

THE BURLEY LINE



From the Editor's Desk

A very big issue this month with reports on our Carp day out, the next part of Roger's motorbike tour in the Northern Hemisphere, some fun on Lake Ginninderra with casting practice that turned out to be more, the deferred Lyle Knowles and finally our successful trip to Jindabyne.

A discussion is here on angler access and related matters, specifically the impact of Biosecurity. In relation to the latter, I've been told there has been further developments in interpreting the laws related to angler access and biosecurity. Haven't got the details yet so will have to await next issue of *Burley Line*.

Some big news for me, I've just received notification that I've been appointed to the [Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council](#) to represent this region. The appointment is for three years and the council provides advice to the NSW Minister for Primary Industry on recreational fishing issues. Steve Samuels held the position for six years and did a sterling job – I'll do my best to keep up his efforts. My intent is that I'll publish here forthcoming agenda items with the hope that feedback can be received from you (and the other clubs in this region). Also that you will assist me in understanding new issues so that they can be carried to the forum.

Any and all submissions from members for future newsletters will be appreciated anytime.

Coming Events

Meeting: 8th March.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston – more details via email.

Fly – Tying 22nd March.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – more details via email.

Next Events

3-5 March – John is leading the trip to Tumut.

Date to be decided in Apr – 'the river that shall not be named' – Greg Will have all the details soon.

Chasing Carp Locally – Sun 15 Jan

Claude

A few different groups fished various areas around Canberra. Peter and Bill fished Charlie D's traditional site near the Boatshed Restaurant on Lake Burley Griffin, Lyall and Rod drowned a few worms elsewhere in Lake Burley Griffin, and BJ, Sean and Claude fly fished the Molonglo.

Lyall and Rod had a successful outing with four carp and a number of redfin at a favourite spot on Black Mountain Peninsula.



Peter was the most successful fisher of the day landing at least 8 carp between 40 and 63 cm on an array of baits but primarily corn. Bill managed a smaller number after arriving late. It would

have been a relaxing day reminiscing on previous days here, apart from having to rush to the screaming reels. Charlie's patented rig is certainly highly effective.



1. Peter's 63 cm Carp

2. Looking Downstream just near the 'Island'

BJ, Shaun and Claude decided to try our luck with fly. Claude fished a size 14 bugger, Shaun fished a brown jig bugger and BJ fished a yellow body/red tail woolly worm. The Molonglo was not as clear as we liked with perhaps 50 cm of visibility. The river consisted of rocky river bed, anything from long slow deep pools of water to small rock pools. The best fishing was had in less than a meter of water with an inlet flow that would host feeding carp or channels of water with slow -medium flow. The rocks were quite treacherous with a walking stick a very valuable item during the day. With the low clarity, spotting and casting to sighted fish was difficult. The weather was quite warm, even by 0900. BJ was the first to strike with a 60 cm, 4 lb carp landed, swinging his fly downstream. Claude was the next to strike sight casting to carp cruising the edge less than a rod length away. The carp put up a good fight and reminded us how much fun fly fishing for carp can be. Shaun found a pool of with four cruisers swimming a beat. With great persistence Shaun hooked up and landed a nice carp of around 40 cm. While we saw numerous more carp during the morning none of them had any luck hooking up again.



1. The Fly Fishing Crew

2. Claude's Carp on #14 bugger



3. Shaun fighting his Carp



4. BJ Fishing downstream where he caught his Carp

A number of us (including some who hadn't fished) caught up at the Lighthouse later in the day for a drink and chat. Another good outing with a socialising event at the end of the day.

Shaun's note - Lesson learned: *Whilst it's pretty common for us to wear waders as snake protection even if not wading, we discovered that Canberra summer weather is substantially hotter than the Snowies, and waders do not shed heat well. It didn't take long for them to become unbearable.*

Roger's World Journey – Part 3 – Northern British Columbia

Roger is actually in Europe but we've still to receive some North American reports.

Roger

After spending a couple of months in Alaska and catching some grayling, pink salmon and a steelhead (unfortunately not a King salmon – although I did get a grab) I travelled back down to British Columbia to have another go at BC Steelhead. I arrived in mid-August which is the end of the summer steelhead season. The first place I went to was Terrace which I had been to the previous April/May. Terrace is on the Skeen River and close to some notable tributaries including the Copper and Kitsumkalum rivers.

Unfortunately, all the rivers around Terrace were blown out although people were still madly fishing for Sockeye salmon in the Skeena and apparently catching some. Sockeye fly fishing is mostly done with a technique known as 'lining' which involves passing the line through the fish's open mouth and jaggging them on the outside of the mouth. As this technique doesn't appeal to me, I decided to head 40 km up the highway to a place called Hazelton. Hazelton is just off the highway near the junction of the Bulkley and Skeena rivers. The Bulkley was also blown out but it was only a short distance from where I was camping in Ksan (near Hazelton) to the Kispiox river which joins the Skeena about 10 km upstream. Ksan is an old First Nations settlement with a stunning mountain backdrop.



The Kispiox is smaller than the Bulkley but has a reputation for exceptionally large steelhead, as well as getting several species of Pacific salmon, including King Salmon. It was a bit early for steelhead which don't usually appear in the Bulkley and the Kispiox until September, but the river was crystal clear and it was a pleasure to spend a couple of weeks fishing such a beautiful river. Unfortunately, I didn't manage to catch a steelhead although I did see some fish in the river which might have been small Steelhead but could also have been Sockeye. Either way they weren't interested in my swung fly. Whilst I was concentrating on my spey casting, I heard some almighty splashes which told me that the King Salmon were about. This was confirmed by a local who told me that he had caught a couple further upstream. King salmon fishing had been closed in the Skeena basin since June but the locals appear to have a somewhat relaxed attitude to such regulations. I assumed they were returning any that they caught.



Fishing in places where there are large anadromous fish like King Salmon and Steelhead tends to make you a bit dismissive about 'ordinary' fish like trout, but I did have some really good trout fishing on the Kispiox. I caught a couple of solid Cutthroat (or maybe Cutbows), lots of smaller cutthroat/rainbows and some whitefish which take a fly readily and are good fun. Another notable point relating to fishing such areas is the wildlife. On my morning rides to the Kispiox I saw black bears on a couple occasions and some red foxes. The



other evidence of wildlife was some bear scat and some grizzly tracks by the river, as well as a shredded log where a grizzly had been sharpening its claws.



The ideal time to fish the upper Skeena basin is October/November but there can be snow during these months and that was not something I wanted to come across on a motorbike. I left BC at the end of August and made a beeline for Nova Scotia 6,000 Kms to the east where I planned to do some fishing for Atlantic Salmon. Perhaps someday I will return to BC without the bike and have another go at northern BC Steelhead.

Casting Practice

Claude

What you can catch when practicing casting

A few of us in the Norther Suburbs get together every now and again at Lake Ginninderra to practice casting or to cast other folk's gear. Recently Shaun and I had our red wool attacked so Shaun grabbed some flies and within five minutes we had a double hook-up. It was fun practicing our casting and having a little fight every now and again.



1. Shaun Hooked Up



Our Double Hook-Up

From Shaun: "The stupid things actually fought on the wool, to the point of not letting go until after I lifted into one :) Fly was an orange mini muddler - I usually use it as a loch style fly, but it's a pulling fly and well, reddies aren't that smart right?"

Jindabyne – 10-12 Feb

Bill

As it happened, ten members attended including two 'new chums' and one who travelled up from Melbourne. While Alan S felt he needed to sleep closer to the water line, nine bunked down at the CSIRO Ski Lodge – our appreciation of the CSIRO Ski Club's support to our event knows no bounds. The presence of those new to the club, or new to the area, added to the feeling of 'club spirit' and ethos. Having Mike cater for the Saturday dinner meant we all got together for a very social evening – often missed on dispersed events.



(L-R, Stefan, Mike, Rod, Bill, Ken, Owen, Geoff and Ryan. Al Mc missing as he was photographer)

Overall, the weather treated us pretty well with threatened winds on Saturday arriving later than expected and, for most of us, much gentler than forecast. Fishing was almost exclusively on the various rivers, with only a small effort testing the lake Saturday evening. The weather this summer meant the rivers were flowing well – Goldilocks style, not too high and not too low ... just right.

Let me start with my report and the other contributions will follow. I was particularly pleased that Geoff landed his first trout on this trip – on a para Adams no less! We also have reports from Ken and Al Mc who followed up this trip with some time on the Geehi.

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Mike is new to this region and Bill chauffeured him to various locations seeking to expose the diversity of options. No large fish caught but a number of eager smaller fish, plus plenty of sighted fish in every system. It was particularly good at Thredbo Diggings. Crossing the river there were a number of rising fish in the tail out of the campsite pool. None took our offerings, but it certainly started the trip off well. Mike hooked up on one sighted fish whereas Bill spotted a pair, put any number of dry/droppers across them but failed to connect. The Moonbah in particular seemed to have a huge population of mini-fish which bodes well for the future. A few of the larger siblings (unfortunately not the size of those caught by others) were prepared to be

brought to hand. I'd rather than make public the stream we ended up on, but if anyone finds a walkie-talkie on the bank of Perisher Creek it is mine 😞



Mike on the Thredbo – “you got my good side mate”



Small but pleasant with lots of fish showing themselves and often prepared to take a dry fly.



Geoff

Now this was a Christmas gift I enjoyed!

My lovely wife after giving birth to our second child on 20th Dec gifted me my membership and arranged with Bill for me to attend the Jindabyne weekend. What a great bunch of welcoming gentlemen. Meeting the group felt comfortable from the beginning. A wide age group fit for all. Saturday on Thredbo River did not bear any fruit for me but the time spent with Ken and Ryan was enjoyable nonetheless.

Sunday morning down at Mowamba I was rewarded with three small catches. With Ryan taking the honours with a nice healthy brown.

(Ed: see cover photo)





I look forward to the trips and meet ups to come.

Ken

Having made the switch to more river fishing in recent years, my outings still take on a strong educative undercurrent. So one of my goals this weekend was to fish new areas on my post 2022 Federal Election bonus 3 wt.

Friday

Ryan and I met at the lodge late morning. We were both keen to fish the Mowamba - me because I had never done so before and Ryan, well, he was just keen to fish. I was aware many, many years ago that the Mowamba had suffered greatly through the drought. But I had also heard many years ago that the flow had improved and that it had rebounded. Nevertheless, I had visions of it being a somewhat bleak looking thing but was just curious to have a look. To my surprise, it was nothing I had envisaged.

Ryan was onto a fish on his third cast whilst I was still faffing around trying to coax my tippet off my reel with my waning eyesight. 'Is this going to be one of those days where I spend more time doing everything else except actually fishing?' By the time I sorted myself out, quite simply, there was willing fish on every corner and we were both into them. It seemed like a healthy, self sustaining river with little fish, fun size fish and a good population of 'sweet baby Jesus, I'm only on 6X tippet' sized fish. Anyway, Ryan and I must have enthused everyone that night as there were multiple groups who fished there on subsequent days and did well.

Word of warning though. The tussock grass was neck high on me and I wasn't sure what exactly I was stepping in and on. If I fell over, there's no chance of anyone finding me so that reinforces the safety tip of fishing with someone else.

Saturday

I am always keen to walk into the upper Thredbo. I like small water fishing, small fish and I think it's pretty up there. But the forecast of high winds up high dissuaded me as I wasn't convinced it would make for an enjoyable day of casting for anyone. So keeping with my educative theme for

the weekend, I wanted to wonder downstream of the Thredbo Ski Tube with our newcomers Geoff and Ryan. I was in the vicinity with Artur and Rob from Victoria last year, but we didn't go very far or fish very much so this time I was keen to push on a bit deeper... which I'm not too sure we did! Another time perhaps. By the end of the day Ryan and I landed a few each. Unfortunately, Geoff didn't have much luck but seemed to enjoy the quiet solitude, change of physical environment and probably a less hectic headspace than his usual one back in the cut and thrust of city life. So rather than shadow him, and chirping instructions at him all day (he looked like he knew what he was doing), I thought I'd let him enjoy the rare solitude in the hope that he would enjoy his day.



Geoff on the Thredbo

Fishing wise, it was a rather unfortunate and unlucky day for me. Caught a few but my fishing was defined by dropping six, including five in the last hour. Not just pricked, but hooked, had on, round and round and then fish gone. That was a bit soul destroying considering two would have been outstanding. Too bad, so sad. Mike's dinner made me forget my self pity that night. It's one thing to cook for one or two others but an entirely different proposition to do it for 10 or so. Thanks again Mike. Very generous of you and greatly appreciated.

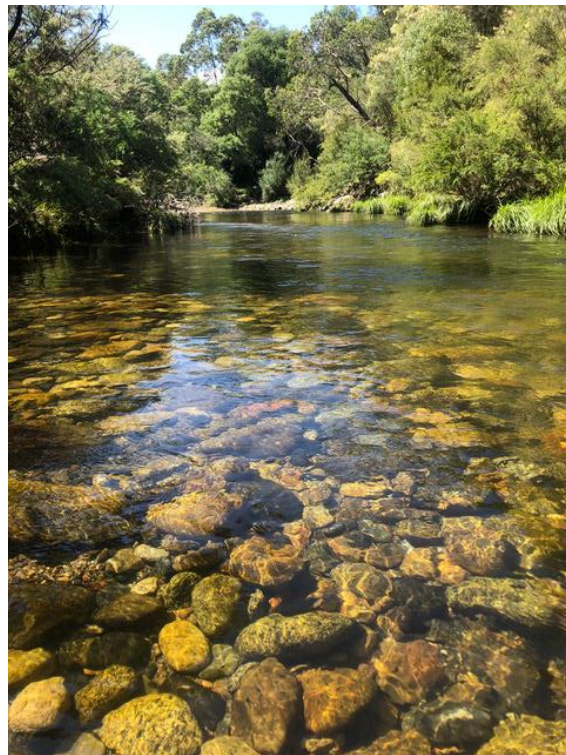
Sunday

More exploring. Al and I went into the Swampy Plains at Geehi. After many, many years of fishing the region on both river and lake, I finally saw a mythical unicorn for the first time ever - a Fisheries Inspector. I'll let Al tell his version of the story and defend himself but all I'll say is that I did like his attempt to avoid punishment - *'I'll just walk with him (me) and not fish'*. Real slick and convincing, Al, especially when you're geared up in fishing tools! Anyway, once we were away and bashed through some thick bush, we came across some real handsome stuff. Al commented that it was the closest he's seen to NZ water. I couldn't agree or disagree as I've never been to NZ but the water was super clear and often running into deep pools and ledges. Al was braining them on his nymph, me no so much on my dry. We made the mistake of focusing too

much on the deeper slower sections in the hope of awakening a leviathan we were convinced would be lurking there. But the take home message was that whilst it required a bit of work to get there, there's fish (and good fish too) and it's very pretty.



Al fishing the Swampy Plains



Tom Groggin



This one's for you Al

Monday

Late start on the Murray at Tom Groggin Station downstream of the footbridge - another first for me. I was still on the 3 wt and I have to admit, the section I fished was not really my kind of water in that it was big, wide and deep. Stuck with the dry and then worked the really deep sections with a heavy nymph and although that worked, I really didn't enjoy that on the 3 wt so reverted to the guiding principle of enjoying the process rather than focusing on the result and went back to the dry. Saw a troll sized fish under the bridge. Didn't get him but got his cousin after he gave his position away under a rock ledge in the rapids. There's a tremendous sense of satisfaction in nailing a sighted fish.



I had half a mind to finish the trip off with some lake fishing but was curious to fish the Thredbo again... on dusk. Hard to see a tiny speck that time of the day in moving water but found some willing fish. Then on the way back I had a curious question - could I pull fish out of a known honey pot even though it gets maximum fishing pressure? Down stream of the Ski Tube just past the historical huts. Everybody knows the spot. There's even a picnic table there to rest your bottle of wine and is the first spot that everyone goes to (or walks past) including spin fishermen bombing lures all day. So if the fish are weary of fishermen all day, they still have to eat some time, right? They practically jumped into my net. Three browns between 35-38cm in five casts on last light. Parachute Adams, F Fly and Royal Wulff. Pattern and colour is less important than drift and silhouette, IMO. There, don't say I never give you any specific fishing information.



Owen

Blessed again to be staying at the CSIRO Lodge Jindabyne enthusiastic fisher fellows joined to share yarns and fishing experiences, credit to Bill for his arranging and coordination of the event and a special mention to Mike who volunteered a Giant Cookup on Saturday night, appreciated by all.

On Saturday groups dispersed to different locations namely Moonbah, Thredbo Ski Tube area, Dead Horse Gap and Perisher region streams plus.

Although hampered by the challenging windy conditions success was achieved all round with many Trout caught, numerous fish spotted including large numbers of small fish which should be fun chasing in the future.



I teamed up with Stefan and fished the beautiful Thredbo above Dead Horse Gap, Stefan keen to try his Tenkara outfit managed a nice trout, overjoyed, so keen he returned Sunday for another hookup.

Despite the very windy conditions I managed 7 small to very small Trout on Nymph in the crystal clear meandering stream, one Black Snake spotted. Fished at Kalkite Sunday with no success but again spotted numerous fish.

A good trip overall had by all.



Stefan

Two days high altitude mountain stream fishing.

For some time, I have been intrigued by the simplicity of whittling a bamboo switch into a rod, the simplicity of plaiting horse hair into a line, the simplicity of forming stiff wire with fire into a hook and simplicity of angling for a fish with just those basic means.

Angling for, as opposed to harpooning or netting, fish has a long history many thousands of years old. Evidence the ancient Egyptian and Greek writings and renderings. If one is to believe the inscriptions on vases and such even Venus and Cupid spent an afternoon in piscatorial bliss and the "Happy fisherman" was so keen on reaching the morning rise he totally forgot his kit. The pleasure of angling, that is taking fish by the mouth, has been with us for a long time. So much easier to just stab the fish or snare it in a trap, there must be more to it in our psychology than just the mere acquisition of food. To my mind it lies in simplicity. Stating the simplicity of execution, accepting the elegance of simplicity, that is angling with a rod and line. It is interesting that Ransome just called his book "Rod and Line" and said it all.

So it was that I headed to the mountains this Jindabyne weekend with the express purpose of fishing in the simplest way possible. I have for some time owned a Japanese style rod, the Ten kara, and wished to engage in, to use the Japanese idiom "by fishing from heaven". This meant of course I had to find a true mountain stream and to my mind fishing at Dead-horse Gap is just about the highest waters on this dry continent. So that was where I headed with my rod, line and Ke bari (the Japanese style fly) in hand.





"Look mum, no reel"



Alpine Orchid

I was chuffed to have Owen offer to introduce me to the upper Thredbo River, some instances mention it as the Jacobs (not sure there), but in any case, this turned out to be a spectacular valley of heathland meadows traversed by a fast-flowing crystal-clear stream. The day was warm with a high on gale force wind, potentially able to flatten even the most resistant snow gums it would seem. Not so good for our outlook, non-the-less we persevered, and Owen chose a suitable beat for me to explore.

I spent the day holding to the Adams dictum of learned experience when things go wrong - "You know that thing you just did? Don't do that". I improved as the day wore on. The strong wind in the back was not altogether a bad thing, the streamside vegetation to some extent dampening the wind gusts and giving pockets of stillness to the water. I learnt to use the upper wind layer to straighten my line while being able to settle my flies in the still water. It even allowed me to make the fly "dance" at the end as the long rod and virtually weightless line paid little heed to gravity, all that was required was a gentle up down of the arm. This was the technique that finally brought my first trout to hand. I was able to entice a strike by bringing the fly onto and off the water surface in succession. Sometimes wind can be a friend.

Simple fishing or simply fishing, a day out in nature is worth more than any therapist's fee. The first instance was so good I went back for more the next day, to entirely different conditions. That is fishing!

(Ed: the Jacobs River rises across the ridge from the Thredbo and heads south to join lower reaches of the Snowy above Suggan Buggan. You can access it by driving down Barry Way – very scenic drive.)

Lyle Knowles

Formal report from organiser Lyall follows, but I also got this from Claude.

BJ and I fished Cotter today. About 5 each. Most around 20-25. BJ got biggest at 33 cm. All on droppers despite lots of swatting on the dry.





Lyall



No fewer than six members of Canberra Anglers' Association hit the Cotter River between Bendora Dam and Condor Creek for the Lyle Knowles competition to catch the longest trout on fly. The competition was first held immediately after World War II so there is real history there. According to angler reports at least two dozen fish were landed by CAA members.

These photos were from Jayden who said “Best of 285mm - moved on the mat at time of photo - probably would have been 290ish. Overall about 10 between 210mm and 285mm”.



Peter and Stefan were also on the water with Peter reporting that he caught two “sport fish “ which he didn’t measure or photo. No news from Stefan.

There were plenty of other fishermen at the various access points from Vanities Crossing all the way to Bendora Dam. The dirt road into Vanities has been badly washed out by the recent rains making it slow progress. Clearly the Monterey pine plantations are not being logged right now and the roads not maintained.

Despite a total fire ban and a heatwave forecast for the region the temperature in the Brindabellas was perfect at twenty degrees Celsius. Sun with a light breeze made it a pleasure to be on the Cotter River. Driving back to Canberra in the afternoon down the hill from Piccadilly Circus, the Ford Ranger outside thermometer read 27, 29 then 31 degrees and it just kept rising. It reminded me how lucky we were to spend a day high in the cool mountains so close to Canberra doing what we all have a passion for ... angling.

Angler Access

Bill

At the Feb meeting one of our newer members related an incident on a nearby NSW river. Ryan was bailed up by a property owner and severely admonished for trespassing on his land. It seems Ryan was able to successfully apologise and extract himself from an extended argument.

There is much confusion amongst property owners and anglers on angler rights to access and fish waters. CAA posted a [discussion on the law](#) in our 'Tips' blog. Regardless, even if the angler had been accessing the water in accordance with the laws, seeking to argue relevant rights with an aggrieved property owner will generally not go well.

An authoritative guide to angler access points (though I personally believe many of the sites are 'fishing holes' rather the access locations) is available on the web from DPI. This resource shows Travelling Stock Reserves, Crown Roads, National Parks etc where you can generally avoid the tricky question of private ownership. [A relevant post](#) is also available in our 'Tips' blog.

Last year the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers sought clarification on the interaction between Fisheries Management Act Section 38 (which permits access to 'the bed of the river' ... note no reference to 'high water mark') and Biosecurity regulations. This was written up in previous Burley Lines but I've now articulated it in a ['Tips' blog](#). Fisheries Management regulation rights overturn Biosecurity as a point of law. However, good manners, courtesy and common sense should be applied. Also, the question of 'the bed of the river' is critical.

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'.

[Monaro Acclimatisation Society 2023 AGM, President's Report](#)

Annual report by MAS President, Steve Samuels, makes interesting reading showing how active and successful the organisation has been.

Message and Request From Claude

Claude was looking for a speaker specifically for the Feb meeting (ably conducted as it happened by Lyall discussing his recent Czech visit) but also more generally looking for ideas for speaker/fly tying and hopefully also some volunteers stepping in.

Angler's Simple Guide to Insects

I remain hopeful that Jaime will produce such a guide for our region – insects meet trout flies.

Sub-Adult Rainbows Stocked into Googong



Googong is an odd waterway. The water seems to be 'owned' by the ACT as water supply for Canberra, but the fishery management is held by NSW. Accordingly there's an opportunity for trout to be stocked here unlike elsewhere in the ACT. MAS is party to the stocking and had a recent coup with 'sub-adult' (read much bigger than normally stocked) were placed into Googong recently – we await with interest fishing reports. I remain hopeful of some tiger trout eventually being stocked.

CAA in the Press

CAA was approached by the Riot ACT to contributed thoughts on the local fishery. A number of people provided thoughts to add to Claude's. In due course the article was published.

Extracting Maps From NSW DPI Angler Access Website

Not actually in the 'News' blog, but rather our 'Tips'. This describes the procedure to get a 'geo-referenced' map out of the [DPI Angler Access Website](#). You can then load this into a mapping app on your phone called Avenza Maps which will show your location in relation to access points using your phone's GPS but without the need to be connected to the mobile network.

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.

Big Browns in Jindabyne

(Hmm, not actually on our Facebook page, but seen elsewhere – the link will take you the group's site and you'll need to ask to join if you aren't already subscribed to "Alpine Trout Fishing Australia" .)

The post provided evidence that there were some good fish in Lake Jindabyne prior to our trip there. Seems this brown had been consuming some fish tagged by Gaden before release as there two DPI tags were found in its belly. I'm seeking out advice on when they were released and how big they might have been.

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.

[February Edition](#) was notified in our News blog. Key items:

- Track repairs on Snowy lakes – well done MAS
- Changes to rigged rods regulations – trout fishers can now use two rods and lines in general trout streams, consistent with the rules for general trout dams and the number of lines permitted for use in general inland waters
- Fish stocking update
- Rainbows stocked in Googong Dam
- Politics interferes with science as KNP feral horse cull fails
- NSW CFA Interclub Fly and Lure Fishing Meet 2023

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'

These are in hiatus for the moment while they identify a new distribution system. Meanwhile they have a presence on all forms of social media.

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 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 2023? | I would suggest that NSW DPI Kids' Fishing Workshops at Gaden Hatchery Jindabyne are probably in hiatus while the refurbishment program is in train. However there are also saltwater events across the state. 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/ |

A number of our members are comp fishers. There is also care needed to avoid some waters during the competition. The proposed program is recorded here:

Victoria

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| 5 | 22/23 April 2023 :- | Ovens/Kiewa Two Rivers competition |
| 6 | 20/21 May 2023 | Goulburn River competition |

Tasmania.

| Round # | Date | Venue |
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| 5 | 4/5 th March 2023 | Mersey R & Meander R |
| 6 | 1/2 nd April 2023 | Little Pine & Pine Tier Lagoons |

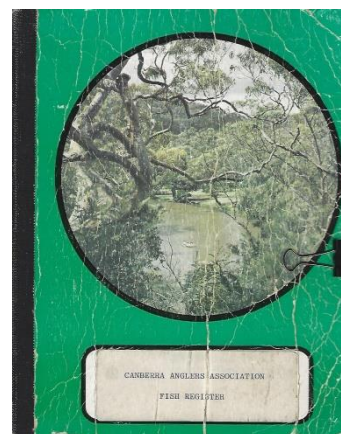
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| Round | Date | Venue |
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| 4 | 2/3 April 2023 | Tumut River |
| 5 | May 2023 | Bathurst |

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. 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 | Murray Cod | 60cm and ?83cm? | Fly | Lake Tuggeranong |
| Jayden | Rainbow | 36cm and just over 1lb | (Dry) Fly | Kiandra, 26 Nov |
| Peter | Mirror Carp | 43 cm? | Fly | Lake Tuggeranong, 11 Dec |
| Bill | Australian Salmon | Est 30cm | Lure | Tuross – Saltwater Event – 3 Dec |
| Peter | Carp | 63cm | Bait | Carp Event – 15 Jan - LBG |
| BJ | Carp | 60cm | Fly | Carp Event – 15 Jan - LBG |
| Shaun | Carp | 40cm | Fly | Carp Event – 15 Jan - LBG |

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| Rod and Bill | Carp | Not reported | Bait | Carp Event – 15 Jan - LBG |
| Mike and Bill | Brown and rainbow Trout | Various, of modest sizes | Fly | Jindy Event – 10-12 Feb – some 'rivers somewhere' |
| Geoff | Brown and rainbow Trout | 'three small catches' | Fly | Jindy Event – 10-12 Feb – Mowambah |
| Claude and BJ | Rainbow Trout | Most around 20-25cm | Fly | Lyle Knowles, Cotter River, Sun 19 Feb |
| BJ | Rainbow Trout | 33cm | Fly | Lyle Knowles, Cotter River, Sun 19 Feb |
| Jayden | Rainbow Trout | about 10 between 210mm and 285mm | Fly | Lyle Knowles, Cotter River, Sun 19 Feb |

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- 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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