

THE BURLEY LINE



Hector with his first trout on fly – Thredbo River



From the Editor's Desk

Well done Hector – photo of the month captures his joy.

Apologies from me for leaving off the promotion of Feb Fly tying in last newsletter edition.

A very full edition this month, with some generous submissions from those who went on the Jindabyne trip – many thanks folks, especially Bob's record of interview (reproduced here with acknowledgement). I think everyone shared with me an impression of "fishing was hard but a most enjoyable trip".

I report on a trip to NZ that I missed (drat). Inspires me to try to go again – others of you may be interested in our connections with Hastings Fly Fishing Club for access to their lodge.

We have more from our WhatsApp channels – contact Claude to join up.

Some good news from Peter for local fishing, and Gaden Hatchery expansions.

As always – some interesting snippets from Greg S.

Coming Events

Meeting: 11th March 2026. Murray Cod (on fly?) by Nathan. As usual 7:30PM at Raiders Weston. Join us for dinner at 6:00 or 6:30? Contact committee if you would like it Zoomed.

20-22 Mar. Tantangara camping trip led by Claude has had to be cancelled.

28 Mar. Fly Tying – Mudeye. To be confirmed and that we'll have a guest tyer – Joe?.

24-26 Apr. Our Brindabella trip has had to be rescheduled – yes, it is ANZAC Day weekend. Led by Ryan. There are limited number of places. More details via email.

My Missed January Trip to the North Island

An Australian mate of mine now living in New Zealand and I had planned a trip based out of Hastings. The Hastings Fly Fishing Club had previously promoted use of their lodge from MAS and other likely takers so Alfred and I made a booking. This was to line up with my trip with past CAA President Geoff that I spoke about last month. Anyway, here is Alfred convincing me that I missed a very good time.

Alfred

Hey Bill, you missed out on some good fishing down in Hawkes Bay. We had 2 weeks planned but the weather set in so we picked up sticks 4 days early, which was a good call as there was some flooding in the north island right after we left.

The hut was great, it was very roomy but still rustic enough to not worry around about keeping things super clean. The lodge is a little isolated, about 30 mins away from "town".

We fished just 1 river system over 6 days, there were lots of options based on what the weather was doing and what we felt like. Travel time was great, we didn't spend more than 1 hour in a car getting to a stream, usually we spent 30 mins or less.

We had great success fishing the Tukituki, it had a few access points close by and was never too busy. We attempted the Tukipo and Mangaonuku with less success, those we done after

heavy rain that had silted up the Tukituki yet they remained clear. As usual in NZ sight fishing was where we found most success. We visited the Mohaka river which looked like fantastic fishing but it was washed out and not safe to fish the day we picked.

We had a guide for our 2nd day, that was a great way to be introduced to the area and ensured we all had some hookups.

We wet-waded for the trip, the temperature made it pleasant and the river depth low enough.

There were some lovely wineries nearby. Hastings and Napier are large enough to have everything you need, including larger hunting and fishing stores.

I plan to fish the area again, there are whole rivers I've yet to try out. Not everyone was on board for a full 2 weeks, some staggering of arrivals may be needed in the future. I've attached a picture of a fish I landed (without a net), Matt is looking after it while I grabbed my camera out for a shot.



(Editor: A bit better than one he emailed earlier 😊, see next)



Jindabyne Trip 13-15 Feb 2026

Ten members attended. We anticipated some pretty hard fishing and so it turned out, but everyone seemed to have a good time, with some individual successes. For the record, the water temps at Creel Bay were just on 20C – this is ok for browns and their favourite bugs, getting a bit warm for rainbows. Thredbo Diggings was 18C – happy days.

Bill

Owen and I had planned to rendezvous and have a mid-morning coffee at Cooma on Friday. Roadworks and congested fuel stops meant it was closer to lunch, but it did mean we ran into Greg B having the same idea of picking up a takeaway lunch at Kuma pies.

First stop was to check out the Frying Pan campground as a possible replacement locale for our March trip to Tantangara. It had lovely green grass and shady tent sites (along with hot showers and flush toilets) so it is a real contender.



When I stayed years ago, it was a short walk down to the lake, but currently it is a short drive to the water.



Frying Pan arm had a few leaping fish, but no joy for Owen, Greg or me. We had spoken to a young guy who had been fishing before the wind picked up a bit. With glassy conditions he had sighted and caught a nice brown (showed us the picture) and dropped a few more – no such results for us. A quick check of Rushies and the increasing winds straight into our face sent us off the Jindy for a late dinner and yack with the others.

Saturday and I started the day with Bob. Before heading to Creel Bay I showed Bob a way down to the Snowy Arm of the lake. Site of much success for me in the past – though mainly dusk and nighttime (a pattern that continues with me and both lakes).



Creel Bay was quiet so headed to Thredbo Diggings. Quite a few smaller fish leaping (at what – maybe the many blue damsels?). I'll let Bob describe his antics, but I managed to hook one. Given that I'd touched the leader when bringing it in (the rules for offshore game fishing) I'm counting it as landed 😊. Later, in the Thredbo Diggings camp 'swimming pool' I was able to clearly spot fish only a few metres away – rising but studiously avoiding all my fly changes – at least not spooked away.

I then headed to Jindy to pick up Aru, his mum Mika and brother Rui. Back to Thredbo Diggings given the rising fish present. Aru put in a valiant effort with casting improving cast by cast, but again the fish ignored his fly. Time for dinner at the Brewery – great food, great company and most enjoyable.

Sunday saw us back to the Diggings.



At first little activity, but then in a pool below a small subsurface weir we saw frequent rises like I had seen on Saturday – unfortunately a bit ‘all over the shop’. Aru’s casting was getting a bit more consistent and he soldiered on. He was initially disappointed when I said we should move further upstream, but his excitement was palpable with eyeballs on stalks when he saw ‘the big fish’. I always underestimate lengths with fish in the water so I’m probably conservative to say it was around 40cm.



Aru was dead keen to get into the water and capture this monster, but the banks were inaccessible ... another time mate.



Greg B



The Thredbo

I always call Jindabyne the Lake Tahoe of Australia. When I drive over that last hill before reaching the servo the full impact of the lake view is upon you which is always impressive and reminds of a similar view of Lake Tahoe in the US.

This is only a very brief encounter of my weekend trip.



Friday was a joint venture with Bill and Owen to Frying Pan. No fish were harmed on Friday. The scenery was fabulous and the weather to boot. This was the first time I have been to Frying Pan with no wind. After a couple hundred blind flogs, I felt a lot more reassured nothing was going to happen and decided to call it quits and head back to the lodge with Bill and Owen for a late dinner and refreshments.

I did get a visit from a wombat infected with mange who appeared unusually close. I pulled some grass and left it for him which he immediately devoured. Poor fellow.

Saturday's plan was to head to the upper Thredbo with Lachy and drop in at the Ranger Station. Weather was superb for wading at a nice 17 max for the day. The day involved a lot of rock

hopping and slipping on slimy rocks, but the spectacular scenery made the day. The fish were a little short on but I did manage to land one small rainbow and drop another 12cm at the net. I was mainly fishing with a mix of dries including Caddis pattern, Stimulator and Royal Wulff. I did switch to a single nymph under indicator.

Arrggghhh what's better for mental therapy than being mesmerised by the green wool running the ripples down a run. Lachy

certainly had a little better luck with some precision Czech Nymphing and landed a few extra. Dinner was well earned after an energising day.





Lachy in Czech Nymph mode.

Sunday Lachy and I fished the Thredbo again down from the main bridge. I didn't see anything in the lower reaches so moved up for the slow drift. I sighted a couple of tiddlers rising and had several hits on a Caddis and reverted to size 16 Royal Wulff and had several more hits but no hook up. It was starting to get hot and I had to head home so I thought it was okay to leave the tiddler for next time when he may present as a more alluring size. Lachy had a little more success and certainly impressed me with a nice little brown under the bridge. I will leave Lachy to update on his quarry for the day.

All in all it was a great trip and good camaraderie. It was pleasant to see some young members join the trip and catch fish! I look forward to the next CAA shindig!

Lachy

Hi Bill and thanks very much Greg for your kind article – I can't really add much more to it apart from saying thank you to Greg to targeting me onto a nice little brown trout on Sunday. It was also wonderful to share a meal with everyone on Saturday at the obligatory Jindabyne brewery gathering...

After a picturesque and mountain goat inspired navigation of the upper Thredbo River with Greg on Saturday, along with catching a couple of lovely juvenile rainbows.

Sunday was back on the Thredbo, but the lower



reaches closer to the mouth of the river. We parked at the carpark just inside the National Park immediately after crossing the Thredbo River. We went under the bridge and hugged the left bank a fair way down and then fished our way back up to the carpark.

I was fishing a little way behind Greg - doing the Euro nymph thing but still having not much luck. I had a nibble and a take but nothing definite. Then when I was back under the bridge and about to call it quits, Greg pointed out a riser. Thanks to some improved Euro nymph casting techniques learned at the recent clinic held by Women's World Champion, Katka Svagrova, I was able to cast my rig far enough to get in the zone of the nice little brown trout that gulped down my 'Blue Ninja' nymph. Many thanks to Greg for getting me on target, it was a nice way to wrap up the weekend.

PS. Thanks to Greg for advising, and I can definitely confirm, that Veterans can get a NSW National Parks Annual Pass for free simply by showing your Veteran's card (white or gold) at the Pass Office in Jindabyne. Not sure how to do it online, but Greg and I can confirm it can definitely be done in person.

(Editor: all the stuff about Veterans and Kossie pass explained here <https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/national-park-passes-for-defence-veterans/>)

Luke and Hector

The 2026 fishing trip to Jindabyne was a great success for Hector, which culminated in his first brown trout caught on fly. *(Editor – see cover photo)*

Meeting new club members who were friendly and helpful was also a highlight of the trip. With a special thank you to Owen for guiding Hector up the beautiful Thredbo river on Saturday where he landed his first trout at the last pool of the day. Three others were hooked, but not landed, in a special day to remember.

The CSIRO ski lodge facilities were comfortable and well appointed and dinner at Jindabyne Brewery was a tasty affair of tortillas with a solid ginger beer and, according to his father, a pretty good pint as well.

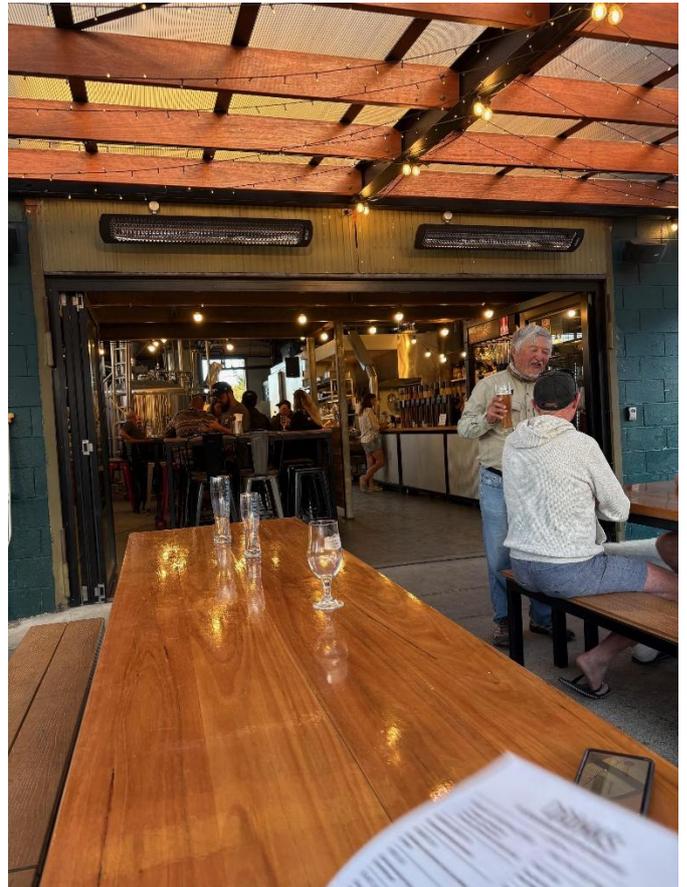
Sunday was a trek up past the Gaden Hatchery to, again, fish the Thredbo river. Hector hooked one rainbow but didn't manage to land it. There were also a few inquisitive follows from decent browns on lures.

Thanks to CAA and Bill for organising this weekend.

Mika and Aru (and a bit of Google Translate 😊)

14/2/2026 I left Canberra around 2:00 and arrived in Jindabyne around 4:00. I contacted Bill and drove to the camping ground on the Thredbo River in his car. There, I was very excited to see trout jumping out of the water to eat insects. It was my second time fly fishing, so I wasn't very good, but my mentor Bill taught me many tricks, and it was a lot of fun fishing in the great outdoors.

(Editor: some photos from Mika next)



Dinner at the Jindabyne Brewery was delicious, and we all talked about fishing. I learned a lot. I especially enjoyed talking with Hector, who told me he'd caught a trout by his fly. I thought to myself, "Wow, Hector caught a trout even though my fly hadn't caught anything." On the second day, I went to the same camping ground on the Thredbo River with Bill at 9:30 in the morning, where we had been the day before. There were some nice-sized trout there, but I wasn't able to catch any. However, it was an unforgettable day for me. I want to go trout fishing on my next trip.

Bob

(Editor. Bob has transcribed an interview by Oota Ink, a perhaps imaginary journalist from The Sticky Fly journal – labelled as STF for some reason – whereas Bob is labelled here by his nickname Two Sticks ie TS). It was a fun way to read about his weekend, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did).

Readers please note,

Translation assistance. Oota / oot o' means out of. Wee means small. Yer means you or even your. Ah'm means I am. Aye means yes. Me sell means myself. Canna say means can't say.



The Sticky Fly Broadsheet,

(Apologies to Fulling Mill and the use of their Two Tone Brushy Black & Purple Brush Fly)

Apologies to the reader for any errors in translation, poor spelling, typos, worse grammar and words inside out and back to front, they are the ownership of the journalist. Oota Ink.

*Today's 8 minute, minus 3, feature article is a Q & A between Two Sticks from the Canberra Anglers Association and Oota Ink the Journalist from **The Sticky Fly**. Not to be confused with the sticky yellow fly paper used in Australia to manage pests*

Today's headline...Two Sticks Got Nowt, but what a time was had mind.

*Legendary fly fishing journalist oota Aran, Duncan Ah'm oot o' ink, an occasional writer for that not oft seen publication **The Sticky Fly**, was in the Eucumbene and Thredbo region this past weekend and managed to catch up with the club's passionate perpetual novice, Two Sticks.*

STF. *Well Two Sticks how did yer find the weekend mind?*

TS. *Well, Oot o'ink. It was a grand time, so it was, grand accommodation, grand locations, eight grand folks to interact with, some grand new (young) talent and some grand elders, such as Owen Gift a Rod. Aye grand it was.*

STF. *Aye well Two Sticks how did the weekend progress for you?*

TS. Well, Oot o'ink, I am glad you asked. (a nice wee silence followed, while TS slurped Yorkshire tea and Oota ink imbibed something a wee tad stronger) Nowt further from Two Sticks.

STF. Aye well, and...?

TS. Ah yes well, Day One was a visit to Buckenderra and its 8 km lake frontage, with several wee bays offering up wee sport fish, air combat rainbows and big browns. Just not while I was there.

STF. Aye well, a bonnie spot indeed I have been there a few times me sell mind, what did you catch?

TS. Nowt but a big view and wind in my face. Then it was off to that old favourite... Middlingbank, very low again perhaps another 100ml less than the week before.

STF. Aye well, a favourite for some, I prefer the challenges of Frying Pan, what did you catch?

TS. Nowt but a big view and a mud bog. Then late afternoon I was up at Hatchery Bay, in a previous life, well 2 years ago now, I caught some lovely 45mm plus beasties.

STF. Aye well, a not a favourite of mine like! I still prefer the challenges of Frying Pan, what did you catch Two Sticks?

TS. Nowt but a big view and a lot of wee green and yellow hoppers stuck in the Jeeps grill, one fluttering wing looked just like the classic Snowies hopper I purchased from the team at High Country earlier in the day. I moved around the bay in three stages, chased by the wind.

I arrived at the lodge and was greeted by Lachy, a club stalwart, affectionately known as the 'Nymph Whisperer', he has a bag load o goodies and tricks and skills he's just happy to share.



Then through the course of the evening, I got to meet or meet up with again, Owen, Red Baron, Blinky Bill, Proud Dad and Son wonderkid, the lad is bound to be a future Aussie casting and comp champ if not next year then likely the one after or the one after that, quite the talent.

STF. (stifling a yawn) By then all were ready for bed and thoughts on what Saturday would bring.

TS. Anticipation mostly, on Saturday morning after the usual gentleman's start to the day, I toddled off to Creel Bay with club Mentor, Binky Bill. On the way down he showed me the pumping station and the bay that in previous years threw him a few largish fish.



Bills Bay

Creel Bay itself Oot o'ink, was several bays. Blinky went right and I went left into several fields of edging weeds, by bay 5 I was nearly weed free and had some lovely casts, not a fish in sight mind. Just a breath of wind causing tiny ruts for the damsels to crest on over during the repeated fly past.



Two Sticks Catching a scene with less weeds at Creel Bay

STF. Aye well, I canna say I've ever been down that wee bay meself mind. What did you catch?

b. Nowt but a big view and 3 patterns kindly left in the weeds by others and a purple tassie devil left in the mud like treasure, pretty sure that ended up with proud dad.

STF. Aye well, then what? (hiding another slurp of the amber behind his notebook, not yet opened and not a pen in sight).

TS. Well then Oot o'ink, it was a case of a squawk on the radio and the words from Blinky Bill, *'I am back at the vehicle'* goodness me, it is possible to sprint with two gammy legs, two sticks and bereft of balance and of course breath, by the time I got there!!

STF. Aye well, then what did you catch?

TS. Well Oot o'ink I caught my breath of course, a very necessary catch of the day. We then did a U turn as Blinky Bill had a desire to target the Thredbo River, we aimed for Thredbo Diggings and found them.

STF. Aye well that is a bonnie spot I have been there on several occasions. What did you catch then?

TS. Well Oot o'ink, Blinky Bill had slow bolted along the track to the bridge over the creek where he entered the water and went hunting. I caught a conversation with a young lad from Devon here on a three-month work visa (building industry) no work, heading back Monday to Devon. Nearly rigged up, I then caught a conversation with one of three constables in 2 vehicles (assisting with a bike race) I got to thinking they were talking to someone else, when they discussed skill and patience, but realised it was me the conversation was with, when they converged on AGE.

STF. Aye well after all the polite speak like. What did you catch then?

TS. Well Oot o'ink, nearly Nowt, yes, I caught the big view and after a very long forced march on a narrow track, not designed for walking poles I stomped and rattled, (snake deterrent) through the flexing tussock and fields of tall yellow. I caught a woman unawares, she was hidden by and sitting on a very big rock, drawing. I had stopped to catch both my breath and balance. I apologised for invading her space and asked if I could use the flat green ledge near her as it was the first chance to gain access to the water.

I say, Oot o'ink, if you have any pull with the park folk, please ask them to consider us folk with mobility issues, old age, breathing issues and those among us who are obese and ask them to cut tracks down to the water. More than one would be great.

STF. Aye well I might give that due consideration (probably just before he forgets the conversation) then what did you catch?

TS. Well Oot o'ink, I caught the opportunity to work on my casting, distance and placement. Lots of deep pools under the banks, a trout haven. That was of course an assumption on my part mind, as I did not see one. I cast into the wee rapids and let it take the line (back on hoppers) then drift into the bank, worked a treat, no trout mind. By the 9th or tenth time improving this skill set, in the middle of the river were two decent sized rocks and then one after the other two large fish poked up their heads, behind those rocks, then they did it again closer to the rocks.

Well Oot o'ink, I worked out a strategy to cast between those rocks and have one eat my hopper. After the third cast, straighter and longer, it worked a treat. One of the big wee beasties latched onto the wee hopper and grabbed it TO GO... and it did and my rod parted into three and followed it and I followed the three pieces of rod, water was wet and cold.

STF. *Aye well then, I what did you next catch?*

TS. *Well Oot o'ink that would have been my breath, again, then I caught even more breath and made my way back to the vehicle, ate lunch and dried out, after a suitable pause in proceedings I called Blinky Bill and advised I was toddling off to Hatchery Bay to beat the wind around it's three fishable sides.*

STF. *Aye well what did you catch then*

TS. *Well Oot o'ink I caught a big view and Nowt Else. Terrestrials abounded, yet I failed really to describe all except the wee blue damsels, the wee green and yellow hoppers, not so many hoppers but plenty of blue grey shaped triangles, pyramids even in 3D. I had some lovely short casts and a few long ones that were nearly lovely, using a six-weight rod and line and a wee yellow Wulff pattern. After that it was an evening of diverse conversation, great stories of past trips and watching Proud Dad seeing wonder lad talk about his big fish and learning from the Nymph Whisperer and Owens Gift.*

After the sharing of chores on the Sunday morning, Binky Bill was off to Diggings again with a newly arrived young'un; Red Baron and Nymph Whisperer went over the bridge and down the river, Proud Dad and the lad went somewhere I am sure, Owen Gift Giver was off to Frying Pan, and I headed off to Paddy's Corner.

STF. *Aye well and what did you catch there?*

TS. *well Oot o'ink I caught a big view and the sight of 8 large wombat holes acting as the corner's sentinels. with the biggest hidden behind a large tussock. After casting to the middle, catching the drift, nowt to show for it, even changing flies I caught nowt. I then headed for Hatchery Bay, more open and a lot hotter.*

Two Sticks catching Paddy's corner





Two Sticks Catching Hatchery Bay

*Before you ask Oot o'ink, I caught **Nowt Else**.*

STF. *(Casting around for the hip flask of amber stuff and finding it empty,) Aye well Two Sticks, do you have a favourite knot?*

TS. *Yes Oot o'ink, the one that stays attached to the pattern!*

STF. *Aye well, very droll, what*

about a favourite pattern?

TS. *Well Oot o'ink that would be the one on any occasion that catches the wee beastie (of any size mind)! On those rare occasions that my casting, my knots and pattern selection align, and the trout has its eyes closed and its mouth open. Otherwise, I would catch nowt all the time.*

STF. *Aye well, what was the trip highlight?*

TS. *Well Oot o'ink, attending was the highlight and all it offered. Socialising, learning from others, practicing casts and putting into practice a few things to do with streamcraft and insects etc. Some of the Nymph Whispers wonders did register.*

STF. *What was the trip low light?*

TS. *Well Oot o'ink the award goes to the two idiots on a Hobie in Creel Bay with spinning rods churning up my casting arc 4 feet distance away, not even the hint of a greeting.*

STF. *(Trying to find a pen, open the book and hunt the hip flask). Aye well Two Sticks, that brings us to a close, my thanks for sharing your time, trip insights and experiences.*

TS. *You are very welcome, Oot o'ink, far better doing this than creating a trip report for Blinky Bill. When is the story likely to go to print?*

STF. *Aye well, if I canna find the pen and open the notebook and move past the lovely amber fumes, I am likely to have **nowt done** by the **twelfth of never** and **nowt** to show for it.*

TS. *Hmm right, **Nowt then, nor Nowt else!***

Seen on our CAA Whatsapp

If you aren't on the CAA Whatsapp channel you might want to join and see this stuff in real time – show off your catches in the midst of a club event even. Ask Claude.

From Ian (Gooch) on the Thredbo near ski tube:

Fished the Thredbo yesterday, downstream from snow train bridge. Water temp was up but not too bad. Fish were manly in the rapids. Several nice browns netted and one rainbow. Spotted a monster brown in a large pool was unable to entice a take but going back today for another go at him.



Forgive the quality – screenshot from up-loaded video



When I asked about the rainbow and remarked about the paucity of rainbows in the system recently:

About 30cm and solid, did see a few smaller ones rising, but definitely more browns in the river.

Then the next day:



Got the big fellow's mate. This one rushed in and stole the green stone lava nymph from him.

From Greg S

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

Greg S

A clever trout and an unlucky dragonfly <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1638729553804386>

Benefits of bleeding flathead for the table

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1441339494052356&set=a.239174684268849>

Latest news on the carp virus – explains the delay in decision making

<https://www.facebook.com/ABCBrokenHill/photos/still-a-way-to-go-for-carp-additional-research-on-whether-to-release-the-carp-vi/1424687489317924/>

(Editor: there's been quite a flurry on social media about this. It is somewhat 'old news', but it is the first I've head of the 2028 date for formal consideration. There has also been a rebound from commercial carp fishers <https://apple.news/AXcvFub9BSBWH89b1oPfAWw>)

Marlin on Eden Wharf, apparently a black marlin of about 10 foot long

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1481814303305380&set=pcb.1481814346638709>

Filleting carp <https://www.facebook.com/reel/2087420355413598>

Stuff in my In Box



From Ryan in my Instagram feed. My comment to him was "I hope they stay where they belong, down the coast".

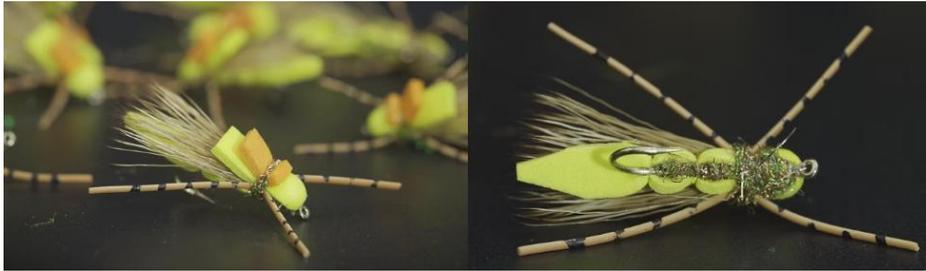
From DPIRD Fisheries “a still from a monitoring camera set up showing work has started on the new Snowy Hydro-funded “Gaden 2.0” project. This new hatchery infrastructure will be completed by 30 June. Further updates to come.”



From Peter (“not for Green book please”). 65cm 8 lb carp caught on black jig fly at Lake Tuggeranong 2040Hrs tonight. Was a big battle and he took a lot of line and burnt my pinky”)



Fly Tying – Foam Hopper Pattern – GFA Hopper - Wednesday 25 Feb

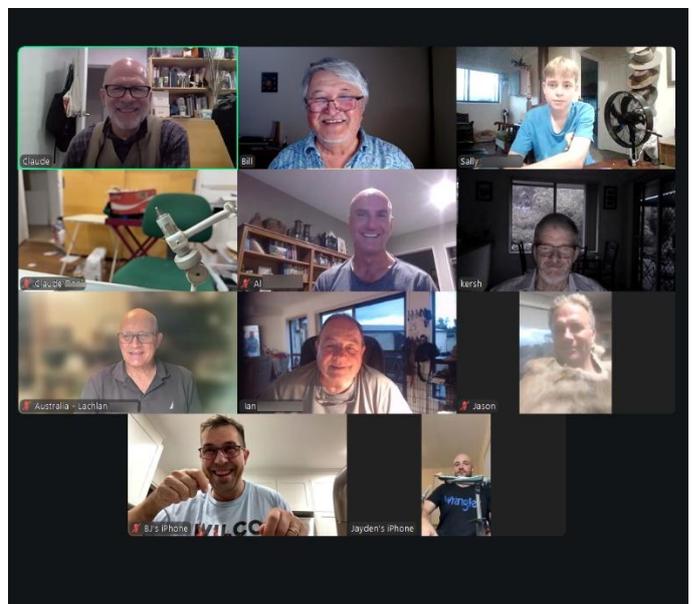
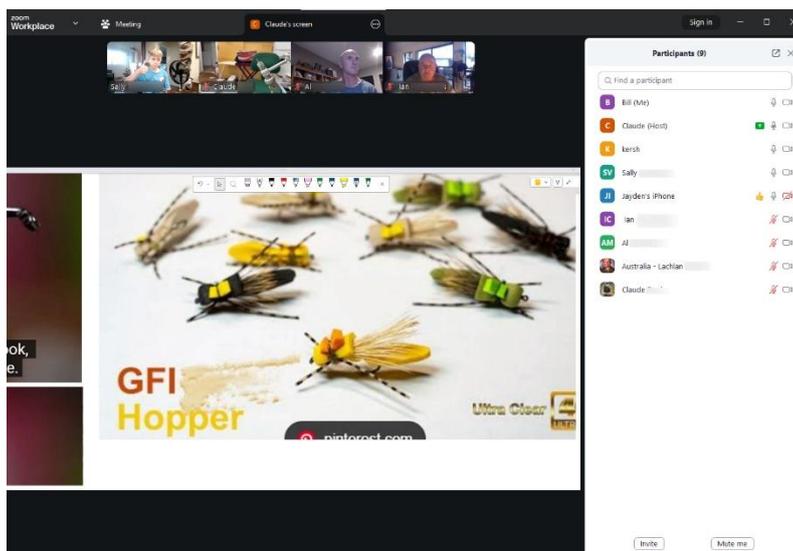


Claude kindly stepped in to lead the team with John called away – instructions are here:

[https://canberra-](https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/gfa-foam-hopper-wednesday-25-feb-2026/)

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Big roll up including from AI currently back from Europe at home in NZ. Some images from the night of the marvellous constructions below.



Jason wearing his giant deer hair 'patch'



Claude



Claude



Lachy



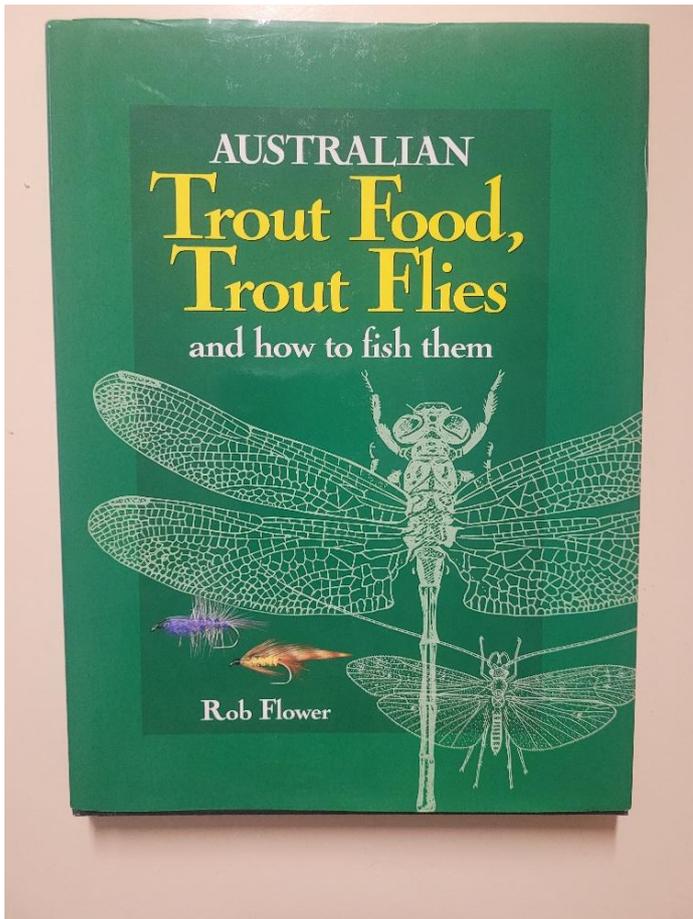
New member – Ian (Gooch)



Jayden "Usually works to about a 3mm tungsten bead nymph as well"



Claude with a different coloured variant



Anyone Interested in Acquiring This Book

Past member Alan L has donated this book. If anyone interested, perhaps an appropriate donation to the club.

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.

[Changes Afoot in Monaro Acclimatisation Society](#)

Similar to recent changes in the membership model for NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers, now individuals can join MAS without joining a branch.

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.

MAS encouraging catch and release

Signposts on the lower Monaro.

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.

The council has approved a new constitution changing the entire membership model including the idea of individual (voting) membership – more will be advised soon.

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>

These seem to be quarterly or so – no new one since December edition.

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

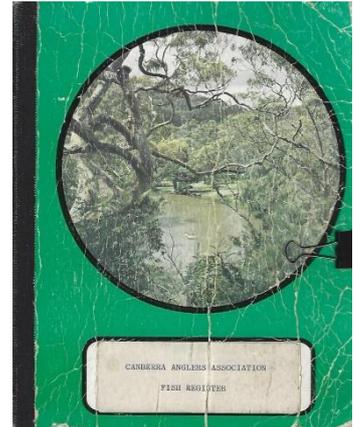
our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest to members, please email *Burley Line*.

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 later this year	Applications for Buckenderra's 2025 Trout Challenge came and went in a flash. If you are interested for this year 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	Club trip to Black Lake 16 Aug 2025
Paul	Rainbow jack	51cm	Fly	Club trip to 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
Paul	Brown	57cm	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
Tom	Flathead	56cm	?	Coast Trip 21 Nov
Paul	Murray Cod	67cm	?	?
Aru	Carp	Estimated from photo scaled against lipgrip 55 cm	Bait	Lake Burley Griffin 10 Dec
Aru	Carp	59 cm	Bait	Lake Burley Griffin 18 Jan 2026 – Club Carp Event
Peter	Carp	68 cm (not for Green Book)	Fly	Lake Lake Tuggeranong 18 Feb

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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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