



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc

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Winner of the April 2016 Photo Competition



Ben Lemmon's 82cm Cod from Glen Innes

Photograph by Chris Lemmon

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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 all,

The Club's fishing year is quickly coming to a close, but there is still plenty of time to get in some good fishing captures to compete in the competition standings, also don't forget to keep those photo's coming in for the photo comp.

May's general meeting decided the locations and dates for the next year's monthly Club outings. The information will be up on the club website, included in the newsletter and on our Facebook page and soon on the events calendar so you will once again be able to register interest through the website.

Well, the June long weekend Narooma outing is just around the corner and is a very popular club outing that offers great opportunities for all types of fishing as well the social Saturday evening club barbecue. The beaches fish well and generally, a small group of our members will fish together for great results with salmon, tailor, bream, flathead, whiting and the occasional jewfish or shark. In addition, Wagonga Inlet at Narooma holds a great stock of bream, flathead and jewfish - enough to keep the estuary anglers happy from a boat or land. Hopefully the seas will be kind on the weekend and the Narooma Bar is behaving itself, the opportunity opens up for many of the boaters to head out to Montague Island and beyond to hopefully tackle some of the Kingfish or possibly a tuna or two. Failing that some nice snapper, morwong and flathead to be taken with a bit of bottom bounce.

The next Club meeting will be held on 14th June with guest speaker Matt Beitzel from TAMS presenting information on how the ACT Fish Stocking is going. So spread the word and invite your local fishing friends to come along and find out what is happening locally on the fishing scene.

Again a reminder that the club AGM will be held on **WEDNESDAY 10th August**. We need to have preferably all financial senior members attending this meeting to make sure we have a quorum of members to be able to run the meeting. I also wish to advise that after 9 years of being on the committee that next year I will be looking to have a break as I will be having a very full year with work and other commitments. I do hope other members are willing to put up their hands to join the committee to further the club into the coming years. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form attached to the newsletter and pass it on to the secretary Sarah.

Another date for your diary is the ANSA NSW presentation night on Saturday 27th August, which is being hosted by the Canberra Fisherman's Club at Eastlake Football Club. It would be great to see a good turn out from our club for this event. Further details will be available in the July Newsletter.

Finally, there has been a lot of media on the Koi Herpes Virus. The club was contacted by ABC TV who were doing a story on the virus in relation to Lake Burley Griffin and asked me to do an interview from a recreational fishing club perspective to add to their interviews with CSIRO and TAMS. Anthony has posted the ABC TV story on our Facebook page and has put together a very informative article in this newsletter, which will be added to our website.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter until next month Tight Lines.

Chris Head



Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

I hope you have had a good May and have bagged out on many species during the month. Don't forget to send in your capture forms as it is getting close to the end of the year!!

Very short report this month as I have been sick and/or studying for most of it.

There are a couple of very important points that I would like to bring to your attention though.

1. The AGM is coming up in a few months and the date has been changed due to a scheduling conflict at Eastlakes FC. It will be **Wednesday, 10th August 2016 @ 7.30pm at Eastlakes Football Club, 3 Oxley Street, Griffith, ACT.** – If you only attend one meeting a year, this should be it! It is very important that you all attend the AGM. We need a certain percentage of the membership to be present or the meeting cannot happen. If the meeting does not happen after a couple of tries, then we cannot continue as a club.
2. Included in this newsletter there are the nomination forms for committee positions. PLEASE consider getting involved. There will be a lot of positions available this year including some in the executive. Again if we cannot fulfil the committee requirements, we cannot continue as a club. So please give it some serious thought.

We have had a few new members join this month and so I would like to welcome them to the club. If you see them at a meeting, please give them a warm welcome and make them feel at home.

See you next month (June!! Half way through the year already... argh!)

Tight Lines.

Sarah



Recorder's Report

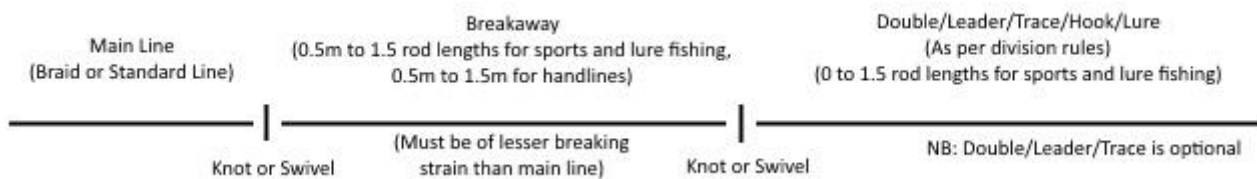
G'day all,

Once again the monthly outing accounted for the majority of captures recorded. Something like a dozen Trout of various types were logged. Most were in the 30 to 40 cm range, but a standout capture by Macy Walton reached in to the 60's.

The end of the club year is approaching rapidly so if you want a shot at a trophy or two I suggest you get cracking. Remember, you need to be fishing pre-test line if you want to be in the club's point based competitions.

For those wishing to give pre-test line ago, the rules are fairly simple. You need to have your main line be a pre-test line all the way through, or use a break away combination (more on that later). Pre-test line is defined as either Factory (usually endorsed with a statement such as "suitable for all ANSA/ IGFA pre-test competitions" or "tested to meet IGFA line class requirements etc"), or Signature (like the Platypus Signature line). Either can be used.

If you opt for a breakaway, the following diagram shows what is needed. If fishing in an area where the abrasive and visibility properties of the leader aren't so critical, you can use pre-test (which is usually mono rather than fluoro) as your "leader" (as per the NB. Bottom right of the diagram).



Lastly, if you are an ANSA member and wish to enter your captures in ANSA's 12-month competition please bug me. If I notice that a capture is eligible, I will mention it to you but I am but a fallible human being more likely to forget than not. The best way to ensure it happens is to download the entry form here (<http://www.ansansw.com.au/Linked%20documents/ANSA%2012month%20entry%20form%202012.2013.pdf>) and bug me to sign it at the next general meeting. I can then forward it to ANSA for you.

That's it from me for another month. Happy fishing and keep those capture sheets coming!

John.



Club Championship

Open

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Macy Walton | 707 | |
| Chris Clark | 528 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Colin Clark | 506 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Mel Marlborough | 450 | |
| Glen Malam | 426 | |

Ladies

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Macy Walton | 707 |
| Mel Marlborough | 450 |
| Rose Davis | 96 |
| Karren Harper | 50 |
| Lilly McNeice | 17 |

Junior

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Macy Walton | 707 |
| Kyle Walton | 308 |
| Justin McNeice | 23 |
| Lilly McNeice | 17 |

Land Based

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Chris Clark | 528 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Colin Clark | 506 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Macy Walton | 480 | |
| Mel Marlborough | 450 | |
| Shane Jasprizza | 140 | |

Fresh Water

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Macy Walton | 480 | |
| Mel Marlborough | 450 | |
| Mick Jewry | 114 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Anthony Heiser | 69 | |
| Glen Malam | 60 | |

Salt Water

| | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Chris Clark | 528 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Colin Clark | 506 | (less than 2 outings attended) |
| Glen Malam | 366 | |
| Kyle Walton | 308 | |
| Macy Walton | 227 | |

Most Versatile Angler

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Macy Walton | 9 | (less than 3 sections entered) |
| Chris Clark | 8 | (less than 3 sections entered) |
| Glen Malam | 7 | |
| Kyle Walton | 4 | (less than 3 sections entered) |
| Shane Jasprizza | 3 | (less than 3 sections entered) |

Salt Water Length

(Black Bream, Pikey Bream, Tarwhine, Yellowfin Bream)

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Keith Smith | 9,955 |
| Colin Clark | 9,050 |
| Steve Bailey | 4,855 |
| Chris Clark | 3,775 |
| Daniel McNeice | 3,165 |

Fresh Water Length

(Golden Perch)

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Paul Hoath | 3,970 |
| John Bosch | 3,045 |
| Chris Lemmon | 970 |
| Macy Walton | 480 |
| Mick Jewry | 420 |

Tagging Award

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Brian Stacy | 120 |
|-------------|-----|

Board Fish - Weight

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| All Other Rays | 0.68 kg | Chris Clark |
| Atlantic Salmon | 0.50 kg | Chris Lemmon |
| Australian Salmon | 2.32 kg | Zane Zhao |
| Barramundi | 18.00 kg | Steve Bailey |
| Black Bream | 1.40 kg | Chris Lemmon |
| Blue Morwong | 1.19 kg | Eustice Tonna |
| Brown Trout | 4.78 kg | Mitchell McGovern |
| Common Shovel-nosed Ray | 2.89 kg | Chris Clark |
| Common Stingray | 4.64 kg | Glen Malam |
| Dusky Flathead | 4.00 kg | Kyle Walton |
| European Carp | 4.50 kg | Mel Marlborough |
| Fiddler Ray | 6.26 kg | Colin Clark |
| Golden Perch | 1.80 kg | Macy Walton |
| Leatherjacket | 0.94 kg | Eustice Tonna |
| Luderick | 0.58 kg | Chris Lemmon |
| Mulloway | 4.86 kg | Chris Clark |
| Rainbow Trout | 7.10 kg | Mitchell McGovern |
| Redfin Perch | 1.38 kg | Chris Guion |
| Sand Flathead | 0.71 kg | Colin Clark |
| Sand Whiting | 0.50 kg | Karren Harper |
| Silver Trevally | 0.70 kg | Chris Guion |
| Snapper | 0.57 kg | Eustice Tonna |
| Snook Barracuda | 0.97 kg | Zane Zhao |
| Tailor | 0.91 kg | Chris Clark |
| Whiptail Ray | 6.88 kg | Chris Lemmon |
| Yellowfin Bream | 1.48 kg | Keith Smith |

Board Fish - Length

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Atlantic Salmon | 450 mm | Chris Lemmon |
| Australian Salmon | 500 mm | Chris Lemmon |
| Banjo Ray | 930 mm | Susan McNeice |
| Barramundi | 1130 mm | Steve Bailey |
| Black Bream | 450 mm | Steve Bailey |
| Blue Morwong | 490 mm | Eustice Tonna |
| Brown Trout | 660 mm | Mitchell McGovern |
| Dusky Flathead | 840 mm | Glen Malam |
| Dusky Flathead | 840 mm | Kyle Walton |
| European Carp | 720 mm | Chris Head |
| Fiddler Ray | 1010 mm | Colin Clark |
| Flounder | 340 mm | Colin Clark |
| Golden Perch | 560 mm | John Bosch |
| Leatherjacket | 400 mm | Eustice Tonna |
| Mullet | 340 mm | Susan McNeice |
| Mulloway | 820 mm | Chris Clark |
| Murray Cod | 580 mm | Steve Bailey |
| Rainbow Trout | 865 mm | Mitchell McGovern |
| Redfin Perch | 430 mm | Chris Guion |
| Sand Flathead | 490 mm | Colin Clark |
| Sand Whiting | 400 mm | Karren Harper |
| Sea Mullet | 350 mm | Anthony Heiser |
| Silver Trevally | 340 mm | Colin Clark |
| Snapper | 350 mm | Eustice Tonna |
| Snook Barracuda | 720 mm | Zane Zhao |
| Tailor | 450 mm | Chris Clark |
| Tiger Flathead | 480 mm | Mal Hedgecue |
| Yellow-eye Mullet | 440 mm | Colin Clark |
| Yellowfin Bream | 400 mm | Keith Smith |

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

4.50kg on 1 kg

Mel Marlborough

Estuary

Dusky Flathead

4.00kg on 2 kg

Kyle Walton

Rocks

Australian Salmon

1.90kg on 2 kg

Shane Jasprizza

Beach

Australian Salmon

2.32kg on 2 kg

Zane Zhao

All Tackle Championship

Open

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Glen Malam | 24 |
| Greg Davis | 20 |
| Chris Lemmon | 19 |
| Steve Bailey | 16 |
| Kevin Spriggs | 16 |

Junior

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Justin McNeice | 9 |
| Lilly McNeice | 7 |
| Zachary Zhao | 5 |
| Macy Walton | 4 |
| Tyson Davis | 4 |

Soon to Expire Scales

| | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 139 | Murray, Bruce | Rapala | 25 kg | 9/06/2016 |
|-----|---------------|--------|-------|-----------|

News & Stories

Lake Lyell Convention: 19-22 May 2016

by Anthony Heiser



My Mitsubishi Triton celebrated its first birthday on the shores of Lake Lyell.

Last year, I attended my first ever Lake Lyell Convention out of necessity to ensure that I retained my lead in the ANSA Convention Circuit. I don't normally stay in accommodation that does not include a ceiling, four walls and a bed but I surprised myself last year and met some nice people so, I definitely had to return to fish the convention again this year.

So, on Thursday, 19 May 2016, I dusted off my swag (to be used for the third time since I purchased it in 2009), purchased a decent gas cooker and some accessories from our sponsor Camping World Mitchell, and set off in my Mitsubishi Triton (which had just turned one that day) for Lake Lyell. Thanks to Jenny from the Sea Bees Fishing Club, I found that an unpowered campsite had already been booked for me at the Lake Lyell Recreation Park.

Fishing commenced midday Friday. I tried three different locations, starting with Farmers Creek Arm, the banks opposite the Lake Lyell Recreation Park, and then finally the bay on the western side of the park.

I didn't see or hear any evidence of fish in the lake and the afternoon turned into a photography session as Black Fronted Dotterels, Flame Robins, and the colours of sunset took my mind off the fish I wasn't catching.



A Black Fronted Dotterel keeps me amused on Friday afternoon



The shores of Lake Lyell on Saturday, 21 May 2016.

On Saturday morning, I got up early to fish the bay on the western side of the Park again. The bay erupted with trout rises at around 6.00 am. Unfortunately, none showed interest in my powerbait and also none showed interest in any of the lures that I presented to them. I then spent the rest of the morning walking the bank with the fly rod before returning back to my camp site for a midday breakfast.

On Saturday evening, I visited the bank opposite the camping grounds where I set up a couple of bait rods and then set up my gas cooker to make some dinner. I finally had my first bite after sunset but a problem quickly emerged: you could see the trout jumping in one part of the lake but my fishing line was going straight down into another part of the lake. The fish had snagged me on a submerged tree and I spent several minutes trying to un snag it. I then decided it was time to bust off my line as there was no sign that the trout was still hooked. The braid was cutting into my hand as I tried to bust the line off but after a minute, the line slowly started to give way and the branch it was snagged on broke off the submerged tree.



My only capture for the Convention was a plump 36 cm Rainbow Trout.

To my surprise, I still had one plump 36 cm rainbow trout attached to my hook. Unfortunately, as it was not in great condition, this trout ended up in the esky and was entered into the comp under the longest trout retained category. Nothing much else happened after dinner except for the one moment when I thought I had another trout that snagged me. Only this time, it turned out to be a monster yabby that tried to steal my Rainbow Twist Powerbait.

The next morning, I returned with the fly rod and unfortunately dropped a nice fish only two metres from the bank. After that, there were no more hits despite carpet bombing the lake with my fly rod till 11 am.



A 20 cm plus Yabby caught on Rainbow Twist Powerbait

Fishing ended at midday and the Sea Bees Fishing Club hosted an awesome BBQ lunch prior to the presentation. Once the presentation got underway, it was announced that 110 people attend the Convention, with 105 fish caught. Unfortunately, my Trout did not win the longest Trout retained category although it might have made the top five as only six fish were retained over the weekend. Also unfortunate was that my efforts were not enough for the Canberra Fisherman's Club to make it into the top rankings for the Champion Club.

Congratulations to the Sea Bees Fishing Club who won the Champion Club Trophy and took out many of the other trophies. Also, many thanks to Sea Bees Fishing Club for organising such an enjoyable Convention and booking my camping spot.

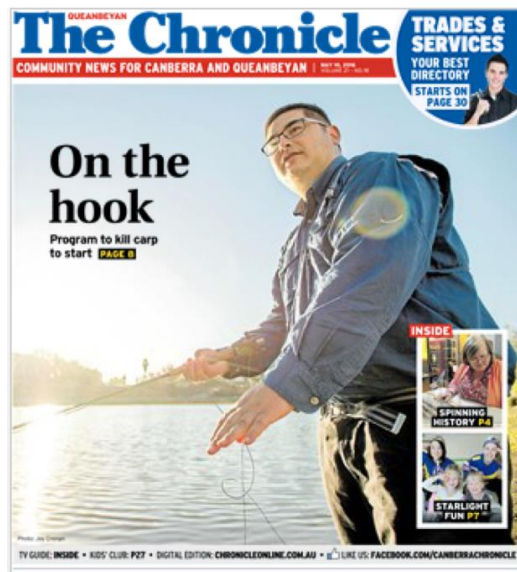
Once again, I thoroughly enjoyed myself at the Outing and am planning to go again next year. If anyone is thinking of joining me for the Tenth ANSA Lake Lyell Convention next year, I'm sure I can make room for a couple of spots in my Mitsubishi Triton.

Results

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Attendees: | 110 anglers | | | | | | |
| Captures: | 105 fish | | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83 Rainbow Trout • 12 Brown Trout • 10 Bass | | | | | | |
| Longest Rainbow Trout: | Reg Sinclair (590 mm) Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Brown Trout: | Gordon Jobson (570 mm) Wollongong Sportsfishing Club | | | | | | |
| Highest Point score Ladies: | Ann Gerard, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Highest Point score Senior men: | Dean Gerard, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Highest Point score Junior boy: | Liam Layte, Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club | | | | | | |
| Highest Point score Junior Girl: | Costalia Michael, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Bass: | Frank Best, Barrenjoey Sportfishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Trout Lure casting: | Chris Bird (495 mm Rainbow Trout) Barrenjoey Sportfishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Trout Land based: | Dean Gerard (470 mm) Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Trout non-ANSA: | Adam Caruno (470 mm) | | | | | | |
| Longest Trout retained: | Liam Layte (420 mm) Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Rainbow Trout Junior: | Hudson Prigmore, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Longest Brown Trout Junior: | Ben Moeser, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Champion Boat: | Todd Moeser, Sea Bees Fishing Club | | | | | | |
| Champion Club: | <table> <tr> <td>Sea Bees Fishing Club</td><td>70 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club</td><td>18 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wollongong Sportsfishing Club</td><td>16 points</td></tr> </table> | Sea Bees Fishing Club | 70 points | Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club | 18 points | Wollongong Sportsfishing Club | 16 points |
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'Carpageddon' and the Koi Herpes Virus (CyHV3)

by Anthony Heiser



Left: Front page of the *The Queanbeyan Chronicle* on 10 May 2016 and Right: Chris Head being interviewed for the Curious Canberra segment that appeared on ABC News in Canberra and ABC 24 Australia-wide on 16 May 2016

With the recent announcement by Deputy Prime Minister that he plans to give Herpes to Carp, both the CRFA and the Club received queries from the media and the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation for comments and photo shoots. Shane Jasprizza and I have both appeared in an article that appeared in [The Canberra Times](#), [The Queanbeyan Age](#), and *The Queanbeyan Chronicle*. Also, Chris Head and I appeared in a Curious Canberra segment of the [ABC News](#) in Canberra. We offered to meet up with the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation following its request for a photo shoot but have not heard back from them since.

The recent media attention highlighted the fact that the CRFA and the Club had not formally adopted a position on the proposed release of the Koi Herpes Virus to control Australia's Carp population, nor had we seriously considered whether releasing a foreign virus into our waterways was a good thing. One member of the recreational fishing community brought to our attention an [online article by Emeritus Professor Simon Chapman \(Public Health, University of Sydney\) raising concerns about the safety of the Koi Herpes Virus](#).

However, those present at the recent CRFA and CFC General Meetings held this month voted in favour of supporting the release of the Koi Herpes Virus (subject to the Government adequately funding the clean-up of waterways of dead and dying Carp, habitat restoration and restocking of native fish). The Club also distributed an academic journal article ([McColl, K., Cook, B.D., Sunarto, A. \(2014\). Viral biocontrol of invasive vertebrates - Lessons from the past applied to cyprinid herpesvirus-3 and carp \(*Cyprinus carpio*\) control in Australia. *Biological Control*. 72: 109–117](#)) at the May General Meeting that provides a good summary about the issues to consider for the proposed release of the Koi Herpes Virus.

Unfortunately, a fee is payable to access a copy of that article but the following article is also worth reading: <http://www.pestsmart.org.au/cyhv3-potential-as-a-biological-control-agent-for-carp-in-australia/>

Before you read Professor Chapman's article, I should point out he has kept ornamental koi for nearly 20 years and is patron of the [Australian Koi Association](#). Nevertheless, I would hate to allow Professor Chapman to write a later article in five years saying 'I told you so'.

Accordingly, I researched over 20 websites, academic journal articles, and Government and non-Government factsheets off the internet to reach my own conclusions.

I have used that research to write a [Q & A article on the Club's website](#) on the Koi Herpes Virus. The conclusion I reached was that the Virus is safe for humans and our native species although I would like to see a little more evidence supporting claims that the Virus will kill up to 80% of the Carp population.

I didn't comment on Professor Chapman's concerns in the Q & A article so I'll briefly address each of the concerns he raised here.

No planned trial release before the virus is released Australia-wide

Any attempt at a limited or restricted release of the virus is probably impractical. Given how quickly the virus has spread to over 30 countries since 1996, it would appear highly likely that even a limited release will result in the virus spreading rapidly across our inland waterways.

No other country is planning to release Koi Herpes Virus to control Carp

This is because Carp and Koi have greater economic value in most overseas countries as both a food fish and an ornamental fish. While it may sound crazy that we are wanting to eradicate our only 'thriving' inland fishery, a number of Australians are clearly of the view that the environmental damage caused by Carp far outweighs their economic value.

What if the virus mutates into a form that can affect other fish species and animals?

The probability is low. Given that Koi Herpes Virus presumably mutated from an earlier virus, this might appear to be a bold statement. Admittedly, it is difficult to say with certainty how low that probability is given the virus obviously mutated from another virus in the 1990s and we still don't know how this occurred. However, there are a few reasons why it can be regarded to be as a low probability.

Firstly, and as Professor Chapman points out, Herpes Viruses are DNA viruses, which are more stable and less prone to mutations. In contrast, RNA viruses (such as influenza viruses and HIV) are highly unstable and frequently mutate.

Secondly, while DNA viruses can mutate, since it first appeared in 1996, there has been no evidence of Koi Herpes Virus mutating and jumping to other species in any of the 30 countries in which it is found.

Thirdly, there is also no evidence that two closely related Herpes Viruses, Carp Pox Virus and Goldfish Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus, have jumped species either. Carp Pox Virus was first discovered about 400 years ago while Goldfish Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus was discovered in 1992.

Incidentally, the Myxoma Virus was introduced in 1951 and the Calicivirus, which is an RNA virus more prone to mutations, was introduced in 1995 (albeit accidentally) to control rabbits. There is little evidence that either virus has mutated since their introduction.

Thousands of tonnes of rotting fish

This is a valid concern that the CRFA and CFC shares. I have not addressed this issue in the Q & A article as the focus of the article was about the virus itself rather than the logistics

involved in deploying the virus. This may not address all concerns about what we do with all the dead Carp but [Dr Ken McColl in his CSIRO Blog Page](#) advises as follows:

If an image of rivers full of large dead carp floating on the surface is what springs to mind, rest assured that our research includes careful planning and modelling before release and follow-up strategies are recommended.

Carp breed in well-mapped specific sites along the Murray-Darling Basin. The virus is likely to be released in these sites where most carp are juveniles. Not only would this wipe out large populations of carp before they become mature, but bird life will probably clean up large numbers of the immature carp.

Unanticipated impact on ecosystem?

This is an interesting question and Professor Chapman sums it up as follows:

No modelling has been released on the impact on these native species if up to 90% of a major source of food suddenly dies. Should we be planning a program to reintroduce native species, or do we just sit back and see what happens? Are we potentially leaving an ecosystem gap for some other problem to fill?

Again, these are not issues addressed in my Q & A article. However, the [McColl, Cook and Sunarto \(2014\)](#) article distributed to our members in the May General Meeting addresses the issue about possible impacts on the food chain.

'Prey-switching' refers to a situation where a predator's food source is greatly reduced, forcing the predator to switch to a different food source. However, [McColl, Cook and Sunarto \(2014\)](#) point out that current studies show Carp are seldom eaten by Murray Cod, Australian Bass and Golden Perch, nor are they of major importance in the diet of birds. In addition, any effect of prey switching is only expected to last six to 24 months.

Professor Chapman's second point about reintroducing native species to ensure we don't leave an ecosystem gap for some other problem to fill is a valid concern. The CRFA and the CFC hope that the deployment of the Koi Herpes Virus is accompanied by serious stocking of native fish to stop other pest species such Redfin Perch and Tilapia filling in that ecosystem gap.

Community concerns about water safety

The Koi Herpes Virus is not an infectious animal disease that can be transmitted to humans (or "zoonosis"). There is also no evidence of infection by humans who handled diseased fish. Accordingly, you won't catch Herpes by kissing fish.

In addition, the European Commission has found no evidence for any fish virus causing disease in humans. However, it is never wise for humans or pets to consume any sick or dying fish.

A strong public awareness campaign will be crucial to ensuring the public understands what the Koi Herpes Virus is, why it is being released, what to expect when it is released, and what the risks to the public and the environment might be. A lack of public awareness about the Koi Herpes Virus can be counter-productive. A number of successful government initiatives and scientific advances (such as immunisation and water fluoridation) suffer from myths spread within sections of the community, either due to a lack of knowledge or by misinformation spread by special interest groups (such as the Patron of the Australian Koi Association).

Total Length Award species for 2015-16

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2015-16, the target species are Bream for the Saltwater section and Yellow Belly for the Freshwater. There's still time to get involved and put some points on the board to have a shot at the trophies. Minimum legal lengths apply for fish to be considered eligible for entry.

The target species for the 2015-16 fishing year are:

Bream* in the Saltwater section



Yellow Belly in the Freshwater section



*Includes all Tarwhine and all species of Bream caught in Australian Territorial Waters. Note, this does not include freshwater species such as Bony Bream.

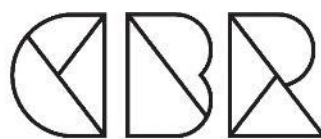
How many metres can you catch?

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ANSA and CRFA update

by Anthony Heiser

ANSA Membership Renewal

If you are not an ANSA Member, please consider joining when you renew your CFC membership for 2016-17. Adult membership is \$20 a year and family membership is currently only \$25 a year. We have heard ANSA is considering reducing the price of family memberships to boost family participation in ANSA competitions and sportsfishing so stay tuned. It's not a lot of money given you will be supporting an organisation that supports a fellowship of anglers through social and competitive outings, access to Master Awards, eligibility to claim State, National and International records, and most importantly, represent your interests as recreational anglers through peak bodies and to government.

In addition, all ANSA members in our Club are covered for accidental death or disability while fishing at any time or place, under a blanket accident insurance policy that ANSA NSW has in place with WorkCover NSW and is administered by the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee.

The cost of this insurance is met out of membership fees paid to ANSA NSW and the only requirement when making a claim is that when you are fishing, you must be accompanied by another person - this need not be an ANSA member. This requirement is for obvious safety reasons and also there needs to be a witness to any accident for the claim to be processed. You can check out the [list of benefits](#) or visit www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au for more information. If the above links don't work, you can access the information using the site's [search function](#). If that fails, or if your surname is Clark, please let me know and I'll happily get the information for you by alternative means.

Additional to the above there is a new draft rules book being considered and will be voted on the 9th of June so for your information please see considered changes at <https://ansanationalblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/rule-book-2016-draft-final.pdf> and if you wish to comment please let us know ASAP.

Planned fish stocking for NSW Dams and Lakes in 2016-17

The NSW Department of Primary Industries has released its draft native fish stocking plan for 2016-17 for comments by 13 May 2016. The CRFA was satisfied with the draft proposal and elected not to submit comments. Subject to revisions following the consultation process, the DPI's draft stocking targets for lakes and dams near Canberra are as follows:

| Dam/Lake | Golden Perch | Murray Cod | Silver Perch | Australian Bass |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Blowering Dam | 50,000 | 40,000 | | |
| Burrinjuck Dam | 50,000 | 36,000 | 40,000 | |
| Captains Flat Dam | 4,000* | 2,000* | | |
| Googong Dam | | 20,000 | 20,000 | |
| Jounama Pondage | 10,000 | 5,000 | | |
| Lake Jerrabomberra | | 500 | | |
| Lake Windamere | 50,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | |
| Pejar Dam | | | | 1,000* |
| Redground Dam (Crookwell) | 4,000 | | | |
| Wyangala Dam | 40,000 | 50,000 | | |
| Yass Railway Weir | 2,000* | 500* | | |
| Yass Weir | 2,000* | 1,500* | 5,000* | |

* May not get stocked in the event of low hatchery production.



Fishin' Submission

Time to put your hand up!

This section of the newsletter is available to all CFC members to fill with articles, pictures, recipes, anecdotes or just about anything fishing related. This month we give the opportunity to all CFC financial members to put in a submission for a position... in the 2016/17 CFC Committee, as well as a nomination for any of the 2015/16 trophy winners.

I :

Signature :

Nominate for the position of *(Circle as appropriate)*

President

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Position

Nominated by :

Seconded by :

I :

Would like to nominate :

for the award of *(Circle as appropriate):*

Club Member of the Year

Most Meritorious Capture

Most Improved Angler

Most Improved Junior

Gold Badge*

Life Membership**

Brief details of why this person is being nominated:

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Nominated by :

Seconded by :

(* Awarded at discretion of Committee)

(**Requires resolution at Special General Meeting)

From the Editor

As the 2016/17 fishing year comes to an end, some may see it as a time for reflection... about the fish that got away, the fish that just wouldn't take the lure, or the fishing that just didn't quite happen for one reason or another. I for one am reflecting on all three as well as being yet to get a fish on the board this year. Not for not trying... or for poor knot tying, I've landed some nice fish, some made it to the dish, but the scales I wish... were on the boat. There is still time and I have no fear, because there's also the next fishing calendar year... or I'll just crack another beer.

Speaking of cracking, our next General meeting will feature Matthew Bietzel from Territory and Municipal Services, ACT Government, who will be presenting information on:

- Canberra Fisherman's Club (CFC) stocking program in local medium ponds (Point Hut and Dunlop) and other Canberra lakes fish stocking.
- Capital Region Fishing Alliance (CRFA) Habitat augmentation of Yerrabi and the other habitat work the ACT Government has been undertaking.
- Fisheries Survey in the Basin priority project Community Survey

This meeting is open to all members of the public and is a great time to share with the members and with anyone of the Canberra Community, the great job that the club and the ACT government do with the stocking of our local lakes and ponds. If you have any friends you would like to invite, I suggest you get... cracking! #champagnesegue

Speaking of high quality work, I'd like to follow on from Chris' mention of taking a rest from the CFC committee and congratulate and thank him for holding the fort in many ways over the past nine years. The club owes a lot to Chris' efforts and a great way to repay that favour would be to put your hand up for a position in the 2016/17 CFC committee. Rumour has it (this could actually be what starts the rumour, or at least feeds it) that there may be a few positions up for grabs in next year's committee so now is definitely a great time to think about what you could bring to contribute to your fishing club. All you need to do is fill out the nomination form that you can see in this month's Fishin' Submission segment, have someone second the nomination, then bring it along to the next General meeting on June 14 at Eastlakes where one of the committee will happily take it off your hands.

Speaking of the handover of a little piece of paper, the winner of the April photo comp was Chris Lemmon who gets this month's little piece of paper that's worth twenty bucks in Otto's Tackle World Canberra. As always, it's great to see such a great standard in this competition so please keep sending your fishing photos in. Photos can be submitted directly onto our website or via email. If you have any difficulties, let me know and I'll help make it happen.

The rules of the photo comp are really simple:

- Members can submit up to two photos per month
- The photo must either be taken by or be of the member submitting the photo
- 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. If you're struggling and need help compressing the photos, please contact me or any of the committee members. If you submit your photos directly to the website, you will not have to do any of the above, they will be automatically resized as they upload so this is clearly our preferred method.

Don't stress if you can't see your photo on the site straight away, all photos still need a little human intervention to get to the right place with supplied text.

Lastly, if you have some fishing (or fishing related) gear to sell, swap, want to purchase, barter or are giving away because you broke it, please send through the details and I'll put it in the next newsletter. Just email me at editor@canberrafishos.com. Also, if you have anything you think would go great in the 'Fishin' Submission' section, send it through!

The solution to any problem – work, love, money, whatever – is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be.

Catch you next fish,
Dino



April 2016 Photo Competition



Chris L – Ben Lemmon's 82cm Cod from Glen Innes



Anthony H – Little duck munching on offerings of white bait at St Georges Basin



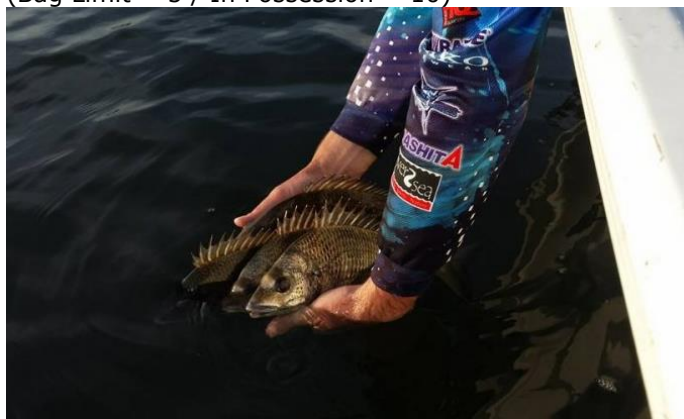
Kevin S – Using all of the boat



Jon V – Bails Bags Out on Fish Fingers
(Bag Limit = 5 / In Possession = 10)



Jon V – Same Bridge – Different Day – Other Side



Chris H – St Georges Basin catch of the day release



Kevin S – Everyone's a coach



Chris H – St Georges Basin catch of the day



Susan M – Second day of the Mallacoota round of the Southern Bream Series.
80 boats in the competition.



Every month, there can only be one stand out photo and this month's winner is Chris Lemmon with this sensational shot of Ben's crackin' Cod from Glen Innes. Good fish, great pic and sweet prize. What more can I say? Awesome work! Hope to see more next month!

As always, a huge thank you goes out to our major sponsor, Otto's Tackle World Canberra.



Thank you to everyone at OTWC, not only for keeping this photo competition alive and for the ongoing support extended to the Canberra Fisherman's Club but most importantly, for continually stocking such a great range of gear and always being happy to extend some of the best fishing advice available in Canberra.

2016-2017 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

| Outing Date | Outing | Monthly Meetings |
|--|---|--|
| 11th – 13th June | Narooma | 14th |
| 2nd – 3rd July | Ulladulla | 12th |
| 6 - 7 August | Buckenderra (Lake Eucumbene) | Wed 10th AGM |
| 27th August | ANSA NSW AGM & Presentation Night Canberra | |
| 10th September | Presentation Night | 13th |
| 17th – 18th September | Kalkite (Lake Jindabyne) | |
| 16th October | National Gone Fishing Day | |
| 22nd – 23rd October | Batemans Bay | 11th |
| 4th – 6th November | Burrinjuck Convention | 8th |
| 3rd – 4th December | Burrinjuck – Cod Opening Morven vs CFC inter club comp | |
| 11th December | Christmas Party | 13th New Members Night |
| 28th – 29th January | Tuross | 10th |
| 11th February | Local Lakes + Evening BBQ | 14th |
| 12th February | Carpathon @ Boat House | |
| 10th – 13th March | Narooma Convention | 14th |
| 25th March | Fishing Clinic | |
| 26th March | Carp-Out | |
| 22nd – 23rd April | St Georges Basin | 11th |
| 20th – 21st May | Bega/Brogo | 9th |
| 10th – 12th June | Narooma | 13th |
| 22nd – 23rd July | Ulladulla | 11th |

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