

THE BURLEY LINE



New Junior Member Ryder with a Local Brown



From the Editor's Desk

Member subscription fees for 2025/26 fell due at the AGM in August – there's only a few of our 'regulars' who haven't yet paid their subs.

Great to see so many folk attend our Free Fly Casting for the Public sessions. A number of people signed up as members, including the young gun who graces our cover page – proving there are some good trout available in nearby waters that we often ignore.

As always, I can count on Greg S for his snippets, but increasingly there is stuff that pops up on our WhatsApp channels – the highlights are replicated below, but if you join the groups you'll see them as they arrive. Also popping up, it was brought to my attention that the Victorian Fishing Authority have got a great new newsletter – there are fifteen back editions for your reading pleasure – link below.

People should check the address that their browser is using for our web home page. For some time it seems <http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/> would display the correct page, but recently I've noticed it doesn't show our news panel. The correct address is <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/> (the 's' means it is a secure website). Google seems to give the correct address thank goodness.

As the club techo – apologies for some disruptions to our email system. We had been having troubles using our @canberra-anglers.asn.au email accounts to get to some members. We are transitioning to another email service, but there are a few hiccups. I hope normal, indeed better, operation will be commenced soon.

Coming Events

Meeting: 15th October.

As advised by the President via email, we are deferring our meeting one week as this lines up with our 80th birthday. We'll re-enact the first meeting that was held in 1945 at the Kingston Hotel.

Fly – Tying 22nd October.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – Neil and Lachy will lead us with Griffith sparkle gnat and corn fed caddis patterns – more details via email and/or the CAA FlyTying WhatsApp channel. Contact Claude if you want to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Next Events

12 October. Half day event exploring 'Streamcraft' offered by Claude – for members only.

18-19 October. Mayfly Madness led by Paul – this may already be full, but I understand that a repeat event is being considered.

25 October. The competition day for our premier trout trophy – the Lyle Knowles. More information will be sent out by Lyall closer to the event.

Fly Casting Days – 14, 21, 28 Sep

Was an excellent roll up with all 35 club rods out in the field along with those who brought their

own. Good number of new members signed up into the club, including a number of family memberships with dead keen juniors (see front cover). This bodes well for the awarding of our Junior Trout Trophy which has not been awarded for some time now.



Claude opening procedures



Mark starts the instruction



A small part of the crowd



Lyll with the more advanced casters



Getting into it



The ever-present sausage sizzle



Final Day at Lake G – Lyall ever watchful



New member Hector receiving the grand prize of a fly outfit donated by Boss Outdoors.

From Greg S

Some good stuff from his trawling of Facebook – remember you don't have to have a Facebook account to look at these.

Greg S

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-09-11/nt-mud-crab-industry-closure-for-christmas-to-protect-stock/105756524> .

NSW Fisheries and Trout Cod – the video here doesn't include the interview with Stefan, maybe this will be available sometime in the future 😊

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=2564490347247323>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2025-09-09/suminoe-chinese-river-oyster-threatens-biosecurity/105749928> They want people to report sightings of this Chinese oyster not yet in NSW

Not quite fish but still interesting

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1194026469416448&set=a.625809802904787>

Big NZ Brown Trout

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=122248025270211279&set=a.122109006626211279>

An interesting CSIRO article on the use of DNA to track down fish (We've seen before in relation to identifying presence of fish species, this article suggests you can identify individual fish)

<https://www.csiro.au/en/news/All/Articles/2025/September/AQWA>

Providence Portal working overtime

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1036312481769533>

Cod at Glenlyon Dam <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=766412012686952>

Humpbacks at Tathra (there are other videos on socials of them so, so close)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=3739283033043632>

Catching Beach Worms <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=2225769197943393>

Stuff in my In Box

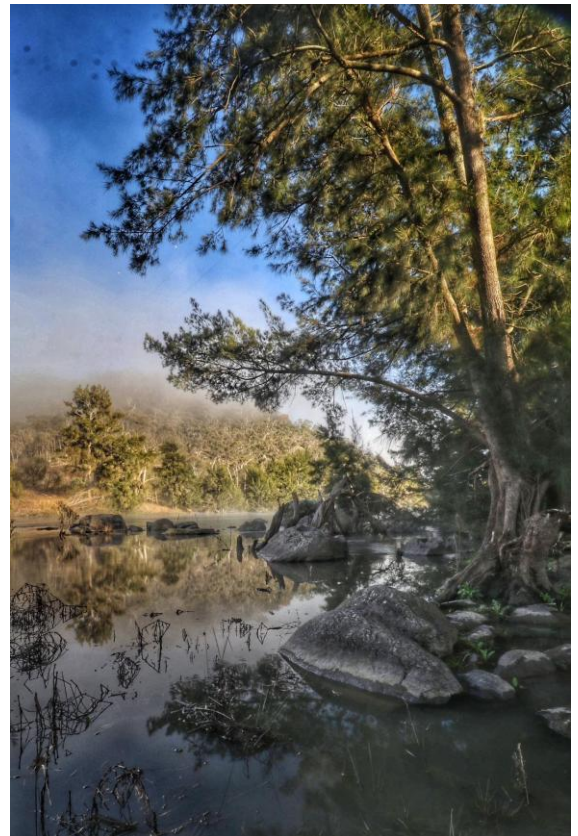
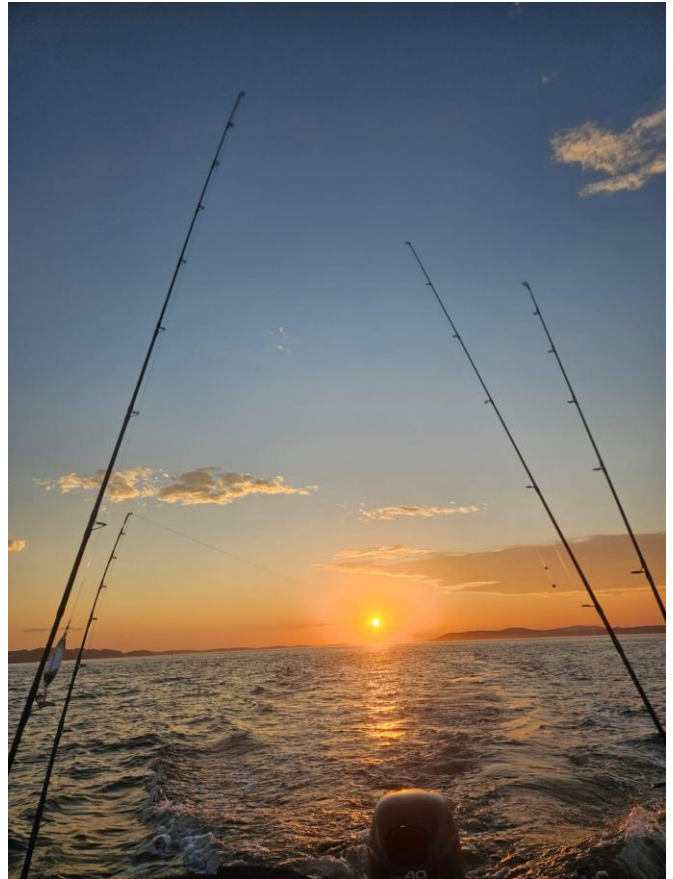
Another series of good hints on YouTube from Fly Fish Food. The premise is 'more durable flies' but actually they are good practice. <https://youtu.be/nrfeFIHxCtA?feature=shared> .

To see the following in 'real time' join the CAA WhatsApp group – contact Claude.

Xenii and James went somewhere warm and check out who they went swimming with.

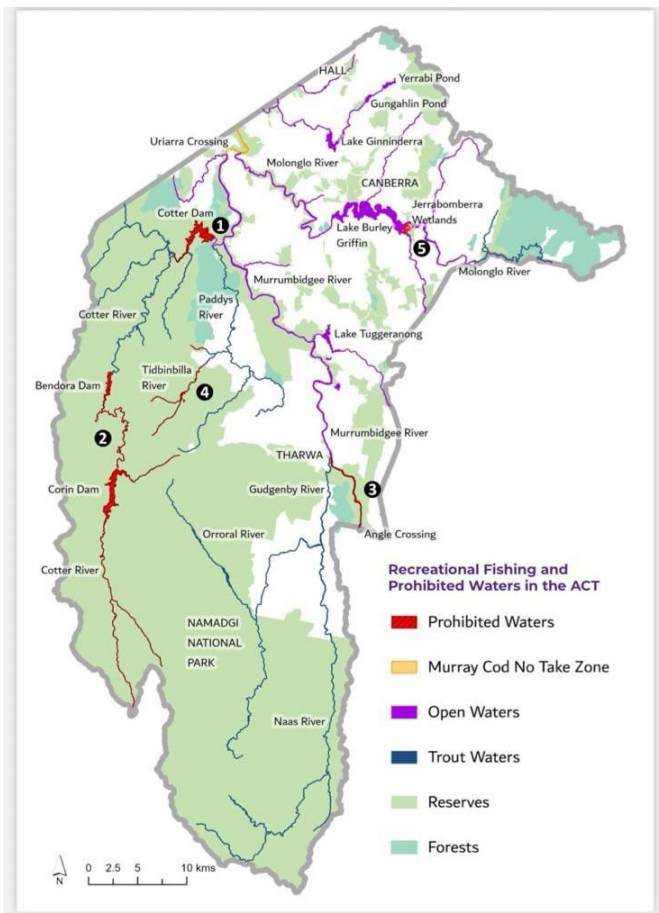
http://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/WhatsApp-Video-2025-09-09-at-18.37.23_6ad88659.mp4

Meanwhile, Paul managed to snag a nice Murray Cod on the final day of the season, before he headed to warmer climes.





Jayden spotted an apparent change to ACT Regs.

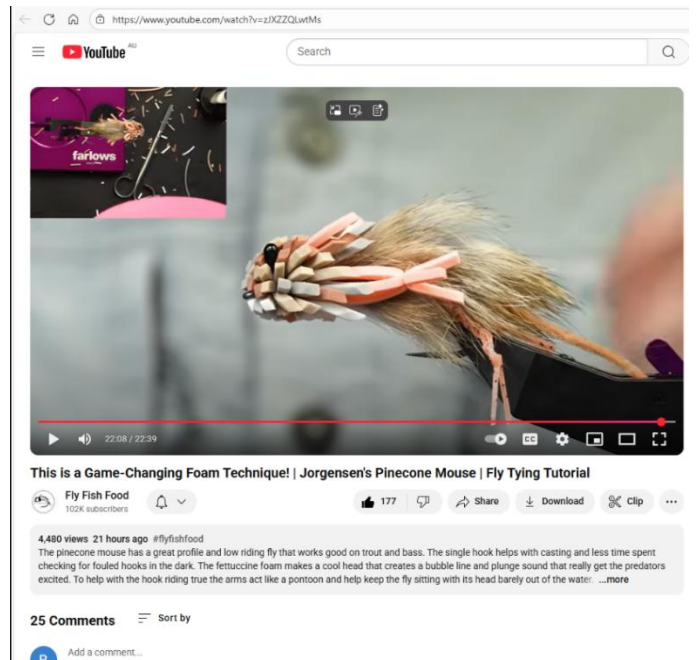


The official site is

<https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animals-and-plants/animals/wildlife-management/fish/recreational-fishing-in-the-act>

I seem to recall that you couldn't fish too far up the Orroral River (towards the old tracking station) – seems it is OK now.

Never heard of fettuccine foam. Similar results/techniques as deerhair but likely better floatation. The eyes are an interesting material. This guy's dexterity is amazing.
<https://youtu.be/zJXZZQLwtMs?feature=shared>



Jayden:





Seems our Cairns representative, Jason, had done quite well in a recent comp. I wonder if his son Eli was helping out.




Day 1

2025 AFO Hinchinbrook Fly Fishing Challenge

Champion Angler				Champion Team			
Rhyce B	1504	26	Samuel	143	1	The Smashing Pumpkinheads	1798
Jase C	1049	27	Michael I	137	2	ACM Rods/ SHP Constructions	1760
Bob B	1033	28	Mike S	118	3	The Outcasts	1604
Steven I	996	29	Zachary M	117	4	Wasted Seamen	1349
David I	768	30	Andrew	96	5	Chilean Rawdoggers	1100
Daniel I	765	31	Cameron	73	6	Inglorious Bastards	999
Lloyd E	754	32	Dave I	70	7	Fishing Warehouse	838
Luke R	699	33	Bill Tho	46	8	The Herbert River Hombres	810
Matt I	688	34	Paul C	44	9	Kroken Loops	790
Warren	652	35	Rod C	41	10	Moist Oysters	738
Kai S	614	36	Marcus C	39	11	Cod Crusaders	731
Daniel C	595	37	Amos M	31	12	AFO	719
Brad A	555	38	Matt I	30	13	Dingo Revenge	649
Morgan	551	39	Kim Mac	30	14	Hair of the Dog	560
Scott S	487	40			15	Sandy Twig	320
Clinton	472	41			16	The Flyfisher	233
Andy NoHar	443	42			17	Fly In Fly Out	148
Dave B	421	43			18	Mike Carney Toyota	46
Martin E	412	44			19	Team Spliff Skiff	44
Bill M	385	45			20	Off the Hook	30
Shaun 3-P	367	46			21		
Bobby H	256	47			22		
Chris I	239	48			23		
Troy B	228	49			24		
Jim M	177	50			25		

@hffc_hinchinbrookchallenge

Opening Weekend

Jayden

No luck I'm afraid, didn't even see a fish in the water, lots of anglers out and about.

There were around 4-5 cars at Kiandra and a few along the way up to long plain. Water was very cold and sunny conditions.



Bidgee looked good, if not a little low. But didn't see a fish.

Bill

There's an argument that the fish have been made scared of the daytime because of the cormorants. For Peter and me, the river came alive just on dusk. I've not seen, but learned behaviour?

Mark will spread the word. First big fish got spooked off when it got too close to me. Next was dropped after several seconds and aerobatics ... who says browns don't jump. Next was the best fish - struck hard ... " Bill, what are you doing with 4 lb tippet? !!" Not had such vicious fish before in Australia. (In fairness, it was 5lb and I've not had such trouble with large fish in NZ). Para Adams roolz.

Ryan

Paul and I had a nice weekend away, caught a few nice fish between us 😊

Paul

The only cormorant I saw was one named Ryan. I had to put a little brown string tied into a loose noose around his neck, then make him cough up the fish once back on the bank. Here is one example.



Fly Tying 24 Sep

There was only a small crowd either watching, chatting or tying while Claude put on a superlative lesson on tying zebra midges – a must-have fly both for the lake and indeed rivers.

We even had Al Mc join in on the WhatsApp group all the way from Greece to comment on the images shared on the group – making some of his usual pithy comments and sharing an image of his with a rather anonymous fish.



Claude



Ryan

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.

Nothing not already covered this month.

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.

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.

NSWCFA are exploring a significant change to their membership model. Lachy and Neil spoke to it at a recent meeting and members will be consulted before a forthcoming workshop of all affiliated clubs.

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

Vic Fisheries used to have a neat little newsletter called 'Nibbles' as well as their presence on all forms of social media. I recently discovered they have a periodic "Recreational Fisheries Management Update" at

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fisheries-management/recreational-fisheries-management-updates>

the most recent one has got some really interesting articles including one on VFA's frustration in respect to the Federal rejecting VFA's proposal to nominate carp as a 'Key Threatening Process'.

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

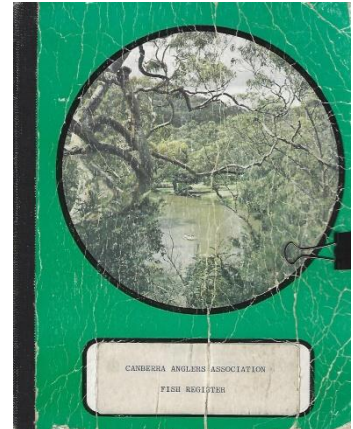
Provided for your calendar planning, members can see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
various	The NSW DPI Kids' and Women's Fishing Workshops at Gaden Hatchery Jindabyne were in a hiatus during the construction but are now back – though none currently scheduled. There are saltwater and freshwater events across the state. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids
Watch for later in the year	Buckenderra's "Anaconda Trout Challenge". Check out their Facebook page and go back to November https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage

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
Paul	Rainbow hen	51cm	Fly	Black Lake 16 Aug 2025
Paul	Rainbow jack	51cm	Fly	Black Lake 16 Aug 2025
Jayden	YellowBelly	42, 46 and 52cm best is 61 on our calculator	Fly?	31 Aug 2025
Paul	Murray Cod	59cm scores 7.5	Lure	Bidgee 31 Aug 2025
Ryan	Brown	5 with best at 4 1/4lb	Fly	Lower Monaro – Opening weekend
Paul	Brown	similar	Fly	Lower Monaro – Opening weekend
Peter	Rainbow	30cm	Fly	Lower Monaro – Opening weekend

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Join Us

Thinking of becoming a member? The membership application form can be found on our website. Fees are payable each year after our AGM (adjustments will be made for joining later in the year). 2025/2026 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

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