

THE BURLEY LINE



Fly Casting Day 10 Sep



From the Editor's Desk

Activities dominated by our annual Fly Casting Days instruction to the public. In addition, our special meeting at Boss Outdoors on 13 Sep went off a treat – many thanks Nathan.

Membership renewals are slowly progressing. We've got maybe 10 'regulars' still outstanding. 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 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 our outings commencing for the season.

[Outing dates](#) for our Feb trip to Jindabyne has been locked in for 23-25 Feb. Pop it into your diary, I'll seek registrations later this year.

Lots of interesting stuff hit my in-box this month (in addition to casting photos – many thanks Paul, John and Ryan), check it out towards the end of the newsletter.

Hope everyone goes well with Stream Trout Season opening this weekend.

Coming Events

Meeting: 11th Oct.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston – and maybe via Zoom. More details via email. I'll be bringing some sample shirts and cap for some merchandise viewing.

Fly – Tying 25th Oct.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – more details via email. John is leading with the "Pineapple Express Nymph" – the mind boggles.

Next Events

Sun 29th Oct, Lyle Knowles Trophy competition (trout) – Cotter River between Condor Creek and Bendora Dam led by Lyall. Don't forget to measure the fish, with a witness or photo and then register in the 'little green book' held by Lyall. He's likely to send a reminder later this month.

Annual Fly Casting Instruction Days

10 Sep was a bumper day – clear skies and moderate wind. Various counts on participants between 55 and 75. Seemed to be a good mix of beginners, intermediate and advanced casters. Many thanks to Mark S, Nathan and Lyall for their expert tuition, and to the many members who stepped in to provide individual advice. Angie and Michael had us well provided for with sausage sandwiches – not sure how many took up the offer of a hot chocolate.

Boss's marquee had a number of folks try out the rods/lines on offer.



Second day started off well for the set-up team with 'Texas' Mike bringing along a number of his breakfast tacos. Went down a real treat, though I understand that sausage sales were a little lower this week 😊.

When the public arrived we saw very similar numbers but a little more wind instead of the almost still first weekend. Folks seemed to manage the conditions.



Senior Instructor Mark S 'lending a hand'.



One of our students showing us what it is all about.



Here is one of our longest serving members, Norm. I think I'm right in thinking this is Francois, in which case our newest member.



I also received this [movie of Ryan teaching his 3 year old daughter](#).

The final day on the water saw many of the students return to try their hand in the water ... with real flies. Thankfully the wind was kind and so we were able to fit most students into the bay.



In the water, Mark starting off the lesson.



Most of the students were bold enough to tie on a real fly rather than the fluff they'd been using to date – unfortunately no fish caught.



John was the lucky winner of the grand final raffle – Boss Outdoors' donated Primal fly rod. Many thanks to Nathan and Boss for their generosity.

Before the students arrived, two of our members proved that there were indeed fish there – nice cod Paul and the reddie is not half bad Ryan. I hope they've registered these in the catch book.



14 Sep Meeting at Boss Outdoors

Nathan put on a special presentation at Boss Outdoors – showcased the latest offerings from Simms and others for everything from waders, through rods and lines all the way to 'old is now new' clip in segments in C&F fly boxes. Nathan has been quite impressed by the new Primal rods coming out of New Zealand.

Those who didn't attend missed out on his assessment of the 'must-have/sure to work' flies proved out last season and likely this coming season.

(thanks Ryan for the photo – not everyone was captured in their best light but 'good enough for Government work')



Autumn at Eucumbene River

Jason lost this short report of his flying visit back home to Canberra before stream closure. He should have reported it for trophy consideration!

Jason M

Came in at 45.5cm - third cast of the day. Realised on landing that one thread on my Loop net has broken, near the bottom from memory, but this one didn't fall through the gap. Spooked a bigger one (about 60cm at least) at the junction, in the shallows at the tail end. Watched it surface like *Jaws* & swim a metre or two to take an insect on the opposite side on the surface.



Greg S' Observations

Greg S

FYI and possible inclusion in CAA Newsletter.

Tuna bust up at Tuncurry <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=320018040583902>

Fishing as a school activity <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=232548739293162>

Federal Government grant <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-09-07/plibersek-millions-pledged-to-help-save-endangered-maugean-skate/102820536?fbclid=IwAR25Dq3ZbPiEcznFcv-pkp0oLeekRp01n4KjCtquQ7uEhACCLJS35qCHYOo>

Merimbula salmon <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1488925341960194>

BJ's Observations

BJ

How Rio flylines are made.

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=ZnY-6SFAEYM&si=GY8BmjOCjTkQNeSK>

(Editor: caution, it is 34 minutes long)

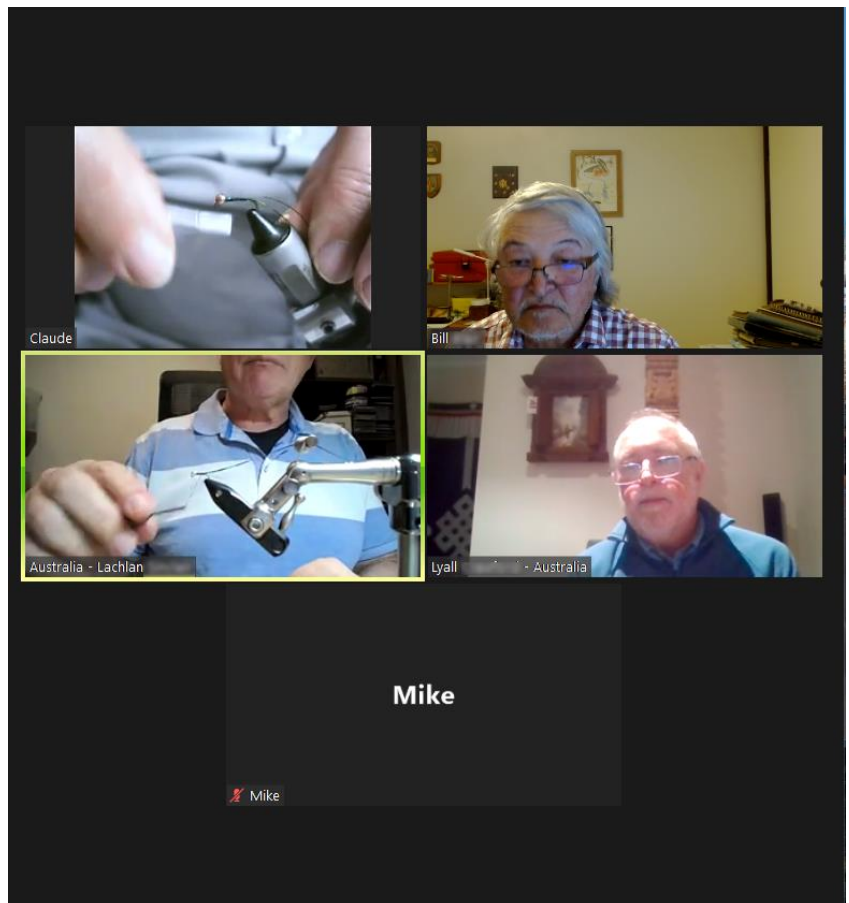
NSWCFA Interclub Meet



Best CAA contact is Stefan

Fly Tying 27 Sep – Olive Flash Perdigon Nymph and Blue Collar Worker

Lachy is relatively new to the club but has embraced the fly tying sessions. He took us through these two pretty nymphs. The [materials and images](#) are given on our Fly Tying blog, but all the useful hints were given on the night – even if you don't actually tie, attending for this detailed guidance and the social chit-chat via Zoom is highly recommended.



Two examples of the Perdigon from Claude



In my In-Box

A bit longer than the usual video from Ben of *Huge Flyfisherman* but quite entertaining. Towards the end Ben is dry fly fishing and finding the fish but Kevin is cleaning up behind Euronymphing with a squirmy wormy would never have experienced that in CAA :) Euro dudes get paid out a bit over the size of their fish but they get some big ones too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctCcEN7n5zk>

I also got a pointer from the Victorian Fishing dudes for a [length/weight/age calculator](#).

For some time people have encouraged me to have the Emergency Plus app on my phone. This app takes you through the procedure to call in an emergency via 000 including showing you your GPS location to read to the operator. I've recently found out that, providing some conditions are met eg being on your mobile carrier rather than using emergency contact capability of a competitor, the process of giving your location has been automated even without this app.

<https://www.triplezero.gov.au/triple-zero/How-to-Call-000/advanced-mobile-location>

If necessary, the phone will automatically/temporarily switch on your phone's location services and then SMS your GPS location to 000. Magical stuff but still needs good mobile connection – Telstra/Boost arguably offers the best coverage but where we go fishing may be absent. Personal Locator Beacons are still encouraged for isolated fishing sites.

Ever wonder how often/how to clean your breathable waders – mine says at the bottom line “or give them to your mum”!! I received this pointer the other day – my manufacturer doesn't appear, but I can get the general drift/majority thinking.

<https://troutbitten.com/2023/09/07/critical-wader-care-advice-from-the-companies-themselves-how-to-wash-and-dry-your-waders/>

Have added to our [Tips](#) and [Gear](#) blog.

Backwards tied parachute Adams? The orange bit is burnt egg yarn. Might be good to stop my continuing problem of the hackle slipping up the post.

RC Reverse Para #14



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.

[NSW Chief Scientist Report into the Feb/Mar 2023 Mass Fish Kill in the Darling-Baaka River](#)

A relatively short read (5 pages). It is a clear description of what happened and why, as well as things that need to be done. Carp get a mention.

[At Last, an Entomologist Who Includes a Fly Fishing Dimension](#)

Jaime told us about this book and I've now got mine. Some indication here of the material.

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They are essentially miniature Black Spinners, and usually useful in smaller waters where the mayflies can be very abundant and long casts are not required to target fish. I see the occasional grey or pale brown *Nousia/Koormonga* dun on the surface, but not frequently enough that I have felt a need to carry flies specific to it. Similarly, a standard nymph pattern (C), #14–16, brown or black, works when drifted unweighted to feeding fish or, if there is little sign of surface activity, weighed and fished in likely looking spots.

Blue-winged Olives

All four of the actual flies shown have landed fish: A and C in the Tyenna, B during a sparse Olive hatch in the Macquarie at Cressy, and D during a similar, April hatch on the Weld River. A is a commercially available BWO pattern, which I got because the wings looked just like those of a Tasmanian Olive. However, I have tied and used the same pattern with a range of wing materials. They work occasionally, but need to be sizes 16 or 18 to be effective. A similar pattern #14 cast to a rising Tyenna fish repeatedly got no takes, whereas the first cast with this fly, #16, was taken immediately. The paraden (B) also works as well as can be expected on fish mainly taking nymphs and emergers, that is, the occasional successful take. Regarding the latter, pheasant tail nymphs (C) closely match the most common Olive nymphs (*Offadens hickmani*) in size (#16–20), shape and colour, and is the most effective pattern I have found for sub-surface rises during an Olive hatch. I tried a similar tie using a greenish body and thorax, which



Blue-winged Olives

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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.

[Tackle World Changing Location](#)

Massive clearance of excess stock at Gladstone Street 7-8 Oct.

[Bass in Porter’s Creek Dam](#)

A bit closer than Brogo?

[Changes to Mulloway Rules](#)

For those who chase them, important news.

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.

[August 2023 Newsletter](#) published. Top items:

- The annual trout fishing closure no longer applies in the Macquarie River or Lower Turon Rivers
- Advanced size Murray cod stocking
- Positive signs for native fish in the Murray-Darling Basin
- Opposition to proposed Yetholme hydro project on Macquarie watershed. A comprehensive letter of concern. (NSWCFA have previously prepared an issues paper for Affiliated Clubs on pumped hydro for local engagement on the issue)
- Carp functionally eradicated from Tasmania
- Gone Fishing Day grant applications open. Put 8 October 2023 in your calendar, as Gone Fishing Day is on again.
- 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference presentations
- Have your say on freshwater fish stocking
- River ecologist confident Murray cod 'will bounce back' amid fears of another fish kill
- Draft amendment to the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan – submissions close 11 Sep
- 2023-24 Survey of Recreational Fishing – you might receive a phone call
- Fisheries collaboration to crack code on Macquarie perch
- Website for Australian bamboo (aka 'cane') rods looking at their history

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](#).

[Sep 2023 Newsletter](#) released. Top items:

- Trout season opening
- Prospect Dam for recreational fishing

- Bass in Porter's Creek Dam
- Impact of offshore wind farms on fishing
- Female participation in fishing
- 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference presentations are all online
- Annual trout fishing closure no longer applies within the Macquarie River or Lower Turon Rivers
- 2023-24 Survey of Recreational Fishing
- Open season has now officially begun for bass and EPs

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.

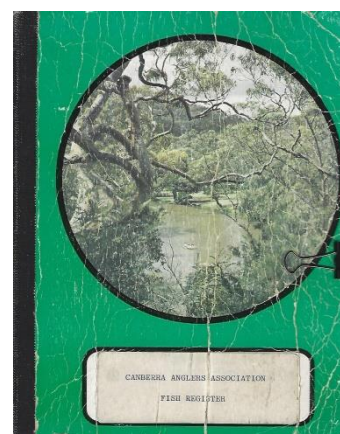
Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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
8 Oct 2023	Gone Fishing Day NSW– there is also a bid process to get funded for rods etc. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/go-fishing-nsw
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. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids

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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- 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.

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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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