



# Newsletter

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**Winner of the August 2014 Photo Competition**



**Phil Lawrence – GHOST FISHERMAN**

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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

Firstly, congratulations to all the award winners who attended the 2013-14 CFC Presentation Night. A great night was had by all, although it was a little disappointing that a large number of the winners were unable to attend. Well done to Glen Malam for taking out the top honours of Club Champion for 2013-14. More on that in Anthony's report later on.

Also, it was great to once again present a cheque to Melissa Gardiner, CEO of The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own for \$4,500.00, being the proceeds from the Canberra Carp-Out 2014. This brings our donations to over \$27,000.00 for the 7 years the Carp-Out has been running, which is a great effort by our club. Preparations are soon to start for the 2015 Canberra Carp-Out that will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

But before we get to that, the most important date on our calendar that is now only about 4 weeks away is our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burrinjuck Convention**. Many of our sponsors are coming on board to support our event again this year along with some first time supporters, all of whom we are very thankful. We are also placing pre-orders for Polo shirts, which must be in by October 3<sup>rd</sup> so they are ready for the convention. If you have not ordered your shirt yet, please get it in ASAP. This can be done via our website through the online form or by downloading an order form and emailing it back to us.

Not many entries have come in as yet for the Burrinjuck Convention but we expect them to come in at a rush as usual after the Talbingo Convention is over. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending, send them to our website so they can register and pay online to secure their entry.

This year we will also have credit card facilities available at the convention thanks to Bendigo Bank.

Our good mate Stuart Hindson from Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures has generously supplied our major raffle prize this year. For one lucky raffle winner at the 40th Annual Burrinjuck Convention a great fishing package prize entitles the lucky winner to 2 full days guided fishing with 'Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures', plus 3 nights accommodation for up to three people. Now who would not love to win that prize?

If you do not happen to have that lucky ticket then you will have another chance of winning another great fishing package from our good mate Darryl Head from Bay and Basin Sportsfishing Kayak Fishing Tours. This fishing package entitles the lucky winner to a full days wilderness Bass fishing on the Shoalhaven river for one person using the latest gear from Shimano and kayaks from Hobie. Whoever wins this prize will not be disappointed.

Our new sponsors Camping World Mitchell have donated a great swag that will keep a lucky winner comfortable on that next camping fishing trip.

Lots more prizes to be won at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burrinjuck Convention so get your entries in so you don't miss out on a great family fishing event.

We have guest speakers organised for the next couple of general meetings so make sure you have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in your diary to attend. Also don't forget our Lucky

Membership Draw which has again jackpotted to over \$100 again as the members have not been in attendance.

**REMINDER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** – This can now be done online through the website.

Good luck to all the members attending the Talbingo Outing I hope you all find some fish and get points on the board for the club.

Anyhow, by the time you read this, I should be on the Gold Coast getting ready to fish the Gold Coast Flathead Classic with our good friends and my teammates Ian Phillips and Greg Reid fishing as team 24 Fishing World. There are 205 teams currently registered for this year's event. If you are interested in keeping an eye on what is happening in the classic then go to and like the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/2013GoldCoastFlatheadClassicProudlyInOur20thYear>.

Wishing you all tight lines for the coming month and hope to see you at one of the upcoming outings or events.

Regards  
Chris Head



# Secretary's Report

Hello everyone,

The Presentation night at *Mint @ Forrest Cafe* saw members breathing a bit heavier with their usual serving courtesy of their lip smacking lamb shanks and what not. Congratulations are in order to everyone who won and also a big thank you to the venue for another great presentation night coupled with great food. Also a new trophy was introduced, the '*Stirrer's Spoon*' and was handed over to none other than Glen Malam.

Around this time each year, for the past forty years, the Canberra Fisherman's Club has been hosting the Annual Burrinjuck convention and has watched it grow and bring in anglers from all over the east coast. It is one of the clubs more important events and is usually all hands on deck. Registrations for the convention are a bit slow in coming in, both for the event and for the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Burrinjuck Convention polo shirts. So, if you're lagging behind on registering now would be a good time to put your name down, so you do not miss out and also if you're keen to help out, please roster yourselves for a few work shifts. It would also be safe to say that Sarah, in her third year as the Burrinjuck Chair, has everything under control and I would like to extend a big thank you.

I also have in my possession a few ANSA membership cards that I shall be posting out after the Club's general meeting on the 14th of October. Also I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the members as they teach me how to fish, with considerably better success and finesse. In fact three weeks ago I finally landed my first Australian Salmon and first legal bream.

Tight lines!  
Adam Martin  
Secretary





# Recorder's Report

G'day all,

Spring appears to be in full swing now! There have been some cracking fishing days recently. I hope some of you managed to get out and enjoy them, and that capture sheets will begin to arrive soon.

That said, the last month has been pretty quiet. The only capture sheets I have received came from the Kalkite Outing, Adam Martin and I. The Kalkite outing looks to have been cleaned up All Tackle wise by Kyle Walton who landed all three of the expect species, while Steve Bailey recorded a very nice 2.2 kg Brown Trout caught on 1 kg line.

Since there is little for me to report on this month I thought I'd include here the content of a post I made recently on the club forums in response to a question on what line is acceptable for masters.

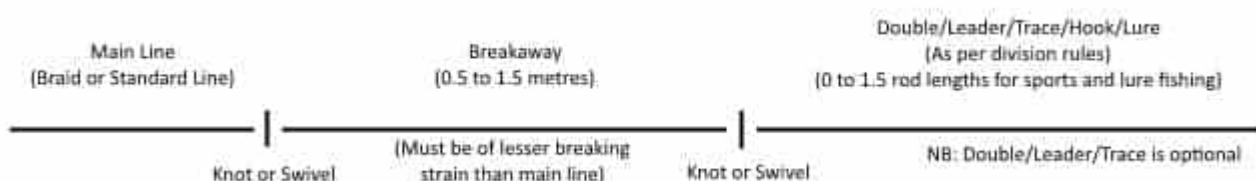
The actual rule, taken from the ANSA 2012 Rule Book, is ...

*Signature pre-test, Factory pre-test and standard line may be used for Masters captures. Such line will be accepted at the manufacturers stated line breaking strain specification. The use of braid and breakaway combination lines (as defined) are eligible with the qualification that the breakaway line may be standard (non pre-test) line.*

This means that you can use any non-metallic line in natural fibre or synthetic. One thing to note is that braid is not considered standard line as far as I can tell, it can only be used in a breakaway combination. However, if using braid and you use a standard line or pre-test leader that is of a lesser breaking strain than the braid, you can claim that it is a breakaway combination at the rating of the leader (e.g. if using 6lb braid with a 4lb leader you can claim the leader is a 4lb breakaway. If you used 8lb leader on your 6lb braid, you could not).

Since masters are a personal goal and not against any other ANSA member they leave it a little open as to how far the angler wants to go personally. We have some members who will only claim a masters if the main line is pre-test line, some that will allow themselves to use braid with pre-test breakaways, some that use braid with a standard line breakaway and some that just use standard line for their mainline.

Lastly, the following diagram describes the requirements for a break-away.



One of the less obvious benefits of using pre-test line for your breakaway or main line is that pre-test line is specifically developed for the ANSA line classes, meaning it matches the line class brackets closely. If you use non pre-test line, you may be making things

harder for yourself by using a line that is not near to the top of the line class breaking strain. For example, say you are using 10lb leader. 10lb is 4.54kg, which means it falls in the 6kg ANSA line class (the next one down being 4kg, there is no 5kg class). 12lb is 5.45kg, which also falls in the 6kg line class. Fishing the lighter 10lb line instead of 12lb line has gained you nothing as far as ANSA is concerned.

I hope that clears up a few things for those people interested in starting on their master's certificates. As usual, if you have any questions please feel free to shoot me and email or ask me at a meeting. Better yet, ask the question on the club's forums so that everybody in the club can see the question and benefit from the answer, that's what the forums are there for!

Always remember that the club points based competitions require the use of pre-test line, either as a breakaway or as the whole main line.

John





# Club Championship

## Open

Karen Malam	228
Glen Malam	191
Greg Davis	163
Chris Head	100
Kyle Walton	79

## Ladies

Karen Malam	228
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## Junior

Kyle Walton	79
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## Land Based

Karen Malam	228
Greg Davis	163
Glen Malam	122

## Fresh Water

Karen Malam	228
Greg Davis	163
Glen Malam	122

## Salt Water

Chris Head	100
Kyle Walton	79
Glen Malam	69

## Most Versatile Angler

Karen Malam	2
Greg Davis	2
Kyle Walton	1
Glen Malam	1
Chris Head	1

## Salt Water Length *(Tailor)*

## Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

## Board Fish

Australian Bonito	2.06 kg	Glen Malam
Brown Trout	2.28 kg	Karen Malam
Dusky Flathead	3.29 kg	Kyle Walton
Morwong	2.42 kg	Coralie Teer
Nannygai	0.50 kg	Coralie Teer
Rainbow Trout	0.69 kg	Glen Malam
Sand Flathead	0.70 kg	Greg Davis
Snapper	0.60 kg	Chris Head

## Best Fish

### Fresh Water

#### Brown Trout

2.28kg on 1 kg  
Karen Malam

### Blue Water

#### Snapper

.60kg on 1 kg  
Chris Head

### Estuary

#### Dusky Flathead

1.58kg on 2 kg  
Kyle Walton

# All Tackle Championship

## Open

Glen Malam	8
Coralie Teer	4
Kristin O'Neill	4
Wendie Mcdonald	4
Greg Davis	4

## Junior

## Expired Scales

1	Stanfield, Jamie	Rapala Digital	8 kg	8/09/2014
60	Stanfield, Jamie	Salter Super Samson	20 kg	8/09/2014
93	Head, Chris	Rapala Digital	25 kg	8/09/2014

**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!**

# News & Stories

## Presentation Night – 13 September 2014

By Anthony Heiser

The 2014 Canberra Fisherman's Club Annual Presentation Night was held at Mint@Forrest from 7pm on 13 September 2014. With several people falling victim to the flu, numbers were a bit down this year. Nevertheless, the evening was an enjoyable occasion and we were blessed with the presence of special guests James Morgan from our Major Sponsor Tackle World Canberra and Melissa Gardiner, CEO of The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own.

The Presentation Night was presided over by Chris Head as Master of Ceremonies, who handed out a number of trophies and certificates. The presentation night is all about rewarding our members who were lucky enough to be able to put in the fishing time and be rewarded with some terrific catches as well as those who were not as fortunate and had some mishaps throughout the year.

The 2013/14 trophy winners were all congratulated for their efforts throughout the year. Full details can be found in the Annual Report which will be available at the monthly General Meetings and all members should grab a copy.



Chris Head thanks James Morgan Tackle World Canberra's support of the Club throughout the year as he presents James with the CFC's 2014 Canberra Carp-Out Sponsor's Report.



Glen Malam presenting a \$4500 cheque to Melissa Gardiner, CEO of The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own. The cheque represents half the net proceeds of the 2014 Canberra Carp-Out.



Everyone at the Presentation Dinner.



Chris Head gets proceedings underway.



Greg Davis received Board Fish certificates for 2.7 kg Albacore, and a 0.67 kg Luderick.



Keith Smith received Board Fish certificates for a 1.07 kg Atlantic Salmon and 3.09 kg Mulloway.





Glen Malam received Board Fish certificates for a 1.22 kg Bonito and a 2.66 kg Snapper.



Chris Head received a Board Fish certificate for his 0.75 kg Black Bream.



Anthony Heiser received Board Fish certificates for a 0.56 kg Brook Trout, 0.61 kg Swallowtail Dart, and an All time Board Fish Certificate for a 0.57 kg Tarwhine.



Kyle Walton received a Board Fish certificate for a 1.1 kg Estuary Perch.



Brian Stacy received Board Fish certificates for 1.5 kg Morwong, and a 25.1 kg Yellowfin Tuna.



Daniel McNeice received a Board Fish certificate for a 7.68 kg Murray Cod.



Kristin O'Neill received a Board Fish certificate for a 0.6 kg Silver Trevally.



Kyle Walton receives an Encourage Award given to juniors who weigh fish in at Club Outings.





Everyone enjoying dinner courtesy of Mint@Forrest.



Brian and Rose enjoying their lamb shanks.



John and Daniel sharing a few tales over dinner.



Mel Marlborough won the trophy for Best Fish – Freshwater for a European Carp weighing 5.62kg on 1 kg (562 points).



Brian Stacy won the Trophy for Best Fish – Bluewater for a Yellowfin Tuna weighing 25.10kg on 15 kg (251 points).





Glen Malam won the Trophy for Best Fish – Estuary for a Dusky Flathead weighing 4.69kg on 1 kg (469 points). For his efforts, Glen also came second in the ANSA 12 month comp in Division 3 Sportsfishing.



Greg Davis won the Trophy for Best Fish – Beach for an Australian Salmon weighing 1.97kg on 1 kg (236 points).



Greg Davis also won this year's Prop Award.



John Bosch and Mick Jewry won the Where's Wally Award.



Glen's reaction he is announced the winner of the Stirrer's Spoon.



Here's Glen with the new Stirrer's Spoon Trophy courtesy of the Arm Chair Angler Jon Vogel.



Brian Stacy won the Mario Manoeuvre Award.



Chris Lemmon won the Fan Belt Award (file photo).





Brian Stacy won the Total Length – Saltwater Trophy for 19,775 mm of Flathead.



Rose Davis accepts the Junior All Tackle Champion Trophy on behalf of Connor Davis.



Anthony Heiser won the All Tackle Champion Trophy.



Mel Marlborough won the Freshwater Club Champion Trophy.



Kyle Walton won the Junior Club Champion Trophy.



Mel Marlborough won the Ladies Club Champion Trophy.



Anthony Heiser won the Most Versatile Angler Trophy.



Coralie Teer won the Most Improved Angler Trophy



Brian Stacy wins the Trophy for Most Meritorious Capture for his 25 kg Yellowfin Tuna.



Susan McNiece accepts the Trophy for Most Improved Junior Angler on behalf of Justin McNeice.



Chris Head and John Bosch both received Trophies for Member of the Year for their tireless work on the website and data base.



Anthony Heiser received the Gold Badge Award.



Glen Malam is the undisputed Club Champion for 2013-14!





Melissa Gardiner, CEO of The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presents Anthony Heiser with the Lucky Door Prize.



The evening finishes with the traditional raffle. Rose comes to claim her raffle prize.



Kyle Walton gets ready to clean up at the end of night Raffle!

# Burrinjuck Waters State Park Fishing Report 24 Sept 2014

**Current discharge:** 1500 ML per day.

**Water level current:** 85.2%

**Current inflow:** 1990 ML per day.

**Water level:** 16/09/14 84.8%

**Water visibility:** up to 2 metres

**Rain last 7 days:** 6.5 mm

**Forecast Weather:** Wet midweek before becoming Sunny for the weekend. Temps between 6 & 24 deg with light breeze Saturday up to 10 km.

**Full Moon:** October 8<sup>th</sup>

**New Moon:** September 24<sup>th</sup> September

**Water Temperature:** 16 – 19.5 degrees

**Murray Cod:** **Closed Season**

**Yellow Belly:** The water levels have continued to rise this week however there were 2 days where more water went out then came in. There is up to 25 mm predicted over the region for Wednesday night. Water temps have also continued to climb with the warmer weather with the water temp reaching over 18 deg in the main basin on Tuesday. Bait fishing with worms or small yabbies from along the park foreshore is producing fish particularly late evening into dark. A couple of fish were also picked up casting lures while walking the bank. Bobbing yabbies on trees at Macey's & Little Scrubby also resulted in a bag of fish for Jarrod from Junee up to 48 cm. Trolling lures continues to be tough going at the bottom end of the Dam. I managed 1 yellow casting a soft vibe in the main basin Tuesday. I trolled various lures for several hours without a touch but managed a couple of species casting to snags in the shallower water.

**Redfin:** Remain very quiet. 1 report from Jarrod taken while bobbing on trees with a yabbie. Also had reports of shrimp being caught in traps so won't be long before they also fire up

**Carp:** I visited a few of the spots where I found warmer water last week and found huge numbers of carp. They were clearly visible in the clearing water.

**Trout:** No reports

**Park News:** There are still powered sites and plenty of camping for the upcoming long weekends. Fires will still be allowed until the weather heats up and the park begins to dry out. Lawlers function area has had 2 internal wood heaters added. Further concrete works and seating has now been completed to the new Wombats camp kitchen.

Dean Brind  
Manager  
Burrinjuck Waters State Park



# Notices

## Changes to recreational fishing rules in New South Wales



Department of  
Primary Industries

Changes to NSW  
recreational saltwater &  
freshwater fishing rules

### Factsheet

Modest changes to the NSW recreational fishing rules will ensure the recreational fishing community's needs and expectations are met, while maintaining quality recreational fishing for the future.

A total of 16 changes will apply to recreational fishing rules. Five of the changes are minor adjustments to streamline rules and will have little or no impact on recreational fishing activities.

What these changes will mean for recreational fishers

#### SALTWATER

- A daily bag limit of 10 applies for commonly caught species: Flathead (other than Dusky Flathead), Bream and Tarwhine, Tailor, Blue Swimmer Crabs, Trevallies and Luderick. Possession limit to remain at 20 for the above species.
- Two crab traps and four witchie hats/hoop nets/lift nets per person will be permitted.
- The bag limit of small batfish has increased to 100 per species.

#### FRESHWATER

- A maximum size limit of 80 cm for Murray Cod will be in place. The current minimum size limit of 60 cm remains. Catch and release of large Cod is permitted. The taking of two Cod per person within Copeton Dam will be permitted during the closed season.
- The spawning closure for Australian Bass and Estuary Perch will be extended to four months (May – August) to protect early migrating bass. Catch and release of these species will be permitted during this area bag limit closure.
- A strictly regulated pilot program to allow bowfishing for carp is to be trialled in 2015 in key locations, and will be closely monitored by DPI.
- Yabbies caught in a shrimp trap and shrimp caught in a yabby trap may be kept.
- Yabbies are permitted to be taken using five hoop nets per person in Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Googong Dam.
- A daily bag limit of five and possession limit of 10 applies to trout and salmon in general inland waters.

#### SALTWATER & FRESHWATER

- Set recreational nets and traps are required to be marked with the fisher's initial, surname, year of birth and postcode.
- Transshipping fish from one boat to another (except specified bait species) will not be permitted.

Reviews of NSW recreational fishing rules are undertaken periodically to provide for fairer sharing of the catch between recreational fishers. The changes to fishing rules were supported by a majority of submissions, as part of a comprehensive consultation process by the NSW Government in 2013.

A three-month advisory period will be implemented to provide time for recreational fishers and the public to adjust and learn about the changes.

Further information on the changed recreational fishing rules and the review process can be found at [www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au) or email [fish.review@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fish.review@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Watch this video for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFp4ujzbbI0&list=UU3o92sxIx4aZffbafjbpDHA>



# NSW DPI accommodates 80% the Club's responses to proposed changes to bag and size limits for recreational fishing

By Anthony Heiser

The NSW Department of Primary Industries announced this month that 16 changes to bag and size limits and rules relating to fishing equipment will take effect on 3 November 2014. A fact sheet outlining the proposed changes can be found under the Notices Section.

Originally, there were 45 proposed changes on the table and the Club lodged a submission in response to those proposed changes. The DPI has accommodated the Club's position on 36 of the proposed changes, and only implemented six changes opposed by the Club. The DPI did not proceed with two of the proposed changes supported by the Club. The Club also supported proposed changes to Murray Cod rules, but the DPI ended up adopting different changes for Murray Cod.

The Club prepared its submission by seeking the views of the members to the proposed changes with a questionnaire form asking them to score against each proposal with 1 = strongly oppose and 5 = strongly support. The Club also circulated a summary of the *Status of Fisheries Resources in NSW 2008/09* to assist members in completing the survey forms. Survey forms were completed by or on behalf of 49 members (or 39% of the membership).

The Club based its submission by supporting proposals that were supported or strongly supported by 51% or more of the members surveyed and opposing proposals that received less than 51% support. In some cases, the Club has strongly opposed or strongly supported a proposal where 51% or more strongly opposed or strongly supported that proposal.

It would be impossible to ascertain the extent to which the Club's submission influenced the final outcome as the DPI received 5,440 submissions. Regardless, the Club was successful on 36 out of 45 proposed changes resulting in an 80% success rate. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire last year.

A summary of the questionnaire results and the final outcome for each proposal is listed below:

(a) The DPI accommodated the Club's position on the following 36 proposed changes

Species/issue	Proposal	CFC position & survey result	Outcome
Baitfish	Change bag limit of small baitfish to 100 combined for the following group of species – Australian Anchovy, Australian Sardine (Pilchard), Blue Sprat (Bluebait), Sandy Sprat (Whitebait), Maray (Round Herring) and Southern Herring.	<b>Support</b> 70% in favour	The bag limit of small baitfish to increase to 100 per species.
Billfish – Marlin (Striped, Blue and Black), Sailfish, Spearfish and Swordfish	Introduce a combined species group bag limit of 1 (i.e. 1 billfish per person/day)	<b>Oppose</b> 37% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Introduce a combined species group bag limit of 1 and boat limit of 2	<b>Oppose</b> 20% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Billfish – Marlin (Striped, Blue	Introduce a combined species group bag limit of 1 and boat	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	Proposal not adopted

and Black),	limit of 1	12% in favour	
Blue-eye Trevalla, Banded Rockcod, Hapuku, Bass Groper and Gemfish	Reduce the combined deep sea species group bag limit from 5 to 2 for Blue-eye Trevalla, Banded Rockcod, Hapuku and Bass Groper; and retain a separate species bag limit of 2 Gemfish and recreational boat limit of 10 Gemfish	<b>Oppose</b> 35% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Bream (Yellowfin & Black) & Tarwhine	Reduce bag limit from 20 to 10	<b>Support</b> 64% in favour	Bag limit reduced to 10 with a possession limit of 20.
Flathead – other		<b>Support</b> 51% in favour	
Luderick		<b>Support</b> 55% in favour	
Mahi Mahi	Reduce bag limit from 10 to 5	<b>Oppose</b> 49% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Remove the minimum size limit of 60 cm and size limit restriction of only 1 fish over 110 cm	<b>Oppose</b> 49% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Cobia	Reduce bag limit from 5 to 2	<b>Oppose</b> 44% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Mangrove Jack		<b>Oppose</b> 23% in favour	
Spanish Mackerel		<b>Oppose</b> 26% in favour	
Teraglin		<b>Oppose</b> 27% in favour	
Wahoo		<b>Oppose</b> 33% in favour	
Yellowtail Kingfish		<b>Strongly oppose</b> 17% in favour	
Morwong (Grey and Jackass)	Reduce bag limit from 10 to 5	<b>Oppose</b> 32% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Sharks: Tiger, Mako, Smooth Hammerhead, Porbeagle, Blue, Thresher and Whaler shark species	Reduce bag limit from 5 in total to a combined bag limit of 1 and a boat limit of 2 of these shark species	<b>Opposed</b> 16% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Reduce bag limit from 5 in total to a combined bag limit of 1 and a boat limit of 1 of these shark species	<b>Oppose</b> 29% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Sharks and Rays – others	Reduce bag limit from 5 (all other sharks and rays) to a combined bag limit of 2	<b>Oppose</b> 26% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Reduce bag limit from 5 (all other sharks and rays) to a combined bag limit of 1	<b>Oppose</b> 12% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Tuna: Yellowfin, Longtail, Albacore and Bigeye	Reduce the combined species group bag limit for specified tuna species to 5 with only 1 fish over 90 cm	<b>Oppose</b> 43% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Reduce the combined species group bag limit for specified tuna species to 2	<b>Strongly oppose</b> 2% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Combined Saltwater Finfish Bag/Possession Limit	Introduce a total combined daily catch limit for recreational fishers of 20 finfish per person per day	<b>Oppose</b> 45% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Introduce a total combined daily catch limit for recreational fishers of 30 finfish per person	<b>Oppose</b> 33% in favour	Proposal not adopted



	per day		
Default bag limit	Reduce default bag limit from 20 to 10 for species that do not have a prescribed bag limit	<b>Oppose</b> 28% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Marking of set fishing gear	Change gear marking requirements for recreational nets and traps to: the fisher's initial, family name, year of birth and residential postcode (rather than full name and home address) to deal with concerns over potential security risks	<b>Support</b> 60% in favour	Set recreational nets and traps to be marked with the fisher's initial, surname, year of birth and postcode
Crab traps, hoop/lift nets and witches hats	Restrict the night time use of witches hats/hoop/lift nets in saltwater. Note: Night time setting means one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.	<b>Oppose</b> 2% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Dip or Scoop Net	Introduce a maximum handle length of 1.5 metres for dip or scoop nets used in NSW	<b>Oppose</b> 4% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Fin clipping	Recreational fishers be required to fin clip all saltwater species retained that have a bag limit of 5 or less	<b>Strongly oppose</b> 1% in favour	Proposal not adopted
	Recreational fishers be required to fin clip specified high value species (e.g. Snapper, specified tunas, Yellowtail Kingfish, specified deep sea species, Spanish Mackerel and Mulloway)	<b>Strongly oppose</b> 22% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Transshipping of fish	Prohibit transshipping of fish species from one boat to another when on any waters by persons where the fishing activities that resulted in the catch are subject to NSW recreational fishing rules	<b>Support</b> 52% in favour	Transshipping fish from one boat to another (except specified bait species) will not be permitted.
Use of shrimp traps and yabby traps in freshwater	Permit fishers to lawfully take yabbies caught in a shrimp trap and shrimp caught in a yabby trap.	<b>Strongly support</b> 88% in favour	Permit fishers to retain yabbies caught in a shrimp trap and shrimp caught in a yabby trap.
Use of hoop nets in Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Googong Dam to take yabbies	Permit the use of up to 5 hoop/lift nets per person to take yabbies in Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Googong Dam	<b>Support</b> 72% in favour	Permit Yabbies to be taken using five hoop nets per person in Lake Lyell, Lake Wallace and Googong Dam.
Bow fishing for carp	Permit bow fishing for carp in certain, specified inland waters	<b>Support</b> 51% in favour	A strictly regulated pilot program to allow bowfishing for carp to be trialled in 2015 in key locations. To be closely monitored by NSW DPI.

(b) The Club opposed the following 6 proposals adopted by the DPI:

Species/issue	Proposal	CFC position & survey result	Outcome
Australian Bass	Extend the spawning closure for Australian Bass and Estuary Perch in all NSW waters from 3 months to a 4 month period from 1 May to 31 August to protect early migrating bass from excessive fishing pressure	<b>Oppose</b> 34% in favour	The spawning closure for Australian Bass and Estuary Perch to be extended to four months (May – August) to protect early migrating bass. Note this is a zero bag limit closure and catch and release of these species will be permitted

Species/issue	Proposal	CFC position & survey result	Outcome
			during the spawning closure.
Blue Swimmer Crab	Reduce bag limit from 20 to 10	<b>Oppose</b> 26% in favour	Bag limit reduced to 10 with a possession limit of 20.
Tailor		<b>Oppose</b> 47% in favour	
Trevallies		<b>Oppose</b> 49% in favour	
Trout	Comments are sought from the community on trout/salmon bag and size limits, the trout/salmon fishing season and rod, line and gear restrictions for trout and salmon. Note one specific proposal is to reduce the bag and possession limit for trout in general inland waters (areas not notified trout waters) from 10 and 20 to 5 and 10 respectively, so as to bring the limits in line with those for general trout streams and dams.	<b>Oppose</b> 24% in favour	Bag limit of trout in general inland waters to reduce to 5 five and possession limit to 10.
Crab traps, hoop/lift nets and witches hats	Reduce the number of witches hats/hoop/lift nets from 5 to 4 and increase the number of crab traps from 1 to 2	<b>Oppose</b> 41% in favour	Two crab traps and four witches hats/hoop/lift nets per person will be allowed

- (c) The Club supported the following 3 proposals but the DPI did not proceed with two and the change to Murray Cod rules was different to the one originally proposed.

Species/issue	Proposal	CFC position & survey result	Outcome
Flathead – Dusky	Reduce bag limit from 10 to 5	<b>Support</b> 58% in favour	Proposal not adopted
Snapper		<b>Support</b> 51% in favour	
Murray Cod	Reduce the bag limit of Murray Cod from 2 to 1 and the possession limit from 4 to 2; introduce a catch and release requirement for all Murray Cod caught over 80 cm; and permit the taking of up to 1 Murray Cod per person during the closed season within listed recreational impoundments that are reliant on stocking and/or have lower recruitment potential.	<b>Support</b> 55% in favour	A maximum size limit of 80cm for Murray Cod to provide protection for large breeding fish. Catch and release of large cod will be permitted. The minimum size limit of 60cm will remain in place. The taking of two Murray Cod per person during the closed season within Copeton Dam will be permitted.

## From the Editor

Following on from my sensational form at the presentation night – no trophies, no certificates, no raffle prizes but enough beer to make up for it, I figured it's time again to grab a beer and figuratively put pen to paper by putting fingertips to keyboard and summarise the month of fishing that it has been from my end...

Well, that's about it...! Thanks for reading and I'll be seeing the rat at the next meeting.

Anthony's article about NSW DPI's proposed changes just goes to show that changes are possible when we present ourselves as a group working together as opposed to a bunch of individuals. It also is testament that our club provides the perfect forum, with very little effort needed for those not bothered/too busy/otherwise occupied fishing, to have their voice heard on some pretty big issues. Thanks Anthony for your efforts in preparing the questionnaire, collating our responses and preparing the submission to the DPI. You deserve a gold badge! Oh, hang on a minute...

Well it's a new 'fishing' year so it's time to start recording some captures (just like Kristin and I didn't do last year) for this year's length based comps. In the fresh water, carp makes another appearance and for good reason, the less carp in the drink, the more your bin will stink! In the saltwater division, Tailor makes an appearance this year that makes it the first time I can remember but, seeing as though I've only been with the club for three years, I can be forgiven for making such a ludicrous statement and I'm sure soon to sit corrected and be told by one of you how recent it was that Tailor was the salt water target for the total length comp. Anyway, as an act of contrition, I offer you all some inspiring little of facts about tailor to help you get started on your year's fishing.

## Tallor by name and by nature

With a missile-shaped head, forked tail and powerful streamlined frame, they are ideally suited to the turbulent waters of surf beaches and coastal reefs.

The most striking feature of the tallor is its impressive protruding lower jaw with a mouthful of razor sharp teeth – ideal for slicing through schools of smaller fish and can be a risk to the fingers of unwary fishers.

Although they are silvery in colour, they can display a distinctly green, olive or bluish tinge along their backs. Their fins are a pale green with a tinge of yellow.

The common name, tallor, originates from the fish's ability to cut through fishing nets with its sharp teeth (as illustrated in the picture below).



Photo: Amber Howard

## Surf's up

Tallor prowl the surf zone in packs that can sometimes be spotted cruising behind breaking waves. Their well-suited body shape enables them to navigate through the turbulent surf with ease.

Tallor are also found around rocky outcrops and reefs along the shoreline. Offshore reefs are another prime habitat, especially for larger tallor.



A school of tallor move purposefully over the reef to seek out prey fish. Photo: F. Cardigos, ImagDOP

Just a quick reminder of couple of formalities put on the table at the committee meeting:

- The Burrinjuck Convention is literally just around the corner and time is fast running out to pre-order your Limited Edition 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burrinjuck Convention Shirt. These will be ridiculously limited in that there will only be one printing run of pre-ordered shirts before the convention. If enough interest is generated, there may be another run after the weekend but where's the fun in that? Shirts can be ordered through our website and can be put through as part of your Convention entry and at a bargain price of 26 bucks, you're losing money not buying one!
- If you're yet to renew your membership, you really should get cracking! This can also through our website.
- Not to be the outing Nazi, I personally think Kev is doing a sensational job in his role and I'm glad he's taken it on for another year as I'm sure you'd all agree. It is however our club's policy that individuals who have booked or reserved a place for any given outing (this includes other events such as the presentation night), will be expected to pay the total of the hugely discounted rate offered to our members, unless notification is given to the Outings Officer (or another committee member as required) no later than a week prior to the outing taking place. Good 'reasons' will be considered and most likely given some leeway but, creative excuses will be put to the committee vote and evaluated on their individual merit.

I'd like to take the chance while I'm on such a roll to remind everyone to send in your photos for the monthly photo competition, and keeping the dad joke theme of verbal amalgamation, I'll say that it might help you hone your... 'photografish' skills. It'll be worth a 20 buck voucher for the winner and a chance to say, 'Hey! That's my photo on the cover! How awesome is that?' You can submit your own entries directly onto the new website but

if you have difficulties, let myself or any of the committee members know and we'll get some additional instructions to you

The winner of the August Photo Competition, as seen on the cover is PHIL L with a photo He's dubbed 'GHOST FISHERMAN'.

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

Photo's loaded up through the website will automatically be resized so no need to spend time trying to do this yourself, easy as.

I'd like to say a quick thank you to Alan Hocking for his presentation at the September general meeting – even though it cost me a rat fine but potentially saved my life. For those of you that missed it, mine was the textbook example of why one should always check their inflatable life jacket before using it and get it professionally serviced every year. Not only was the gas cylinder completely out of its thread, upon testing, my jacket was found to have more holes in it than an echidna's underwear, it couldn't even stay inflated for 15 minutes.

Continuing with the CFC Event Organiser's program, for the October Meeting, Shane Jasprizza will be giving a presentation on ANSA rules and regulations and will answer any questions. Whether you've been fishing for your masters for decades, or just starting out, this presentation will definitely be worth checking out.

The November meeting (Monday 10 November) will be showcasing a presentation by Rick Sunderland, 2011/12 Australian Fly Fishing Champion. Tips, tricks, local knowledge and a few fly tying demonstrations. This promises to be a cracker of a meeting and a must for anyone with an interest in the local fly fishing scene.

The December meeting will be the setting for our annual New Members Night so invite your friends, family, work mates, neighbours, publicans, librarians, tax agents, pottery instructors or... partners. The club will put on a feast of nibbles, stage another quality raffle that'll include gear selected by yours truly as well as the large ticket item synonymous with the New Members Night and, not to forget the good old lucky member's draw.

Lastly, as I'm sure you're aching to continue on to read the Sponsor's page, if you have some gear to sell, swap, you may want or need, email the details so they can be included in the next edition of Canberra's best piscatorial editorial.

All of the above should be emailed to [editor@canberrafishos.com](mailto:editor@canberrafishos.com).

To sign off, this month's fishy quote:

Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish. - Mark Twain -

Cheers,  
Dino Martiniello



The board fish that got away :-/



# August Photo Comp



Jamie S – One last cast for the day –



John V – Dixieland Boating Facilities



John V – My Favourite Fly for Dixieland Rainbows



Paul H – Buckenderra Outing



Ashley B – 62cm Buckenderra Brown Trout



Karen M – 2.3kg Brown Trout on 1kg Line



Dave W – Kyle PB Flathead 77cm & 3.29kg



Phil L – GHOST FISHERMAN



BOB W – Lower Molonglo Cod, Catch & Release



Alf S – 6lb Googong Yellowbelly from casting at snags



Alf S – Buckenderra Brown caught in a bucken deluge



Mick J – 72cm Winter Cod from Burrinjuck





John V and his Baby Brown Trout

## 2014-2015 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Talbingo Convention	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Burrinjuck Convention	<b>(Monday) 10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Burrinjuck – Cod Opening Morven vs CFC inter club comp	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Carpathon	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuross	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Nowra Convention St Georges Basin	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Narooma Convention	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Carp-Out	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St Georges Basin	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bega/Brogo	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Narooma	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ulladulla	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Buckenderra	<b>11<sup>th</sup> - AGM</b>

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