

Newsletter

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Winner of the March Photo Competition



Phil Lawrence - Guarding his territory on the 'Bidgee

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About the Club

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

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

Aims of the Club

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

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

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

President's Report

Hi everyone.

Firstly, a big congratulations to all who participated in the 2017 Canberra Carp-Out. It is the Canberra Fisherman's Club's yearly opportunity to do something for our local community and local environment – and we certainly achieved it this year!

Events like this help raise community awareness of the positive contribution recreational anglers make to the conservation of our waterways. And it certainly raises the profile of the Canberra Fisherman's Club!

This morning, for the second time in a few short months, I was interviewed by print and television media seeking recreational anglers' viewpoint on a news item (this time it was the use of illegal yabby traps). In the front of each newsletter, we print the aims of the Club, including the promotion of sport fishing and the conservation of fish species. Through events like the Canberra Carp-Out, we now have the community profile to really make a difference in these areas.

I'd like to thank all the volunteers that helped out on the day and on the weekends leading up to the event. I really believe that what sets our club apart from the rest is the number of members that pitch in to make events like this happen. Well done everyone!

Special thanks has to go to Chris Head for pulling it all together and Mick Peel for toughing it out in the Recorder's tent.

Looking ahead, there's only a few months left in the annual Club Championship and the fishing has been getting better each day. The Club Competition is still wide-open, so let's flood the Recorder with capture forms!

The next outing (22/23 April) is to St Georges Basin. This is a great time of year to be chasing a trophy flathead and St Georges Basin would have to be one of the best places in the country to target them. Members that attended the April meeting were briefed on the best spots and techniques for St Georges Basin – if you missed the meeting, ask about it when you get down there.

In May, the Club heads down South for the Bega/Brogo/Tathra outing. This is always a popular outing, with heaps of Salmon for those fishing the beaches and Bass for those cruising Brogo. Make sure your name is on the accommodation list if you're interested – the Club usually gets a great accommodation deal down there.

The next Club meeting will be held on 9th May. Keeping with tradition, we will discuss dates for next year's (2017-18) club outings. It's important that the Club Outings go to places where the fish are biting and where you'd like to go – so come along and have your say! We will also discuss target species for next year's Total Length Award Competition at the May meeting. Judging from the level of interest in the 2016-17 competition, Bream have been a great success in the saltwater section, and Golden Perch in the saltwater section, but is it time for a change? What species do you think we should target in 2017-18?

Keep safe on the water,

Glen Malam



Secretary's Report



For anyone that hasn't renewed their club membership yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on everything our club offers. Your membership can be renewed through the web site.

With the club spending money over the last few years to improve it as per members' requests, more information is being uploaded to the website and I encourage you to log in and have a look. Those that don't have or forgotten their logons, email me at secretary@canberrafishos.com and I will reset your password.

The Carp-Out 2017 is done and dusted for another year and, hopefully, the final time. Big thanks has to go to those members that attended and provided help/support, even those there for half a day as it was greatly appreciated. It did seem to go smoothly at the end of the day for the presentations of awards and the raffle prizes. It was good to see the kayak was won by a kayak fisherman, who is happy to give it to his wife to use and stop her complaining about him not taking her fishing. For those that were there and saw his pro-angler set up when he came back and collected it, it was a bit like kayak porn, with the only thing missing was an electric motor but I don't think he had any spare room for it.

With the rain that we have been having lately, it has certainly turned the coastal Estuaries and lakes into chocolate coloured water and quite a few of the closed "systems" have burst open for their yearly flush. I did the Pirtek Challenge with Brian Stacy in his boat, not exactly a tinnie and we fished the Clyde. Fishing the incoming tide, but with the amount of fresh being fed into it, you wouldn't have know it. You didn't drift at all, but just stayed in the same spot if the wind wasn't blowing, but at least we got a fish each.

I had the chance to pop down to Burrill Lake over the weekend of 1st and 2nd April and it was still brown and the 2 fish I caught (best was a 72cm Flattie), I caught on the Saturday were fouled hooked even though the lure was smothered in scent. Even the couple of boats that were using bait were struggling.

The April outing is at St Georges Basin. For those going, we are staying at a different place to the last few years as the previous house was sold. There are still a couple of bunk beds available if you are quick so email the Outings Officer (Committee2@canberraflashos.com) or sign up at the next meeting on 11 April 2017 at Eastlakes.

Tight lines

Kevin Spriggs
secretary@canberraflashos.com

Recorder's Report

Hi Everyone

I hope that you have been able to wet a line in this past month. I have managed to wet a line since my last report but sadly, I have not managed to catch that very smart native from our local lakes. The odds will have to swing in my favour at some stage.

Since my last report, we have held Carp-Out which was a very successful day and held on a beautiful sunny day after a number of rainy days leading up to the event. I would like to express my appreciation for all of the helpers in the weighing tent. It is a smelly slimy job but an important one for the day.

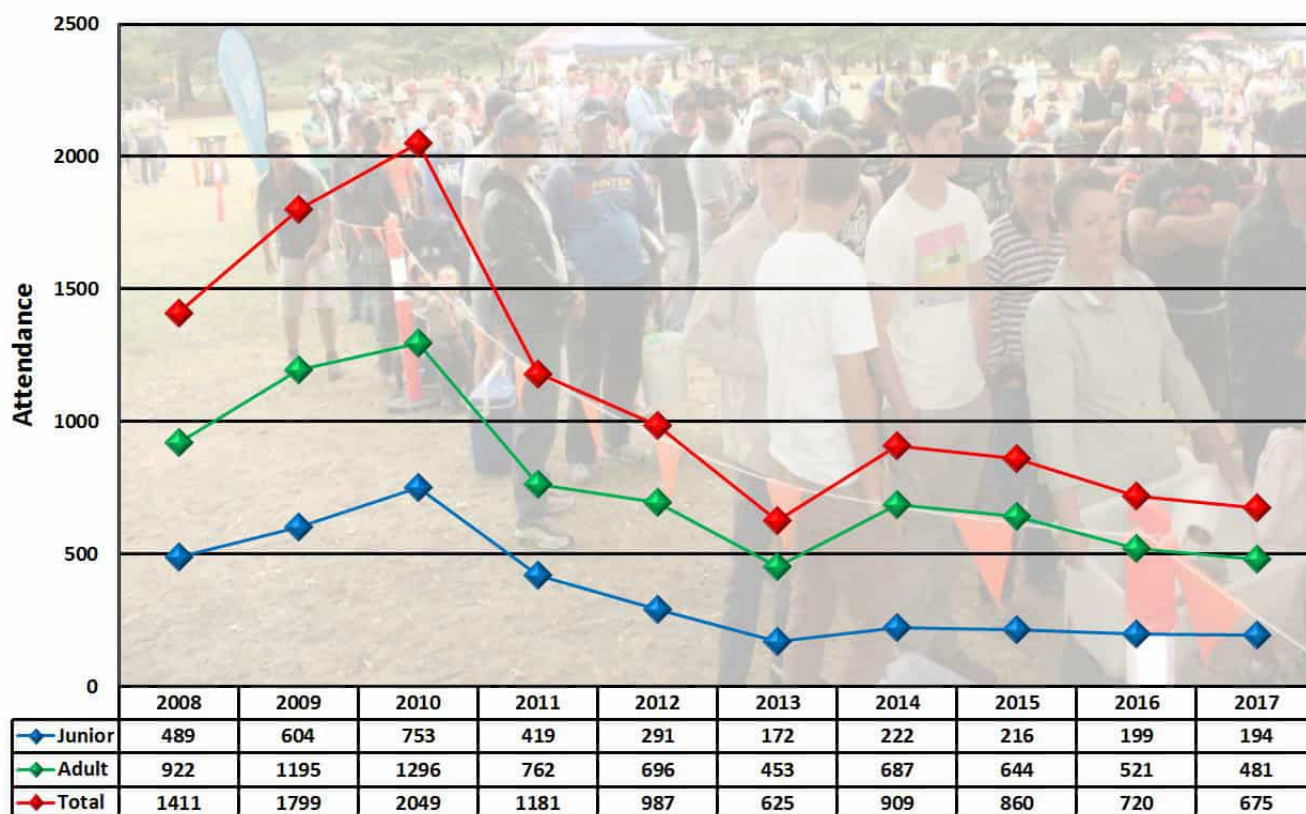
That is to record the number of Carp that we remove from Lake Burley Griffin. I would also like to thank John Bosch for helping me with the database setup and connecting all of the computers into a network on the day.



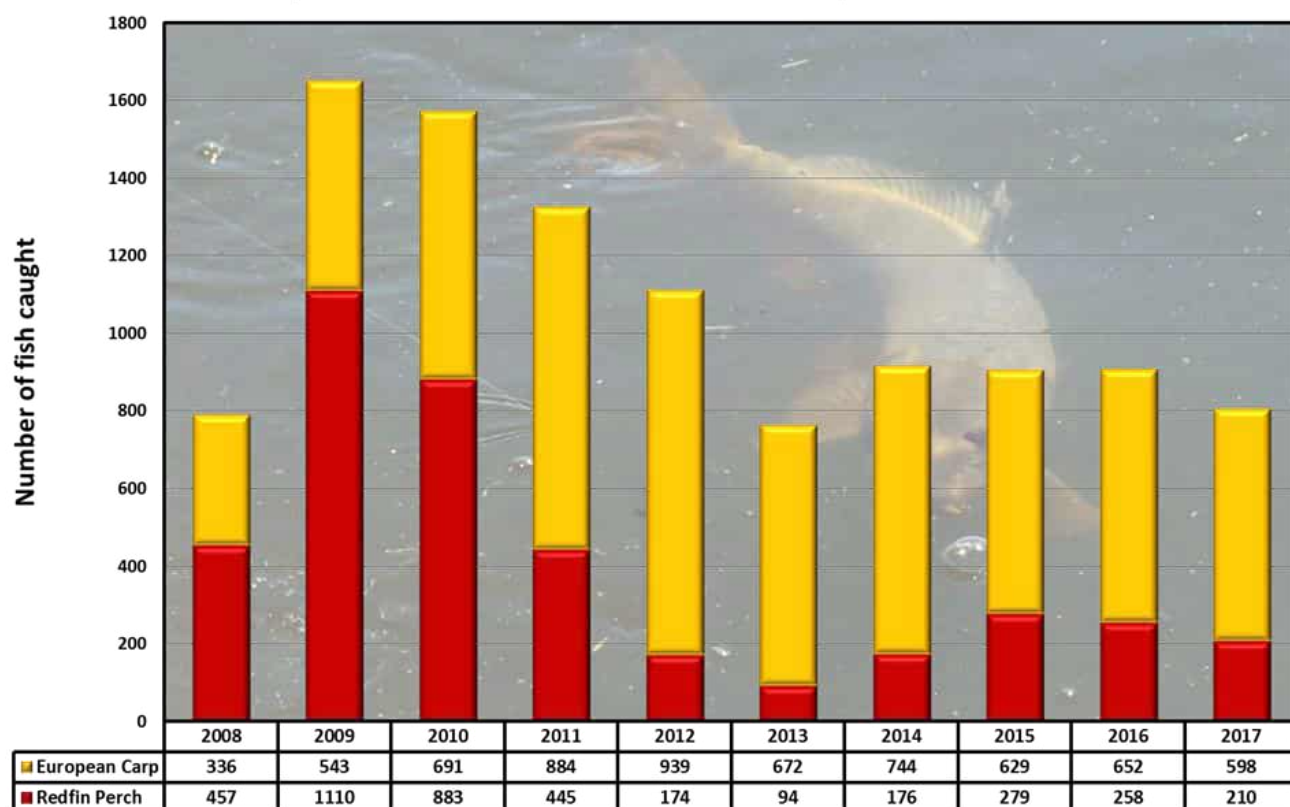
Anthony Heiser has been recording the data from Carp-Out for a number of years which he has used to create the following graphs which you might find interesting. It is interesting to note that as of the closure for on-line registration on Friday prior to the event we had approx. 340 people registered and the total number of people registered on the day was 675.

Mick Peel

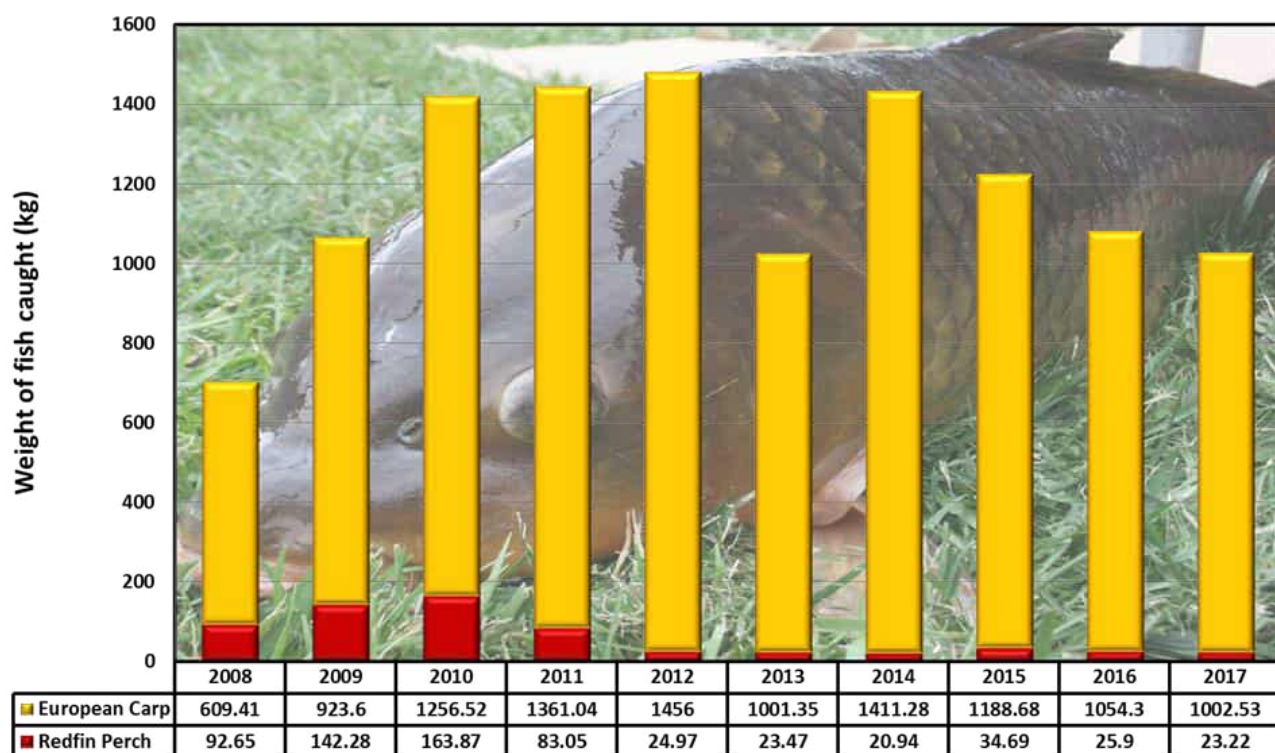
Canberra Carp-Out: number of registrations from 2008 to 2017



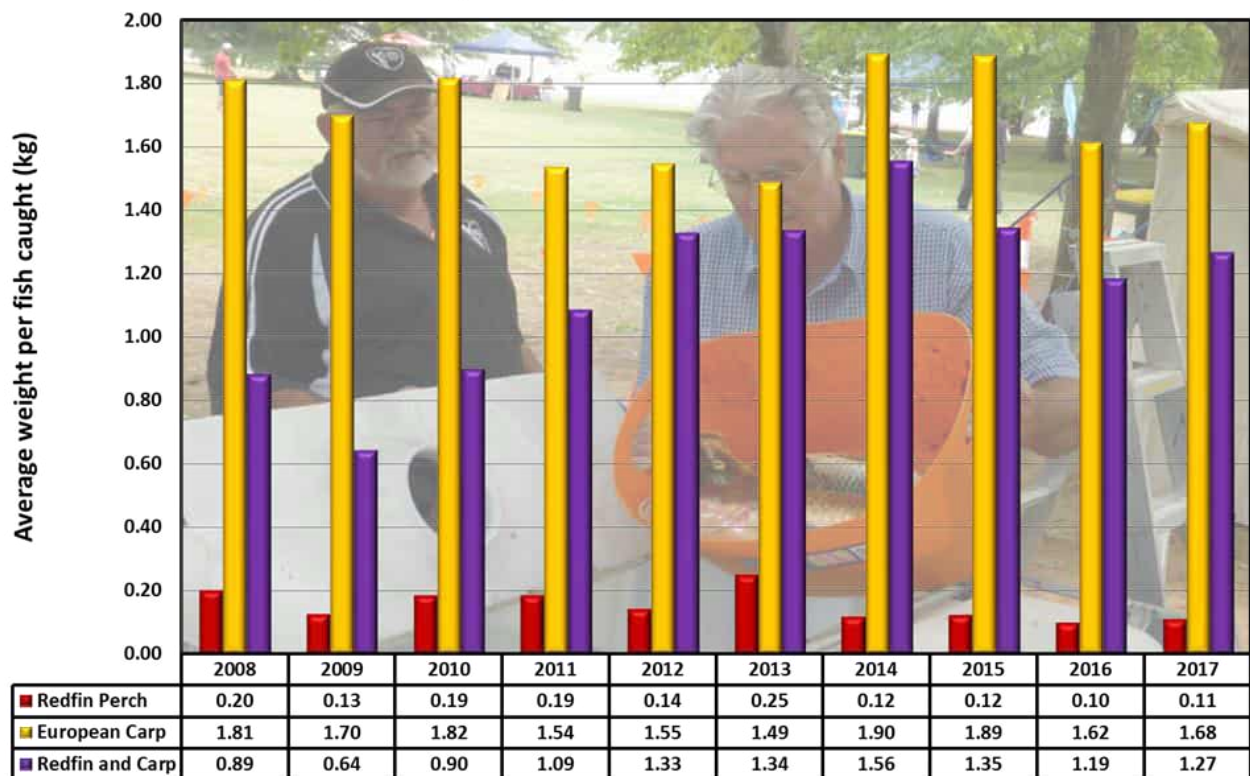
Canberra Carp-Out: noxious fish removed from Lake Burley Griffin from 2008 to 2017



Canberra Carp-Out: Total weight of noxious fish removed from Lake Burley Griffin from 2008 to 2017



Canberra Carp-Out: Average weight of noxious fish removed from 2008 to 2017



Soon to Expire Scales

75	Clark, Chris	Rapala Digital	25 kg	29/05/2017
135	Clark, Colin	Rapala	8 kg	29/05/2017
142	Guion, Chris	Optia	25 kg	12/04/2017
177	Clark, Chris	Rapala	25 kg	29/05/2017

Club Championship

Open

Anthony Heiser	785	
Steve Bailey	769	
Chris Lemmon	407	
Brian Stacy	278	
Chris Clark	134	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Ladies

Karen Malam	35	
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Junior

Kyle Walton	75	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
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Land Based

Anthony Heiser	605	
Steve Bailey	566	
Chris Lemmon	407	
Brian Stacy	186	
Chris Clark	134	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	469	
Anthony Heiser	306	
Chris Lemmon	141	
Greg Davis	117	
Chris Head	108	

Salt Water

Anthony Heiser	479	
Steve Bailey	300	
Brian Stacy	278	
Chris Lemmon	266	
Chris Clark	134	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Most Versatile Angler

Anthony Heiser	10	
Steve Bailey	7	
Chris Lemmon	4	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Brian Stacy	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Zane Zhao	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

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

Steve Bailey	15,530
Chris Lemmon	7,200
Chris Head	3,850
Keith Smith	3,470
John Vogel	2,845

Fresh Water Length *(Golden Perch)*

Narelle Tate	16,890
John Bosch	9,705
Paul Breeze	6,130
Steve Bailey	2,090
Mick Jewry	455

Tagging Award

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Board Fish - Weight

Atlantic Salmon	1.57 kg	Glen Malam
Australian Salmon	2.22 kg	Chris Lemmon
Black Bream	1.46 kg	Steve Bailey
Brown Ray	0.60 kg	Anthony Heiser
Brown Trout	3.32 kg	Steve Bailey
Common Shovel nosed Ray	2.80 kg	Brian Stacy
Dusky Flathead	0.96 kg	Brian Stacy
Dusky Flathead	0.96 kg	Jackson Guion
European Carp	4.16 kg	Steve Bailey
Golden Perch	2.08 kg	John Bosch
Morwong	0.88 kg	Eustice Tonna
Murray Cod	4.68 kg	John Bosch
Pig Fish	0.53 kg	Anthony Heiser
Rainbow Trout	0.59 kg	Eustice Tonna
Redfin Perch	1.01 kg	John Bosch
Sand Flathead	1.39 kg	Eustice Tonna
Sand Whiting	0.53 kg	Glen Malam
Snapper	3.70 kg	Brian Stacy
Tailor	0.85 kg	Steve Bailey
Yellowfin Bream	0.84 kg	Chris Head

Board Fish - Length

Atlantic Salmon	530 mm	Glen Malam
Australian Salmon	680 mm	Chris Lemmon
Black Bream	440 mm	Chris Lemmon
Black Bream	440 mm	Steve Bailey
Black Bream	440 mm	Wendie McDonald
Bronze Whaler Shark	1020 mm	Brian Stacy
Brown Trout	700 mm	Steve Bailey
Dusky Flathead	530 mm	Brian Stacy
Dusky Flathead	530 mm	Jackson Guion
Estuary Perch	320 mm	Susan Mcneice
European Carp	680 mm	Steve Bailey
Golden Perch	525 mm	John Bosch
Gurnard	280 mm	John Vogel

Luderick	270 mm	Timothy Liu
Mako Shark	1500 mm	Zane Zhao
Morwong	410 mm	Eustice Tonna
Murray Cod	950 mm	Steve Bailey
Pig Fish	320 mm	Eustice Tonna
Rainbow Trout	400 mm	Chris Lemmon
Redfin Perch	380 mm	Zane Zhao
Sand Flathead	590 mm	Eustice Tonna
Sand Whiting	400 mm	Glen Malam
Silver Trevally	320 mm	Zane Zhao
Sweep	320 mm	Eustice Tonna
Tailor	460 mm	Steve Bailey
Yellowfin Bream	390 mm	Keith Smith

Best Fish

Fresh Water
European Carp
 4.16kg on 1 kg
 Steve Bailey

Blue Water
Snapper
 3.70kg on 4 kg
 Brian Stacy

Estuary
Black Bream
 1.46kg on 1 kg
 Steve Bailey

Beach
Australian Salmon
 2.22kg on 1 kg
 Chris Lemmon

Shark or Ray
Common Shovel nosed Ray
 2.77kg on 2 kg
 Brian Stacy

All Tackle Championship

Open

Steve Bailey	38
Anthony Heiser	30
Kevin Spriggs	27
Chris Lemmon	14
Brian Stacy	12

Junior

Zachary Zhao	3
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Fishing news and competitions

The ANSA Lake Lyell Convention

**2017 LAKE LYELL ANSA
CONVENTION MAY 19,20,21**



**Now including the fantastic
Thompson Creek Dam and Lake Wallace**

*** Great Location
* Great Fishing
* Great Company
* Great Raffles,
Auction & Prizes**

- This is a "Catch & Release" event and is open to ANSA, non ANSA members and members of the local Lithgow community with a strong focus on family participation.
- This year we are proud to be supporting Fishing 4 Therapy, as our chosen charity.

FULL DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM WILL ISSUE CLOSER TO THE TIME

Media Release: Australia's recreational fishers urge Fisheries Ministers to walk the walk at national fisheries talks

MEDIA RELEASE



AUSTRALIAN RECREATIONAL
FISHING FOUNDATION

Available for Release

30th March 2017

Australia's recreational fishers urge Fisheries Ministers to walk the walk at national fisheries talks

Fisheries Ministers from the Federal State and Territory Governments will be meeting in Sydney this week to hold talks on issues facing fisheries in Australia. The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF), the national organisation representing Australia's recreational fishing community has urged Federal, State and Territory Fisheries Ministers to grasp the opportunity of the meeting and take coordinated action on recreational fishing by developing a national program to promote recreational fishing. Recreational fishing is one of Australia's greatest outdoor sporting/ leisure activities with an estimated 3-5 million Australians going fishing every year. In addition, Australians spend an estimated \$10 billion a year doing so.

Evidence is also emerging that recreational fishing is not only good for the economy and the environment – its good for you. The health benefits of recreational fishing have long been suspected but are now being proven.

Mr Allan Hansard, Managing Director of the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF), said. "We understand the Federal Government spends around \$300 million a year on developing sports programs in Australia but invests little in promoting recreational fishing or its economic, social or environmental benefits. Governments do recognise the benefits that the promotion of sports bring to the community. However, recreational fishing that arguably delivers these benefits and more to the Australian economy, environment and communities receives very little Federal government support for promotion and ongoing development.

We acknowledge the efforts that are made by Federal, State and Territory Ministers on recreational fishing. Many of them have some great initiatives aimed at promoting recreational fishing within their jurisdictions. For example, Victoria has a great program that aims to have 1 million recreational fishers in the state by 2020. NSW has a fantastic initiative that is putting a recreational fishing program and fishing gear into over 50 schools in NSW. Northern Territory has the Million Dollar Barra. Other states have equally great initiatives aimed at promoting recreational fishing in various ways.

However, what would amplify the benefits of these initiatives is a program that aims to coordinate and enhance and lead these activities at the national level. ARFF has previously called for a national program aimed at promoting recreational fishing and its broad range of benefits to the Australian community and we think the Fisheries Ministerial meeting is the appropriate time and place for this call to be answered." Mr Hansard concluded.

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Media Release: "Trophy" Fishery to Protect Big Flathead

Friday, 10 March 2017

An initiative developed by NSW anglers will aim to protect breeding size dusky flathead while providing enhanced opportunities for the state's 850,000 recreational fishers.

Bega MP Andrew Constance said the introduction of a trial Code of Practice for the release of "trophy sized flathead" in two South Coast estuary systems was a great example of modern recreational fisheries management.

"Local anglers at Tuross Head and St Georges Basin approached the Department of Primary Industries last year to develop management strategies to enhance flathead fishing in their local fisheries by promoting catch and release of these popular estuary sportfish," Mr Constance said.

"The result of this collaboration between the recreational fishing community and DPI is the development of a trial 'trophy fishery' concept where anglers will be encouraged to release big female flathead more than 70cm in length.

"The trial will also include surveys, tagging and research to provide more information on dusky flathead populations in these locations."

The trophy fishery concept protects these mature fish while allowing anglers to experience the thrill of catch and release fishing.

Catch and release is recognised as an important means of ensuring the sustainability of recreational fisheries. Research by NSW DPI indicates dusky flathead have very high survivability when released.

The Code of Practice developed for the trophy fisheries will provide detailed information on best practice catch and release techniques.

A video promoting handling and release of big flathead is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCgFRSoVt-E&t=11s.

Mr Constance said as well as maximising flathead stocks and providing enhanced angling opportunities, the trophy fishery concept has the potential to increase local tourism.

"These areas will be promoted as great spots to go if you want the best chance at catching quality fish," Mr Constance said.

"Both Tuross Head and St Georges Basin are designated Recreational Fishing Havens where no commercial netting is allowed.

The trophy fishery Code of Practice is voluntary and specific to these two locations. It will be implemented for a 12-month trial period after which the benefits will be reviewed and community support will be assessed.

If the trial project in St Georges Basin and Tuross Lake is successful, there is potential to expand the concept to other systems for flathead as well as other suitable species.

More information on the trophy fishery concept will be available as the trial progresses. See dpi.nsw.gov.au/recreational for information on flathead bag and size limits.

TROPHY FLATHEAD CODE OF PRACTICE

- Use appropriate tackle to enable fish to be subdued as quickly as possible. Four to six kilo outfits are preferred when targeting trophy flathead.
- Use lures when possible to avoid deep hooking. If using bait, non-offset circle hooks in 1/0-4/0 are preferred. If a fish is deep hooked, cut the line as close as possible to the fish's mouth before release.
- Use a large knotless landing nets to land trophy flathead. Leaving the fish in the net in the water for 3-5 minutes will allow it to recover, making for much easier and safer handling.
- Handle flathead with wet gloves or a wet towel. If measuring your fish on a "brag mat", ensure the mat is wet. Minimise the time the fish is out of the water. Support the fish's weight with both hands. Do not "hang" the fish by its jaws, either by hand or with "lip gripper" style tools.
- Carefully release the fish as close as possible to where it was caught. If required, hold the fish in the water until it recovers and can swim away.
- If keeping flathead for the table, humanely dispatch the fish and place it in a saltwater ice slurry.

Andrew Constance MP
Member for Bega
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

News & Stories

The Narooma Convention: 9-13 March 2017

by Anthony Heiser



Chris Clark fishing Cemetery Beach on the Friday of the Narooma Convention

The weather gods were not exactly benevolent over the March long weekend but those who attended the outing enjoyed a fantastic weekend.

The Club's March Outing took place in Narooma and attended by 15 members: Chris and Colin Clark, Jon Vogel, Keith Smith, Steve Bailey, Kevin Spriggs, Chris Guion, Bec Nichols, Bruce and Patricia Johnston, Zane, Sarah and Zachary Zhao, John Martin, Tim Liu and myself. The Clark Brothers, Zane, Kevin, John and myself also fished the 47th Annual ANSA Narooma Convention hosted by Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club.

Chris Guion and Bec Nichols arrived early on Thursday and pre-fished the outing at Wagonga



Bec with a 69 cm Flathead at Wagonga Inlet



Colin Clark retrieving Chris Clark's Salmon off the beach

Inlet. Like their pre-fish at last year's outing, they got off to a great start, with Bec landing a nice 69 cm Dusky Flathead.

John Martin and I tried our luck at Cemetery Beach and were not so fortunate. The surf was rougher than expected and despite our best efforts, we didn't get a bite.

The heavy surf carved out a nice hole where we fished so I returned the next morning with the Clark Brothers. The surf was still rough but fishable on 1 and 2 kg line. The Clark Brothers had a

productive morning with Colin landing a 0.4 kg Bream and a 1.66 kg Salmon and Chris landing a 1.2 kg Salmon. I landed a 1.76 kg Australian Salmon on 1 kg and was pleased to discover this put me on the top of the leaderboard for that Beach Section for the Convention. After weighing in their fish, Chris and Colin later tried their luck at Brou Beach, only to report that it was now 'Brou Rocks' as the heavy seas washed away every grain of sand.



Colin Clark with a 0.4 kg Bream off the beach



Anthony Heiser with a 1.76 kg Australian Salmon



Jon and Keith with their catch from the estuaries

Keith and Jon did well fishing the estuaries, landing a nice selection of Bream and Tailor. As they were returning to the boat ramp, they heard a loud thud on the hull, followed by a second thud. Keith assured Jon they were in sufficiently deep water and that they were not hitting the bottom. The cause of the thuds soon landed in Keith's boat – a kamikaze 30 cm Mullet that was determined to end up on the dinner table. I will let the Recorder adjudicate on the legality of the Mullet capture.

Steve Bailey also did well in the Estuaries, landing two Tailor (biggest weighing 0.85 kg) and seven Black Bream including two that measured 31 cm and 34 cm. I also fished the estuaries later in the afternoon off a pontoon near oyster leases. I caught a lot of undersized Bream and Luderick on bait but was pleased to also land my first legal Silver Trevally on fly and an

undersized Tailor on fly. In the evening, John Martin chased squid off the boardwalk near the Apex Boat Ramp and came home with one nice juicy calamari.

Most of us returned to the estuaries again on Saturday. Zane and Zach caught some Silver Trevally and Bream in the estuaries. Steve landed five Bream (his biggest measuring 31 cm), Keith also landed five Bream (his biggest measuring 32.5 cm) and a 43 cm Tailor, Jon landed three Bream and a colourful Red Gurnard. Kevin landed three Bream but earnt a possible nomination for the Mario Maneuver when his mobile phone disappeared in Wagonga Inlet.

Tim Liu and I tried our luck at Wallaga Lake. We landed a lot of undersized Bream and Flathead but Tim landed a just legal Luderick on nippers and I landed a feisty 37 cm Bream on soft plastic. John Martin also landed some undersized Bream near the Apex Boat Ramp.



Releasing Tim's Flathead



John's Bream caught & released at the Apex Boat Ramp



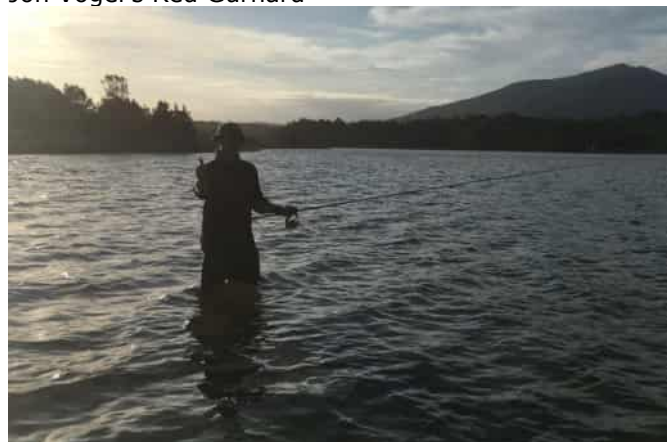
White Spotted Jellyfish (*Phyllorhiza punctata*)



Jon Vogel's Red Gurnard



Anthony with a Bream off the bank on soft plastic



Silhouette of Tim Liu fishing Wallaga Lake



Everyone enjoying a few drinks before the BBQ



Jon's smoked Yellow Belly was a big pre-dinner hit

Saturday night's outing BBQ was cooked by Steve Bailey. Everyone agreed it was a great meal. Although Jon Vogel's smoked Yellow Belly and crackers almost upstaged the BBQ. It was popular. Tim and I arrived a little late after our session at Wallaga Lake so all I could do was scrape up as much meat off the frame to go with a couple of crackers. We all enjoyed some nice beers and reds – the bottle of 2014 Orphan Bank Shiraz so memorable that I can't really remember too much of the dinner conversation – except for Chris Guion's announcement that he would fish the beach the next day with white bait.



Steve making new friends at Island View Resort on Sunday morning

Having never been a big fan of white bait (except as a snack at the local fish monger at Nagayoshi Rokutan where my Grandmother in Japan lives), I was not impressed with the idea.

Nevertheless, the next morning, Steve, Chris and I made our way to Cemetery Beach, and Chris landed at least six or seven Australian Salmon on White Bait. I was not happy with having to eat my words from the previous evening.

I don't think I'm a convert to using white bait on the beach but, as Chris demonstrated, it definitely catches fish on the beach.

Steve also did well using the traditional pillies landing a few kilo plus fish. However, the real fun began when Steve started lure casting into the surf. Steve hooked up a 3 kilo plus Salmon on 1 kg line which promptly headed south to Bermagui.

It took Steve past two dozen anglers fishing the beach. Miraculously, Steve



Our Sunday morning catch from Cemetery Beach

did not tangle up with the other anglers and patiently played the fish as it continued its southbound trek.

Steve was starting to gain the upper hand when Mother Nature stepped in. The fish took Steve past the rocks when a rogue wave almost knocked Steve off his feet. Just as he regained his balance, the wave rebounded off the rocks and knocked Steve down. What could have been a contender for the Most Meritorious Capture continued swimming south to Bermagui while a bruised and battered Steve hobbled back up the beach. We returned back to the cabin with seven Salmon between the three of us.

Steve was not the only person to be thwarted by Mother Nature. Keith, Jon, John and Alex were booked in for a charter off Montague Island. However, the weather was not the best and the charter ended up getting cancelled. However, Mother Nature's lack of cooperation had its silver lining. The rough weather limited opportunities for other anglers to steal my lead in the Beach Section. And after what seemed like an eternity of coming second or third each year, I finally claimed the Trophy for the Beach Section with my 1.76 kg Salmon.

The Clark Brothers and I claimed the top five spots in the Beach Section, which gave the Canberra Fisherman's Club 15 points, placing us second behind the Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club, which won the Potty Trophy for Champion Club. Once again, the Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club held a fantastic Convention and we look forward to competing again next year. You can read about the Convention in the [Narooma News](#) and see all the photos on the [Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club Facebook Page](#).



The Narooma Bar Crossing on Sunday morning (photo by John Martin).

The Tenth Canberra Carp-Out: 26 March 2017

by Anthony Heiser



Dean Drazevich with a nice Carp he weighed in at the Carp-Out.

The Tenth Canberra Carp-Out was held on 26 March 2017 at Lennox Gardens and attracted 675 entrants. It was pleasing to see many families fishing together at Lake Burley Griffin. It also highlighted the popularity and importance of recreational fishing to the ACT community, and promoted the use of Lake Burley Griffin.

The 2016 Canberra Carp-Out aims to raise money for stocking native fish in Canberra's lakes and for the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own. The event was sponsored or supported by 19 organisations:

- Fyshwick Marine and Auto Electrical
- Wetspot Watersports
- Road Tech Marine
- The Compleat Angler
- Shot Clock Coffee
- 1053 2CA Canberra
- DR Print
- Care Traffic
- Long Park Meat Co
- The Capital Region Fishing Alliance
- Otto's Tackle World Canberra
- The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro' Own
- First Aid Services
- The Mulloon Institute
- 2CC Canberra
- SITA Environmental Solutions
- Staunch R.A.C.E Solutions
- Suez
- Go-Hosting

Although the event did not officially kick off until 8.30 am, an army of volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club and ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group arrived at Lennox Gardens at 6.30 am to set up the Carp Out Head Quarters, the Weigh-in Tent, and the registration tent.



Zane Zhao and Sarah Borman collecting entry fees



Steve Bailey and John Martin handing out registration cards



Lindsay Steele, Tom Harrington, Albert Magassey and Mick Peel at the weigh-in station



Jon Vogel at the Dispatch Station



Lindsay Steele dispose of the dead carp



John Bosch manning the weigh-in station



Zachary Zhao weighing in a Redfin



Chris Head about to present the prizes

Marquees for the Carp-Out Head Quarters and the Weigh-in Tent were hired from Barlens Hire, Toilets were hired from Canberra Hire Pty Ltd, and Action Buses supplied tables and chairs for the volunteers. Jason from First Aid Services attended as the First Aid Officer. Volunteers from the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks at the registration tent.

Jessie Bibby and her team from Shot Clock Espresso provided hot coffee and homemade cookies (the peanut butter and chocolate cookies were a real hit) for the volunteers and anglers.

Lennox Gardens was a popular spot for anglers and, accordingly, the bike path at Lennox Gardens was closed to traffic in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan with Territories and Municipal Services to ensure the safety of both anglers and cyclists. Care Traffic donated their time and resources to set up the road closure under the Traffic Management Plan.

Registrations opened at 8.30 am and fishing officially commenced at 9.00 am. In previous years, approximately 20% to 30% of participants register for the Carp-Out on the day. This year, 335 participants (49%) waited to see if the week-long rain would lift and left it to the last minute to register on the day. An army of volunteers assisted the late entrants complete registration forms, collect registration fees and key in registration details into the computer database.

The Weigh-in Station opened at 10.00 am. Fish were required to be humanely dispatched prior to weighing. Volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club inspected all fish before allowing competitors to proceed to the Weigh-in Station.

Once the fish were weighed, they were disposed of in bins provided by the Mulloon Institute and transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm (between Bungendore and Braidwood) to be turned into organic fertiliser. Mulloon Creek Natural Farms is a grazing, cropping and carbon building enterprise covering two farms in close proximity to each other on the Mulloon Creek, east of Canberra. Both properties are organic using the biodynamic system of agriculture. Mulloon Creek Natural Farm is a member of Biological Farmers of Australia.

Fishing finished at 3.00 pm and competitors were given until 3.30 pm to make their way to the registration tent to weigh in their fish and only a couple of anglers missed the 3.30 pm deadline. After Mick Peel collated the results on the computers, Chris Head kicked off the presentation on time at 4.00 pm.

The presentation commenced with Chris Head thanking everyone for supporting the event. Chris Head then proceeded with the presentation of the prizes. The winners were as follows:

Random junior prizes



Dylan Brown won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip. Looks like Dylan had a very long day today.



Dean Drazevich won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip.



Naomi Duthie won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip.



Dinara-Lea Bormann-Blackman won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip.



Emily Fraser won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip.



Elliott Preston won a random draw prize for the junior rod and reel combo supplied by the Compleat Angler Phillip.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize



10.00 am - 11.00 am: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, a \$50 *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* Gift Voucher to **Amanda Kyburz**.



11.00 am 12.00 pm: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a \$50 *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* Gift Voucher to Dominic Onorato, on behalf of **Nikolas Onorato**.



12.00 pm – 1.00 pm: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a \$50 *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* Gift Voucher to **Kyle Trounson**.



1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a \$50 *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* Gift Voucher to **Cody Blackman Allen**.

Heaviest Fish Category



Heaviest Carp Junior Boy: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a Rod and Reel Combo supplied by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Cooper Newman** for his 4.05 kg European Carp.



Heaviest Redfin Junior Boy: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a Rod and Reel Combo supplied by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Harry Ryan** for his 0.58 kg Redfin Perch.



Heaviest Redfin Junior Girl: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a Rod and Reel Combo supplied by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Alice Dansby** for her 0.14 kg Redfin Perch.



Heaviest Carp Adult: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a Rod and Reel Combo supplied by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Robert Woodhead** for his 5.14 kg European Carp.



Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin: Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting a \$100 Tackle Box sponsored by Otto's Tackle World Canberra to **Harry Ryan** for the Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin of 2.05 kg.

Team Challenge



Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, presenting the Team Challenge Trophy to **Team Deepend** for weighing in a total of 25.06 kg of Carp.

Winner of the Major Prize: \$5,500 Boat Package

The major prize was the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by the Canberra Fisherman's Club, Canberra Marine Centre and Fyshwick Marine. The winner was determined by mystery weight draw so everyone who weighed in a Carp was eligible to win the prize. The winner was **Kyle Trounson**, whose Carp of 0.8 kg was an exact match for the mystery weight.



Melissa Gardiner (CEO of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own) and Chris Head (Canberra Fisherman's Club) presenting the major prize to **Kyle Trounson**. Kyle won a \$5500 Boat Package supplied by Fyshwick Marine and Auto Electrical and inflatable life jackets supplied by Alan Hocking of ACT Inflatable Lifejacket Services.



In addition, the Canberra Fisherman's Club fish stocking raffle was drawn at the presentation. The winners were not present for the draw and were presented with their prizes afterwards.

1st Prize (\$3600 RRP)



Gavin French

Hobie Mirage Outback Kayak, trolley, rod holder, life jacket and stand. Supplied by Wetspot Water Sports Fyshwick

2nd Prize (\$849 RRP)



Mark Davis

30 L Brass Monkey Portable Fridge/Freezer and Fridge Bag supplied by Road Tech Marine Fyshwick.

Margarete Steele won the Third Prize, a pair of His and Hers Spotters Sunglasses (RRP \$600) supplied by Otto's Tackle World Canberra. **Kaspar Mann** also won a Junior Random Prize and the 9.00 am to 10.00 am hourly mystery weight prize and **Simon Gamlen** won the Heaviest Redfin Adult Prize.

After the presentation of prizes concluded at 5.00 pm, Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers then dismantled the marquees for the Carp-Out Head Quarters and the Weigh-in Tent and ensured that Lennox Gardens was left in a clean condition. Despite the presence of 675 competitors visiting Lennox Gardens during the day, volunteers found surprising little rubbish in the area.

The ANSA NSW Summer SLAM Convention Series

by Joe Garufi



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ANSA NSW put together a summer slam promotion series for its summer conventions (Nowra, Narooma, Sydney) this year and it had some great results.

With over 300 anglers participating over the three conventions. Not even the bad weather could deter the keen ANSA anglers.

The qualifications were that not only did you have to register in each of the conventions, but you had to weigh a legal fish in each convention, whether it was a place getter or not.

It came down to a select few, but we are proud to announce that **Lachlan Quinn** from **Botany Bay Sportfishing Club** is the winner!

All the valid entries went into the draw for the price and Lachlan was the name drawn.

ANSA NSW will organise a special presentation to award the price to Lachlan, which consists of a complete micro jigging outfit at the next Botany Bay SFC meeting.

Congratulations Lachlan and well done to all those that attended and participated in the summer slam conventions.

Joe Garufi

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Total Length Award species for 2016-17

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2016-17, the target species are Bream for the Saltwater section and Yellow Belly for the Freshwater. There's plenty of time to get involved and put some points on the board to have a shot at these highly contested trophies. Minimum legal lengths apply for fish to be considered eligible for entry.

The target species for the 2016-17 fishing year are:

Bream* in the Saltwater section



Golden Perch in the Freshwater section

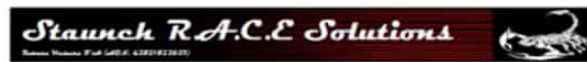


*Includes all Tarwhine and all species of Bream caught in Australian Territorial Waters. Note, this does not include freshwater species such as Bony Bream.

How many metres can you catch?

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2017 Canberra Carp Out!

We thank you for support and for being such a big part of this year's event!



From the Editor

Well March has finally come and gone and our Club celebrated its tenth Annual Carp-Out. To all the members who helped out on the day and the lead up, thank you very much for supporting our great club.

A big thank you also to everyone who submitted photos to the Photo Comp. Please start sending me your entries for the April photo comp competition for a chance to win a \$20 Tackle World voucher if you are the monthly winner.

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

The winner for March photo comp is Phil Lawrence with his Water Dragon in the Murrumbidgee River. One of the great joys of fishing is seeing great wildlife, whether it be a pod of whales or dolphins, the bird life, or the odd reptile (providing it's one of the four-legged varieties and not the slithering variety).

Finally, if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details to info@canberrafishos.com. Also, a reminder for the lucky member number draw at each general meeting, you must be there to win the cash or it JACKPOTS each week until a winning member is present.

Anthony Heiser



March 2017 Photo Competition



Jon Vogel: Red Gurnard (*Chelidonichthys kumu*) – An unusual estuary catch (27cm)



Jon Vogel: Red Gurnard – Close-up of Colourful Pecs



Kevin Spriggs: The only thing on the menu is salad



Anthony Heiser: Winner of the Beach Section of the Narooma Convention



Anthony Heiser: Silver Trevally on Fly at Narooma



Phil Lawrence: Guarding his territory on the 'Bidgee



Phil Lawrence: Hungry Yella

Winner of the March Photo Comp:



Phil Lawrence - Guarding his territory on the 'Bidgee

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



Thank you to everyone at OTWC for supporting this photo competition. More than that, thank you OTWC for the ongoing support extended to the Canberra Fisherman's Club throughout the fishing year. Not to mention, thank you 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
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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