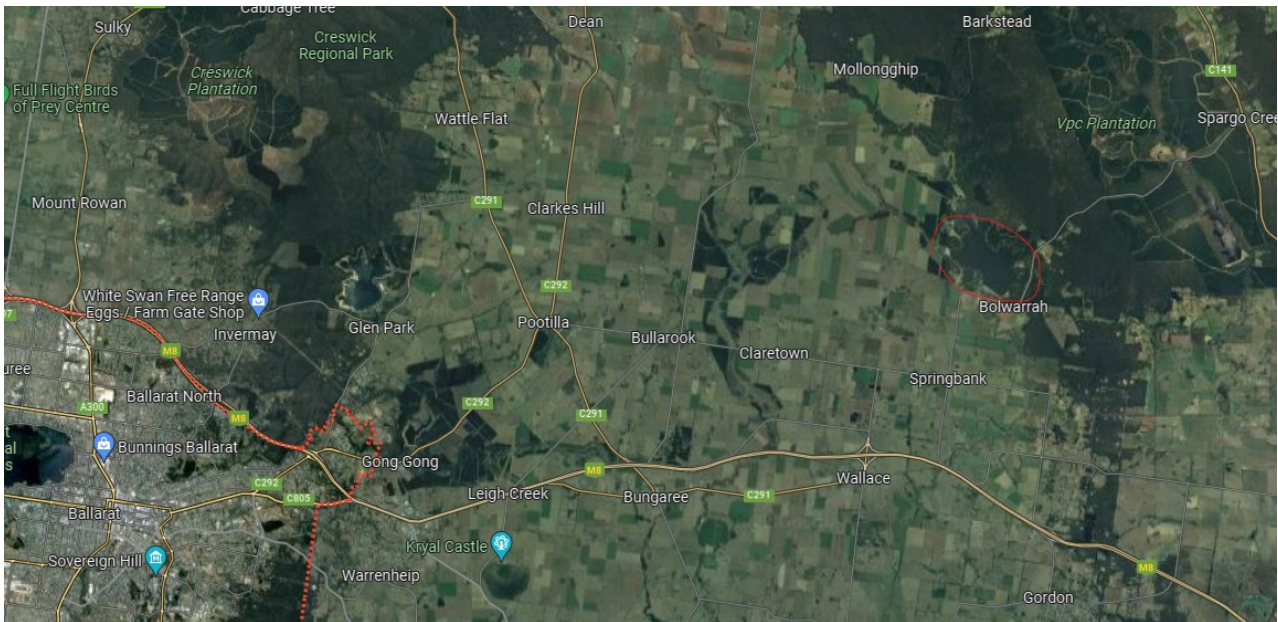
Shaun in the distance

Moorabool Reservoir

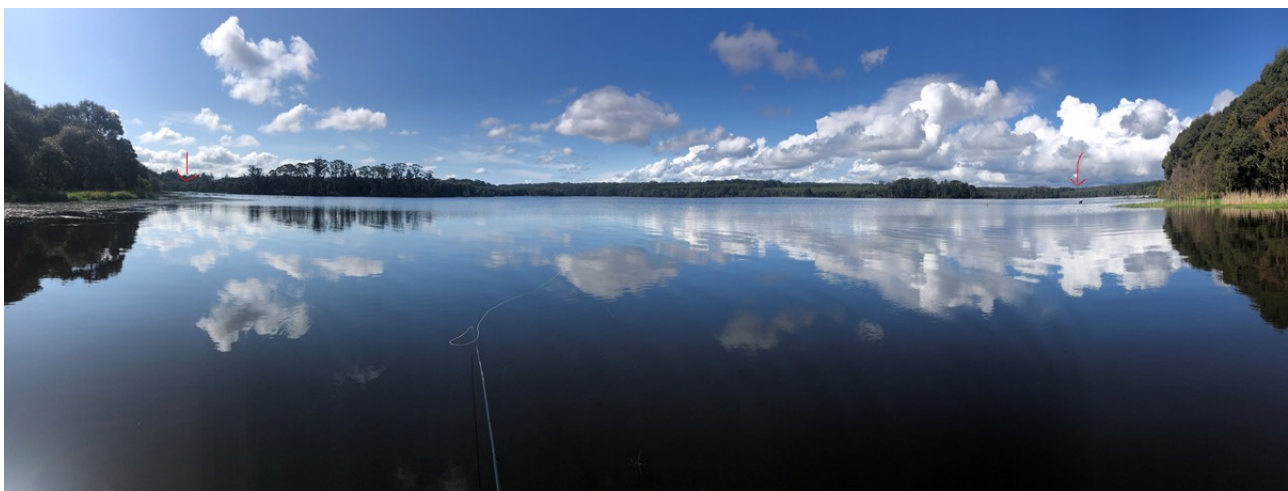
Claude

Claude was down in Melbourne for three weeks and was told by Al McAffie that I had to bring the fishing gear for at least one outing. We had a trip planned with Evan which was cancelled due to the dreadful flooding around the place. Claude managed to fish for a couple of hours at Moorabool Reservoir. Moorabool is about an hour north of Melbourne on the way to Ballarat. It was a very picturesque lake as the photos attest. Claude tried midges, possum emergers and small buggers without success.

Moorabool has brown and rainbow as well as redfin. A few other anglers were friendly giving Claude advice. They also had success with a few reporting that they had landed a few on shaving brush emergers. Plenty of stockies were jumping around to keep you interested. It has plenty of easy access points. Apparently it would have been much better with drizzly overcast weather with a bit of wind. Well worth a visit in the future.



The red arrows highlight where other fisherfolk were.





In my in-box

Recent activities of the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers hit my InBox this month:

- The Council has been haggling with Minister Dugald Saunders Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales (and hence fishing) on two matters
 - NSW Local Land Services have been closing off access to TSRs without consultation with the angling public or even NSW Fisheries - we've suffered this in our region too; and
 - commercial fishermen have been netting the Macleay River making a mockery of catch control and licence fee funded stocking of bass in the river.
- The National Carp Control Plan seemed to have disappeared from progress and NSW CFA have been agitating for visibility, especially in light of the current full water levels.

Subsequent to the receipt of responses from Minister Saunders, the [correspondence](#) has been made available.

(Ed. Yep, this appeared in the News Blog but I thought the full text deserved visibility in Burley Line)

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 previous 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.

Canberra Fishermens Club Burrinjuck competition

A local ANSA competition.

Your Chance to Comment on ACT Fish Stocking Plan

Public consultation closes 18 Nov

Important Changes to ACT Recreational Fishing Regulations

Changes to ACT Fishing Regs

Volunteers Sought

A reminder that Shaun is still looking for help with FFA competitions.

Lake Burley Griffin Water Safety

Lake Burley Griffin safety pamphlet.

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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 placemarker.

DPI releasing some big ones in Jindabyne

Ex brood stock released.

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.

October issue was reported on our [News Blog here](#). Quite a few items relevant to us:

- Queensland freshwater anglers to reap rewards of fish habitat trial
- National Carp Control Plan finally handed to federal Agriculture Department
- Premier fast-tracks Warragamba Dam wall raising
- New attempt at approval for Tasmanian helicopter camping/fishing

[November issue](#) also arrived:

Gaden Trout Hatchery ex-broodstock release ... some big fish out in the water

NSW Shadow Minister for agriculture and fisheries dumped

NSWCFA Interclub Fly and Lure Fishing Meet 2023

Perrottet insists he will raise Warragamba Dam wall

The next quarterly general meeting will be on Saturday 19 November – the newsletter is in error as it won't be the AGM

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](#).

October issue was reported on our [News Blog here](#). Quite a few items relevant to us:

- RFA meets with Minister Dugald Saunders
- Expression of Interest – vacancies on RFSTEC and RFFTEC
- "We got weights in fish!" – An angry mob of anglers assailed cheaters in a fishing tournament at Ohio in the USA a couple of weeks ago.

[November issue](#) also arrived. Much we've seen already, Sydney focussed or seriously saltwater. Interesting points:

- Blackwater expected to cause fish deaths.
- Communities within the Barwon-Darling, Murray, Murrumbidgee, Edward-Wakool and Lachlan catchments are warned to be on alert for fish deaths in the coming days
- Federal Labor puts hold on major dams

Fisheries Victoria News – 'Nibbles'

These are in hiatus for the moment while they identify a new distribution system. News and updates from Fisheries Victoria can be found also on their [Facebook page](#) (you don't need to be a Facebook user).

Monaro Acclimatisation Society



Guy (Pres QAC) Mark (Sec QAC), Peter and I are also members of Queanbeyan Angling Club, the local sub-branch of the Monaro Acclimatisation Society. We would normally expect to stock in Nov/Dec rainbow and brown fry (couple of cm long) into streams of the back country south of Queanbeyan. For various operational reasons at Gaden, the fry had to be taken out earlier so were stocked Mon 17 Oct. Looking at the photos, the hatchery seemed to have had them much more advanced than I would have expected – perhaps this ‘heat treatment’ that they’ve spoken about before. Brown trout fingerlings (maybe 5cm?) would normally go in early in the new year but this may not occur

this season.

Not seen any recent news on the progress of the Snowy Hydro 2.0 trout grow out facility.

Thanks for the image Peter.

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
Nov	Buckenderra Caravan Park organize a trout catch and release event called the Anaconda Trout Challenge. There is a limit of 150 participants. Every year I seem to miss the call out for enrolling – entries were closed in record time :-(https://www.snowymagazine.com.au/buckenderra-anaconda-2022-trout-challenge
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 Greenwell Point in January. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids

Oct 2023	We can anticipate Go Fishing Day NSW version. https://gonefishingday.com.au/
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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.

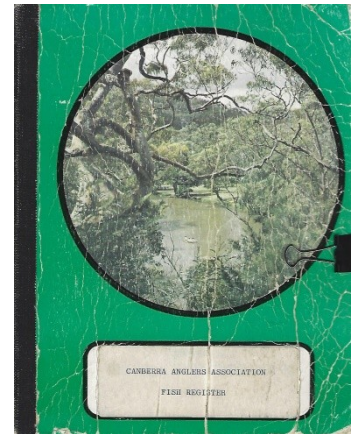
Round #	Date	Venue
3	12/13 th November 2022	Woods/Penstock Lagoon
4	21/22 nd January 2023	Tyenna River
5	4/5 th March 2023	Mersey R & Meander R
6	1/2 nd April 2023	Little Pine & Pine Tier Lagoons

NSW/ACT

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

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.

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Canberra Anglers Association would like to thank the supporters below for their ongoing assistance to our club. We encourage all members to support these groups where possible.

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