

# THE BURLEY LINE



**BJ and Ryan on SS Trout Bum**

**Lake Bondi – landing the winner of the 120 minute challenge**



# From the Editor's Desk

The Bondi Forest event was a success, though the constraints on bank fishing limit the maximum that can realistically attend. The three gaps in the reeds have become reduced to one. Much appreciate BJ's assistance in organisation and preparing the report.

The AGM was a splendiferous affair with a good rollup of members. All the trophy winners are pictured here along with other key news.

Always looking for articles folks. Email via the Burley Line address available on our web home page <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/>

With my Membership Officer hat on, remember, we are in a new season/new club financial year. Member fees are now due, unchanged from last year – \$40 for adult, \$50 for family, \$15 for individual juniors and \$15 for concession (age pension or similar). Payment of subs via EFT is available BSB 032727, A/C Number 233821. Please ensure your name is included in the transfer comment information. Alternatively come to the casting days, or a Wednesday meeting and pay with cash or card. Any contact detail changes can be provided by the webform on [our 'join us' page](#) or speak to me at a meeting.

Reminder that you need to be financial to be covered by the club's Public Liability Insurance – particularly important with the casting days coming up.

## Coming Events

### Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> Sep.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston – and maybe via Zoom. More details via email.

### Fly – Tying 27<sup>th</sup> Sep.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – more details via email but a relatively new name to CAA tying, Lachy, will show us the Olive Flash Perdigon Nymph and Blue Collar Worker.

### Next Events

**10, 17 and 24 Sep**, our annual fly casting for the public is on again.

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**, Lyle Knowles Trophy competition (trout) – Cotter River between Condor Creek and Bendora Dam led by Lyall.

# Annual Fly Casting Instruction Days

The flyer is out and about. One key change is to the location for the final day – now Lake Ginninderra.

Note that on Sun 10th we have a clash with the Camp Quality charity bash again. Last year they took over the entire big carpark nearest our casting area. Lyall has recce'd the site and tells me; "Questacon has two adjacent car parks – one larger and closer to the lake and one smaller and closer to Old Parliament House. On Sunday 10 September the car park closer to the lake will be used for a car show. There is plenty of free parking in the smaller car park and National Library car park."

Forewarned is forearmed.

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There's a bonus to our casting this year with Boss Outdoors showing off some new rods and lines. Note that this dude in red isn't wearing the compulsory protective glasses.

**Scott**

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# Bondi Forest 4-6 Aug

BJ

The Canberra Anglers Association recently embarked on a memorable fishing trip to the 'charming' Bondi Forest Fishing and Hunting Lodge (in Mila - just past Bombala). Despite the lodge's old-world charms of Sambar Deer head over the fire place and well appointed kitchen (plus the unheated rooms and vintage mattresses) it provided a much better alternative to camping in the frosty weather that made boot laces freeze in mid air even while stored in the car overnight.



Our arrival night coincided with tree-planter back-packer Friday night celebrations in adjacent huts before they were carted off with sore heads to Tumut Saturday morning for the next forest. Entertaining (and cause to monitor your booze supplies)! We also shared the lodge with some interesting hunter residents (including dog) - which broke up the rich tide of fishing stories.

The lodge features a picturesque spring fed dam stocked with rainbow and brown trout - with rainbows being the more dominant species in the open water. The haul began with Bill, the first to arrive, who wasted no time in taking on the evening rise, catching two rainbows on dry flies and another on a wet fly.



Saturday morning saw the crew eager to hit the dam before and after a hearty breakfast and learning new camp food tricks with tortilla omelette sandwich demonstrated by the Pres. However, the reeds had significantly grown and expanded around the edges, limiting shore-based fishing to just a few spots. Claude and BJ had a little drift boat (the SS Trout Bum), which proved to be an invaluable asset for expanding the access. BJ and Claude had a strong day, each catching at least 10 fish and rotated taking others along on their fruitful expeditions.

*(Editor: see photo of the month)*

On the same day, Bill encountered a minor setback as he had forgotten his wading boots, leaving him relegated to dry ground or boat. Ryan and Paul also decided to try their luck at Black Lake, an exceptionally

scenic location, that did not yield any fish. Ahh- the serenity! Another season required to recover after a sizeable fish kill event in the last 18mths.

Fishing from the boat provided the "newbies" with valuable lessons, such as ensuring there were not too many items in the boat that could catch the fishing line, and calling before casting to avoid interesting airborne tangles. They also learned the art of pausing for the hang before recasting, which BJ repeatedly demonstrated successfully. Very soft takes were common. Trout were caught using various techniques, including buggers, nymphs, and traditional soft-hackle wet flies, with Bill being the only one able to entice fish using a dry fly. Although rising fish were spotted, esp. late and early through the fog, they proved challenging to predict and cast to. BJ and Bill had one double hookup.

Sunday morning re-introduced a modified version of the "120minute mystery fly tying challenge". The supply "baggies" were distributed to the kitchen table for up to 2 flies in 45 min, then each angler got a 30min shift on the TroutBum.



The materials baggie





Ties were various designs wets & nymphs with one very attractive para adams.

Results: unofficial pre-comp captured from shore of estimated 37cm on claret bead headed spider by Paul (Bill claims it was the same hen as caught on Friday night). Ryan dropped one then BJ landed 35cm. Claude dropped two? Otherwise BJ won the day. During Bill's time on water BJ rubbed salt into the wounds by landing one.

So many rainbows - only one small brown lifted for the entire weekend, BJ thinks he had a brown follow out from the reeds but turned away at the lift.



As the outing came to a close, the group suited up one more time with a few locals and made a quick stop at Lake William in Nimmitabel, for Sunday afternoon chances. Only Paul had success there, landing a fish before they all headed home.

Overall, the trip was a club success. Filled with camaraderie, diverse cooking, sharing tales, tying serenity, and fishing. A thanks to all who came in fine spirits and made it so. Until the next trip, tight lines and happy fishing to all!

## CAA 2023 AGM and Trophy Awards

The [2023-24 Event Program](#) has been published on our website. Now with a proposed fly tying schedule:

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR
10, 17, 24 Sep	Casting lessons for the public near Questacon incl on water at Lake Ginninderra on final day	Lyall
27 Sep	Fly Tying – Olive Flash Perdigon Nymph. Blue Collar Worker	Lachy
25 Oct	Fly Tying – Pineapple Express Nymph	John
Sun 29 Oct	Lyle Knowles Trophy competition (trout) – Cotter River between Condor Creek and Bendora Dam	Lyall
17-19 Nov	Saltwater	Ryan
22 Nov	Fly Tying – Hivis Black Spinner	TBA
13 Dec	Christmas Barbeque (Lake Burley Griffin, starts 6PM location TBA)	
14 Jan	Carp Bash	Claude
14 Feb	<b>First Meeting 2024</b>	
23-25 Feb	Jindabyne Trout	Bill
28 Feb	Fly Tying – Foam Hopper	TBA
15-17 Mar	Tantangara	Claude

27 Mar	Fly Tying – Pheasant Tail Dry	TBA
5-7 Apr	NSWCFA Interclub Meet	TBA
12-14 Apr	Brindabella	Ryan
24 Apr	Fly Tying – Parasol Emerger	Ryan
17-19 May	Tumut	Stefan
21 May	Fly Tying – Viva Magoo	TBA
26 Jun	Fly Tying – Zonker Yabby	Ryan
24 Jul	Fly Tying – Saltwater Popper	John
14 Aug	<b>2024 Annual General Meeting</b>	
23-25 Aug	Bondi Forest	BJ


Your Committee has seen a couple of changes for 2023-24. Here is the list:

President	Claude	Vice President	John
Secretary	Lyall	Assistant Secretary	Ryan
Treasurer	B.J.	Public Officer	Lyall
Council Member (Membership)	Bill	Council Member (Raffles)	Micheal (assisted by Angie)
Council Member	Al McH	Council Member (Facebook)	Ryan
NSWCFA Delegate	Stefan		

## President's report

What a remarkable year it has been for our club! As we reflect on the past season, we're filled with gratitude for the abundant fish stocks and the full rivers that greeted us at the beginning. Though we encountered challenges with low water levels towards the end of the season, the snowy lakes presented us with an opportunity we hadn't seen in over a decade, making it a memorable year for all anglers.

Our club's program has been nothing short of a success, with numerous trips attracting enthusiastic participants. The 2022 Bondi Trip, led by BJ and the late Shaun, was particularly



outstanding, as they deployed the SS Trout Bum and enjoyed a truly rewarding fishing experience.

Our annual event of free fly casting to the public was a resounding hit, and the decision to move it next to Questacon proved to be great, attracting a considerable turnout and welcoming several new members to our ranks. Thank you Lyall. Witnessing these new members actively engaging in our regular meets and events has been heartwarming and inspiring.

Throughout the year, various club members took charge of other successful events, including trips to Jindabyne, Koorabri, Tantangara, and even a local carp outing. I can't emphasize enough the importance of members volunteering and participating in these events, as they create a fantastic platform for bonding, learning, and growing together.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the committee for their unwavering support, particularly during times when my work commitments kept me occupied. A special thank you goes out to Bill for his exceptional work with the newsletter, keeping all of us informed and engaged.

As we look ahead, we have an exciting year planned with a full program of events and fly tying sessions. The inclusion of Zoom Fly Tying allows us to facilitate at home/comfortable fly tying with meaningful discussions and learning opportunities for everyone - please join us even if you aren't tying, the chats about how to fish a fly are quite valuable and I have learned a lot.

Let's not forget that the true value of our club lies in its members. Your continued participation and promotion of the club among potential members are what truly makes our community thrive.

On a sombre note, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Shaun, an active and beloved member of our club. His untimely departure serves as a poignant reminder to seize the moments we have and to cherish time spent with loved ones and friends, engaging in activities like fishing that bring us joy and camaraderie.

With enthusiasm and anticipation, I look forward to another thrilling year with the club, working closely with the committee to deliver an exceptional program. Remember, you can contribute by suggesting activities to be added to the existing program; simply email the committee, and we'll gladly advertise it to our members.

Tight lines, flawless loops, drag-free drifts, and well-timed strikes to all of you! Let's make the upcoming year one filled with unforgettable memories, skill development, and cherished friendships. Together, we'll make it a year to remember!

## **And The Rest**

Membership fees are to remain unchanged for 2023/2024. We would appreciate if those members renewing could use electronic funds transfer if at all possible. Canberra Anglers Association, BSB 032727, A/C Number 233821. Please remember to put your name into the EFT comments field for identification. If any of your contact details have changed, please advise using the fill-in form on [the membership page](#).

As part of the AGM, the annual trophy presentations were undertaken – well done to the various recipients. The various rules for the 2023-24 season are documented [here](#). (Updated Natives

Calculator etc are [here](#)). Very few fish were recorded in 'the little green book' so not all trophies were awarded. (The registration process encourages you take a photo alongside some means of confirming length). The Best Trout by a Junior, Charlie Diedo Golden Perch Trophy, Best Bass and Best English Perch were not awarded due to lack of entries ... better effort next year folks.



*BJ took out the Lyle Knowles Trophy with a 33cm rainbow. The Cotter system has continued to fish really well this season.*



*Angler's Art Trophy for Best Trout on an Outing Other than Lyle Knowles was won by Ryan 45cm Brown on the Moonbah River (Jindabyne trip)*



*The Mick Cornick Trophy for Best Trout on Fly, Streams was won by Ryan for the 45m brown.*



*The Mick O'Brien Trophy for Best Trout, Any Method was won by Bill 38 cm Rainbow.*



*The Carp Trophy was won by Peter K for a 63cm specimen.*



*Dr Bryan Pratt Trophy for Best Murray Cod was won by Peter for his 83cm Cod.*



*Keith Shields Trophy for native fish for the season was won by Peter for his 83cm Cod.*



*The Saltwater Trophy was won by Bill for a 30cm Australian Salmon – the only fish caught on our Saltwater event last year.*



*The President's Award for contribution during the season is a vintage split cane rod from the House of Hardy was presented to Paul.*

### **President's Words on the President Award.**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Tonight, we gather here to celebrate not only our shared love for fly fishing but also the sense of community and camaraderie that makes our club truly special. As the President, one of the greatest honours I have is the privilege to recognize those individuals who go above and beyond, making exceptional contributions that extend far beyond the waters we fish.

This year, the recipient of the President's Award is someone who joined our club during the past year and quickly became a valuable member of our tight-knit community. This person embodies the true spirit of what it means to be a part of this club. Not only does he possess an immense passion for fly fishing, but he also has a genuine desire to share that passion with others.

One of the first things that caught our attention was his willingness to volunteer and give back to the club. He has taken the initiative to offer an insightful and engaging presentation, sharing his extensive fly fishing knowledge with all of us. His eagerness to teach and inspire is evident, and it has certainly elevated the overall experience for some of our members.

But that's not all; he has actively participated in various club weekend events, showing his dedication and commitment to the community -I have personally been on three great weekend events with him. We have seen him lending a helping hand to our less experienced fly fishers, patiently mentoring them, and empowering them to become better anglers. This act of selflessness is a true testament to the kind of person he is—one who lifts others up and helps them grow.

And let's not forget the moments of joy and laughter he has gifted us around the campfire. His storytelling skills are entertaining and those yarns have made us laugh and brought us all closer together.

Now, you may wonder why the mention of being locked out of his car with only his jocks on is relevant. Well, it's because even in the face of humorous and unexpected situations, he keeps his cool and finds a way to turn even the most challenging moments into moments of laughter and camaraderie.

So, without further ado, I am thrilled to announce that this year's Presidential Award goes to a man who embodies the true spirit of our club—a man who has made an indelible mark on all of us with his generosity, knowledge, and humour. Please join me in congratulating and celebrating the one and only Paul Mc!

Congratulations, Paul, and thank you for all that you do for our club and its members!

## Fly Tying 23 Aug – Scintilla Caddis

Claude was called away at the last minute and Ryan stood in, admirably leading the team tying the scintilla caddis. Some really good tips, especially for using the cigarette lighter! Has been saved in our [Fly Tying Blog](#). More information is here:

<https://flystream.com/effective-flies-scintilla-stick-caddis-and-dirty-caddis/>







## From Greg S

I said I'd include the first one because it made me feel warm, and we all like to hear about gadgets.

### Greg S

Possible *Burley Line* stuff.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-08-15/james-cook-university-deep-water-research-coral-sea-reef-life/102731062>

Victorian Fisheries Authority Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VictorianFisheries/>

<https://www.9news.com.au/world/shark-bite-disqualifies-us-fishing-crew-massive-payday/e48bb611-3fc8-4057-98ca-a352efbcb3b9>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/perth-fish-in-face-surfer-indonesia/ced5dca9-6548-42af-a79d-810cec2c4b24>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/bluewater-tackle-world-closing-australias-oldest-fishing-shop-prepares-to-close-doors-exclusive/70025af1-1e1a-4f53-91f0-fba996b75397>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/apollo-bay-young-fisherman-catches-giant-bluefin-tuna/78f640f9-0d27-46f7-9456-72fc2b94ba1d>

<https://www.news.com.au/technology/science/crocodile-vs-fishermen/video/dfc9710aa3de9400a50a4294cc70f50d>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=232548739293162>

## In my In-Box

Maybe some of you follow Ben ("I'm a Huge Fly Fisherman") on Youtube. I think Claude put me onto this channel. Since Claude has been known to Euronymph he might not have appreciated the 'pay-out' that Ben puts in this clip on how to measure fish. For the traditionalists amongst you, make sure you stay right to the end.

<https://youtu.be/pAizVDbJr1s>

## 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 a 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.

### [Important News for Those Who Fish NZ Backcountry](#)

Designated Water Licences have been introduced.

### [Fishing Courses at CIT](#)

Danny Spelic is running four different fishing courses starting soon.

## 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.

### [Big Fish in Thompson Creek Dam](#)

Brood stock from Ebor have been added.

### [Cod Hotels](#)

Similar to what we did years ago in Yerrabi Pond.

### [Bids Called for Grants in Support of Habitat Improvement](#)

\$40,000 grant opportunities – note it is coming from licence money, not DPI government coffers.

## 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– only the equivalent of \$0.50 per week.

### 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

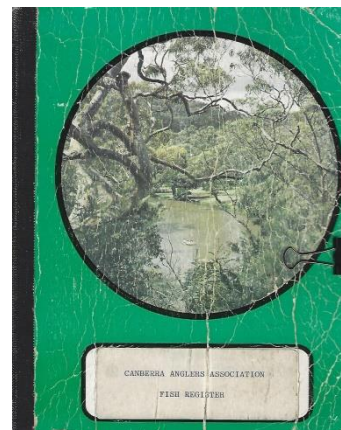
Provided for your calendar planning, members can see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest to members, please email *Burley Line*.

Dates	Event Details
Oct 2023	Go Fishing Day NSW version – there is also a bid process to get funded for rods etc. <a href="https://gonefishingday.com.au/">https://gonefishingday.com.au/</a>
Jan 2024?	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. <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. 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	Brown trout	61 cm (over 6lb! his heaviest Australian trout)	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 28 Jul 2023
Peter	Brown trout	48 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 28 Jul 2023
Bill	Rainbow trout	37 cm	Dry Fly	Bondi Forest Lodge trip, 4 Aug 2023
Bill	Brown trout	44 cm	Fly	Lake Eucumbene, 13 Aug 2023

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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). 2023/2024 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

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.