

THE BURLEY LINE



The rivers are producing for Paul



From the Editor's Desk

Fair bit of news here. Stefan's Tumut trip postponed by a week, our trip to Buckenderra had limited success – maybe better success beckons with our next two trout trips, those tieflyers have been at it again this time with a dry fly – whoohoo, more Internet items of interest from Greg S and finally some images from two of our members jetting about and a full report from Greg W from when he was living in UK. The last item is in our 'Places to Visit' blog. If you haven't already explored the full extent of [our blog](#) please do. Contributions are always welcome, and it has been a while since our fishing trip chefs provided a new recipe for our cookbook segment.

Lachy and Neil, who recently volunteered as Delegates to NSWCFCA, are showing their energy with a report on the recent NSWCFCA mini-conference on 'the Future of Fishing'. Lots to think about here. Any thoughts can be passed to those two for carriage to the next General Meeting in May.

We've had a counter on our website for just short over 25 years – how time flies – and we've just passed 30,000 clicks ... I think a pretty impressive milestone.

Coming Events

Meeting: 9th April.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston – and maybe via Zoom if the demand is there (contact the President if Zoom is desired).

Fly Tying: 23rd April – Sunken Ant and Corn Fed Caddis.

7:30 via Zoom. Led by Lachy, more details via email.

Fly Tying: 28th May – Sex Dungeon.

Advanced warning announced on our [News blog](#). The tie has some exotic materials and Claude is assembling some packs for pre-purchase. Contact Claude for more info and order a pack.

Next Events

11th – 13th April. Possibly our favourite trip, to the Goodradigbee led by Ryan – more details was sent via email but bed space is limited to get in quickly. Cost has been clarified: *the two huts are \$70 each to book, and it is \$25 per person per night, the \$140 for the huts will be divided up amongst the attendees.*

May Trip to Tumut Postponed

Stefan has been forced to postpone the Tumut trip by one week. It is now Fri 23 to Sun 25 May. He has booked two rooms at the recently refurbished Tumut Valley Holiday Park (was the Blowering Park – out of town towards the dam but with a footpath down to some great fishing on the river). More details soon via email.

CAA Meeting Presentation 12 March

Greg W spoke about his two trips fishing in Scotland during his posting to UK. [The notes](#) are on our 'Places' page along with a link to the previous report he sent immediately after his first trip. Some familiar faces in the crowd, and Greg in a kilt!

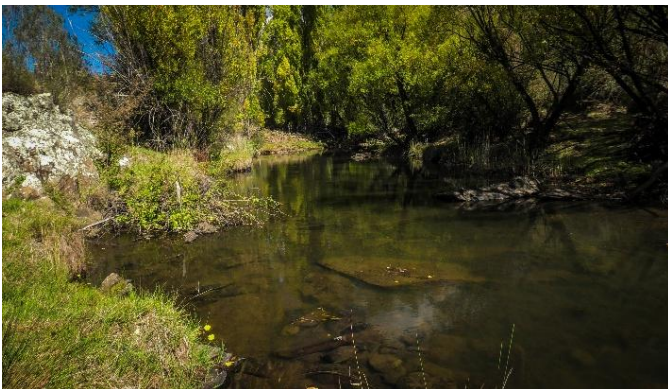
Buckenderra Trip 21-23 March

I was only available to attend Friday night (few rises and no fish caught unfortunately) but Bob, Claude, BJ and Paul were able to attend for other periods. Some excellent social conversations even if fishing was challenging.



Campsite from Paul's drone

I understand Claude captured a very pretty rainbow at Rushy's Bay, but no-one managed any at Buckenderra itself. Meanwhile Paul picked up some nice browns on a 'river somewhere' on a side visit.

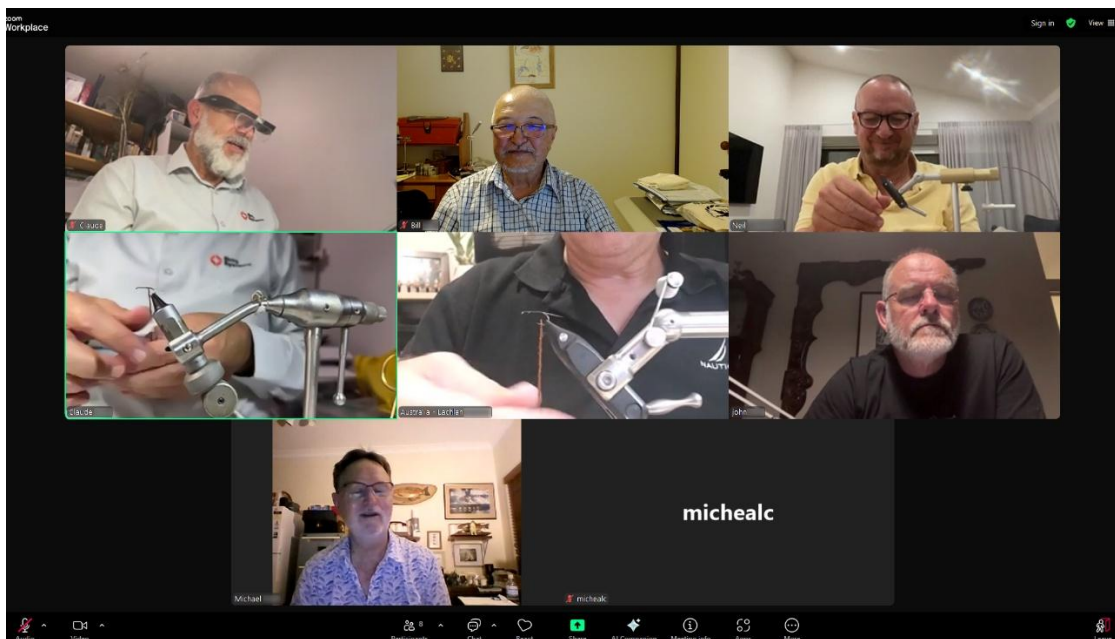




Fly Tying 26 March – Rusty Dun (CDC variant)



This was undertaken by Claude with notes on our [Fly Tying Blog](#).





Claude's initial tie following the pattern for the CDC variant - note the indicator



Claude – let's make the wing more visible



Lachy – original plus a post variant, huge hackle but it's what I had in hand, and no 3 with the pink post tied forward. Think I should be able to see that one



Neil

NSWCFA Mini-Conference – Sat 8 Mar

Lachy

The NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers (NSW CFA) held a mini-conference at the Gaden Trout Hatchery just outside of Jindabyne. CAA was well represented with Bill, Angie, Micheal, Bob, Greg W, Neil and Lachy in attendance.

Notes from the meeting follow, but the key highlight was a tour of the upgraded hatchery. Trout at least as long as your arm going into a frenzy over feed pellets was an angler's delight... and pure agony as many would have loved to cast a line in, but knew that you couldn't. That said, the advice from the site manager at Gaden that there is a plan to open up one of the ponds to 'pay to fish' is truly tempting. I dare say there would be a few club members who wouldn't mind paying a few bucks to try out their newly tied fly on a monster brown or rainbow.

NSW CFA – Gary Bickford (President) and Peter Gibson (Senior Vice President)

- *Discussed membership arrangements. Explained that CFA is a self-funded association of associations/clubs. Membership numbers are limited due to this framework as not all anglers wish to become members of clubs. This constrains the total number of anglers that NSW CFA can represent and lobby for at a political level.*
- *Explained the Victorian VR Fish membership framework which includes:*
 - *Subscribers – no cost and receives monthly e-newsletter. Over 55,000 subscribers.*
 - *Individual Members – no cost or \$25/year with voting rights. Just under 400 members.*
 - *Fishing Clubs and Associations – no cost with voting rights. 161 clubs currently registered.*
 - *Affiliate Organisations – no cost with voting rights. However, the organisation must have aligned and supporting purposes to those of VRFish and be a not-for-profit, charitable, research or public benevolent organisation. Currently 10 organisations registered.*
- *With a permanent staff of three (CEO, comms, admin), a good quality website and representing a significant number of people has enabled VR Fish to lobby effectively with the VIC Government and secure funding for various projects.*
- *NSW CFA has undertaken to investigate the VR Fish model with a view to potentially adopting something similar.*

Gaden Trout Hatchery – Mitchel Elkins

- *Gave an overview of the hatchery including history, current upgrades and capabilities and future plans, which include the possibility of a 'pay to fish' in a specific hatchery pond. He also spoke of environmental rehabilitation of waterways. A tour of the hatchery was then conducted.*
- *It was noted that there were numerous and sizeable Brook trout in the newer recirculation system tanks. Mitchel advised that the Brook trout are stocked into Three Mile Dam near Kiandra, Dry Dam near Cabramurra and into Lake Jindabyne.*

Upper Murrumbidgee River Rehabilitation Project – Antia Brademann and Michelle Janes

- *The ecological decline of the river has become more evident since 2019.*
- *This was highlighted during a virtual tour of the Murrumbidgee River from Tantangara Dam to Bredbo highlighting issues and actions taken or underway to remediate the waterway and associated riparian areas.*
- *More information available at <https://theforgottenriver.au/>*
- *Seeking assistance from local communities to assist with reporting of Redfin sighting via the Feral Scan website at <https://www.feralscan.org.au/feralfishscan/default.aspx>*

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation – Gary Bickford on behalf of Kris Cooling (absent)

Australian Trout Foundation – Paul Stolz

Monaro Acclimatisation Society – Kerry Pfeiffer

- *Essentially the above representatives presented an overview of their organisation's efforts to work collaboratively on riparian and in-stream habitat recovery. An emphasis on looking after the fishery (habitat) and the fish will largely look after themselves.*
- *Highlighting the ability for the coexistence of trout and other species if the habitat is in balance.*

Restoring Lost Fisheries – Luke Pearce

- *Focus on Trout Cod and Macquarie Perch.*
- *Note the name realignment from Trout Cod to Bluenose to avoid misunderstandings.*
- *Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) and Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA or colloq. Vic Fisheries) are seeking to be able to breed Macquarie Perch. Promising results thus far with the captive breeding program.*
- *Trout (not trout cod/bluenose) relocation was discussed, but it was heartening to note that Luke's tone regarding trout had mellowed from the Public Consultation meeting held at Queanbeyan on 16 Nov 23. There appears to be a greater acceptance that the two species can co-exist.*

From Greg S

Greg S

For those who haven't found it yet, here is a page on Lake Eucumbene. Has a fair bit of fly fishing stuff on it from what I see. Some old fisherman was selling a lot of flies the other day.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/184606088273151>

Other stuff:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-02-18/mussel-farm-infestation-marine-park-jervis-bay/104937396>

Other Stuff in my In-box

A kiwi mate from Gore (Barry Perkins of Fly Fish Mataura) has posted up some photos of someone we know – this member can be quite cagey about his successes in Australia, but caught here on social media! For OH&S folk, safety glasses off for photos only I daresay.

06:22

81%



Fly Fish Mataura

21m

Started the day on dry fly picking up a couple of nice fish before the wind got up and stopped everything rising. Spent most of the rest of the day nymphing. Great to catch up with Lyall, one of our long time Aussie friends.



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1 comment



The word from Ian in NZ with Lyall and bit extra besides was

Fishing and the weather have been mixed. We all caught fish in the first week but it's been much harder since then. The Mataura is up and the Waikaka is muddy. We fished yesterday afternoon and evening near the house after the rain but before the river coloured and caught zero. I only saw one rise. Haven't tried the Waikaia yet. Eating has been good, whisky supplies dwindling.



The island almost submerged



In better times

More recently

Fishing conditions are now wonderful and the fish are doing a great job of educating us. It's good to be here!

Someone we know has been fishing down the coast (escaping low/warm trout rivers?) Someone will correct me if necessary with species – salmon and bonito were on his list. Funny looking fly with that sambo – some kind of saltwater Euronymph fly Lachy, Paul?

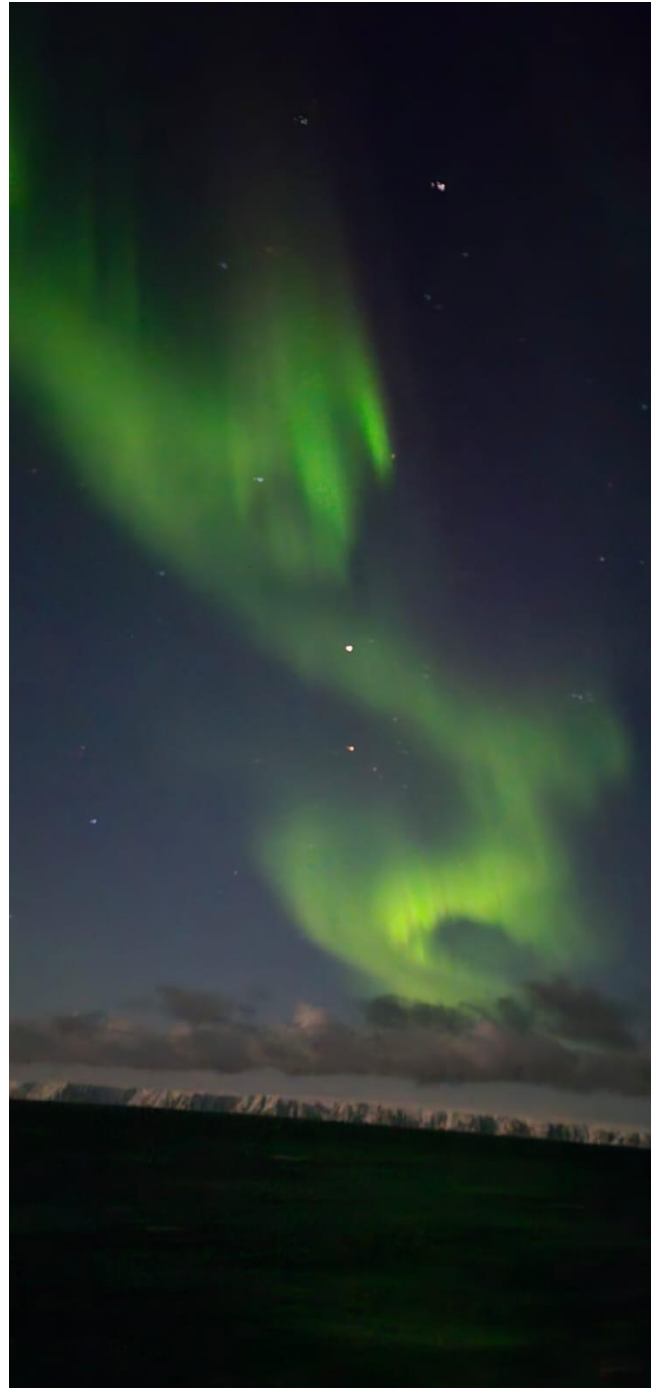




Our ever-travelling mate Owen is in northern climes and sent these:



First glimpse of the Northern Lights. Crossed the Arctic Circle this morning



Some lights active last night – leave the ship this morning at Kirkenes



King Crab

Travelled around 2km by Snow Track vehicle and sled to a crab hole in the ice, dressed in heavy suits and helmet at temps of -8C plus wind chill factor.

Great experience and finished with a feast of salmon and crab.

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.

[Lake Burley Griffin Fish Survey](#)

NCA's survey might influence where you fish.

[NCA Reporting on Lake Burley Griffin](#)

This provides some background on NCA's management of fish stocking in LBG.

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.

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.

[Advice on the March Newsletter](#) was provided in our News Blog.

Key Points:

- Notes from the recent mini-conference
- New council to oversee the Recreational Fishing Trust Fund ... where our 'licence' fee goes
- Trout Cod Action Plan
- Pirtek Fishing Challenge comp plus the Snowy Trout Challenge
- Questions sent by NSWCFCA to Minister regarding delays to important plans

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Remember you can subscribe yourself, there is a link in every monthly newsletter. Recent, previous RFA newsletters can be accessed via their [archive](#). They also have a presence on [Facebook](#)

Fisheries Victoria News – 'Nibbles'

These are in hiatus for the moment while they identify a new distribution system. Meanwhile they have a presence on all forms of social media.

Long Term Program of Events Not Formally Part of CAA Events

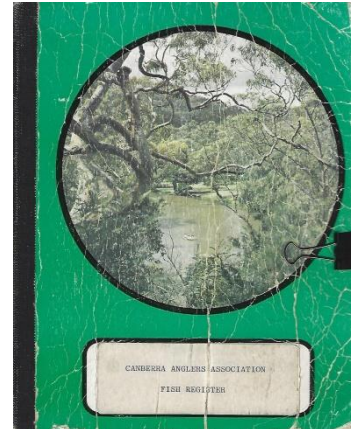
Provided for your calendar planning, members can see the diversity of angling events available to attend and some might even choose to get a CAA group together to attend an event outside our formal calendar which would broaden our horizons greatly. If anyone spots a non-CAA event that might be of interest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

Dates	Event Details
various	The NSW DPI Kids' and Women's Fishing Workshops at Gaden Hatchery Jindabyne were in a hiatus during the construction but our 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 year	Buckenderra's "Anaconda Trout Challenge". Check out their Facebook page and go back to November https://www.facebook.com/buckenderraholidayvillage

Notable Fish Recorded

The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and share the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and so can include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies.

Currently, the authoritative list for consideration for the [club trophies](#) is the little green book brought to meetings by the Secretary clearly marked as "Canberra Anglers Association Fish Register" pictured here. Please take photos of your catch with a tape or other verifiable measurement device (eg rod, but not your foot or hand).



We welcome emails advising how you are going, but don't forget to formally register them. Please be aware that I tend to collect catch information from word of mouth and articles submitted for publication. I occasionally peruse the little green book, but inclusion in *Burley Line* can't be interpreted as having been checked by me as being registered.

Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/ Date
Lachy	Rainbow	43cm	Fly	Pejar Dam, 14? July 2024
Paul	Cod	100cm (74% on our Natives Assessment Tool)	Lure	Bondi Forest, 18 Aug 2024
Owen	Brown	52cm	Fly	Mayfly Madness event 11-14 Oct 2024
Paul	Brown	60cm	Fly	Mayfly Madness event 11-14 Oct 2024
Pat	Brown	63cm	Fly	Mayfly Madness event 11-14 Oct 2024
Owen	Rainbow	27cm	Fly	Lyle Knowles event, 19 Oct 2024

Peter	Redfin	33cm	Fly	Lake Tuggeranong, 22 Oct 2024
Peter	Carp	9 fish – most at 57cm	Bait	CAA 'Carp Bash' event 13 Jan 2025
Bill	Brown	39cm	Fly	Jindy event 22-23 Feb
Jason	Brown	31cm	Fly	Jindy event 22-23 Feb
James	Brown	36cm	Fly	Jindy event 22-23 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). 2024/2025 rates are unchanged from last year:

- General Membership \$40.00
- Family Membership \$50.00
- Concession Membership (age pension or concession card) \$15.00
- Junior Membership (U18 years) \$15.00

Payment can be made via bank transfer (details on the form) or in-person at one of our meetings. More information on our website or contact us via email.

Contribute to *The Burley Line*

Contributions are always encouraged to *The Burley Line* and can be sent in via the email listed on the left (or via clicking the link on the web home page below "contact us"). Whether it be photos, trip reports, gear reviews, advertising, places to visit, we encourage it all. Additionally, posts for our blog are also welcome, especially for our cooking page, gear notes and places to visit. Comments on individual blog posts are also encouraged.


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