

THE BURLEY LINE



Paul on the Thredbo River on Opening Weekend



From the Editor's Desk

A few reports here from Opening Weekend. Seems that those who went up had some very good results – well done all.

Reports from Lyle Knowles shows the river is producing well, albeit a bit smaller than we'd like.

Peter has done well on local lakes too. Lovely colour on that yellowbelly.

Ryan is set to take us to Tuross and *Texas Mike* has shared a view of some of his more successful flies for Tuross – very kind of him. They look very different to the pineapple express nymph that John led us for Oct fly tying.

MAS has been busy again. Their efforts with Snowy Hydro and Rec Fishing Trust to improve access roads around Snowy Lakes continues along with placing style to help us get over fences. Peter and I got to put in some quite large 'fingerling' browns into selected sites on the Snowy River – a great day exploring these lower reaches.

A beaut YouTube video with some simple, but very useful, fly tying tips. Have added to our [Flytying](#) and [tips' blog](#).

Some entertaining and inspiring stuff in my 'In Box' this month.

Lots of news, especially about brumbies in KNP.

Coming Events

Meeting: 8th Nov.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston – and maybe via Zoom. Speaker will be Neil Nelson, President of Illawarra Fly Fishers. *Fly Fishing Montana and Beyond*. More details via email.

Fly – Tying 22nd Nov.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – more details via email. Fly Tying – Hivis Black Spinner. Leader TBA.

Next Events

Fri 17th to Sun 19th Nov, a chance to win the Saltwater Trophy – we're heading to Tuross Head under the guidance of Ryan.

Opening Day

Paul



"Trout Season 23 off to a cracking start. A big beautiful rainbow caught from a special stream – private property access. It was the windiest day I have ever tried to fly cast."

Caught on a 16 no hackle cdc dun. Right on dusk on opening day. 10 meters from my tent/fire/beer drinking chair and a good mate.



The cover photo was caught on Monday in the Thredbo river using a little nymph (18?) behind a split shot fished blind in a likely deep pocket. Fought like a demon. Amazingly marked with spots all over. (? Measles).

Claude



On dry – with the person I was with landing 3....I didn't bother measuring. Hope everyone had a great weekend!

Al McH

King Parrot Creek, just be prepared for some rude farmers.



Bill



Sunny as, but blowing a gale, gusts up to 90k according to BoM. This fish sighted, targeted in skinny water on the Monaro. Ignored the dry and took a nymph so probably doesn't count :) (unweighted pheasant tail). Got busted off by one of similar class and lined another. Makes up for missing a bunch of rising fish Saturday night. A lot of fish in the region, but the growth of weed and low flow are making things hard. The big pools weren't offering much joy for fishing – but

plenty of platypus. Managed two other trout including a modest brown on dry on Monday. Lots of fun but my fear is my season can only go down from here.

Lyle Knowles 29 Oct 2023

Thanks Lyall for watching over us and arranging stunning weather. Individual reports follow.

Ryan

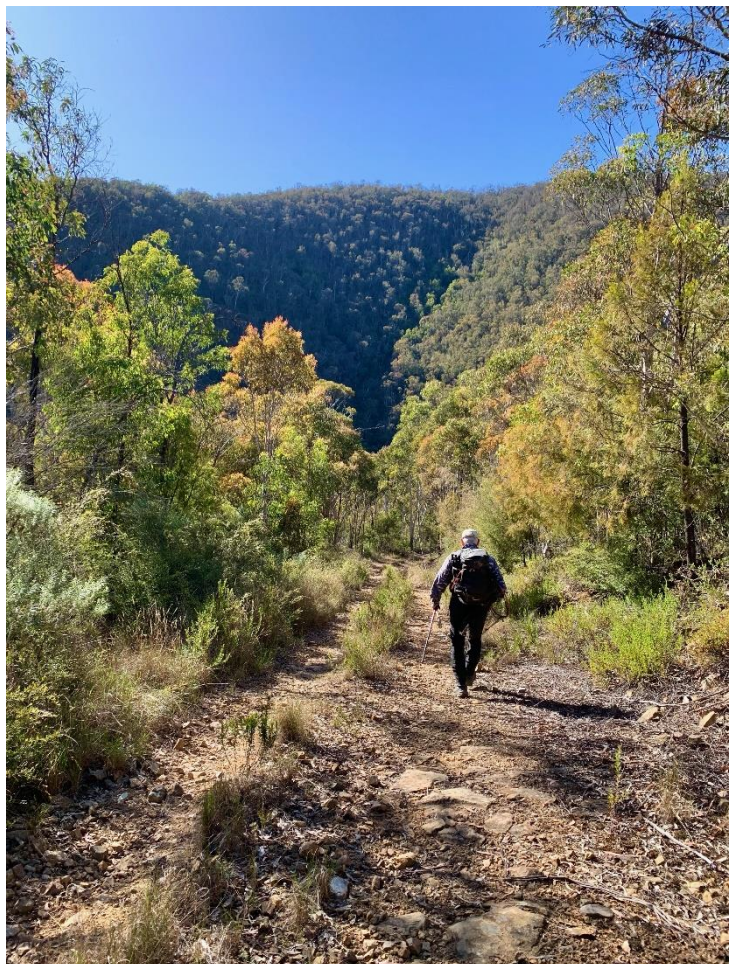
Paul and I had a nice day fishing downstream of the first access point on Bendora road. The water was cool and clear, and the fish were willing. We quickly started hooking into some small but feisty rainbow trout, however there were no browns to be seen.





Most of our fish were taken on dry flies in the shallow runs, with a few on nymphs rigged dry dropper style. We caught around 30 fish for the day, with the largest going 33cm.

Overall it was a lovely day, with excellent weather, fun fishing and good company. What more could you ask for!





Jayden

Caught a heap of smaller models but couldn't find the big ones. Best one at 33cm. Caught somewhere along the cotter river before the big pools. I'd guess about halfway up. Caught on my take of a hares ear grub. Size 16 grub hook, black bead, black hares ear dubbing and a red thread hotspot. Copper wire rib.



Lachy



A selfie of Claude and myself.

plus the 31cm brown I caught

With Claude on a dry-dropper and Lachy sweeping up after with a Euro nymph, it made for a very effective partnership. Biggest caught was three 31cm trout - both got a rainbow and Lachy a brown of this size. Didn't quite get the winner, but what a great day of fishing.



Owen



After an early morning rendezvous with Peter and Bill at Casuarina Sands, we headed for the upper Cotter River to fish below Bendora Dam Wall.



It was a lovely morning drive winding along the Mt Franklin Trail. The Cotter R looked pristine for fishing, we split up Bill fishing higher up not far below the bridge, Peter downstream of the Causeway, I fished the top side.

Fish all round, small feisty averaging 100/300 mm. Meeting up with fellow club fishing members and other club fishers made for a good outing. Walkie talkie communication enhanced the morning.

Bill

Never let it be said that I'm exclusively a dry fly angler. Peter and I tested the waters above the ford while we waited for Owen to catch up. I hooked and landed a small (10cm) jobby via tight line nymphing – thanks Lachy, it was my take on a blue collared grocer. I then bypassed the next big pool upstream leaving it for Owen. To my surprise there was a number of irregular rises in a run down from the Bendora bridge – off with the heavy nymph, short go with para adams (what else!) and small pheasant tail, eventually moving to two dries adams plus a small spinner. In due course landed one – thought I was in with a chance until I heard from the others.



Then spotted a EuroNymph at the tail of the pool above me ... had Peter dropped in on me? Nope, as it turned out it was one of our newer members Callum who had done quite well tightlining.



Peter

I managed to land 10 rainbows and one brown on Sunday 29 Oct downstream from the ford near Bendora Dam using tight line techniques and Caddis Larvae nymphs. The fish size ranged between 20cm and 35 cm and were all nice plump fish. Plenty of action downstream of the ford with heaps of dropped fish as well. (memo to self: replace fly which has become hooked on rocks as hook point is impaired by the rocks and doesn't hang on to fish very well.

Tuross Flies

Mike

Guy's

Several of the flies I've had success with in the Tuross estuary system.



Local Lakes

Peter

A 38cm golden perch caught adjacent to Tuggeranong College. Was really a bright golden colour.



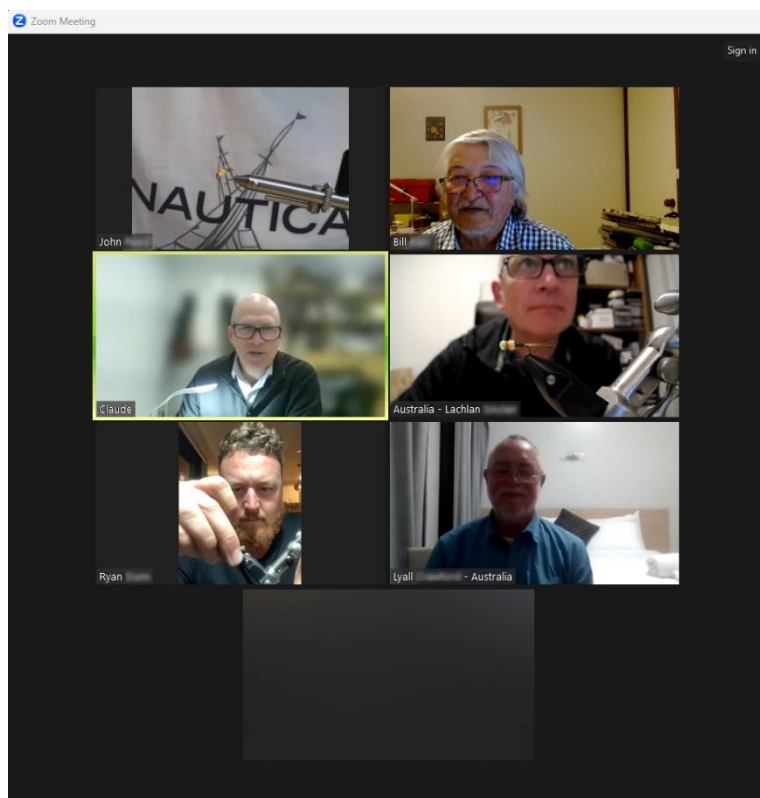
40cm redfin on fly

Fly Tying 25 Oct – Pineapple Express Nymph

John led the team.

The products were a variation on the pattern available here:

<https://flystream.com/effective-flies-the-pineapple-express/>



John's examples



Claude's work



Lachy's product.



Ryan's product. Meantime, he was also showing off his 'swimming nymph' ... looks more like a shrimp.



MAS Stocking the Snowy



Gaden has been intensively managing some brown trout this year – growing them bigger than we'd normally expect after less than 6 months. Peter and Bill were invited down to assist with stocking these special fish into the Snowy River. They were bigger than our forefinger.

Steve Samuels
(President of
MAS) and
Peter preparing
fish.

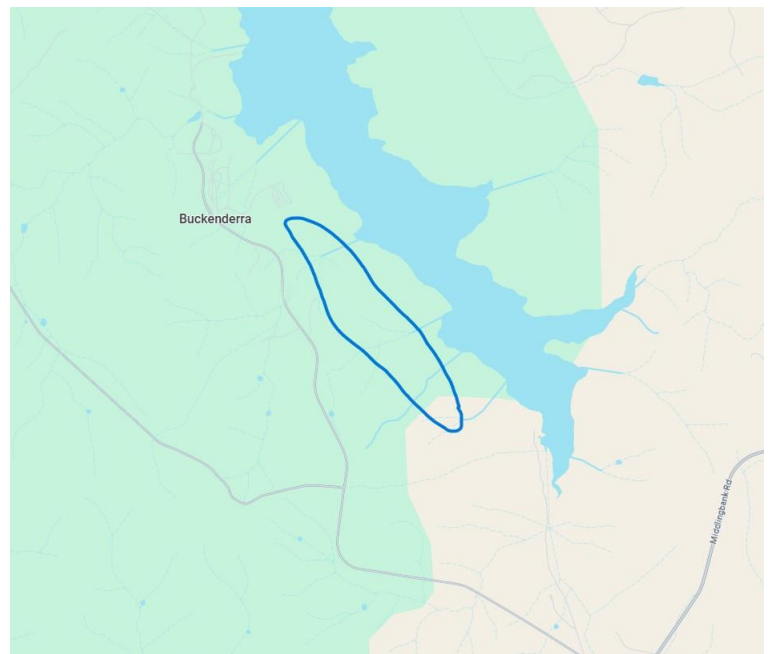


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Peter and Bill also came across some of the road maintenance that MAS has organised – funded jointly by Rec Fishing Trust and Snowy Hydro.

MAS has also installed three Rec Fish Trust funded stiles on the western shores of Middlingbank Arm of Lake Eucumbene.



28+ Fly Tying Hacks with @tightlinevideo !

Claude

Check this out.

<https://youtu.be/CmKJqrVFESE?si=M94XtjfwSdbCFvB4>

In my In-Box

Paul has been out with young Ryan “Caught with a size 20 unweighted nymph behind a split shot. Long leader no indicator. Weighed 2.5 kg.”



Identical twin for Ryan? 😊



Lachy was showing off how easy loop dubbing can be with the right tools, so I went out and bought one - Stonfo Rotodubbing Mini Dubbing Tool, Fly Tying Tool

Drone vs fish

https://www.threads.net/@technology_p10/post/CxvM-6HPS6Q/?igshid=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ==

Just your average Aussie commute...

<https://workplace.com/9NewsQueensland/videos/kakadu-national-parks-peak-hour/1356117765113274/>

Some excellent advice on handling our fish to ensure they survive the event. I've put it into our ['tips' blog](#).

<https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/14-ways-to-prevent-fish-mortality/>

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 Changes the Rules on Brumbies](#)

Aerial culling to be reintroduced.

Federal Senate Enquiry into Feral Horses – Report Published

The much delayed report has been published – a number of recommendations basically pressing for progress on reduction of numbers.

Carp Herpes Virus Decision Delayed Again

Back to the research labs – no release anytime 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 placemark.

Big Night at Boss Outdoors

Rene Vaz from Manic Tackle speaking at a general public event.

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.

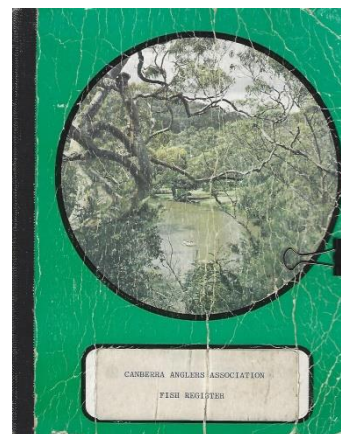
Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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
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
Bill	Brown trout	57 cm	Fly	An unnamed river on the Monaro, 1 Oct 2023
Peter	Golden Perch	38 cm Scores 23% on our Native Fish Assessment	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong, 8 Oct 2023
Jayden	Rainbow	33cm	Fly	Cotter River – Lyle Knowles 29 Oct
Ryan	Rainbow	33cm	Fly	Cotter River – Lyle Knowles 29 Oct
Jayden	Rainbow	33cm	Fly	Cotter River – Lyle Knowles 29 Oct
Lachy	Brown trout	31cm	Fly	Cotter River – Lyle Knowles 29 Oct
Bill	Rainbow trout	29 cm	Fly	Cotter River – Lyle Knowles 29 Oct
Peter	Redfin Perch	40cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong, 31 Oct 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

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.