

THE BURLEY LINE



Not the biggest caught down the coast



From the Editor's Desk

This is a quiet time of the year and reflected in the size of the newsletter. Much appreciate the efforts by the contributors: Greg S has excelled himself, James provided some quite envious images from saltwater in warmer climes and Ryan has reported on a less than stellar club trip to Merimbula. [My session with fly tying paraloop/hackle stacker](#) only drew two observers so there's no report here – I encourage everyone to check out the various YouTube links, it is an interesting technique.

Don't forget to put the AGM and the fly casting into your calendar.

Coming Events

Meeting: 13th August – Annual General Meeting.

As usual 7:30 at Raiders Weston. Come along, there'll be the all-important voting for the Committee (I'm sure the current guys are continuing or have someone already lined up), trophy awards and for sure the usual raffle and nibbles.

Next Events

15th – 17th August. Bondi Forest trip has been cancelled due to water conditions/stocking only just recently carried out. BJ has explored another option – check with him.

Fly Tying: 27th Aug – Tips and tricks. The idea here is all our experienced tiers would come prepared to describe and demonstrate a tip or trick that they have learnt over the years. We'd also demonstrate some of the basic skills of fly tying. Members who have not participated in fly tying, thinking it is all too advanced, might care to come along and see the principles.

14th, 21st and 28th September. Fly Casting to the Public.

Canberra Anglers Association Presents

Learn to fly cast

Sept. 14, 21 & 28
10am - noon

ON THE LAWN BESIDE
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Best parking in Questacon car park

RODS PROVIDED
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eye protection
required to
participate

FREE Coaching
by CAA members including
Fly Fishers International instructors

ALL AGES AND
LEVELS WELCOME

Sausage sizzle,
drinks and raffles

28 September will be held at Nengi Bamir beach on Lake
Ginninderra on Diddams Close west

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CAA Trip to Merimbula – 11-13 July

One of Ryan's fish is photo of the month/cover shot above. A fish with a face loved only by his mother. 😊

James

Our first club outing to Merimbula was a bit of a bust with the salmon not being in the estuaries or on the beaches, perhaps due to recent rain and poor weather.

Myself and Joe spent a lot of time in our boats searching with flies (our recent group tie was used extensively) and lures, only to catch a few fish here and there, we even ventured out the mouth of both Pambula and Merimbula rivers in search of fish, with very little success. We did get a few different species out the mouths, I caught a rock cod, a wrasse and a few small flathead.





The dinner at the club was a highlight in social terms, however the food was found by all to be a bit lacking 😞

All in all it was still a very fun way to spend a weekend and I look forward to next time, hopefully with a few more fish in the boat!

James Doing Well With Some Swoffing

This originally appeared on the CAA WhatsApp group – you can consider joining and see stuff like this in almost (and maybe actually) real time. (contact Claude to be added). The report has been uploaded to our [‘Places’ blog](#).

James



First queenie on fly – taken on clouser.

It's been awesome man! Don't be jealous of the shorts they were a mistake, got smashed by midgies 'n mosquitoes 🦟 I look like I've got chicken pox 😬

Mate it's been unreal! Big adjustment trying to get flies into the mangroves but got the technique down by the 2nd half of the last day ... it's definitely challenging but rewarding style of fishing the salt. Did two days with a guide up at Hinchinbrook Island. First day caught upwards of 15 queenies and a handful of small GTs.



First GT

A few Barra around but I was having trouble seeing them and kept spooking them due to a lack of casting abilities. The second day was magical with ridiculous numbers of fish everywhere. Started on the Barra but my casting still needed improvement as the clouds shifted and sun came out we headed out onto the flats and saw numerous numbers of permit on the but I was unsuccessful in getting a take had a few follows but no takes once again spooked many fish this time mainly due to excitement. After the tide had risen we were unable to see them tailing or the flashes of silver from them feeding on the bottom so we headed across to the mangrove lined shores of Hinchinbrook Island to have another crack at finding the elusive and easily spooked Barra. Finally I got the nack of getting my fly right up into the roots of the mangroves and started getting follows and takes from Jacks n Barra . It is unbelievable how quick the Barra can eat and spit out a fly! Also sometimes multiple quick strikes are required to set the hook. I lost a few fish to instinct after striking with the line but then lifting/moving the rod. As we moved up a small mangrove lined creek with blue water the amount of active fish was truly amazing! Seeing and

getting a few follows from two massive Barra but with no takes. I hooked an archer fish but lost him just beside the boat when I lifted the rod. For the rest of the afternoon we worked the mangrove lined banks missing a few more strikes eventually I got the knack of setting the fly in these quick eating northern saltwater species and managed to land a couple of Mangrove jack. Words cannot emphasise how rewarding it was to pull these fish out of their snaggy homes and into the boat! It was a trip of much learning and I can't wait to get back up here next year!



First Jack

No Barra successfully landed missed all permit got few follow ups no takes. Yeah mate absolutely unreal went out with Clinton from the Australian fly fishing lodge can't recommend him enough – great knowledge of the area !



Second Jack – PB

A New Discount Offer

Greg Bayne from Red Baron ALSE spoke to our July meeting on the subject of Personal Locator Beacons and other safety items. He has kindly offered a discount to CAA members.

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From Greg S

Greg continues his trawling of Facebook

Greg S

Huge school of salmon off Merimbula – drone shot. I wonder if Ryan's team got into them.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/784570517368523>

Jumping Tuna <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1048805109966594> and
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1472272273940267>

Stingray vs hammerhead <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1684236238919494>

Crab on spinning rod <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1046542704360264>

Chicken as bait – sort of <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1240326387519147>

Rays? <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1683794188898208>

Thresher shark <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1253529682600334>

While Greg is going it a bit overboard this month, this is going the wrong way – who says fishing is a non-contact sport <https://www.facebook.com/reel/713770464823560> – I'd hope to think this never happens to Lyall when bill-fishing.

Greg provided this for our Cook Book, but we'll wait for his culinary review – fish jerky.
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1966118760875151>

DPI expanding Macquarie Perch captive breeding capacity
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1291157023020023&set=a.389953889807012>

Should you bleed your catch? <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=603601506127789>

For Sale

Leon is selling his bass kayak.

I have a rarely used bass kayak almost as new. Attached is a picture of it. I'll be happy to part with it for \$300. Write to me via the burley-line address on the CAA website, or direct to me.

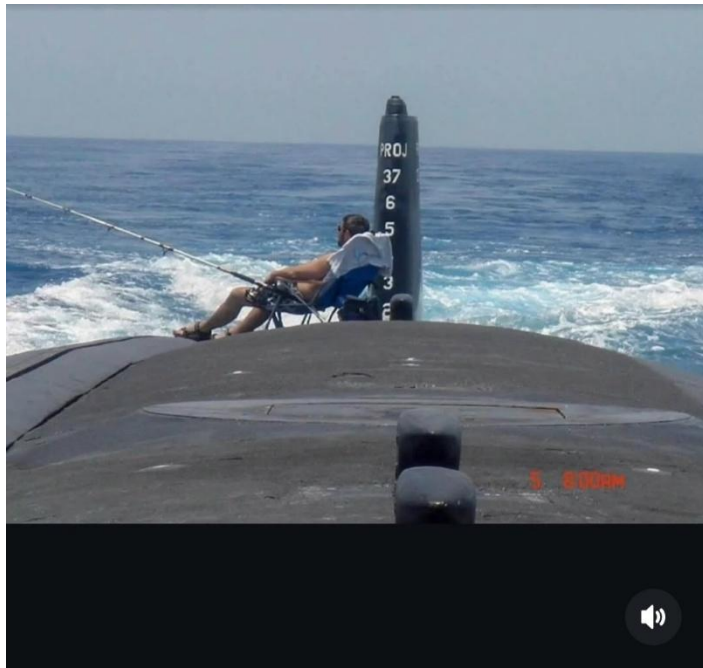
If you want to know more. You'll need your own transport from my place.



Other Stuff in my In-box

Trout Cod (or as Stefan knows it 'bluenose') Action Plan has been released.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/threatened-species/what-current/endangered-species2/trout-cod/trout-cod-action-plan>



Liked by alvaro_zamora_ and others

we.love.jets Skipper of the nuclear submarine USS Toledo SSN-769 fishing off the stern of his submarine during a Steel Beach Picnic in the Red Sea in July 2004 less

28 June

Dutton Trout Hatchery Visitor Centre re-opened including some photos of the hatchery for those who haven't been. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DMMCH9fAo8c/>

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 (at the bottom for phone/tablet readers). 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.

[2025-2026 Program](#)

The forthcoming season dates have largely been finalised.

NSWCFA Jul 2025 Newsletter

Key items:

- Monaro Acclimatisation Society workshop at Gaden Trout Hatchery 2 Aug
- Trout Cod Action Plan consultations at Queanbeyan 7 Aug
- Snowy Mountains Trout Festival ends.

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.

ACT Survey on Management of ACT Water

An important but short survey.

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 – ‘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*.

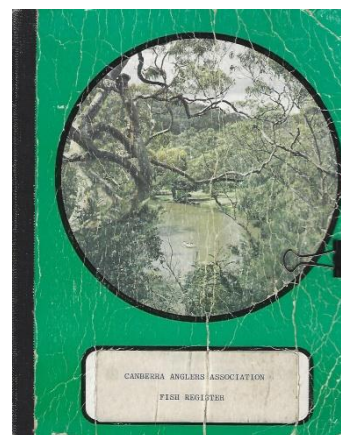
Dates	Event Details
various	The NSW DPI Kids' and Women's Fishing Workshops at Gaden Hatchery Jindabyne were in a hiatus during the construction but are now back – though none currently scheduled. There are saltwater and freshwater events across the state. https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/fishing-workshops/kids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

Notable Fish Recorded

The intent of this segment is to encourage folk to get out fishing and share the joy. It is not the 'official record of catches' and so can include catches of interest that aren't eligible for trophies. Currently, the authoritative list for consideration for the [club trophies](#) is the little green book brought to meetings by the Secretary clearly marked as "Canberra Anglers Association Fish Register" pictured here. Please take photos of your catch with a tape or other verifiable measurement device (eg rod, but not your foot or hand).

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

Currently empty awaiting first reports from the next season.



Angler	Species	Length	Method	Location/Event/ Date
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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 quoted here but may be amended at our 2025 AGM:

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

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

Contribute to *The Burley Line*

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

Supporters

Canberra Anglers Association would like to thank the supporters below for their ongoing assistance to our club. We encourage all members to support these groups where possible.



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