

THE BURLEY LINE



Slow Sip From a Big Brown
(Courtesy of Paul)



From the Editor's Desk

Email system restored – thank goodness. Our shift means that emails from @canberra-anglers.asn.au will get through to Hotmail, yahoo and some other systems.

Just a gentle reminder, while we've had quite a rush of new members since the casting, plus some suggestion from long ago members enthused by our 80th birthday, there are a few of our 'regulars' not paid. That's ok, situations change etc, but membership is essential for attendance at our outdoor events for insurance reasons.

We've had a number of club events which are reported on here – some excellent results early in the season, unfortunately we seem to be getting in hot weather early, please consider the conditions if you are fishing in the streams.

Thanks as always to Greg S for his tips – some very interesting items here this month.

Also thanks to our busy Secretary who has prompted me to include a few items that will be useful, especially for our newly joined members. She and I are trying to think how make our ever growing knowledge base to be more accessible to all – some attempts have been made and discussed later in this edition. I've also tweaked our "[How to use our Blog](#)" page to reflect the knowledgebase construct.

Coming Events

Meeting: 12th November.

Back to normal schedule and normal time – 7:30 at Raiders Weston – and maybe via Zoom if people would like Claude to set it up. Local notable Pat Brennan will be speaking about the local fishing scene. He is the younger of the two Pat Brennans around town – the older is his dad who introduced me to trout fishing via a CIT course! Pat has promised to address any questions that folk might raise in advance – email me.



Fly – Tying 26th November.

As usual 7:30 via Zoom – Claude will lead on Hare's Ear and Pheasant Tail Nymph – more details via email and/or the CAA FlyTying WhatsApp channel. Contact Claude if you want to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Saltwater event down at Tuross – new dates 21-23 Nov. This was scheduled for 14-16 November but Ryan has advised that the accommodation is not available for those dates. He has advised a delay by one week. He has rented a house, but it was filling fast. Remember that this event is likely to determine the award of the Saltwater Trophy for the season.

Our 80th Anniversary Dinner

Even before the event, Claude was being interviewed on local ABC Radio Drive.

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/canberra-drive/drive/105875110>

You have to use the time line bar to get to 2:38:15 where it starts ... a bit tricky on the phone but should be ok on a bigger screen. The interview goes for seven minutes. I think a very competent performance by our President.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Nathan Walker for all the support he has provided to the club, previously with Dr Bryan Pratt's Tackle Box, and as a part of a key club sponsor Boss Outdoors.



We received a [video message of congratulations](#) from former President Geoff.

Back in 2015 we interviewed Dr Bryan Pratt, long time President and sponsor of CAA, on the occasion of his granting of life membership. [Here is a snippet](#) with Bryan talking about how he joined CAA.

Some snaps:



Streamcraft Event – 12 Oct

Claude

We had a great event today at the inaugural 'Introduction to Stream Craft' at Uriarra Crossing. Special thanks to Jayden for tying some give away flies and Lyall for his stream craft and casting knowledge transfer. We had around 8 new members turn up which was fantastic.



Goodradigbee – 17 Oct

Lachy

Just back from a few days up at the Goodradigbee. Great catches each day – yes on Euro nymph Bill. Fairly even spread of browns and rainbows, best of 32 and 35cm respectively. Some really chunky fish in there and they are all in great condition. I must admit the browns were a bit more crafty and managed to get off several times. Nice catches by Neil and Greg too!





Mayfly Madness – 17-19 Oct

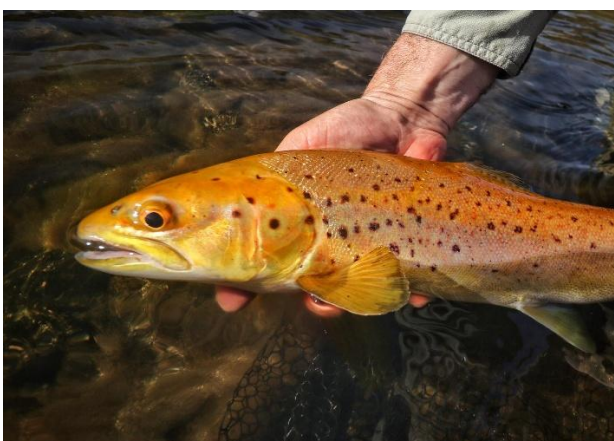
Paul

Thanks to everyone that came to MM25. I think we dodged a bullet with weather. 30 degree temperatures don't go down well with the fish. As you have probably guessed, the streams are very low. Looks like a mid February level. Without any favourable weather, the streams will dry up pretty quickly. So the fishing we experienced may be very short lived. Such a world class fishery that is so fragile. I really enjoyed sharing some of my swearing vocabulary with you and a few precious tips in amongst them. I loved the comradery between us and building of friendships. Some take home lessons that I plucked from the three days were.

1. Have seamless connection between your leader and fly line so you quickly aerialise your fly without getting tangled in the prickles. This is something worthwhile practicing. Investigate the super glue connection for your leader.
2. Your first cast is the most critical and you'd better wait until you get that perfect opportunity. This sometimes arrives in the first few seconds and sometimes after an hour! I was very impressed with the patience shown by the anglers that I fished with. It's called knee stamina. How much pain can you sustain.

I look forward to next year and we can do all again. Hopefully 9 fingers can bring his life saving heater and boxed port 🍷

Drone video of releasing Thomas' fish [here](#). Also Gary and Claude both got 2 each without me barking instructions at them from an elevated hiding spot. We are all nursing bruises on our shins and knees and prickles in our hands from crawling around for three days. I've even got some bruises on my belly from commando crawling.





Paul: Gary at the scene of his nightmare. Lost a trophy! I estimated at about 65 cm before it put on his afterburner – a big male fish by the size of its snout.

Gary: I really let that affect me as it was so not me making such a howler. How the line got caught round the reel handle is beyond me but you were right about my strike in that I need to soften up a bit. Will take some time to train myself out of 40 year approach!

Claude: Hey Gary – it happens to me regularly so I can train you to do it more often than once in 40 years if you like 🤖.

Paul: If you want counselling, you're in a safe place here. Losing a big fish is a slow burn in your fishing soul. Generally reaching its peak at about 2 weeks after the trauma. It will subside although the fish grow in size in your memory.

Lyle Knowles – 25 Oct

Quite a number of members hit the Cotter chasing that special trophy. Seemed fishing was relatively hard with some 'sardines' caught, but also some un-small ones over 30cm.



Our President Claude and Trav
Hooked 7, landed 4. I think 2 legal



Claude's best 32cm



Claude's successful fly



Lachy's variation on a pheasant tail



Could be the winner. Ryan's 32cm



It is a pretty river



Lachy

"My best 32 cm Rainbow and Brown"

*Neil reported:
Got mine on a self invention with copper bead,
peacock hurl body with a purple dubbing collar.
Was a fun catch, especially as Lachy stood on a
black snake as he was netting it for me!*

36cm Rainbow



For The Euronymphers

Brought to you by Nathan. Jayden has promised me a report next month.



The poster features a woman, Katka Svagrova, holding a large brown trout. Above her head are three gold medals and the text '3 TIME WORLD CHAMPION'. The 'BOSS OUTDOOR' logo is in the top left. The text 'FREE EVENT' is in the top right. Below the image, it says 'KATKA SVAGROVA FLYFISHING ACADEMY' and 'IN-STORE PRESENTATION'. A date box indicates 'FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 6:30PM'. At the bottom, it says 'Learn How to Euro Nymph from a World Champion' and provides the address '16 WOLLONGONG ST. CANBERRA, ACT', phone '(02) 6239 1323', and email 'canberra@bossoutdoor.com.au'.



Boss Outdoor Canberra

16h · 🌐

*** SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ***

We are thrilled to announce we have current women's fly fishing world champion [@katka_svagrova](#) in-store for a presentation on euro nymphing.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn from a world champion! Make sure you don't miss this one!

She will also be running a euro nymphing clinic on Saturday the 29th & Sunday the 30th on the Tumut River following her presentation at Boss Outdoor Canberra. (details to follow)

WHERE: Boss Outdoor Canberra
16 Wollongong St. Fyshwick, ACT
WHEN: Friday 28 November 2025 - 6:30pm

*** FREE BBQ & DRINKS PROVIDED ***

This event is FREE to attend, however we would encourage you to book with us via DM or call the store on (02) 6239 1323

ACT Fishing Regulations

There's been a bit of a flurry about the ACT Fishing Regulations in relation to the number of rods you can have in your possession. We've been advised that the new Fishing Gear Declaration 2025 is now in force which permits anglers to carry 2 rods whilst fishing in Trout Waters. Only one rod can be used at any one time, however. The link to the new declaration is provided below.

<https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/DownloadFile/di/2025-252/current/PDF/2025-252.PDF>

Angler Access Resource and Rules

I understand from Xenii that a number of folk at the Streamcraft day were asking about angler access. I had thought this was included in our 'useful links' page but, to my embarrassment I've found it wasn't. I have fixed the page but this article seeks to highlight this resource. The DPIRD access website is at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/angler-access>

Note, at the bottom there is a button for 'Layer List' and you can turn on lots of other information, including fish stocking sites.

/recreational/resources/angler-access

This is your recreational fishing licences fees at work!

NSW Angler Access

Find address or place

Layer List

Layers

- ☒ Web Cam
- ☒ Fishing Location
- ☐ Fish stocking site
- ☐ Live - Waterway gauge
- ☐ Hut
- ☒ Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR)
- ☒ Dedicated State Forest
- ☒ Recreational Fishing Haven (RFH)
- ☐ NSW_Cadastre
- ☒ NSW Waterways

Disclaimer: This map may provide assistance or information on where to fish but the NSW DPIRD and its employees do not guarantee the information or site conditions is without flaw or is wholly appropriate for any particular purpose and therefore disclaims all liability for any error, loss or other consequences which may arise from relying on any information provided.

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Some time ago I described how to extract a 'georeferenced pdf file' from the website. This means you can view the map in a specific app and your phone GPS will show you where you are on the map ... <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/extracting-maps-from-nsw-dpi-angler-access-website/> . I should possibly put it on the our 'useful links' page though it is in our 'Tips' Blog.

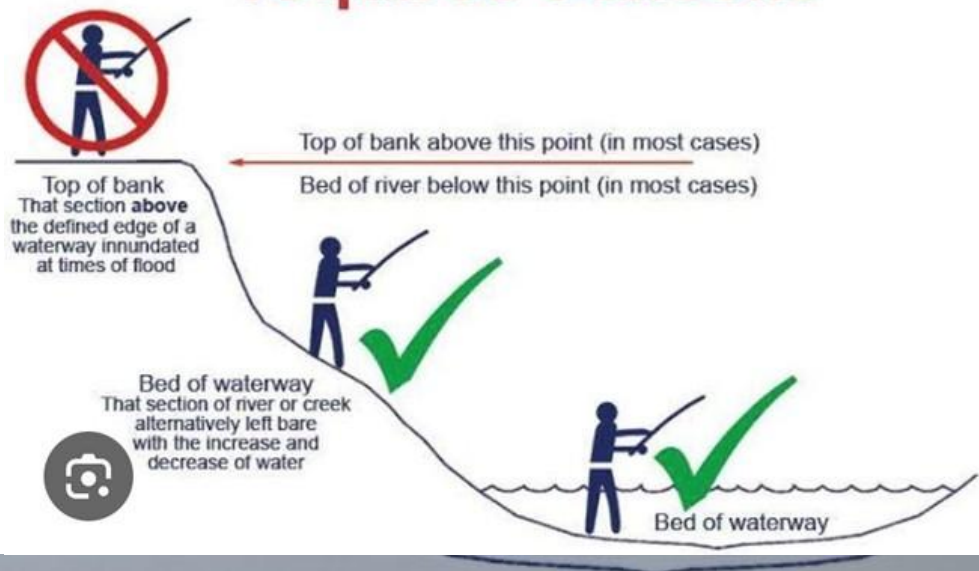


Related to access is our 'rights' to be fishing waters that are passing through private property. There are words in the Fisheries Management Act that do give us some privileges – see two of our older blogs that discuss Section 38 of The Fisheries Management Act 1994 (NSW). The Act talks about us being legally able to walk in the water and up to what anglers loosely call 'high water'. The blogs are <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/access-to-river-banks/> and <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/more-on-angler-access/> (the second with pictures of real streams).

I included a pictorial attempt at describing the regulations in the December 2024 Newsletter. At the time I wasn't actually sure where the picture came from, but our trusty Secretary Xenii spotted an official DPIRD sign using the graphic. It tries to show what the regulations are saying, but it very much depends on the

topography of the stream. I reckon that works for a pretty and well behaved seasonal English stream, but it comes down to the word 'flood' I suppose. Section 38 is a vexed topic which, as far as I know, has not been tested in court.

Fishing from the top of bank requires consent



UNDER THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994- SEC 38 THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO FISH IN INLAND WATERS WHILE THEY REMAIN WITHIN THE BED OF THE RIVER".

A person may take fish from waters in a river or creek that are not subject to tidal influence despite the fact that the bed of those waters is not Crown land if, for the purpose of taking those fish, the person is in a boat on those waters or is on the **bed of the river or creek**. In this section, "bed" of a river or creek includes any part of the bed of the river or creek which is alternatively covered and left bare with an increase or decrease in the supply of water (other than during floods).

Disclaimer: The onus is on the angler to assess their rights under sect 38 prior to fishing.



For those of you without QR Code readers, it takes you to

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/whole/html/inforce/2016-05-13/act-1994-038#sec.38>

All in all, knocking on doors and speaking to the landowner may give you less grief.

A Photo I Missed Last Month



CAA Knowledgebase

Canberra Anglers has been accumulating much information (eg fishing tips, fly tying patterns, places to go etc) but in some respects it has become a bit overwhelming. There is so much there that even though they've been stored on the blog under categories, it is hard to get a sense of what is there. The website had links to each category, but this would just bring up a series of the posts in full.

Our first effort in this 'knowledge management' foray is the CAA Knowledgebase (link on our web home page and our blog index). Here it is:

<https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/canberra-anglers-knowledgebase/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Canberra Anglers Blog' Knowledgebase. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/canberra-anglers-knowledgebase/>. The page has a header with the title 'Canberra Anglers Blog' and the subtitle 'Interesting articles for the CAA website'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'WEB SITE', 'NEWSLETTER', and 'CANBERRA ANGLERS KNOWLEDGEBASE'. A large banner image of a river with fallen trees is featured. The main content area is titled 'Canberra Anglers Knowledgebase' and contains a paragraph explaining the club's history of publishing newsletters and the purpose of the knowledgebase. It lists categories: Tips, Places, Fly Tying, Gear, Cooking, and Book Reviews. To the right, there is a 'SUBSCRIBE TO CAA BLOG VIA EMAIL' section with a text input field for an email address, a 'Subscribe' button, and a search bar with a 'Search' button. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen.

Canberra Anglers Blog
Interesting articles for the CAA website

WEB SITE NEWSLETTER **CANBERRA ANGLERS KNOWLEDGEBASE**



Canberra Anglers Knowledgebase

Over the years the club has accumulated much knowledge. We've published monthly newsletters, but some items have 'timeless' value. Such information we've tried to store in the blog under categories: Tips, Places, Fly Tying, Gear, Cooking and Book Reviews.

To give people a 'birds' eye view' of each category, we've developed an index of each:

- [Tips](#)
- [Places](#)
- [Fly Tying](#)
- [Gear](#)
- [Cooking](#)
- [Book Reviews](#)

SUBSCRIBE TO CAA BLOG VIA EMAIL

Enter your email address to subscribe to this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

Email Address

Subscribe

Search

If you click on a category, you'll now get a full listing of every post in that category in alphabetical order for you to browse. In the case of fly tying, you get the full listing, but also separate lists for dry fly, nymph etc.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open. The active tab is titled 'Fly Ty...' and the address bar shows the URL 'https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/fly-tying-list/'. The website header includes the title 'Canberra Anglers Blog' and the tagline 'Interesting articles for the CAA website'. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'WEB SITE', 'NEWSLETTER', and 'CANBERRA ANGLERS KNOWLEDGEBASE'. A large image of a river with fallen trees is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Fly Tying List' and contains links for 'For Dry Fly', 'For Emerger Fly', 'For Streamer Fly', 'For Nymph Fly', and 'For Wet Fly'. Below these links, it says 'Full listing of fly tying post below' and lists several articles with dates, such as 'Gambugger' Flytying 26 April 2023, '28+ Fly Tying Hacks with @tightlinevideo!', 'A Pretty Emerger Pattern', 'A Prolific Series of Fly Tying Tips', 'A Simple Fly Pattern for Carp and Redfin', 'A Simple/Fast Mayfly', 'A Suggested List of Flies for our Region', 'A Surprise for Peter Buying a Jungle Cock Cape from UK', 'Alexandra (Variant) Davie McPhail Style Fly Tying - 23 Jun 2021', and 'Baited Breath - Saltwater'. On the right side, there is a 'SUBSCRIBE TO CAA BLOG VIA EMAIL' section with a text input field for 'Email Address', a 'Subscribe' button, and a search bar with a 'Search' button. The bottom of the browser window shows a taskbar with various application icons and system status icons.

At the bottom right of that page (indeed any page in the blog) is a Search function to hunt posts with a specified word/words. I'm not sure how smart this search engine is, but it seems to do a reasonable job.

MAS Seeking Catch and Release on Some Monaro Streams

DPIRD (Fisheries) have stopped trout stocking in a number of Monaro Streams most recently due to the discovery of a threatened galaxy (Roundsnouted). In an attempt to retain these waters as productive trout fisheries, MAS unsuccessfully sought to have them regulated by

Fisheries as 'catch and release'. As a compromise, MAS are establishing signage encouraging anglers to practice catch and release in the affected waters:

- The Murrumbidgee River from the confluence of the Numeralla River upstream to the base of Tantangara Dam (to protect Macquarie Perch).
- The MacLaughlin River from the Caldwell Bridge upstream to Spring Flat Creek
- The Cambalong River from the Bombala River confluence upstream to the Gunningrah Crossing.
- The Delegate River from the end of Power's Road upstream to Rock Range Road.
- The Snowy River from Ironmungy, Bairds Crossing upstream to Dalgety Weir.

There has also been a number of incidents of anglers leaving closed gates opened and bringing dogs onto private property. Signs encouraging courtesy are also being emplaced.

While MAS has not addressed the issue of water temperatures in their signage, as Paul as referred to in his report, water temperature is a big issue for trout survival. As responsible anglers, we should not be fishing trout waters when water temperatures exceed 18C.

<https://fishingandfish.com/what-temp-to-stop-fishing-in-rivers>

From Greg S

Remember you don't have to have a Facebook account to look at these.

Greg S

Huge school of Australian Salmon <https://www.facebook.com/reel/3765603273735055>

Murray River Crayfish in the ACT

<https://www.facebook.com/100000266025315/videos/pcb.4231406983797824/1351729672964944>

Close encounter with a whale <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1181695230533236>

Lake Jindabyne article <https://www.facebook.com/reel/2220408735110526>

Tuna having a feed <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1668561294101897>

Good photo of a large Goldfish

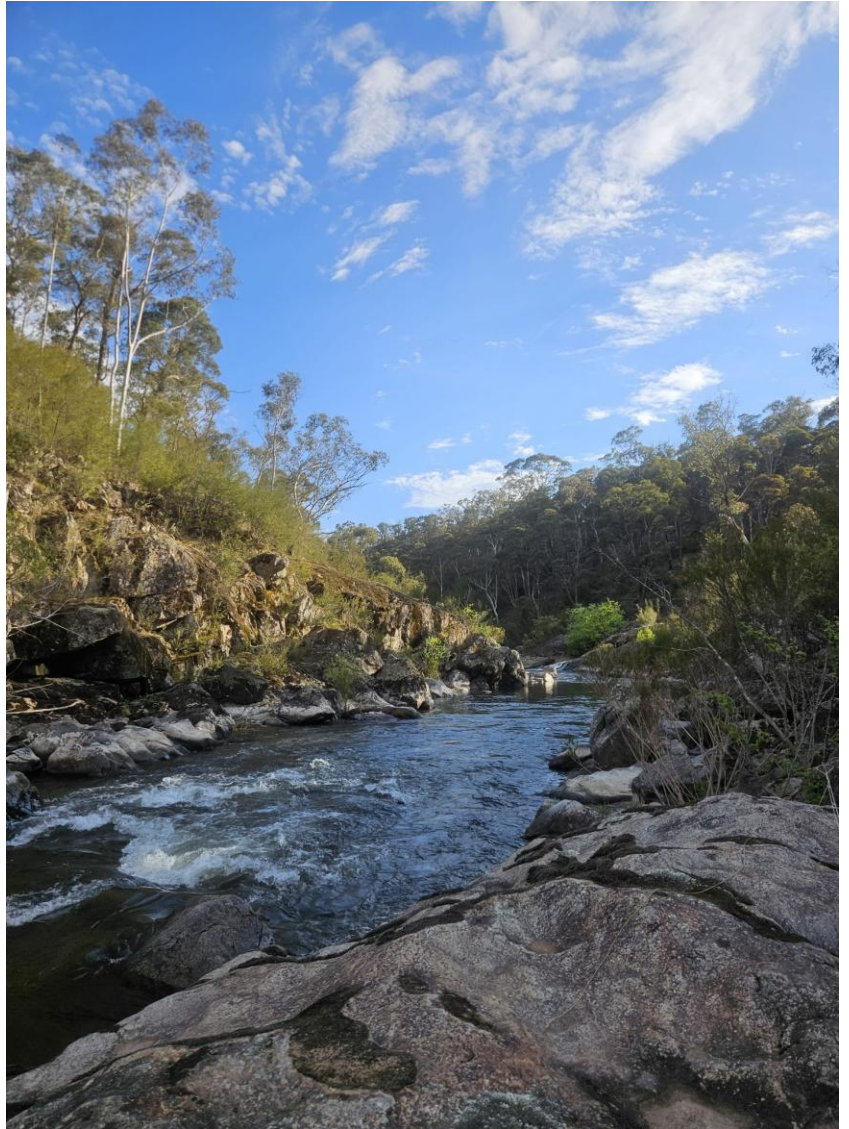
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1378611757392569&set=pcb.1378612374059174>

Unreal footage from Tathra Pier <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1502770490792476>

Stuff in my In Box

Got this message from Xenii “I wet a line for the first time since the Jindabyne trip! No fish but I am slowly coming back!”.

A nearby stream that shall not be named!



Greg and I thought this would be interesting – skin diving in the Snowies – you gotta wonder whether that brown trout was asleep – <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1F6UULMDWK/>

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.

[February Trip to Jindabyne](#)

Dates confirmed for Fri 13 to Sun 15 Feb. I already have two eager folk signed up. More detail later this year.

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.

[Buckenderra Trout Challenge](#)

A very popular competition, but it was fully subscribed in a matter of four or so hours.

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.

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 have discovered they have a periodic “Recreational Fisheries Management Update” at

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

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

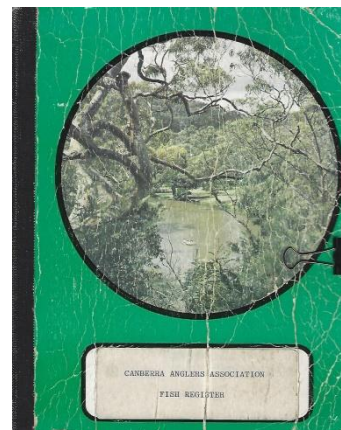
Provided for your calendar planning, members can see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest 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 supposedly 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 next year	Applications for Buckenderra's 2025 Trout Challenge has come and gone in a flash. https://www.facebook.com/share/1BTTF5mAug/ If you are interested you'll need to closely monitor https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage during October 2026

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

Lachy	Rainbows and browns	best of 35 and 32cm respectively	Fly	Goodradigbee 15-16 Oct
Claude	Brown	My largest was 2.75lb and still shorter than Paul's so didn't measure. Was concerned about fish wellbeing. I have to work out a good way of measuring without laying out on grass or while it's still lively in the net.	Fly	Mayfly Madness 17-19 Oct
Lachy	Rainbow and Brown	32cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 25 Oct
Ryan	Rainbow	32cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 25 Oct
Claude	Rainbow	32cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 25 Oct
Neil	Rainbow	36cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles 25 Oct

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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 'contact our team' link on the web home page). 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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