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Winner of the September 2013 Photo Competition



Dave Walton's photo of Kyle with a great Mallacoota Flathead

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About the Club

The Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc. is a sport fishing club that endeavours to promote a social awareness among its members, single or family. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the **Eastlakes Football Club No 3 Oxley St Griffith ACT** beginning at 7:30pm. All members and visitors are most welcome.

Members of the Canberra Fisherman's Club are eligible to set Club Records and, upon payment of an Australian National Sport fishing Association (ANSA) affiliation fee, also able to set Australian records, and World records (through ANSA affiliation with the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA)).

Aims of the Club

- To promote sport fishing
- To foster the art of angling
- To teach the art of angling to new members and particularly juniors
- To promote the study and conservation of fish species and the environment
- To co-operate with and support other bodies with similar aims and ideals.

The Club also supports the Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing, which endorses:

1. Quickly and correctly returning unwanted or illegal catch to the water
2. Quickly killing fish that are kept for consumption
3. Using only appropriate, legal tackle, attending gear and valuing the catch
4. Taking no more than our immediate needs
5. Supporting and encouraging activities that preserve, restore and enhance fisheries and fish habitat
6. Understanding and observing all fishing regulations and reporting illegal fishing activities
7. Preventing pollution and protecting wildlife by removing rubbish
8. Taking care when boating and anchoring to avoid damage to wildlife and habitat
9. Using established roads and tracks
10. Reporting environmental damage
11. Avoiding unnecessary interactions with wildlife species and their habitats
12. Practising courtesy towards all those who use inland and coastal waters
13. Obtaining permission from landholders and traditional owners before entering their land
14. Caring for our own safety and the safety of others when fishing.

President's Report

Hi everyone,

Well, it's less than a week until the 39th Annual Burrinjuck Convention. Shifts, accommodation, sponsorship, food and trophies have all been organised – the long-range forecast shows we've even got the weather sorted! It's going to be a great weekend – a good opportunity to catch up with fellow anglers from across NSW and raise funds to keep the Club afloat.

Earlier this month a few of us headed up to the Talbingo Convention, run by the Wagga Wagga Boat Anglers Club. It was spectacular weather, but unfortunately, less than spectacular fishing. Greg Davis waved the flag for Canberra with a nice rainbow trout from Jounama, but that was pretty much the highlight on the fishing scene. A few anglers caught trout in Talbingo, but overall, very few were caught.

Fortunately for the other club members, the raffles were great and everyone (except Greg) scored some really nice gear (including yours truly, scoring three nice rod and reel combos). King Rat will also do well out of the Talbingo Convention as the car fridge demonstrated that the battery isolator in my new fishing truck doesn't work.....and I discovered the only effective puncture repair is a new inner tube!!!

I know there are a few members that have just returned from holidays fishing for exotic species (and dunking electronic scales). I hope you had a great time – and look forward to hearing all about it at the next Club meeting.

Finally, I'd like to say a quick "cheerio" to good friend of the Club, Alan Hocking. He's been in and out of hospital a few times over recent weeks, but is hopefully on the mend. All the best Alan, I hope you're back on your feet soon!

See you this weekend at the Burrinjuck Convention – it's going to be heaps of fun... The Wagga Club lay down the challenge with a really well run Talbingo Convention – now it's our turn!

Keep safe on the water,

Glen



Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

I was lucky to get away for a week up in Fraser Island earlier this month and enjoyed a nice break in the warmer weather. The fishing was not as good as previous trips to Fraser but it was still a great holiday.



On the drive up to Queensland, I was lucky enough to spot a wild Koala at Mullaley, west of Gunnedah on the Oxley Highway. In the meantime, the other Committee members have been working very hard preparing for the Burrinjuck Convention.

Burrinjuck Convention

Burrinjuck is nearly here and there are plenty of things to do. Sarah Borman has been doing an excellent job organising the Convention so please give her your full support. Thank you to everyone who put their names down for a couple of shifts. If there are still other members who can help out even with small tasks such as collect supplies and deliver it to Burrinjuck or help out at one of the shifts cooking pan cakes or burgers, please let either Sarah, Glen or myself know and we'll gratefully accept your helping hand.

Sponsorships and registrations are steadily coming through so I am looking forward to a great convention with lots of capture to record for our recorder.

New Members Night

The Club is holding a New Member's Night at the December general meeting on 10 December 2013. This is an opportunity to introduce potential new members to the Club and show them what the Club can offer. We will also be offering free finger food on the night. I encourage everyone to grab some flyers for the New Members Night (or print some out) and hand them out to your fishing friends.

April 2014 outing

The Committee had to change the outing venue for the April 2014 Club Outing to Bermagui. It was originally going to be held on the same weekend as the Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament hosted by the Sydney AFA. However, the Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament is now being held on 28-30 March 2013. The Committee decided to keep the outing as a saltwater outing and picked Bermagui as it has been a while since the Club last held an outing there.

Other events

There's a couple of fishing competitions in November hosted by other Clubs you may be interested. The Yass Soldiers Club and other organisations are hosting the Catch a Carp

Competition from 23 November – 15 December 2013 at the Yass Weir. The Yass Weir has recently been increased in water capacity and is about to be restocked with native fingerlings.

The Competition aims to remove as much of the local Carp population prior to the restocking of fingerlings. There is \$14,000 worth of prizes including \$6,000 for three tagged Carp. To find out more, you can go online on <http://www.yass.new.gov.au> or telephone Ross Webster on 0417 217 231.

If you cannot make it to Yass, the Vikings Fishing Club are hosting the Canberra Carp Catch as part of the Tuggeranong Festival on 23 November 2013. The event is a free fishing competition and there are loads of prizes to be won across a range of categories. To find out more, visit <http://tuggeranongfestivalact.wordpress.com/festival/great-carp-catch/>.

New rules for Mulloway

The bag and size limits for Mulloway are set to change on 1 November 2013. The bag limit has been reduced from five fish to two fish and the size limit has been increased from 45 cm to 70 cm for both recreational and commercial fishers. However, commercial estuary general fishers using meshing nets will be permitted a by-catch possession allowance of 10 fish between 45 to 70 cm 'to avoid wastage'.

The changes to bag and size limits for Mulloway should be welcomed by recreational anglers as there is evidence that Mulloway are overfished. Please note, if you are heading up to Queensland over the holidays to go fishing, the minimum legal length for Mulloway there is 75 cm.

That's it for me, I hope to see you all at Burrinjuck and hope you all get some fishing in between shifts.

Anthony Heiser



Recorder's Report

I spent a nice week out at Broken Hill, catching up with my parents and getting in some good camping. There's nothing quite like eating a chook that's been cooked in a camp while sitting in front of views like those to the right! You know you're on a good run when you're throwing back Yellow Belly because they are too large to eat too. It was as good a trip as always – I love the country out there!



If anybody is ever interested in a trip out that way, talk to me. My old man knows the Darling River better than the back of his hand (60 years of fishing it does that) and he is always willing to use a visitor as an excuse to head bush for a few days.

Locally though, there hasn't been a lot of activity. Since the last report only 11 fish have been submitted, and most of those were Darts entered by Anthony after returning from Fraser Island. Young Kyle has been at the Carp out at Burrinjuck, submitting a couple of master's potentials. The only other capture was our club's sole input to the Talbingo outing, a 0.61kg Rainbow Trout caught by Greg Davis. I'm hoping the upcoming summer months heat things up a bit!

The Burrinjuck convention is just around the corner and the committee is working hard to make it run as smoothly as it always does. I will be in my usual position in the Recorder's tent, so drop on by and say g'day. I hope to see you all there.

That's about it for this month, yet another slow one. It occurred to me while I was putting this report together that I haven't entered a single fish in the competition yet this year. I must fix that soon!

John.



Club Championship

Open

Kyle Walton	290
Colin Clark	253
Chris Clark	180
Anthony Heiser	110
Timothy Jones	75

Ladies

Junior

Kyle Walton	290
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Land Based

Colin Clark	207
Kyle Walton	158
Chris Clark	120
Anthony Heiser	110
Timothy Jones	75

Fresh Water

Kyle Walton	158
Anthony Heiser	110
Timothy Jones	75

Salt Water

Colin Clark	253
Chris Clark	180
Kyle Walton	132
Chris De La Rue	68
Greg Davis	41

Most Versatile Angler

Kyle Walton	6
Colin Clark	6
Chris Clark	4
Anthony Heiser	4
Timothy Jones	1

Salt Water Length *(Bartailed Flathead, Dusky Flathead, Sand Flathead, Tiger Flathead)*

Kyle Walton	5,240
Keith Smith	1,875
Anthony Heiser	1,530
Kevin Spriggs	1,350
Brian Stacy	1,025

Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Timothy Jones	1,130
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Board Fish

ALBACORE	2.70 kg	Greg Davis
ATLANTIC SALMON	1.07 kg	Keith Smith
AUSTRALIAN BONITO	1.22 kg	Glen Malam
AUSTRALIAN SALMON	3.04 kg	Colin Clark
BROOK TROUT	0.56 kg	Anthony Heiser
BROWN TROUT	2.10 kg	Keith Smith
DUSKY FLATHEAD	2.68 kg	Kyle Walton
ESTUARY PERCH	1.10 kg	Kyle Walton
EUROPEAN CARP	4.48 kg	Timothy Jones
HAIRTAIL	1.69 kg	Chris De La Rue
HAMMERHEAD SHARK	2.73 kg	Colin Clark
RAINBOW TROUT	0.72 kg	Steve Bailey
SWALLOWTAIL DART	0.61 kg	Anthony Heiser
TAILOR	1.10 kg	Colin Clark
TARWHINE	0.57 kg	Anthony Heiser
YELLOWFIN BREEM	0.52 kg	Chris Clark
YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH	7.98 kg	Colin Clark

Best Fish

Fresh Water

EUROPEAN CARP

1.58kg on 1 kg
Kyle Walton

Blue Water

ALBACORE

2.70kg on 10 kg
Greg Davis

Estuary

YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH

7.98kg on 6 kg
Colin Clark

Beach

AUSTRALIAN SALMON

3.04kg on 2 kg
Colin Clark

All Tackle Championship

Open

Keith Smith	7
Anthony Heiser	6
Glen Malam	6
Tom Harrington	6
Greg Davis	5

Junior

Soon to Expire Scales

126	Stacy, Brian	Trac	23 Kg	1/11/2013
127	Jones, Timothy	Rapala	25 Kg	1/12/2013
128	Stacy, Brian	Rapala	25 Kg	1/12/2013
129	Stacy, Brian	Rapala	25 Kg	1/12/2013
130	Robbie, Luke	Berkley	23 kg	1/12/2013

When giving me scales to test please provide a new battery with them as well. Your scales have a better chance of passing if the battery is fresh, and it's worth replacing it once a year anyway!

Notices

New Members Night on 10 December 2013



**The Canberra Fisherman's Club
cordially invites you to**



The New Member's Night

7.30 pm, Tuesday, 10 December 2013

- Meet like-minded anglers
- Share fishing tales
- Learn new tips
- Keep up-to-date with boating and fishing regulations
- Discover what the Canberra Fisherman's Club can offer you



We cater for social and competitive anglers alike

The Canberra Fisherman's Club holds a mix of social and competitive outings throughout the year and organises guest speakers including professional guides and 'local experts' to help members improve their fishing skills.

When: 7.30 pm, Tuesday night, 10 December 2013
Where: Eastlakes Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Griffith
RSVP: info@canberrafishos.com (to assist with catering)
Free finger food provided

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Yass Catch a Carp Comp – 23 November – 15 December 2013

23.11.2013



15.12.2013

"CATCH A CARP"

COMPETITION

HELP ERADICATE THE CARP FROM YASS WEIR
PRIOR TO RESTOCKING WITH NATIVE FINGERLINGS



**\$14 000 WORTH OF PRIZES
INCLUDING \$6000 FOR THREE TAGGED CARP**

Family open day, Saturday 23rd Nov from "ASHBY" Coolalie Road (BANK FISHING ONLY)

Competition fishing from Sunday 24/11/2013 to 15/12/2013 inclusive.

(BANK OR BOAT FISHING)

- Lion Brewers - Yass Valley Council
- Yass Acclimatisation Society - TransGrid
- Yass Soldiers Club - Bermagui Bait & Tackle - Shimano
- Yass Outdoor Sports & Camping - Yass Valley Hire
- Yass Real Estate - Martins Fertilizers - H.R.G. Yass - B&G Plumbing - MA Steel
- Australian Hotel - Complete Civil - Rob Pollack Concreting - CJ & MM Beck Tree Removal
- AAM Group Surveyors - Active Ag & Tyre - B&V Engineering - Yass Sewerage Pumping
- Easycare HydroTurf - Dan & Dan Nursery - Chambers Cellars - Patrick's Butchery - Luff Motors

Entry fee's ADULTS \$5.00, CHILDREN (4-16) \$ 2.00, FAMILY \$10.00

NSW FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY.

For competition entry, conditions & prizes go to <http://www.yavc.nsw.gov.au>

or contact Janie Bush 0408 622 146, Rob Pollack 0428 620 840, Row Webster 0417 217 231, Spud 0488 680 455

Yass Signs - 6226 3027

New rules for Mulloway commencing 1 November 2013



Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 17 October 2013

NEW FISHING RULES FOR MULLOWAY RECOVERY

Primary Industries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson today announced new fishing arrangements for mulloway to help rebuild stocks to a sustainable level in NSW.

"Mulloway stocks across NSW are currently assessed as being overfished and a recovery program is required to assist with rebuilding the population," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"The new rules, for commercial and recreational fishing sectors, are based on scientific advice and information sourced from extensive consultation with the fishing community.

"To assist in this recovery process the recreational bag limit for mulloway will be reduced from five to two fish.

"The minimum legal length for both recreational and commercial fishers will be increased from 45 centimetres to 70 centimetres.

"The new rules do not include a total ban on take. A total ban would have driven a faster recovery, however, it was considered preferable to balance the rate of recovery with the impacts on recreational and commercial fishers.

"The NSW Government extensively consulted with the fishing community on arrangements to recover mulloway stocks over several months and received strong support," Ms Hodgkinson said.

Other changes to commercial fishing include:

- Commercial Estuary General fishers using meshing nets will be permitted a by-catch possession allowance of 10 fish between 45 to 70 cm in length, to avoid wastage;
- A 500 kilogram limit for commercial Ocean Hauling endorsement holders.

"The objective of this recovery program is to assist the sustainability of the species which will in turn contribute towards ensuring quality recreational fishing and long-term viable commercial fishing," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"It is important that all fishing sectors play a role in these new arrangements to ensure the population has a rapid recovery.

"Monitoring of commercial landings of mulloway will continue to measure the impact of the new arrangements on commercial catches and stock levels.

"New research programs, such as the state-wide recreational fishing catch survey, will be implemented in conjunction with the new rules to improve information on the recreational catch.

"This recovery program will be kept under regular review to ensure its effectiveness in building stock levels and will be required until the mulloway stock reaches a sustainable level," Ms Hodgkinson said.

The new rules will be implemented 1 November, 2013.

For more information contact the local fisheries office or visit www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/mulloway

MEDIA: Kerri Griffiths 0408 764 610

Commercial fisherman busted in Batemans Bay Marine Park



Department of
Primary Industries

Media Release

Friday, 25 October 2013

Operations target illegal fishers

A 43 year old commercial fisher from Ulladulla is facing tens of thousands of dollars in fines and possible imprisonment after allegedly being caught trawling through the Batemans Marine Park, during the October long weekend, Glenn Tritton, Director Fisheries Compliance, said today.

"Fisheries and Marine Park officers from the south coast were out in force over the October long weekend as part of Operation DPI X-ray 13, targeting people fishing from vessels in the Brush Island and Murramarang Sanctuary Zones and land based fishing in the Murramarang Special Purpose Zone of the Batemans Marine Park," Mr Tritton said.

"The commercial fishing vessel was apprehended trawling approximately four kilometres south-south east of Brush Island, within the General Use Zone of the Batemans Marine Park. Trawling has been prohibited within all zones of the Batemans Marine Park since 2007.

"Fisheries and Marine Park Officers boarded the vessel and ordered it to retrieve the net and return to port at Ulladulla.

"The net was found to have approximately 200 kilograms of fish including ling, tiger flathead and sand flathead.

"Fisheries officers seized the cod end portion of the net and the catch and were able to return more than 130 kilograms of fish to the water, while the remaining 65kg of fish were able to be sold.

"Unregulated trawling is known to cause damage to sensitive reef habitats as well as devastating impacts on by catch."

The man will be issued Court Attendance Notices for fishing in a sanctuary zone, possession of fishing gear capable of taking fish in a sanctuary zone, taking fish by method of trawling in Batemans Marine Park, harming fish in a sanctuary zone, possessing fish that has been taken in contravention of Marine Parks (Zoning Plan) Regulation 1999 by trawling in the Marine Park and unlawfully using a net with rubber bobbins that were greater than 100mm in diameter.

The maximum combined penalties total \$132,000 in fines and/or 12 months imprisonment.

Fisheries and Marine Park officers also detected another 44 offences over the course of the long weekend including 32 people found fishing in the sanctuary zones, fishers found fishing without a recreational fishing fee, failing to have a recreational fishing fee in their possession and being in possession of rigged fishing gear in a sanctuary zone.

Officers also seized a number of fish illegally taken in a sanctuary zone, which were returned to the water alive.

"Fishers are reminded to make sure they're aware of the fishing rules and regulations before they go fishing. Batemans Marine Park signs are displayed at most boat ramps, and maps are available from DPI Fisheries Offices, Batemans Marine Park office at Narooma, fishing tackle shops, tourist information centres and online at <http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au/bmp.html>," Mr Tritton said.

"A number of patrols were also conducted across inland waters during the long weekend. Fisheries officers from Bathurst and Dubbo conducted patrol activities along the Lachlan and Macquarie Rivers and Lake Cowal.



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"A number of fishers were apprehended including a commercial fisher and a recreational fisher at Lake Cowal for failing to mark their set yabby traps correctly, a 60 year old man from Pomona in NSW in possession of yabbies carrying ova (eggs) externally and a 36 year old man from Euabalong West in possession of 9 excess lines in his vessel."

Fisheries Officers also found and seized 10 illegal fish traps on a property near Kiacatoo downstream of Condobolin, and will continue to target offenders using this illegal equipment.

Other seizures include 10 fish traps, 9 rigged lines, 2 Murray Cod (52cm and 53cm in length) and 1 Silver Perch.

"Fishers should be aware that the use of excess lines and fish traps are prohibited in NSW and that heavy penalties apply," Mr Tritton said.

"Fishers are also reminded to pay the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee and ensure they carry a valid receipt (fishing licence) with them at all times while fishing, diving or collecting or face a \$200 on the spot fine, or a penalty of \$75 if you do not have the licence in your immediate possession."

Media contact: Sarah Wright 6391 3686 or 0427 075 167

News & Stories

Chasing Dart and Tailor on Fraser Island

By Anthony Heiser

Earlier this year, my friend Jim Johnstone from Brisbane convinced me to organise a fishing trip to Fraser Island. Initially, I tried persuading Jim to wait till next winter to visit Fraser Island. But our last trip was 2009 and Jim had caught the Fraser Island bug that soon infected us all. Besides, the island also has plenty of Dart, one of my favourite fish to target off the beach. I was yet to land a legal sized Dart on 1 kg line and this was my best chance of finally landing a sportsfishing masters Dart.

Also attending was Chris Johnson and Bob Davies (aka Crocodile Bob and Bob the Builder). Jim, Chris and I all knew each other from touch footy many years ago. I met Bob on my very first visit to Fraser Island in August 2001 and I previously worked under Bob as a Trades Assistant in 2003.



Left: The Mitsubishi Delicar getting a wash in a creek at Cathedral Beach. Right: Bob attempting to repair the bash plate.

We all rendezvoused at Rainbow Beach and then travelled up in a 1990 Mitsubishi Delicar van Bob acquired the week before and registered the morning we left for Fraser. The van performed well on the island although no trip to Fraser Island trip is complete unless you did something to the vehicle. This time, damaged the bash plate on some exposed coffee rock after dark on the first night and we bogged the Delicar on our first attempt at navigating the Indian Head Bypass track the day after. Bob was unable to repair the bash plate and removed it from the van to repair once he got back on the mainland. We avoided getting bogged again after Bob reduced the tyre pressure to 10 psi.

We stayed in a three bedroom cabin on Cathedrals on Fraser, 60 km north of Hook Point. The camping grounds and cabins was a 400 metre walk to the beach and the nearest gutter was another half kilometre to the south.

The fishing throughout the trip was slow and we had to work hard for the few fish we did catch. None of us had fished Fraser Island so late in the year so we were unsure what the fishing would be like. In addition, the fishing almanac and tide times were not favourable. The weather was generally pleasant but with 15-20 knot winds most of the time, blowing initially from the North-East, and then NNW for the remainder of our trip.



Beach conditions on the first morning of the trip. Fortunately, the beach became very fishable later that day.

However, the surf conditions were only rough and choppy on the first morning and last morning of the trip. For the rest of the trip, the beach was very fishable with 1 kg line despite the strong winds. Many anglers complained about the sweep the evening we arrived but it must have settled down as I was able to fish the gutters with the lightest of sinkers. We also had to contend with was the algae in the water. It clung to our lines and was difficult to remove, especially on 1 kg line.



Left: My 0.52 kg and 0.3 kg Dart caught off Cathedral Beach. Right: My reel even after I spent 10 minutes cleaning as much of the algae off my line as possible.

We fished the gutter at Cathedral Beach on Wednesday night from 6 pm to 8 pm. It was a pretty quiet session but I landed the first fish for the trip, a 0.52 kg Swallowtail Dart which put up a nice fight. For me, this was a nice moment as it was my first ever legal sized Dart on 1 kg line. I followed this with a 0.3 kg Dart half an hour later. This was also the first time I had ever caught Dart after dark, as I had always thought they were a day species only.



Left: Waddy Point surrounded by algae. Right: Crocodile Bob with the first Tailor for the trip.

On Thursday, we drove to Waddy Point. To our dismay, Waddy Point was more like the Sargasso Sea. Most of the anglers there complained that the weed was so thick it was not worth fishing off the rocks.

We instead walked over to the ocean side of a lagoon off Orchid Beach and I waded onto the sandbar and attempted to flick soft plastics and blades for Sand Flathead.

There was very little action other than 50-75 cm bronze whalers darting over the sand bank. One chased a blade, nudged it gently and took off. We finished the afternoon fishing a gutter south of Indian Head where Bob got a 1 kg tailor and a smaller one and Chris got a Dart.

By Friday morning, the trip was looking more like a Fraser Island wildlife photography trip. I had captured photos of Green Sea Turtles, Goannas, Dingos, pretty little fish in the Champagne Pools, some shore birds, a White Bellied Sea Eagle, and a Brahminy Kite. But we still had only five fish between us after two days of fishing.

That afternoon, we joined the crowd at Cathedral Beach where Bob landed three Tailor weighing up to 0.9 kg. I fished near the southern end of the gutter to target Dart. I had no luck at all but a few guys to my right kept hauling in Dart one after the other. One guy shouted out 'woo hoos' every time he hooked a Dart to make sure everyone knew he was catching fish. Annoying as he was, I watched what he was doing and noticed he was fishing extremely light.

So I copied what he did and straight away, I hooked a 0.61 kg Dart at the top of the tide. It put up a great fight but with other fishermen nearby fishing heavier



line, I was feeling self conscious and the last thing I wanted was a bust off in front of an audience who were shaking their heads wondering why it took me so long to land the fish. Unfortunately, the Dart was 60 grams short of being my Sportsfishing Masters #10.



Bob with his three Tailor and me with my 0.61 kg Dart off Cathedral Beach.

The trip finally became a 'fishing' trip when Chris and I returned for a productive evening session at Cathedral Beach from 9.30 pm to 1 am. Chris caught two Dart and I got a 0.57 kg Tarwhine and three Dart, and an undersized whiting. The seas lit up with brilliant green phosphorescence after the moon set around midnight. The fish went off the bite sometime after midnight and we had a long walk uphill on soft sand back to our cabin.

Chris and I got up at 6 am and collected worms (well Chris did) and pippies and had a bit of a fish. I got three Dart but released them all as I figured I had enough fish to clean from the night before.



Left: A productive session on Friday night. Right: Chris collecting worms on Saturday morning.

We then fished the gutter a few kilometres south of Indian Head. The session started off well with Bob landing a nice size tailor, Chris landing a 20 cm whiting, and Jim and I catching four Dart each. I decided to berley up the gutter with fish frames but this only drew the attention of a 2 metre bronze Whaler.

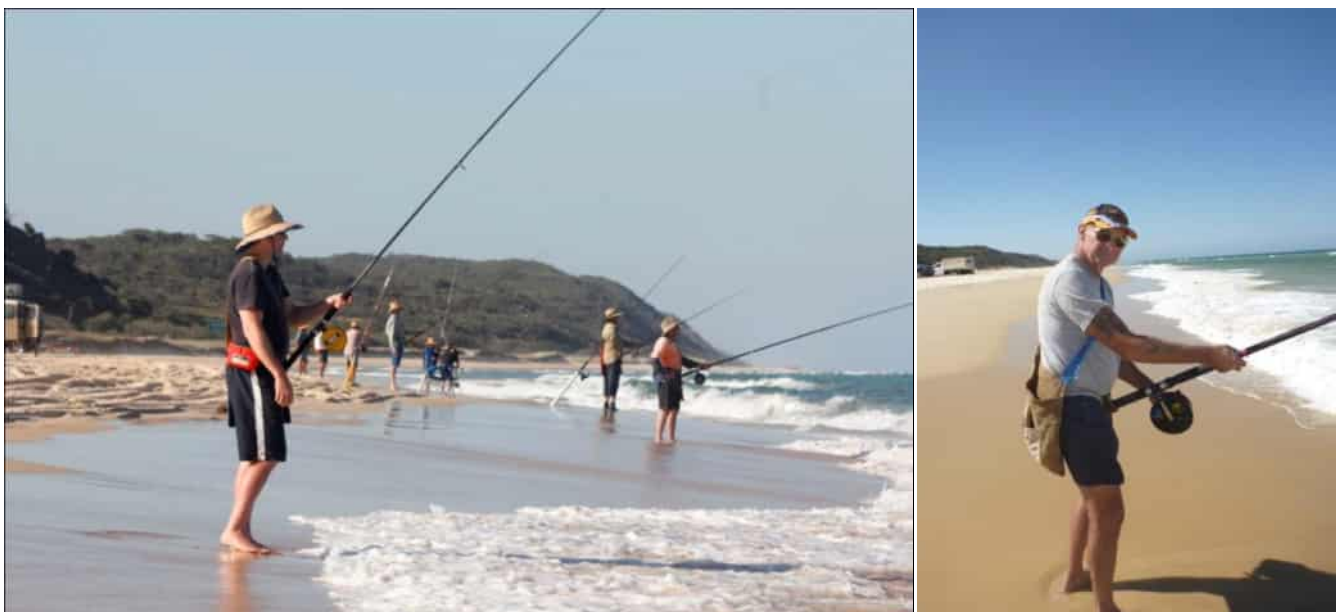


On Sunday morning, we drove south, stopping first at Eli Creek for a swim and then Eurong Village. Jim and Chris walked to Lake Wabby, Bob went to the pub to watch Bathurst, and I fished the little gutter on the beach.

I spun lures off the beach, hooking small Dart that kept throwing the trebles. I later hooked a decent size Dart that busted me off on 1 kg breakaway.

I then fished with Pippies, landing six legal size Dart, but only kept a 34 cm Dart. Chris joined me after he got back from Lake Wabby and got a 30 cm Dart. After Bob finished watching Bathurst, we drove back to Cathedral Beach and fished 6.30-7.30 pm. Bob landed three tailor, and we got some undersized Dart and one undersized Whiting.

Chris and I fished a gutter north of the *Maheno* on Monday morning for an unproductive session (a 22.5 cm whiting to show for our efforts). We returned to our gutter at Cathedral Beach for a 2 - 6 pm session. The fishing started slowly, with whales and dolphins providing the only action. This was followed by a massive strike on Bob's rod. Bob's line kept running out to sea and some life returned to the other anglers on the beach who had stopped fishing earlier.



Chris (left) and Crocodile Bob (right) fishing off Cathedral Beach on Monday afternoon.

As Bob struggled with his fishing rod, a sea turtle with the head the size of a watermelon surfaced before taking off and busting off Bob's line. The other anglers did not spot the turtle

and redoubled their fishing efforts thinking the big fish had moved into the gutter. The evening ended with Jim landing five Dart, Chris landing his first Tailor for the trip, and I landing three Dart.

Our last dinner consisted of consuming all the remaining fish we caught plus all the remaining food, bottles of red, Jim Beam, and Jamesons. Afterwards, we drove down to the beach to sit under the stars, watched the dingoes running amok on the beach, and listen to my Doors playlist for a couple of hours.

If you are interested in visiting Fraser Island for a week, then it is a quite affordable for a group of four people. The cost per person on this trip for food, fuel, permits, bait, ferry etc was \$516 each. As always, the trip to Fraser Island was a fantastic holiday and the scenery and wildlife never disappoints. The fishing was a lot quieter this time compared to our previous visits. I don't think I'd visit Fraser Island so late in the year again. Having said that, we still had a big feed of fish for six of the seven nights we were there.

I would have been most happy if I had landed my Sportsfishing Masters Dart but it was not meant to be this time. But if you like fishing 1 kg line in the surf, I can definitely recommend Dart as a great species to target off the beach.



Chris Johnson finally lands a Tailor on Monday afternoon.



The Maheno



Left to Right: Crocodile Bob, Jim Johnstone, Chris Johnson, and Anthony Heiser.



Left: Goanna outside our cabin. Right: Damsel fish in the Champagne Pools.



Left: A Green Sea Turtle we thought needed rescuing but was there to lay eggs instead. Right: A Fraser Island Labrador.



Brahiminy Kite perched on a Pandanas Tree.

Burrinjuck Waters State Park Fishing Report – 23 October 2013

Rain last 7 days: 8 mm

Water level current: 64.6 %

Water level: 16/10/13 65.9%

Current discharge: 1130 ML per day.

Current inflow: 1130 ML per day.

Water visibility: up to 2.5 metres in main basin

Forecast Weather: Windy for Thursday before becoming sunny and mild for the weekend with temps between 4 & 22 degrees.

Full Moon = Oct 19th

New Moon = Nov 3rd

Water Temperature: 18 - 20 deg

Murray Cod: (Closed Season) 3 months from 1st September.

Yellow Belly: The fishing was very good up until Saturday. The smoke clouds descended over the dam for most of the weekend & a large low pressure system has also settled in, combined with a couple of days of larger water releases. The lure fishermen were reporting very quiet over the weekend particularly through the day. Trolling around the trees at Scrubby was bringing some success. Those that persisted into the evening were catching a few but not big numbers. The bait fishing has been better with most fishermen heading up the Bidgee Arm. Worms yabbies and frozen shrimp were all doing the job. Jack from Canberra managed 16 fish from around the trees. Bait fishing into the late evening (10pm) from the park foreshore was working well for quite a few fishermen. One gentleman boasted 18 Yellows over 2 evenings on yabbies & worms. Several fishermen I have spoken to said they were getting no action on the bait until they began a slow retrieve across the bottom. The yellows would then hit the moving bait.

Redfin: Catch rates have picked up on the troll. I have not spoken to any bait fishermen that have come across any big schools as yet.

Trout: No reports This Week.

Silver Perch: No reports this week.

Carp: Plenty about, worms or corn from the bank with some burley or a bit of fun for the fly fishermen as they feed on the surface.

Park News: The 39th Annual Burrinjuck Convention is fast approaching and will be held at the park on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd of November. Phone 0405721118 or Website www.canberrafishos.com Entry forms also available at the BWSP office. We have no cabins left for that weekend so powered sites and camping will be the only option. BWSP Office 02 62278114 for booking of powered sites. No need to book for camping.



Camp fires still allowed on a week by week basis. Must be in a fire bucket or established fire pit or BBQ.

Dean Brind Manager

Burrinjuck Waters State Park

From the Editor

Some more great input from Anthony this month, with a great article about his adventure on Fraser Island. If you want to try your hand at an article, send it into the Club email account below. It'd be great to keep the good articles from Club members going.

We continue to get some great photos submitted to the monthly photo comp and I encourage everyone to keep sending us your photos for the monthly photo competition. The winner of the September Photo Competition, as seen on the cover, is Dave Walton with a great photo of Kyle with a Mallacoota Flathead. Remember, the winners of the monthly photo comp get a \$20 Tackle World Canberra voucher for their winning pic. The rules of the photo comp are:

- Members can submit up to two photos per month
- The photo must either be taken by the member submitting the photo or a photo of the member
- No photo shopping or other digital enhancements are allowed

Preferably, photos should be 300 KB to 2 MB in size. Photos greater than 2 MB will need to be compressed if you are attempting to email them. You can contact me if you need help with compressing photos.

Also if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details.

All of the above should be emailed to info@canberrafishos.com.

Keeping with Anthony's quote of the month, this month I share this:- "A woman who has never seen her husband fishing, doesn't know what a patient man she married !"

Cheers,

Greg Davis



Work is for those that can't fish!

September Photo Competition



Jeff P – Fraser Island trip



Kyle with a good Mallacoota Bream



Kyle with a great Mallacoota Flathead

2013-2014 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
1st-3rd November	Burrinjuck Convention	12th
7th-8th December	Burrinjuck Cod Opening Morven vs CFC inter club comp	10th
12th January	Carpathon	14th
25th-27th January	Tuross	
15th-16th February	Nowra Convention St Georges Basin	11th
7th-10th March	Narooma Convention	11th
5th-6th April	Bermagui	8th
24th-25th May	Kalkite	13th
7th-9th June	Narooma	10th
26th-27th July	Kioloa / Ulladulla	8th

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Price: Cheap – Call Greg Davis - 0427 932 504

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LOX Blade B70268 Spin - 7', 6 to 8kg,2 piece. \$100

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