

THE BURLEY LINE



Paul in NZ – “just shy of 10lb”



From the Editor's Desk

No club event for March – cancelled as Claude was available to lead (and no-one volunteered to take it on?). Instead we have some personal reports – an extensive one from some 'usual suspects', one from a regular contributor of other snippets and one from a keen junior member.

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

As always – some interesting links from Greg S as well as a report on his recent trip to the coast. A fabulous report from Hector on his Canberra Day trip – since catching his first trout on fly at Jindabyne he's really gotten into the swing of things.

Our web home page has references to the new individual membership for NSWCFCA and MAS.

I'm going to use that uncomfortable 'v' word I'm feeling a little vulnerable here – hmm, not that 'v' word, I need a volunteer. At this moment I'm a single point of failure for a number of 'perhaps a little technical, but not that scary' roles:

- I have Ryan as a backup for admin of the Facebook page. Rod and Xenii are too. We're cool there.
- Membership Officer is hardly a challenge if you can edit an Excel spreadsheet – I'm sure we can find someone to act as backup for that.
- Newsletter Editor is again hardly a challenge if you can use Microsoft Word (or any word processor) – I'm not that worried here,

but ...

- I'm also the webmaster/email manager/blogmaster ... this is just a small step up in skillset.

Anyone prepared to put their hands up to be assistant/apprentice for the final role? I have documented the job in a set of operating procedures, you need just a little boldness.

- Our blog and much of the web (and increasingly so) are constructed in an industry standard (ie well documented with how-to on Youtube/Google) content management system called Wordpress.
- Our email/shared drive system is provided on a package called Google Workspaces – again a well documented industry standard.

Come on folks – there isn't that much time involved, especially if we can spread the load, and it is a lot of fun.

Coming Events

Meeting: 8th April 2026. As usual 7:30PM at Raiders Weston. Join us for dinner at 6:00 or 6:30? More information in due course.

22 Apr. Fly Tying – Perdigon, Sunken Ant, Euro Leaders with Lachy.

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

Down the Coast With Family

Greg S

Just home from 5 lovely nights at Big 4 Easts Caravan Park at Batemans Bay on the North side of the Clyde river. Lovely riverside cabin accommodating 8 if needed – 2 double beds and 2 ensuites and 4 bunks for kids too. Even had 3 swims in the pool there



Spent time fishing straight out the front of the cabin in the Clyde River got in total 3 legal bream about 30cm including one on my birthday which was great and another for my sister's birthday. Also caught undersized Tailor, Sand Whiting and Flathead and a few small bream.

Was there with 2 of my sisters and their husbands to mark my 66th Birthday

One of the neighbours seemed to be fishing the low tide where we fished in the morning and at high tide. The neighbour caught a small hammerhead shark which they released.

It was my first holiday down the coast of NSW for about 10 years or more but well worth it.

Canberra Day Weekend in the Snowies

Hector

On Sunday Dad, my mate, his dad, and I drove into the Snowies for a bit of fly fishing and to try our luck at some brook trout. Our first stop was a section of the Eucumbene River. The forecast was lovely, no wind and overcast. The scenery and river were beautiful each run looked promising to hold a decent brown or rainbow, after a lovely day on the water my mate finally hooked on to a nice brown trout towards the end of the day. He then let me fish the rest of the pool where I hooked on to a PB brown the next cast, after that brown dad wanted a turn in that pool his first cast got him a hit but his hookset was a bit delayed his next three casts all had hits, but he wasn't able to pin them. After fishing the rest of the river, with no more fish, we headed to our camp site for the night, set up tent and headed out to a local creek. The fishing there was insane with fish willing to take any dry fly from a caddis to a hopper, to a mayfly. You had to be quick with your strikes and always paying attention to your fly. We all caught two rainbow trout



and went to the camp site with smiles on our faces. That night we had a rough sleep with the wind blowing strong. At four in the morning the tent my mate and I was sharing blew over in the wind, so we rushed into the hut for shelter. It was the best thing to see and hear when we woke up that morning to a perfectly still, bright sunny day.

Our plan was to head further downstream of the river we fished yesterday. It was a bit of a hike to get to the spot which gave us high hopes that this area of the stream did not see many anglers every year.

It was a lovely looking piece of water something you would see in Tasmania. My friend was up first and as he got all his gear ready, I snuck downstream to cast in a little pool. The first cast a fish came and nibbled at the hackle of my fly three times. The second cast as soon as the fly hit the water it disappeared just like the fish had expected the fly to land there. I brought it into the net and shouted, "I got a fish". At first, I thought it was a little rainbow but as my mate's dad looked, he recognized it was a brookie. First pool, second cast and my first brook trout. It was going to be a good day. The rest of the day was stupidly good. We ran the day that if someone caught a fish another person would go in. Almost every pool we would hook 2-3 fish in. We ended up losing track of how many fish we caught, that's how good the fishing was. One of the funniest bits of the trip was dad catching his first brookie, we had fished that run and caught two plump rainbows out of it we walked through that run, kicking up silt and splashing towards the next pool to watch my mate's dad fish. My dad stayed behind to do a bit of practice casting and as he practiced, he hooked onto a little brook trout, we rushed over and helped him get a victory pic and put the fish back. From that moment onwards we always made sure to check the pool someone just fished but it never worked. I ended up with three brookies for that day and dad

with one, the best thing about that though is they were all babies, and because they don't stock them any more means they were last season's spawn which means brook trout look like they might have a bright future ahead of them. All in all, it was an amazing trip with great people, amazing fish, and lovely scenery.



(Editor: sorry to disappoint Hector, but the manager at Gaden told me "Last of the Brook Trout Fingerlings went out on the 2nd of February. 1,000 as it was an excess we had so I would be 90% sure this would be one of them.")

Nathan at the 11 Feb Meeting

What an informative night we had with Nathan. Shared with us all the good advice on Murray Cod on fly – so much innovation going on in that arena. From longer, slower rods to shooting heads and giant, light flies. Nathan has been adapting US techniques aimed at muskies, but taking into account the very different behaviours of our cod. Reference was made of the observation of fish via the new livescope sonars – showing how the fish reacts to different fly designs and retrieves.

Nathan has been good enough to volunteer to run tying (of cod flies) in our July session lieu of Xenii's surf candy.



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Designed on the basis that cod eat redfin

New Zealand trip report March, 2026

Paul

My brother Pat and I ventured across the ditch for an 18-day fishing trip. It was an epic trip with many fish seen, lost, missed and caught. It was memorable because of the quality of the fish that we caught and the immense effort we invested in getting them. We managed to complete 3, multi day, backpacking/camping adventures way into the NZ backcountry and got to experience

some of most quintessential New Zealand fly fishing.



We pushed each other to our physical and mental limits and dipped below the misery line on several occasions making the successes taste ever so sweet.

Over the course of our trip, we only had one encounter with a fellow fisherman. I am sure this was the reason that we were successful. Every time we encountered secondhand water, we found fishing very tough. Whenever we fished waters that had no recent boot prints, we found trout that would rise freely to a dry fly on the first presentation. The best flies were large terrestrial patterns like cicadas and hoppers.



Occasionally, smaller dun patterns did the goods. We did have a few fish that did not respond to dries and we had to resort to nymphs. The best pattern was soft hackled caddis fished behind a small spit shot.



We caught many fantastic trout, but one fish stands head and shoulders above the rest. (*Editor: moved to be cover photo/photo of the month*)

It was caught high up in a headwater fishery. It was spotted by Pat. It is amazing that such a large trout can hide so well. It was lying at the head of a large pool up against some dark boulders in a shady patch. Only visible by the faintest greyish brown stripe. It refused my first presentation with a foam cicada. Whilst I was tying on my favourite fly, a chocolate dun, Pat informed me, "it just rose"! Talk about shaky fingers. The next cast was one that I will never forget. It was perfect. Slightly overpowered so that the fly bounced back a fraction and gently alighted and a meter in front of the fish with a little upstream mend in the tippet. Up, it came and

gently sipped the fly down. I was on, and what an epic battle it turned out to be. It wasn't until the fish made a massive jump that we both realized that the fish was extraordinary. Anxious moments getting it to the net and absolute elation when it found it. Just a smidge under 10 pounds. A lifetime fishing highlight.

The trip wasn't all Instagram shiny. There were multiple savage disappointments. Notably, missing numerous big fish on dry flies was perplexing and very frustrating. Getting caught in a giant swamp was a living nightmare. Slicing my hand whilst trying to catch the drone was silly. Long trudges with various aching bits all added color to the landscape.

In all, the trip's success was magnified by the unbelievable beauty of the landscapes that enveloped us.



Day One started like this.



And ended like this.

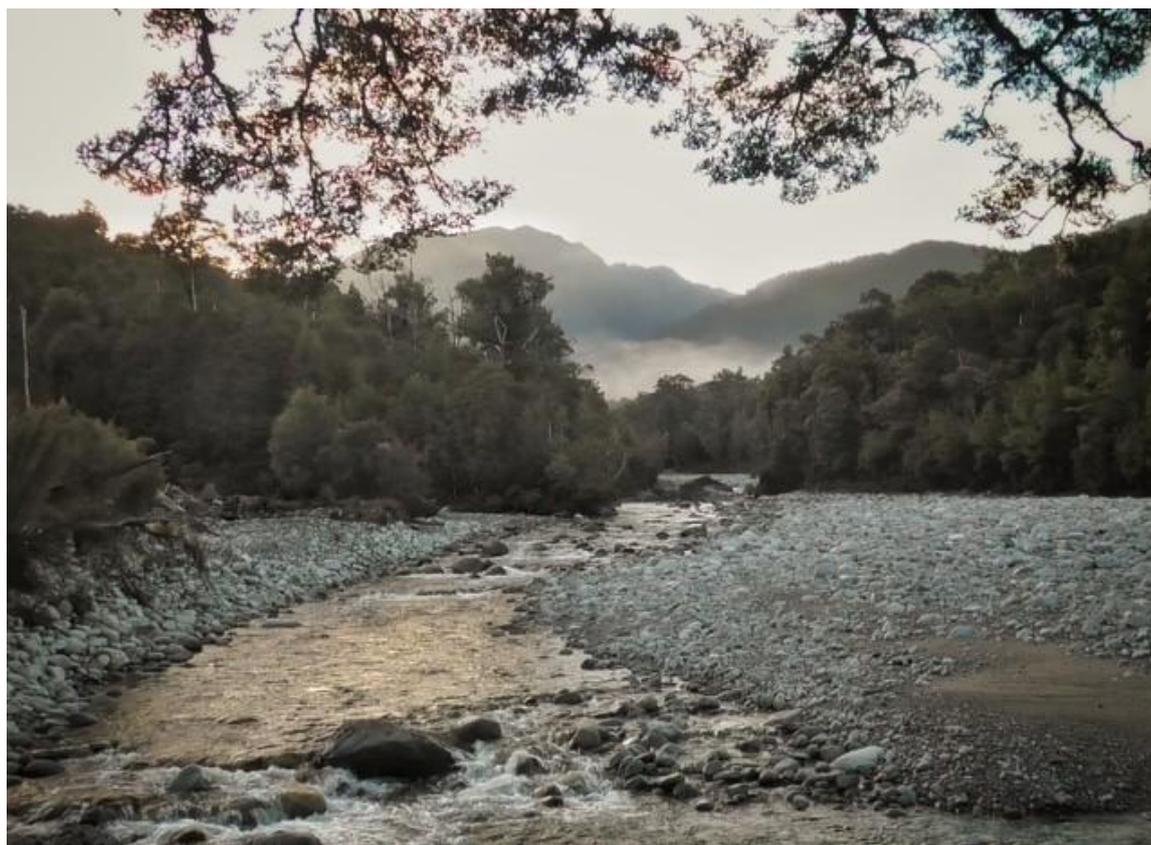


The weather in NZ is highly volatile. Pats tent is the 'urine' yellow one hiding behind the bushes

The west coast was beautiful but hard fishing



The view from the bedroom window



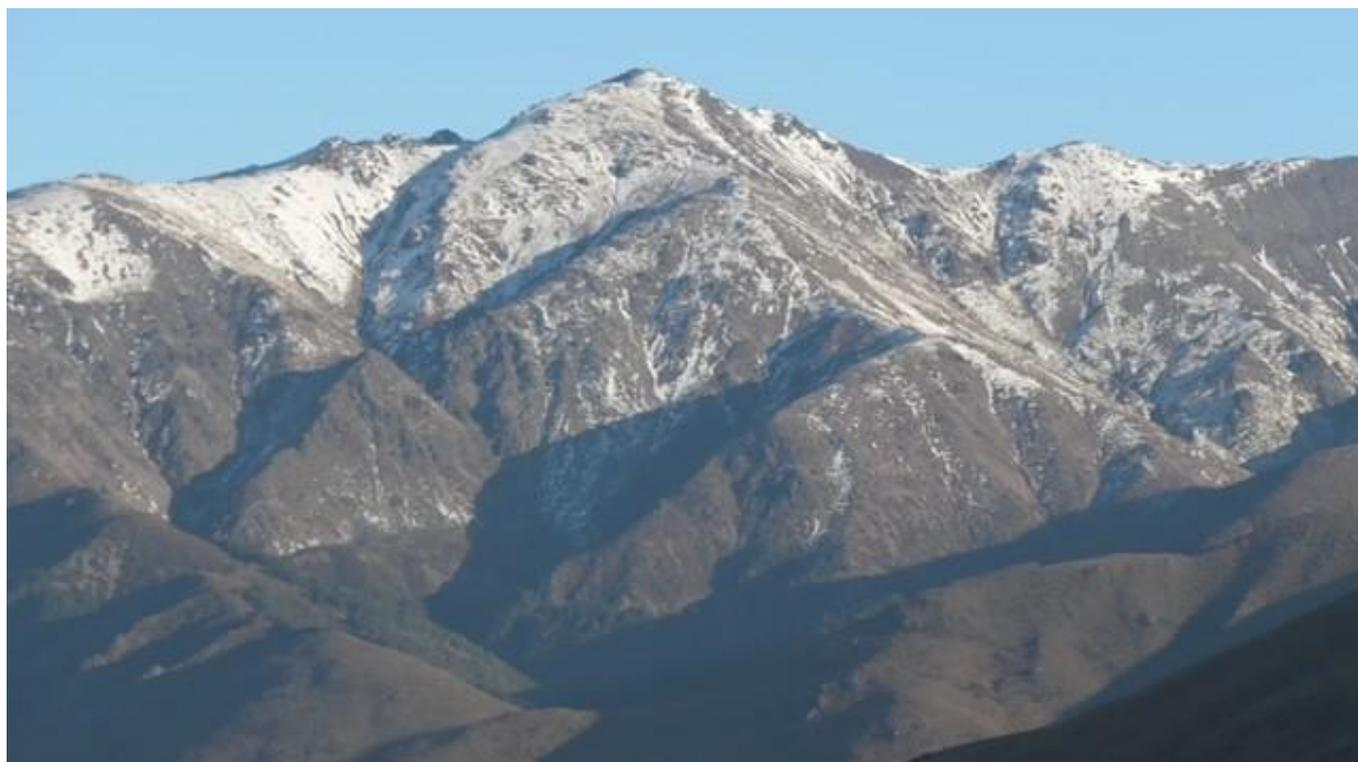
The accommodation was just right



The rewards were there



Some incredible scenery







Of course, the fish were the highlight











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.

Fabulous stuff has been reported by Paul, but here's a sneak peak at what was there from Claude also in NZ and may be reported on by him next month.



From Gooch: *Some nice loops at 3 Mike dam last weekend, shame the fish did not care!*

The Backstory to the Stocking Bans in the Monaro

There has been much spoken about the stocking bans in the Monaro – looking at the conversation on social media it appears many people have not actually explored the regulatory environment in which decisions were made. It should first be noted that National Parks and Wildlife Service are not involved in these bans. Current trout stockings, and the banned sites, are all outside Kosciuszko National Park. Herewith the ‘timeline’:

The trigger for all this was a declaration by the Federal government’s Threatened Species Scientific Committee that *Galaxias Terenusus* (Roundsnout Galaxias) are endangered in local waters.

That committee’s advice was to "Remove and control introduced salmonid predators in the catchment(s) where the roundsnout galaxias occurs and catchments where the species does not occur, but translocations could be established. Prevent any further introductions (incidental or illegal) of non-native fish species, including via stocking, into these catchment(s)." – very scary.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) - Fisheries then responded in accordance with the NSW Freshwater Fish Stocking Fishery Management Strategy (FMS) which requires "a ‘buffer zone’ of 5 km radius around most threatened species’ sightings, in which stocking cannot take place."

If you want to read the official documentation:

The Federal declaration of *G. Terenassus* as endangered is

http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicspecies.pl?taxon_id=87175

And specifically the conservation advice from the Federal authorities (Threatened Species Scientific Committee)

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/species/pubs/87175-conservation-advice-25032023.pdf>

The NSW Freshwater Stocking Fishery Management Strategy (FMS. Published 2005, currently under review)

https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/224291/NSW-Freshwater-Fish-Stocking-FMS-2005.pdf

Trout Temperature Tolerance

This all started with me thinking about whether, in the more than century living here, our trout might have evolved into a distinct species or subspecies ... that was shot down when I got to a paper explaining how two isolated groups of trout were genetically identical after being separated from since the Ice Ages.

I then thought to track down any studies into whether Australian trout might have greater temperature tolerance. I had heard stories that Dutton Trout Hatchery believed their rainbows coped better than expected. I chanced on two articles by Steve Dunn (ex-guide and ex-executive in NSW Fisheries – very knowledgeable guy who spoke to CAA a few years ago):

<https://theflyfisher.com.au/a/blog/post/getting-the-most-from-trout-stocking-part-1>

<https://theflyfisher.com.au/a/blog/post/getting-the-most-from-trout-stocking-part-2>

In particular references to observations made at the Pemberton trout hatchery in Western Australia seeing fish with higher temperature tolerance. Steve assisted me in identifying the seminal research conducted in 2004.

On advice from Pemberton, I contacted the Australian Trout Foundation who pointed me to Dr John Morrongiello of University of Melbourne. His advice to me was:

To the best of my knowledge there is nothing out there in the literature looking at the temperature tolerance of Australian trout beyond the WA study.

We've gone ahead and funded some related work ourselves. We've currently got a load of brown and rainbow trout tagged with internal temp loggers in the Ovens river between Bright and Porepunkah. We're finding that trout are regularly experiencing water temperatures over 25 degrees this summer. We've observed some mortality events (presumably due to heat stress), but we've also observed the remarkable capacity of our trout to live (and actively feed) in waters supposedly far too hot for them. Our current work doesn't formally test whether these trout have special thermal adaptations per se, but it does suggest a significant increase in the capacity of fish to deal with hot summers. Our fieldwork will continue to the end of April, after which we'll begin the analyses.

The 2004 published paper provided by John has been uploaded to our blog:

<https://canberra-anglers.asn.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Molonyetal2004-1.pdf>

Watch out, lots of statistics in this 'acronym rich environment' but the bottom line is:

- 516 days after hatching, the hatchery bred fish were heavier and longer than those hatched from 'wild' fish
- The hatchery fish had greater survival rate when challenged at 27C
- The researchers believe fish held in the hatchery brood stock were naturally selected to have higher temperature tolerance due to significant losses during high temperature conditions in the past.

Two other scientific papers John referred me to can be found here:

<https://journals.biologists.com/jeb/article/218/5/803/14656/Selection-for-upper-thermal-tolerance-in-rainbow> is quite a statistically heavy analysis of trials conducted at Pemberton in 2013, and

<https://academic.oup.com/conphys/article/10/1/coab101/6507814?login=false> again a bit techo (any fish scientist in my audience?), but the abstracts for these two papers give you the basic message. My reading is that they:

- validate the 2004 paper that the Pemberton fish are better suited than other rainbow strains in warmer water
- regardless, recognise that fish growth slows dramatically at sustained extreme temperatures (>25C) but at sustained 25C the Pemberton strain was still growing, significantly more than other strains in the research
- the temperature resilience of the Pemberton fish was similar to another isolated/climate challenged rainbow strain called the redband rainbow trout, "a subspecies of rainbow trout that successfully adapted to desert habitats after becoming geographically isolated from the Columbia River in Idaho and Oregon, USA."

So, where do we go from here?

There seems to be a case for the Uni of Melbourne to be able to bid for a Recreational Fishing Trust grant to continue their research – the RFNSW (Minister's Advisory Council) has been asked to look at this. The research doesn't explore how to make fish more resilient, rather to assess what the Australian conditions have done so far.

I've contacted DPIRD and learnt that they are aware of this research. I was advised they are in the early stages of exploring how to get involved in some type of collaboration – not just trout but other species too. My contact and I acknowledge that any change in temperature tolerance of trout is unlikely to exceed one or two degrees C – apologies to those members of CAA living north of the Tropic of Capricorn but you'll still have to come here to get your trout fix.

From Greg S

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

Greg S

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1457707382405712> Yes! It's a sand eel out and about in Merimbula Lake. From Wild Things of Mulligan's Flat Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/920327793706011> A 50 ton + school of salmon, to a 400 ton + school of salmon.

https://www.threads.com/@accuweather/post/DQpxH3_jb_X what is the collective noun for a group of dolphins – anyway, wouldn't describe this huge crowd.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/2763977220622469> mysterious sea creature.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/948486814363034> So weird looking. This species of Boar Fish, doesn't get much bigger.

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/thebigfish/the-big-fish/106439502> A bit on trout cod (bluenose) and Steve Peach on tips for fishing the Thredbo. Warning, it is 42 minutes.

(Editor: Greg found this and passed it on)

From Victorian Creeks and Rivers/ Friends of Deep Creek Facebook Page

DISPELLING MYTHS: Eucumbene River is not the primary inflow into Lake Eucumbene. To say that it is means Snowy River, once diverted through the Dividing Range, loses her identity. An engineer commented on our Page about this, saying "it's just water".

The 22.2km Eucumbene-Tumut Tunnel, diverts Snowy River via Tumut Pond Reservoir into Lake Eucumbene, Australia's largest man-made Lake (after Ord River Scheme). Lake has 4800 Gigalitre capacity (9 Sydney Harbours).

The reality is that 90% of Snowy River's diverted waters fill Lake Eucumbene. Snowy River then cascades down the mountain range "like a torrent down its bed", yet hidden from our eyesight in huge pipes. Also river theory would count Snowy tributaries as part of the Snowy River catchment, not as single rivers without hierarchy.

Particularly in drought years, the (diverted) Snowy River, 'Northern Branch' provides 30% of the Murray River flow.

Source: Snowy Hydro, Google.

Editor:

I responded to Greg as these thoughts actually play into a current drama related to the Murrumbidgee – including specific concerns over bluegreen algae:

This piece focuses on the Snowy River and excludes many other watercourses.

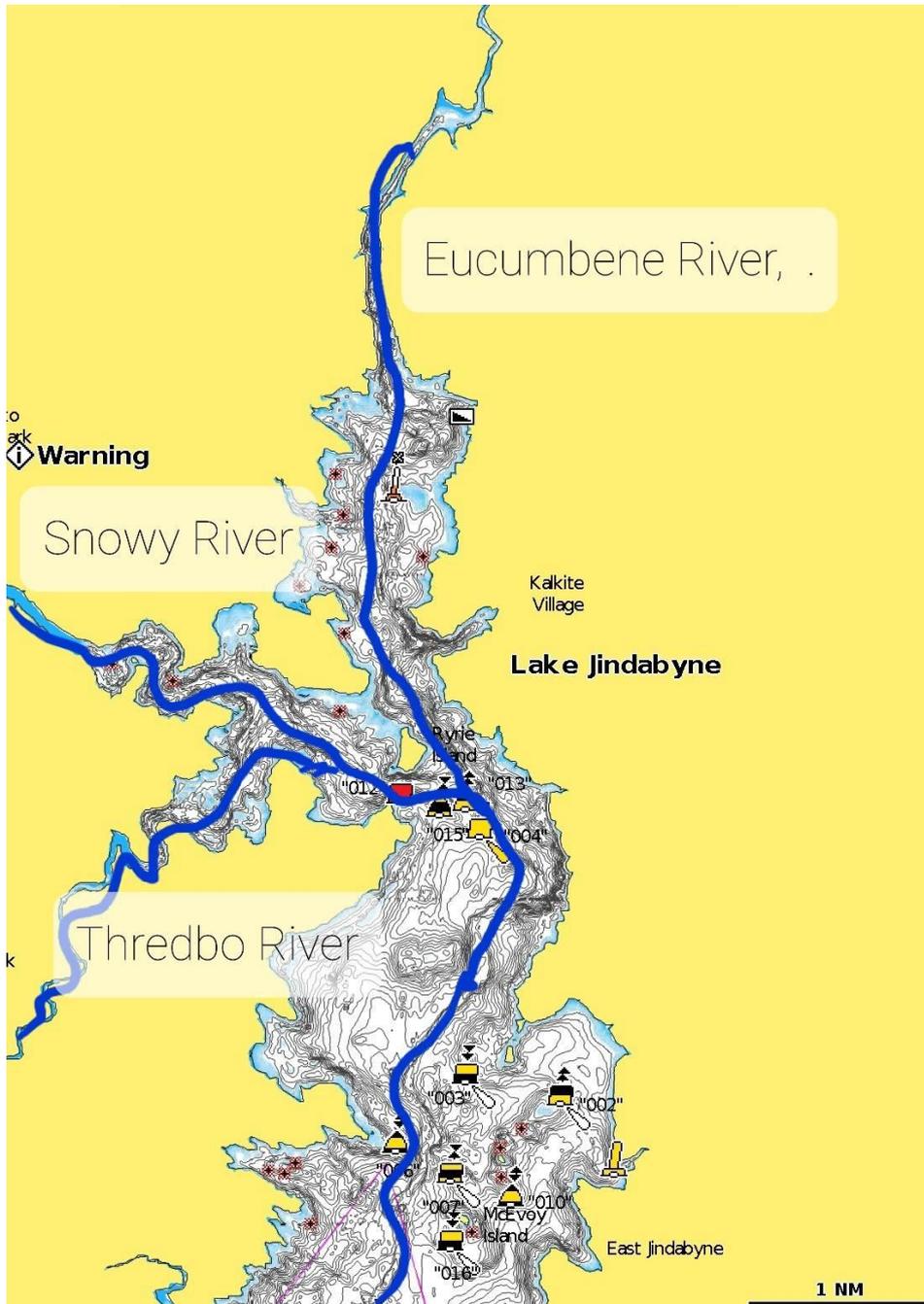
The Snowy, Thredbo, Gungahlin and Eucumbene (the portion below the dam) all contribute to fill Lake Jindabyne. Some of this water gets released into the lower Snowy to head to the sea. Some of Jindabyne is pumped into Eucumbene but it seems some might also be pumped into the Murray power stations via Geehi Dam. Finally, Eucumbene also receives water from the diverted headwaters of the Murrumbidgee tapped off by Tantangara dam through Providence Portal.

Much has been made of the Snowy being denied sufficient environmental below Jindabyne and some remediation has been taken. The other unremediated redirection of flow is the Murrumbidgee below Tantangara. This has become a significant/topical matter and a major review is currently being undertaken into the management of all rivers with headwaters in the

Snowy Mountains in the Snowy Water Inquiry Outcomes Implementation Deed (SWIOID) review. The SWIOID is a 2002 intergovernmental agreement that sets how much water is released from the Snowy Scheme to the Snowy, Murrumbidgee and montane rivers. A member of CAA (Guy) is participating in the review via his membership of the Monaro Acclimatisation Society. Some interesting reading on [‘The Forgotten River’ website](#).

Perhaps inspired by this, Greg found a fascinating Facebook post showing depth sounder mapping of Lake Jindabyne revealing the original route of the Snowy River.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1255161756794482>



Using Navionics boating navigation app, it is clear where Snowy River used to flow before Lake Jindabyne. You can see on the right, that there is a deeper river course in the Lake bed. I have drawn in river courses on left.

It is also clear to see where Thredbo and Eucumbene Rivers join Snowy River beneath the lake. Notice in the Lake bed how it shows Snowy River once taking a deep wide turn before heading South. I expect this points to a river flowing with a very strong force (during high flow and flood periods).

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/3869391816531132> Ever been confused whether you've caught a Tommy rough/ruff (also known as Australian herring) or an Australian salmon? Here's Fisheries Officer Ash explaining how to tell the difference.

A New Recipe

We haven't had any new recipes in [our club cook book](#) for a while. At a recent (unsuccessful) trip to Eucumbene by Mark, Peter, Jason and me, Jason produced for dessert his 'one egg chocolate cake', it was well received and I managed to get the secret recipe.

Ingredients

50 g butter	1 teaspoon baking powder
1 tablespoon golden syrup	Few drops of vanilla essence
1 egg	1 teaspoon of baking soda
½ cup sugar	¾ cup of milk
1 tablespoon cocoa	Optional – chocolate icing (you'll have to find your own recipe 😊)
1 cup plain flour	

Method

Melt butter and syrup in small saucepan.

Put melted ingredients into a bowl.

Add egg and sugar and beat well.

Sift cocoa, flour and baking powder together.

Fold sifted ingredients and vanilla into egg mixture.

Dissolve baking soda in milk.

Fold into egg mixture.

Pour mixture into two greased and lined 20 cm sponge sandwich tins.

Bake at 190C for 30 minutes or until cake springs back with lightly touched.

Leave in tin for 5 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack.

When cold, optionally ice with chocolate icing

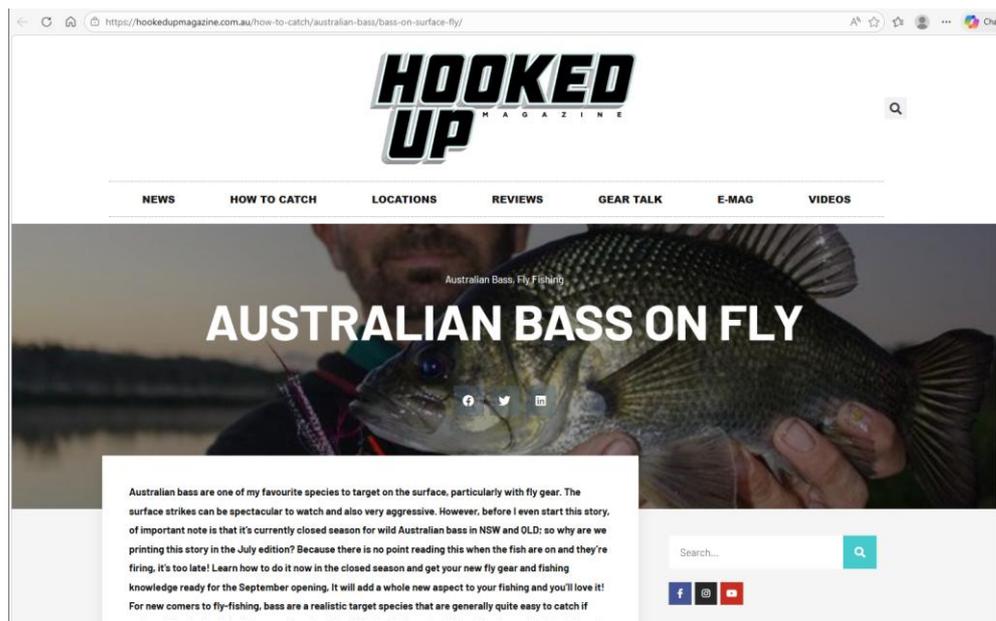
Stuff in my In Box



From Guy:

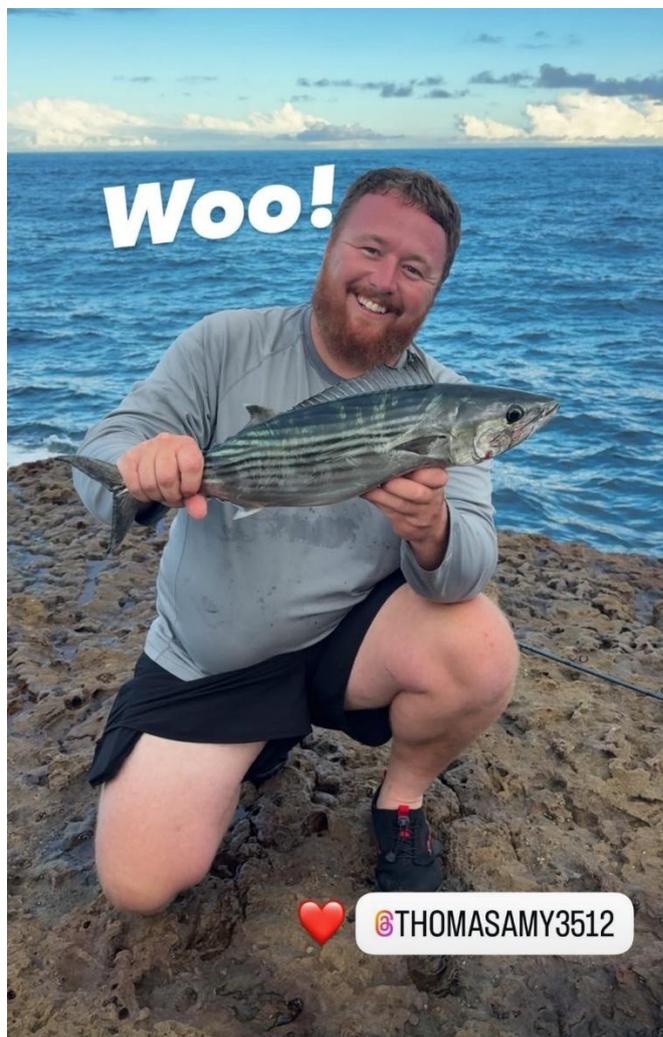
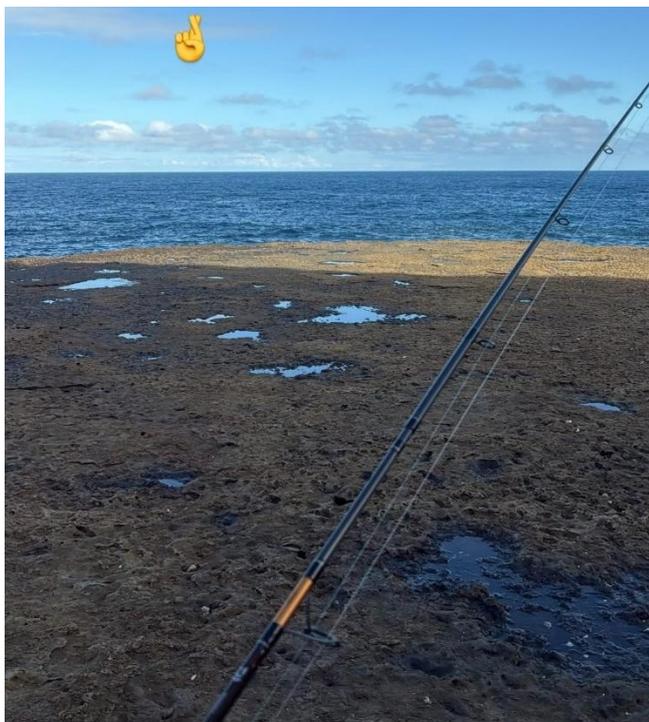
Wildcare asked me to help in capturing a water dragon with a lure in its mouth. Unsuccessful so far. But I found a friend. Location: next to the cafe above the pond in Queanbeyan.

A Victorian mate shared his club's newsletter and there was an excellent article on Australian Bass on fly. I tried to get permission to reproduce here, but no response to date. Anyway, you can read for yourself, and perhaps subscribe to the associated e-magazine.

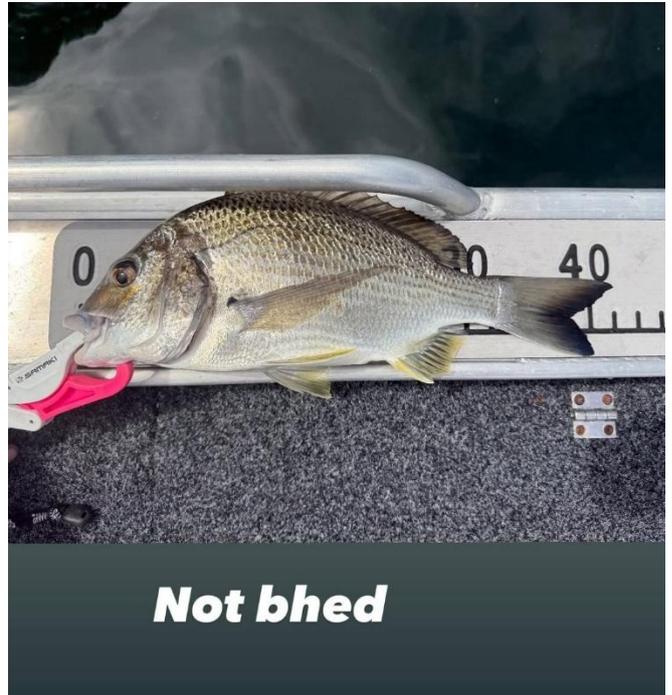


<https://hookedupmagazine.com.au/how-to-catch/australian-bass/bass-on-surface-fly/>

Ryan has been doing some rock fishing

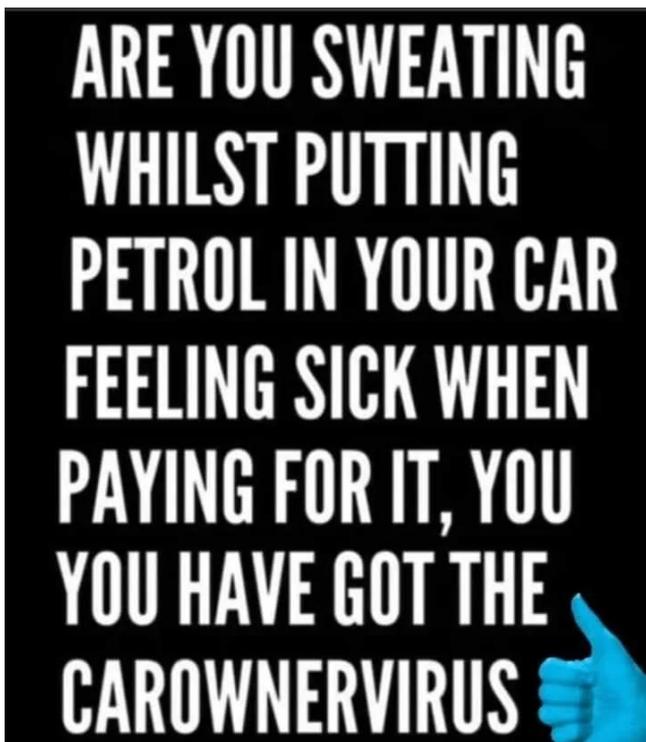


And also chasing those Sydney Harbour fish

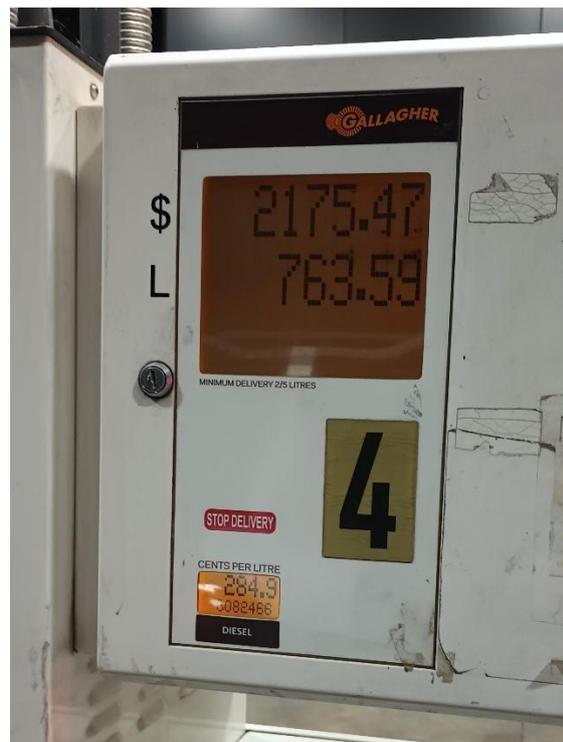




There's been concern over the number/size of fish in the Thredbo. Pat has shown there are still good ones there and now this... one of my friends asked for a recommendation of a guide on the Thredbo as a present for her son. Here is the result – Matt with a nice brown on the mid Thredbo.



Mark showed four of us a meme like this on a recent trip.



But Jason topped it with "I guess someone had a bigger tank than my Triton last night"

Fly Tying – 25 Mar – Mudeye

This was led by Joe from Illawarra Flyfishers.

Materials

size 6 streamer hook, Small black bead chain eyes, Antron black dubbing, Indian hen back feathers and Black deer belly hair

First to report in was Hector.

Hector

On Wednesday Joe held and taught eight of our members how to tie a mudeye fly. The evening was great and helpful with the fly easily to tie. Joe took us step by step to help us tie the best we could, the fly had four ingredients: deer or elk hair, black Antron dubbing, chain mail eyes, feathers, and a size ten hook. As we were tying Joe gave us tips and tricks to help you tie a perfect mudeye fly. One of the most important tips I learnt was to keep the fly looking natural. I'm sure everyone there learnt something new as well as how to tie an amazing fly.



Some more images courtesy of Xenii



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.

[Updated CAA Web Homepage](#)

References have been added to NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers and Monaro Acclimatisation Society offering individual membership.

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.

[Blue Algae in the Murrumbidgee](#)

Red Alert issued, also some interesting discussion on the cause in the [MAS post](#) related to this.

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.

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

March Edition of *Freshwater Fisher* has been released [here](#). Many key points have previously been on our Facebook and News especially those related to NSW CFA and MAS membership models and MAS activities. But if you are thinking about applying to be on the board of the new NSW Recreational Fishing peak body, there is lots of information there.

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 2025 edition.

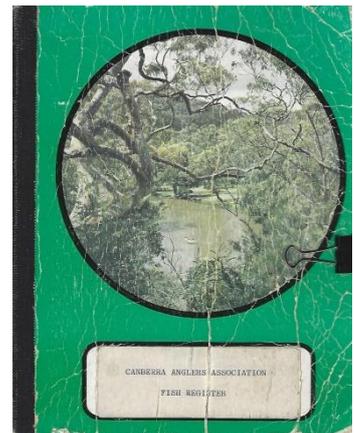
Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

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 Tuggeranong 18 Feb

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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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