



# Newsletter

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**Winner of the September 2015 Photo Competition**



**Andrew B – Kalkite Outing Brown (or dinner for two)**

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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

Hello all,

Well we start this month's newsletter with a report that Team Canberra Fishos had a fantastic time attending the Gold Coast Flathead Classic on the 1st – 3rd October and managed to finish up in the top 20 out of 217 teams. We already have a returning team for 2016 and would highly recommend it to other members to join us as the more teams, the merrier. Also, I have to say; 'Great work!' by the Gold Coast Sportfishing Club for putting on an excellent event. Anthony has written a great article later on in the newsletter about the trip.

Moving on to another great event, our own Annual Burrinjuck Convention being held on November 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, which is literally just around the corner. Entries are coming in thick and fast, sponsors have been finalised and all the food and equipment has been sorted so we're just about ready to go down to the Inland Waters Holiday Parks, Burrinjuck Waters for the 41<sup>st</sup> Burrinjuck Convention. Hoping to see many of you at the event as the weather is looking pretty good so far – but who can predict Mother Nature...

Batemans Bay Outing on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October was well attended with 18 members heading down for the weekend. All that were there had a good time although the weather was very ordinary on the Saturday Night and on the Sunday which meant that the fishing was pretty tough. A bit more on that later.

**REMINDER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP** – This can now be done online through the website. Also make sure you are at the next General meeting on 10th November as the luck members draw is now up to \$275. This would buy the luck winner some great fishing gear.

Local Fish stocking is back on the radar with ACT Government and NCA looking to stock the major lakes over the next few months. Doing what we're primarily here to do (apart from fishing), the Canberra Fisherman's Club will be supplementing this stocking by allocating funds to boost the numbers being stocked into the major waterways and doing our bit to help keep the smaller ponds stocked and fishing well. Watch this space over the next few months for more information on our contribution to local fish stocking.

That is about it from me for the month; I hope to see you all at Burrinjuck this coming weekend.

Regards

Chris Head



# Secretary's Report

Hi all

Mine is a pretty short report this month as I have been super busy working with the committee to bring you the best ANSA convention on the circuit, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual CFC Burrinjuck Convention.

We have been working hard finding some awesome prizes, buying heaps of yummy food and digging up the most notorious film known to fishing-kind. All this around being confined to bed due to sickness and back injuries.

Registrations are still open for the convention, please go to the website and register.

Remember CFC members who work two shifts (set up and pack up not included) will get complementary accommodation. If you have not already put your name down for these shifts please contact Kevin or any one else on the committee ASAP to get it sorted out.

If you are able to help with set-up, please get to Burrinjuck Friday morning and hook in. Equally important is the pack up at the end of the event. The club and committee appreciates all of the help it can get from its members for each of these jobs and this year will be no different. As with any job that requires a little elbow grease, many hands make light work.

After the convention the next outing will be the return to Burrinjuck in December for the annual cod opening and our friendly competition with the Morven Fishing Club so, keep an eye out for the details on that one in the next newsletter.

Till next month, tight lines.

Sarah





# Recorder's Report

G'day all,

Well, my annual October trip to Broken Hill came and went. While the trip was as good as ever, the fishing was pretty woeful. My best capture (of two) features in my photo below for this month's report. It's a 44 cm Yellow Belly caught on a bit of old frozen prawn dangled in that structure behind me. My father and I cast countless lures around but couldn't get a strike. Those that know me on Face Book would have heard by comments on how poor a condition the whole Menindee Lake scheme and the nearby river is in.

On to club news. There has been a grand total of zero captures reported outside of the Nelligen outing this month. I dare say the boys on their yearly trip up to Mackay will have a few capture sheets for me at the next meeting, but for now the competition is fairly quiet. If this rain stops and gives me a free weekend I might try and chase a few Golden Perch on LBG. I hear they been firing fairly well the last few weeks.

The new length board is proving an interesting addition. Take a look at the current Dusky Flathead length. Glen and Kyle have both caught 840 mm Flathead. Bega river fish must be a bit fatter than Clyde fish though, as Kyle holds the weight board on his own.

The next big event for the club is the Burrinjuck Convention, which is bearing down on us at a rapid rate. I will be doing the recording duties again this year so I'll have prime position on seeing what's happening. Drop in and say hello at the recorder's tent if you're hanging around during the day. You never know, you just might time it well enough for a Grappa tasting if our Croatian friends are about again this year. I hope that our club members make sure they leave themselves some time to have a fish this year. It would be nice to see our club take a position other than last in the Burrinjuck Bell!

That's it from me for another month. Keep those capture forms rolling in!

John.



# Club Championship

## Open

Glen Malam	310	
Kyle Walton	200	(less than 2 outings attended)
Macy Walton	122	(less than 2 outings attended)
Rose Davis	49	
Greg Davis	48	

## Ladies

Macy Walton	122	(less than 2 outings attended)
Rose Davis	49	

## Junior

Kyle Walton	200	(less than 2 outings attended)
Macy Walton	122	(less than 2 outings attended)

## Land Based

Glen Malam	70
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## Fresh Water

Glen Malam	60
Rose Davis	49
Greg Davis	48

## Salt Water

Glen Malam	250
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## Most Versatile Angler

Glen Malam	5	
Macy Walton	2	(less than 3 sections entered)
Kyle Walton	2	(less than 3 sections entered)

## Salt Water Length *(Black Bream, Pikey Bream, Tarwhine, Yellowfin Bream)*

Keith Smith	2,950
Mick Jewry	630
Chris Head	340

## Fresh Water Length *(Golden Perch)*

John Bosch	790
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## Tagging Award

## Board Fish - Weight

Atlantic Salmon	0.50 kg	Chris Lemmon
Australian Salmon	1.17 kg	Glen Malam
Black Bream	1.00 kg	Chris Lemmon
Brown Trout	2.42 kg	Chris Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	4.00 kg	Kyle Walton
Luderick	0.58 kg	Chris Lemmon
Rainbow Trout	0.56 kg	Bruce Murray
Silver Trevally	0.64 kg	Chris Lemmon

Yellowfin Bream	1.48 kg	Keith Smith
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## Board Fish - Length

Atlantic Salmon	450 mm	Chris Lemmon
Australian Salmon	480 mm	Glen Malam
Banjo Ray	930 mm	Susan Mcneice
Black Bream	340 mm	Mick Jewry
Brown Trout	625 mm	Chris Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	840 mm	Glen Malam
Dusky Flathead	840 mm	Kyle Walton
Golden Perch	440 mm	John Bosch
Mulloway	715 mm	Daniel Mcneice
Rainbow Trout	380 mm	Bruce Murray
Tailor	380 mm	Daniel Mcneice
Yellowfin Bream	390 mm	Keith Smith

## Best Fish

### Fresh Water

#### Brown Trout

1.20kg on 2 kg  
Glen Malam

### Estuary

#### Dusky Flathead

4.00kg on 2 kg  
Kyle Walton

### Beach

#### Australian Salmon

1.17kg on 2 kg  
Glen Malam



# All Tackle Championship

## Open

Glen Malam	14
Greg Davis	8
Brian Stacy	8
Daniel Mcneice	4
Chris Lemmon	4
Keith Smith	4
Lindsay Steele	4
Tyson Davis	4
Justin Mcneice	4

## Junior

Justin Mcneice	4
Tyson Davis	4
Lilly Mcneice	3
Connor Davis	2
Zachary Zhao	1

## Soon to Expire Scales

1	Stanfield, Jamie	Rapala Digital	8 kg	5/10/2015
60	Stanfield, Jamie	Salter Super Samson	20 kg	5/10/2015
129	Stacy, Brian	Rapala	25 kg	7/11/2015
141	Martiniello, Dino	Rapala	8 kg	7/11/2015

**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!**

# Starting All Time Length Board

Species	Length	Angler	CaptureYear
Atlantic Salmon	760 mm	LEMMON, Chris	2012-13
Australian Bass	423 mm	JONES, Timothy	2012-13
Australian Salmon	595 mm	HEAD, Chris	2014-15
Banjo Ray	620 mm	STANFIELD, Tom	2012-13
Barracuda	550 mm	MCDONALD, Wendie	2014-15
Barramundi	113 mm	WALTON, Dave	2012-13
Black Bream	420 mm	MCNEICE, Susan	2014-15
Blue Groper	400 mm	SPRIGGS, Kevin	2014-15
Brown Trout	610 mm	MAGASSY, Albert	2012-13
Common Shovel-nosed Ray	940 mm	CLARK, Colin	2012-13
Dusky Flathead	880 mm	STACY, Brian	2014-15
Eel Tailed Catfish (freshwater)	550 mm	BAILEY, Steve	2012-13
Estuary Perch	305 mm	HEAD, Chris	2012-13
European Carp	780 mm	ROBBIE, Luke	2012-13
Fiddler Ray	1000 mm	LEMMON, Chris	2012-13
Flounder	295 mm	BOSCH, John	2012-13
Fork-tailed Catfish (blue)	400 mm	HEISER, Anthony	2012-13
Golden Perch	610 mm	MCGOVERN, Andrew	2012-13
Javelin Fish	600 mm	BAILEY, Steve	2012-13
Mako Shark	1080 mm	BAILEY, Steve	2012-13
Morwong	480 mm	MCDONALD, Wendie	2014-15
Murray Cod	930 mm	HOATH, Paul	2014-15
Rainbow Trout	545 mm	VOGEL, John	2012-13
Redfin Perch	440 mm	BOSCH, John	2014-15
Sand Flathead	470 mm	MCDONALD, Wendie	2014-15
Sand Whiting	360 mm	SPRIGGS, Kevin	2014-15
Silver Perch	500 mm	MCGOVERN, Andrew	2012-13
Snapper	685 mm	STANFIELD, Tom	2012-13
Sweep	310 mm	HEAD, Chris	2014-15
Tailor	490 mm	CLARK, Chris	2014-15
Tiger Flathead	480 mm	MCDONALD, Wendie	2012-13
Yellowfin Bream	365 mm	HEAD, Chris	2014-15
Yellowtail Kingfish	775 mm	MALAM, Glen	2012-13

## News & Stories

### Team Canberra Fishos in Top 20 finish at the 2015 Gold Coast Flathead Classic

By Anthony Heiser



Team Canberra Fishos: Anthony Heiser, Daniel McNeice, and Chris Head (photograph courtesy of [Gerry Nicholls Photography](#)).

Team Canberra Fishos proudly represented the Canberra Fisherman's Club at the 22nd Gold Coast Flathead Classic held on 30 September - 3 October 2015. This year, the Gold Coast Flathead Classic was attended by 551 competitors making up 215 teams. For Team Captain Chris Head, this was his fourth time in attending this tournament while fellow team mates Anthony Heiser and Daniel McNeice fished the event for the first time. Despite being 1150 km north of their usual stomping grounds, Team Canberra Fishos caught and released 40 fish to come home with a Top 20 finish.

We arrived at Chris's parents' house at Paradise Point around 7.30 pm on Monday night after a long drive that started at 3.30 am that day. After resting and getting our fishing gear ready on Tuesday, we had a Wednesday morning pre-fish between the Gold Coast Seaway and Crab Island. The pre-fish was uneventful although I managed



This Watson's Leaping Bonito spat out its breakfast just as its photo was being taken.



to land a Watson's Leaping Bonito while Daniel landed a half metre Flathead.

Chris's sister Carol and her partner Sean were also competing under the team name 'Quitya Bitchin' and we joined them at the Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club on Wednesday Night for registration and dinner.

During the evening, Merv Hughes provided some light entertainment at the Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club and reminded everyone of the rules of the competition. Firstly, that this was a catch and release competition only and that all captures (Flathead or otherwise) had to be released alive. In addition, only lures and flies were permitted. Flathead of 40cm or longer and other species in consideration for the longest fish category must be photographed on the tournament sticker with a digital camera.



Merv Hughes providing some light entertainment at the Tournament Head Quarters on registration night.

Fishing commenced at 6.30 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and finished at 4.00 pm on Thursday and Friday and at 2.00 pm on Saturday. Scores were allocated to each fish according to their length as indicated on the tournament sticker.



Chris Head lands a 69 cm Dusky Flathead within the first fifteen minutes of fishing on Thursday morning.

Fishing got off to a great start on Thursday morning with Chris landing a 69 cm Flathead on the troll within the first fifteen minutes of fishing followed by my 50 cm Flathead five minutes later. Chris landed another on soft plastic not long after, albeit undersized but still worth an additional five points. I got a couple of undersized Bream on the troll followed by what felt like decent Flathead. Daniel then hooked up on a 46 cm Flathead just as he started winding in

his line to assist me with my capture. Once Daniel's fish was measured, photographed and released, he and Chris then helped me net my fish, which turned out to be a 36 cm Estuary Cod.



Chris's 69 cm Flathead being released.



Anthony with his 50 cm Flathead.



Daniel with his 46 cm Flathead with the sand hills of South Stradbroke Island in the background.



Anthony with a young Estuary Cod.



Daniel does well with a 69 cm Flathead!

In the afternoon, Chris took us to his special Flathead spot that won his team the 'Away Team' Trophy last year. We spent the rest of the afternoon trolling in less than one metre of turbid water with Micro Mullets and Pig Lures. It was certainly a productive spot and Daniel landed the best fish for the afternoon – a 69 cm Dusky Flathead that destroyed his Pink Micro Mullet. Jim Harnwell from Fishing World Magazine and Ian 'Big E' Phillips who were fishing the same spot also did well there, with Big E catching and releasing an 85 cm Flathead before our very eyes.

We finished the first day of fishing with a total of 703 points putting us in 14<sup>th</sup> place overall. Out of the 489 senior anglers, Daniel was placed 38<sup>th</sup>, Chris was 70<sup>th</sup> and I was 267<sup>th</sup>.





Team Canberra Fishos near the Pin (photograph courtesy of [Gerry Nicholls Photography](#)).

when the 75 m barque *Cambus Wallace* ran aground on Stradbroke Island and its cargo of explosives detonated. This left a huge crater on the beach which eventually split Stradbroke Island into North and South Stradbroke Islands and creating the Jumpinpin Channel. Unfortunately, Team Canberra Fishos found this information of limited use when it came to locating and landing Flathead.

The Pin was very scenic and the water was a clear shade of Bombay Sapphire Gin. However, it was crowded with boats and we soon discovered that our one ounce jigheads was no match for the currents. So we had a morning tea break and returned to Chris' special Flathead spot.



Team Canberra Fishos heading back from the Pin (photograph courtesy of [Gerry Nicholls Photography](#)).

While it was not as scenic as the Pin and less likely to hold metre long lizards, the special Flathead spot immediately produced fish. Chris caught and released six fish (the biggest



One of several fish Chris caught and released at the special Flathead spot.





Daniel with the biggest fish for day 2 (62 cm) while Chris came a close second with his 59 cm

measuring 59 cm), Daniel landed two fish (including our biggest fish for the day measuring 62 cm) and I landed three (the biggest measuring 50 cm). We finished the second day of fishing with 739 points. This brought our overall total to 1442 points, keeping Team Canberra Fishos in the Top 20 at 17<sup>th</sup> place.

Day 3 of the Flathead Classic finally saw Team Canberra Fishos implementing a game plan to fish the deeper

channels until the tide allowed us to fish the special Flathead spot and aim for a catch rate of 140 points per hour.

The first two hours of the morning more or less went according to plan with Daniel and I landing eight fish by 9 am in the channel. Chris dropped a few fish as well but he was not the only one to do so. What would have been my best fish for the tournament evaded several netting attempts before it finally spat the hook. It was not long before the boats that had been trolling the other side of the channel made their way to our side of the channel. Some anglers did well, although one boat wasted half an hour before discovering that one of their crew members.

However, in our eagerness to get to the special Flathead spot as soon as possible, we made the mistake of leaving fish to find fish. The tide had not come in enough to access the special Flathead spot so we tried fishing nearby spots without success, bringing our catch rate to a halt.

It was not till 10.30 when we finally managed to reach our fishing spot when Chris finally broke Team Canberra Fishos 90-minute Flathead drought with a 46 cm fish. Our special Flathead spot produced another four fish between us, the biggest being Daniel's 59 cm Flathead and my best fish for the tournament being a 55 cm Flathead.

Fishing came to an end at 2 pm and we finished the day with 13 fish and 556 points, well below our target of 1000 points. This brought our total score to 1998 points and we made our way to the tournament HQ for



Daniel with a 59 cm Flathead on day 3

the final supper and presentation wondering if we retained our spot in the top 20.



Chris Head's Flathead being released on day 3.

An impressive crowd gathered at the Tournament HQ, enjoying the light entertainment from Merv Hughes while the results were being calculated by the Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club. Eventually the winners were announced and the results were as follows:

- Champion Senior Angler – Danny Sands – Team Sands
- Champion Female Angler – Katie Watsford – Hayes Pots and Products
- Champion Junior Angler – Alexi Delinicolis
- Champion Team – Lowrance Whyte Boyz
- Champion Female Team – Great Northern Super Crisp
- Longest Flathead Senior – Ming Liu -Team Berkley 1 – 96cm
- Longest Flathead Junior – Nathan Huth – Tactical Fishing – 74cm

The Champion Away Team was Beer & Bullshit with 2112 points – with Team Canberra Fishos coming a close second with 1998 points. In addition, we retained our spot in the Top 20, coming 18<sup>th</sup> overall. Out of the 489 senior anglers, Chris Head came 39<sup>th</sup> with 889 points, Daniel McNeice came 70<sup>th</sup> with 684 points, and I came 169<sup>th</sup> with 425 points. In addition, Chris's sister Carol and I were both picked for the random draw prize and walked away with \$500 of prizes each.

As we drove back home to Canberra, we all agreed that Team Canberra Fishos needed to fish the Gold Coast Flathead Classic again next year. However, Susan McNeice will take my spot as I will be in Japan either in October or November in 2016, but I will definitely be coming back to fish this tournament again.



Over 500 people gathered at the Tournament HQ.



Merv Hughes offering some light entertainment for the crowd.

If you are interested in fishing the tournament next year, I highly recommend it. You will more than recoup your \$225 entry fee from the lures and other goodies in the team show

bag, commemorative shirt and the tournament dinners. Unlike Burrinjuck, the Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club engaged professional caterers as well as a professional photographer who provided all photos taken during the tournament free of charge. Some of those photos were used in this article.



Putting aside the 'value for money' analysis of the entry fee, I found the experience to be totally priceless. This trip is definitely up there among my most memorable fishing experiences and I learnt a lot more about catching Flathead. I would like to thank Chris Head for inviting Daniel and myself to take part in the Gold Coast Flathead Classic. I also commend the Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club for organising this great tournament.

Left: Anthony Heiser taking home over \$500 in prizes from the Gold Coast Flathead Classic (photograph courtesy of [Gerry Nichols Photography](#))

For other stories about the Gold Coast Flathead Classic, try these links:

- [Fishing World's article 'Record numbers compete in the Gold Coast Flathead Classic](#)
- [Final Results – Great Northern Brewing Co Flathead Classic](#)
- [Tough goin' for anglers at the Great Northern Flathead Classic on the Gold Coast](#)
- [Interview by Stephen Morgan \(Fishing Monthly Magazine\) of Gold Coast Flathead Classic winner Danny Sands](#)
- [Facebook photo album by Gerry Nichols Photography: 2015 Flathead Classic - Gold Coast Days 1-3](#)
- [Facebook photo album by Gerry Nichols Photography: 2015 Flathead Classic - Gold Coast Day 4](#)
- [CFC Facebook Album of the Gold Coast Flathead Classic](#)



# Presentation Night – 16 September 2015

By Anthony Heiser

The 2015 Canberra Fisherman's Club Annual Presentation Night was held at the Eastlakes Football Club from 7pm on 26 September 2015. Despite the event unavoidably being scheduled on the long weekend, attendance was considerably higher this year with 37 members and guests.

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 2014/15 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.

-AH-



Chris Head welcomes everyone to the Canberra Fisherman's Club's Presentation Night.



Chris Head presenting a \$2000 cheque to Melissa Gardiner, CEO of The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own. The cheque represents half the net proceeds of the 2015 Canberra Carp-Out.



John Bosch with the award for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Sportsfishing - Freshwater Division of the ANSA NSW 12 month competition.



Glen Malam with the award for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Sportsfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries Division in the ANSA NSW 12 month competition.



Anthony Heiser with a Board Fish Certificate for Heaviest Rainbow Trout (1.10 kg).



Glen Malam with a Board Fish Certificate for Heaviest Dusky Flathead (5.00 kg).



Colin Clark with a Board Fish certificate for the heaviest Australian Salmon (2.34 kg).



Chris Clark with Board Fish Certificates for heaviest Sand Flathead (0.75 kg) and Tailor (1.11 kg).



Glen Malam with Board Fish Certificates for heaviest Mulloway (3.11 kg) and Australian Bonito (2.06 kg).



Keith Smith with a Board Fish Certificate for heaviest Yellowfin Bream (0.63 kg).



John Bosch with Board Fish Certificates for heaviest Murray Cod (6.65 kg) and Redfin Perch (1.39 kg).



Susan McNeice with a Board Fish Certificate for Heaviest Black Bream (1.39 kg).



Zane Zhao with Board Fish Certificates for heaviest Snapper (1.46 kg) and Kingfish (3.10 kg).



Dave Walton with Kyle Walton's Board Fish Certificate for heaviest European Carp (5.00 kg).





Dave Walton with Kyle and Macey Walton's Achievement Awards for weighing in fish in 2014/15.



Rose Davis with Connor Davis's Achievement Award for weighing in fish in 2014/15.



Glen Malam with a Club Record Certificate for a 3.11 kg Mulloway on 3 kg line under the Sportsfishing Division.



Dave Walton with Kyle Walton's Club Record Certificate for a 3.8 kg Dusky Flathead on 2 kg line under the Sportfishing Junior Division.



Dave Walton with Kyle Walton's trophy for Best Fish – Freshwater for a 5.00 kg European Carp on 2 kg line.



Chris Head with the trophy for Best Fish – Bluewater for a 0.4 kg Sweep on 1 kg line.



Steve Bailey with the trophy for Best Fish – Estuary for a 3.04 kg Dusky Flathead on 1 kg line.



Daniel McNiece with the Prop Award for worst boating mishap in 2014/15.



Brian Stacy presenting Chris Head with the Mario Manoeuvre Award for worst fishing gear overboard mishap (losing Brian's De-Hookers).



Chris Lemmon with the Net Award for his failed netting attempt of Steve Bailey's Dusky Flathead.



Steve Bailey with the Fanbelt Award (courtesy of Chris Lemmon) for worst vehicle mishap on a fishing trip.



Karen Malam with the Graham Butt Memorial Trophy for Heaviest Trout (2.23 kg Brown Trout).



Zane Zhao won the Total Length - Freshwater Trophy for 12,490 mm of European Carp.



Chris Clark won the Total Length - Saltwater Trophy for 2820 mm of Tailor.



Dave Walton with Kyle Walton's Junior All Tackle Championship Trophy.



Anthony Heiser won the All Tackle Championship Trophy.





Chris Head won the Saltwater Club Championship Trophy.



There was a three-way tie for the Tagging Club Championship: Greg Davis, Brian Stacy & Chris Head.



Brian Stacy presented Greg Davis and Chris Head with awards from the Canberra Gamefishing Club for catching their first Marlin.



Glen Malam won the Freshwater Club Championship Trophy.



Anthony Heiser won the Land-Based Club Championship Trophy.



Dave Walton with Kyle Walton's Junior Club Championship Trophy.



Karen Malam won the Ladies Club Championship Trophy



Glen Malam won the Club Championship – Runner Up Trophy.



Anthony Heiser won the Most Versatile Angler Trophy.



Mel Marlborough won the Most Improved Angler Trophy.



There was a three-way tie for Most Meritorious Capture: Brian Stacy, Greg Davis and Chris Head.



Mel Marlborough with Lilly Street's Most Improved Junior Angler Trophy.



CFC President Chris Head presenting Sarah Borman with the Club Member of the Year Trophy for her tireless work as Burrinjuck Chair from 2012 to 2014.



Anthony Heiser won the Club Championship Trophy.



And the Lucky Door Prize Winner is John Bosch.



Kyle Walton with his Junior winning club trophy's





Lilly Street with her Junior winning club trophy's

# ANSA and CRFA news

By Anthony Heiser

If you're interested in the latest research on NSW Mulloway stocks, then you might find the latest information about the ANSA NSW NEWTAG /NSW DPI Angler Research Project in the [New South Wales Research Angler Program's latest newsletter](#) of great interest. This project has seen 957 Mulloway including almost 500 legal-sized fish as well as almost 100 fish over 100 cm. One fish measuring 1060 mm caught in Gosford on 17 July 2015 was recaptured at 1065 mm on 14 October 2015. Another fish measuring 91 cm was tagged and released in the Hunter River and recaptured 355 days later on Stockton Beach, this time measuring 105 cm.

If you are fortunate enough to catch a tagged mulloway, please record the tag number, measure the length of the fish, and contact either the NSW DPI Gamefish Tagging Program (T: 4424 7411, E: [gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gamefish.tagging@dpi.nsw.gov.au)) or the NSW Research Angler Program (T: 9435 4671, E: [research.angler@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:research.angler@dpi.nsw.gov.au)). The tag will be yellow, 12 cm long and located just beneath the dorsal spines. You can keep up with the latest news on this research project on [ANSA NSW's Mulloway Tagging Facebook Page](#).

The latest ANSA NSW 12-month comp standings are available on [ANSA NSW's website](#). Once again, there are no CFC members' names against any of the categories and still plenty of unclaimed categories:

- DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries
- DIVISION 7: Lure Fishing – Freshwater
- DIVISION 8: Flyfishing
- DIVISION 10: Capture by a Lady
- DIVISION 12: Capture by a Junior Girl
- DIVISION 13: Capture by a Sub-Junior
- DIVISION 15: Length Only – Carp
- DIVISION 21: Length Only - Yellowtail Kingfish

So, download the [ANSA 12-month comp entry form](#) and make sure you have a few copies handy next time you go fishing.

On a personal note, I have found that spools of Platypus pre-test you buy off the shelf is either unsuited to fly casting or my fly casting is not suited to Platypus pre-test. So I decided to submit some spools of tippet line to Phil Turner, ANSA Recorder, to be certified as signature pre-test line. Phil 'wet tests' 5 x 1.2 metre samples of line. All lines submitted tested well under their stated breaking strain and are now certified as Signature Pre-Test:

Brand	Stated breaking strain	Result
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Sunline Co Ltd	2 lb 7x	0.83 kg
Sunline Co Ltd	2 kg 5x	1.72 kg
Sunline Co Ltd	3 kg 4x	2.23 kg
Sunline Co Ltd	4 kg 3x	3.27 kg
Sunline Co Ltd	4 kg 3x	3.19 kg

If you want to submit your own samples of line to be certified as Signature Pre-Test, you can post a 15 metre sample on a piece of cardboard stating the line class, brand and kg to Phil Turner, ANSA Recorder, 2a Old Bush Road Yarrawarra NSW 2233. -AH-



## Total Length Award species for 2015-16

Some of our members have already started/attempted to put some points on the board for the Total Length Awards for the 2015-16 fishing year. Those of you yet to get involved, this is a quick reminder of this year's target species, just to make sure you're well and truly in the hunt. As per normal, 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

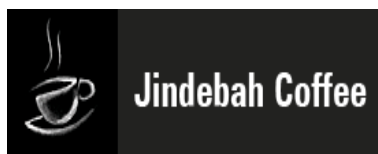


\*Includes all Tarwhine and all species of Bream caught in Australian Territorial Waters. Note, this does not include freshwater species such as Bony Bream.

## How many metres can you catch?

## Thank you again to our sponsors!

We look forward to your continued support in the 2016 Canberra Carp Out.



# Club Outings

## Batemans Bay Outing

by Chris Head

The Batemans Bay outing was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October and the accommodation for 14 members was the [Coachhouse Marina Resort](#), while the rest stayed at the Stacy Hilton Resort. Eighteen members attended the outing with most trying their luck on the Clyde River while the Stacy Charters ventured outside.

Mother Nature put on a pretty good day weather wise for us on Saturday but the fishing was tough with low numbers of fish caught.

Stacy charters came in with a mix of reef fish, while the river hunters came in with a few flathead, flounder and mullet. Stand out captures for the weekend was Glen Malam with a nice 84cm 3.6kg Flathead caught on live bait on 2kg pre-test, while Daniel McNeice lure casting caught a nice 71.5cm mullet. Everyone was jealous especially myself and Wendie as we were targeting mullet and only managed 6 undersize flathead for the whole day – that's fishing for you....

Late in the afternoon the weather started to move in and by about 5pm the wind picked up and before we knew it, the thunder was booming and the lighting was cracking across the sky, fortunately all our members made it in safely just as the rain came down.

The Saturday outing Barby started off a bit slow with the barby taking a long while to get up to heat even with Kevin and Greg doing their best to coax it along. Wendie took on sausage cooking duties in our cabin to speed things up which led to the smoke alarm being triggered many times even with the exhaust fan and windows open. I ended up on fanning duties with a towel to try and shutdown the smoke detector noise. All attendees enjoyed a good feed thanks to the outing officer and the cook's efforts, a few drinks and some fishy stories finished Saturday of nicely despite the rainy conditions.

Overnight the winds blew and the rain came down and we were greeting Sunday morning with rainy misty conditions that looked like it was not going to clear anytime soon. Breakfast was concluded by us all packing up and heading home, although I did say to my co-pilot if it looks like it is clearing by the time we get to Nelligen then maybe we put the boat in there. Needless to say there was no stopping on the return trip.

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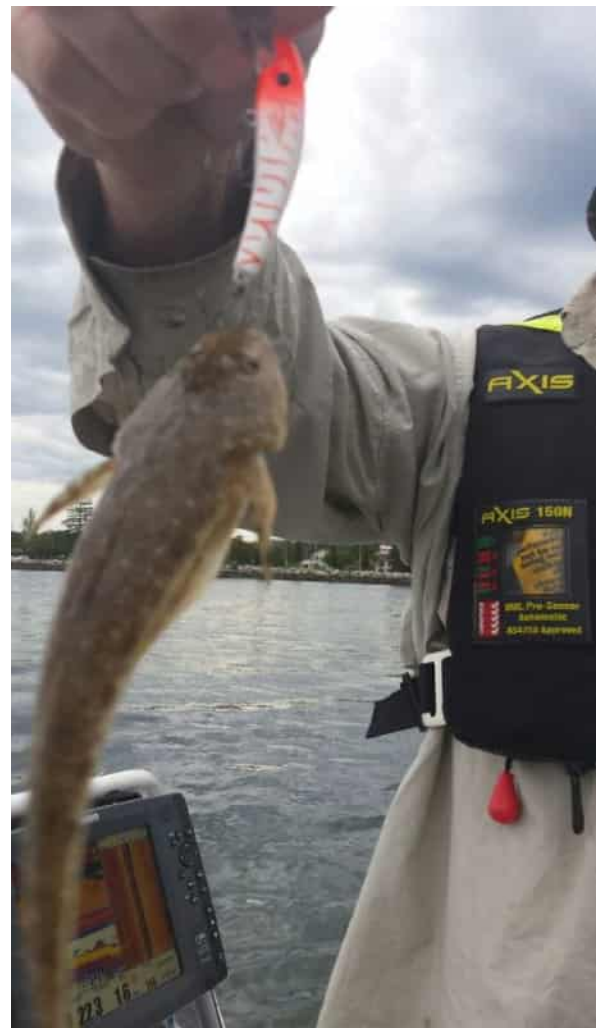
Saturday morning looks great – ready to go



Kevin and Greg preparing for cooking duties



Glen Malam – 84cm 3.6kg Clyde River Flathead



Chris head – The best we could do for the day



Daniel McNeice with a nice 71.5cm Clyde River Jewfish



## From the Editor

With this October seeing record breaking temperatures, it's looking like we're in for one very warm summer. As usual, the warmer weather always means more boats on the water and with more boats on the water, the greater the chance of bumping into once a year warriors and first timers at crowded boat ramps. With this in mind, I would like to highlight the importance of patience when getting out on the water and remind you all that you were once first-timers too. One sure fire way to avoid any boat ramp rage this season is to be prepared before you get to the water. This means to have all of your gear on the boat and the boat fully prepared before you get to the ramp. Every boat ramp has room to finish setting up away from water and traffic so its worthwhile to take the time to do it properly away from the traffic to make sure you're not in a rush. Rushing usually leads to either some sort of human error that can become very costly, or adding to the frustrations of others which is usually leads to more rushing, angst and possible damage – in any case, it's just not worth it.

Keeping on the subject of boats, it has to be said that with owning a boat there's always a first time for everything, and most of your learning experiences may not occur in the first year. I know that all of our veterans agree that you cannot be too careful and you can't possibly know too much when it comes to boating. Using myself (and my trusty first mate, Kristin) as an example, we've now owned our boat for over three years and our list of 'first-time experiences' continues to grow. This has also extended to our trailer that is often overlooked – as Matt from Canberra Marine showed us in is highly informative presentation earlier this year. Rather than listing our 'learning experiences', I'd just like to highlight that the most important thing about owning a boat is to use it for what you bought it for – getting out on the water.

Essentially the more often you get out on the water, the more experience you will gain, the more you get out there fishing, the more fish you will catch and the more fish that you catch, the more photos you will take and with the more photos that you take, the more photos you will submit into our photo comp... Another classic segue in the making from yours truly but, instead of moving toward the obvious, I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed reading about Team Canberra Fishos' experience in the Gold Coast Flathead Classic and am already thinking of how to get up north next year and have a crack. As many of you may know, the next 'Classic' on our regional calendar is the Lake Mulwala Cod Classic that is now only about five weeks away. I've never fished this event but I've heard plenty of good things about it so if you're interested in having a crack at this year's Cod Classic, everything you need to know is at: <http://www.codclassic.com.au/> and looking at this website, it's a very professionally run event and will be a great opportunity to get some pics with some Murray Cod.

Speaking of getting out there to take some pics, there mustn't have been too much fishing in September despite the rumours because it was a clean sweep (not the fish kind) this month with Andrew Butt winning the comp with the only entry. Not to detract from the photo and the fish – both of which are worthy contenders in any given month.

Congratulations Andrew with a very nice photo of your Kalkite Outing Brown. Nice pic and nicer fish! There'll be a twenty-buck Tackle World Canberra voucher waiting for you at the next general meeting. That's clearly twenty good reasons for sending your fishing or fishing related photos in for next month's photo comp, it could be your name on the Tackle World Voucher next time round. Photos can be submitted directly onto our website or via email. If you have any difficulties with either, 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 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, feel free to 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 as they will be automatically resized as they upload so this is clearly our preferred method. Don't blow a valve if you do not see your photo on the site straight away, all photos will need a little human intervention to get to the right place with text you have supplied.

Lastly, if you have some fishing (or fishing related) gear to sell, swap, want to purchase, barter or are hoping to give away because you broke it, please send through the details and I'll be more than happy to put it in the next newsletter.

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

*Nothing makes a fish bigger, than almost being caught.*

Catch you next fish!

Dino



## September Photo Competition



Talk about making it look easy, great fish, beautiful setting, undoubtedly a tasty feed and no one to be seen for miles... sounds like the perfect fishing trip. Great fish and well deserved on the win regardless of the lack of competition – as far as photos go, this one's a likely contender for the annual comp.

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



Thank you for keeping this photo competition alive, for stocking such a great range of gear, for your continued support in our general meeting raffles and for offering Canberra Fisherman's Club members such a great discount.



## 2015-2016 Canberra Fisherman's Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

<i>Outing Date</i>	<i>Outing</i>	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Burrinjuck Convention	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Burrinjuck – <b>Cod Opening</b> <b>Morven vs CFC inter club comp</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Carpathon	<b>2016</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tuross	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Talbingo	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Narooma Convention	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Carp-Out	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	St Georges Basin	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Kalkite	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Narooma	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Ulladulla	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>

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