

# Newsletter

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### February 2017

**December 2016 & January 2017 Photo Competition**



**December 2016:**

**Jon Vogel – Armchair  
Angler's Bidgee Cod  
63 cm 3.17 kg**

**January 2017:**

**Jon Vogel – Armchair  
Angler – Eucumbene  
Trout on Fly**



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# About the Club

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

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

## Aims of the Club

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

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

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

# President's Report

Hi everyone,

Well summer has well and truly arrived and the fishing has been pretty hot too!

The first Club outing for 2017 was the traditional Australia Day long weekend outing to Tuross. Another well-attended outing, with a few good fish caught despite the windy conditions. It was great to hear members sharing intel on techniques and location at the Club BBQ...and to see the results the following day. The personal highlight for me was watching a metre-plus Flathead monster a 35-36cm flathead on the surface as I was bringing it to the net. Unfortunately, the smaller Flathead had taken the hook too deep and despite my best efforts the larger fish eventually spat out his meal... along with my hook!



Last weekend a few hardy members braved the heat and strong winds to fish the local lakes and the annual Carpathon at Lake Burley Griffin. While the attendance was well down on normal, the fish were keen with just about everyone catching a fish. Anthony Heiser conducted a field test of the new telescopic "cattle-prod" style rod holders. You'd best contact him directly for a full review of the product – and if you happen to find a custom Lox rod drifting about in Lake Burley Griffin, you should also contact Anthony! It was a weekend full of laughs (and a few tears) – I'm looking forward to the next one!

Looking forward, the Club has already made a start on promoting our annual Canberra Carp-Out on Facebook, notice boards and at the Charnwood Shops. This year's Carp-Out will be the tenth that the Club has run. Keeping with tradition, the first prize will be a boat and motor package for the carp closest to a randomly generated mystery weight. The Carp-Out will be held on Sunday 26th March this year, at Lake Burley Griffin and there will be a kids learn-to-fish clinic the day before. As usual, the Club will also be running a Fish Stocking raffle in conjunction with the Carp-Out, with a Hobie kayak as first prize.

On the weekends between now and the Carp-Out, we will be looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at shopping centres across Canberra to drum up support.... If you are able to help us out with a half-day shift at some time over the next few weeks, please contact the Club at [info@canberrafishos.com](mailto:info@canberrafishos.com) – suggestions on which shopping centres to approach would also be very welcome.

Remember, all profits from the Fish Stocking Raffle go to purchasing Golden Perch and Murray Cod fingerlings to stock our local lakes. The profits from the Canberra Carp-Out event itself will be divided evenly between fish stocking and the Cancer Support Group. It's a great cause and if you can spare some time to help out, either on the day or on a weekend leading up to the event, please contact the club email address.

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 has to offer and this can be renewed through the web site.

With the club spending money over the last few years to improve it as per member's requests, more information is being uploaded to and I encourage you to log in and have a look. Those that don't have or forgotten their logon details, email me ([secretary@canberrafishos.com](mailto:secretary@canberrafishos.com)) and I will reset your password.



The next big event coming up for the Club is the Carp-Out 2017, with a fishing clinic on Saturday 25 March 2017 and the Carp-Out itself on Sunday 26 March 2017. The sheets for when you are available to help out will be at the next meeting or you can email me and I will put you on the list. People are required on the Sunday for Setup, Morning, Afternoon and Breakdown shifts. You will not be turned away if you want to be there all day either.

It feels like it's been a busy couple of months since the last newsletter as by the time I headed down to Tuross, I worked out I had done 5,000 km over Xmas and New Year visiting three different states. The only good thing was that I was able to get in some fishing and the rels are happy for another couple of years before I have to visit again.

The Club's January 2017 Outing is has come and gone for another year. Some were lucky enough to be able to make it a four-day weekend while some had to work on the Friday. My own experience at Tuross doing the Saturday afternoon charter with Stu Hindson, from Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures (who has sold the business and going to be missed) was hard work on surface lures with a lot of dropped fish, But if you were able to get the Whiting to take a lure properly, it was worth the effort as none of the keepers were under 35 cm and put up a good fight on the light gear.

On Sunday, Brian Stacey and I went for a bit of land based fishing around the north side of the Clyde River just past the House Boat Hire. We worked our way round to the start of the Oyster Leases that were within casting distance. Few small Tailor were caught and one nice Bream that ran Brian through the Mangroves but he prevailed in the end.

Tight lines

Kevin Spriggs  
[secretary@canberrafishos.com](mailto:secretary@canberrafishos.com)

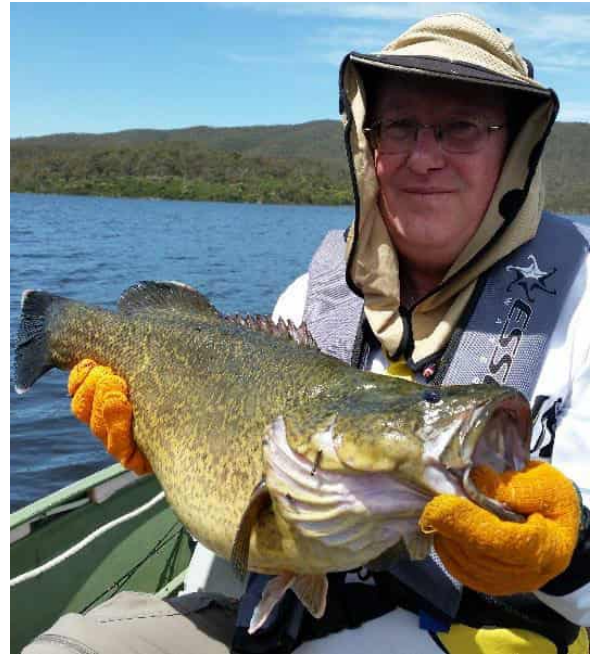
# Recorder's Report

Hi Everyone

I hope that you have been able to wet a line in this past month and that you enjoyed your xmas break. It has been a couple of months now for me so the rat is starting to get a good funding start to the kids xmas party for 2017.

The database is currently update with all captures and I look forward to seeing how the club members go at the Narooma Convention next month.

Mick Peel



# Club Championship

## Open

Steve Bailey	769
Chris Lemmon	407
Anthony Heiser	368
Brian Stacy	278
Greg Davis	117

## Ladies

Karen Malam	35
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## Junior

## Land Based

Steve Bailey	469
Anthony Heiser	188
Brian Stacy	186
Chris Lemmon	141
Chris Head	108

## Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	469
Anthony Heiser	191
Chris Lemmon	141
Greg Davis	117
Chris Head	108

## Salt Water

Steve Bailey	300
Brian Stacy	278
Chris Lemmon	266
Anthony Heiser	177

## Most Versatile Angler

Steve Bailey	7	
Anthony Heiser	5	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Chris Lemmon	4	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Brian Stacy	3	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Greg Davis	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

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

Keith Smith	1,380
Daniel Mcneice	1,090
Chris Head	941
Susan Mcneice	720

**Fresh Water Length** *(Golden Perch)*

Narelle Tate	10,585
John Bosch	9,705
Paul Breeze	6,130
Steve Bailey	1,352
Mick Jewry	455

**Tagging Award****Board Fish - Weight**

<b>Atlantic Salmon</b>	1.57 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Australian Salmon</b>	2.22 kg	Chris Lemmon
<b>Black Bream</b>	1.46 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Brown Ray</b>	0.60 kg	Anthony Heiser
<b>Brown Trout</b>	3.32 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Common Shovel-nosed Ray</b>	2.80 kg	Brian Stacy
<b>Dusky Flathead</b>	0.96 kg	Brian Stacy
<b>European Carp</b>	4.16 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Golden Perch</b>	2.08 kg	John Bosch
<b>Morwong</b>	0.88 kg	Eustice Tonna
<b>Murray Cod</b>	4.68 kg	John Bosch
<b>Pig Fish</b>	0.53 kg	Anthony Heiser
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	0.59 kg	Eustice Tonna
<b>Redfin Perch</b>	1.01 kg	John Bosch
<b>Sand Flathead</b>	1.39 kg	Eustice Tonna
<b>Sand Whiting</b>	0.53 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Snapper</b>	3.70 kg	Brian Stacy
<b>Tailor</b>	0.77 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Yellowfin Bream</b>	0.84 kg	Chris Head

**Board Fish - Length**

<b>Atlantic Salmon</b>	530 mm	Glen Malam
<b>Australian Salmon</b>	570 mm	Alexander Butler
<b>Black Bream</b>	44 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Brown Trout</b>	700 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Dusky Flathead</b>	440 mm	Chris Guion
<b>Estuary Perch</b>	31 mm	Kevin Spriggs
<b>European Carp</b>	680 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Golden Perch</b>	525 mm	John Bosch
<b>Mako Shark</b>	1500 mm	Zane Zhao
<b>Morwong</b>	410 mm	Eustice Tonna
<b>Murray Cod</b>	950 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Pig Fish</b>	320 mm	Eustice Tonna
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	400 mm	Chris Lemmon
<b>Redfin Perch</b>	380 mm	Zane Zhao
<b>Sand Flathead</b>	590 mm	Eustice Tonna
<b>Sand Whiting</b>	40 mm	Glen Malam



<b>Sweep</b>	320 mm	Eustice Tonna
<b>Tailor</b>	310 mm	Alexander Butler
<b>Yellowfin Bream</b>	450 mm	Susan Mcneice

## Tagging Award

### 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

## All Tackle Championship

### Open

Steve Bailey	28
Anthony Heiser	25
Kevin Spriggs	21
Chris Lemmon	14
Brian Stacy	11

### Junior

Zachary Zhao	1
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# Fishing news and competitions

## The Canberra Carp-Out



### CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB



Invites you to the

# CANBERRA CARP-OUT

## MAJOR PRIZES - \$5,500 BOAT PACKAGE

(plus \$\$\$'s worth of gift vouchers, fishing gear and other prizes)

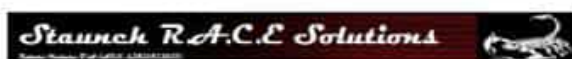
Permit No ACT TP 17/00069

Sunday, 26th March - Lennox Gardens  
Lake Burley Griffin

Details at [www.canberra-carp-out.com](http://www.canberra-carp-out.com)



ACT Eden Monaro's own.



GOHOSTING

# The ANSA Narooma Convention: 10-12 March 2017



## **NAROOMA SPORT & GAMEFISHING CLUB Inc.**

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NAROOMA NSW 2546

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Dear President

It is our pleasure to invite you and your wife/partner, at our cost of entry and catering, to our Annual ANSA Sportfishing Convention, to be held March 10, 11 and 12 2017. (Please note this is not transferrable to other members of your committee or club).

Yes, sort of blackmail, but we can only hope that you do accept our invite, publicise our Convention and hopefully bring some of your members with you.

Joe (ANSA NSW) has hopefully sent you our Fact Sheet with a snapshot of the Convention including accommodation and fishing charters available. I have also attached this Fact Sheet for your perusal. Any questions, my mobile, 0411 392 608.

We had 87 sponsors last year giving competitors some very good prizes for both raffles and Convention winners. We cater for meals from Thursday evening until close of play on Sunday and we strive to cater for all needs of attending fishers as good hosts should.

Please give the invite some thought, let us know if you would like to accept the invite and we look forward to seeing you in March 2017. I would again ask you to publicise our Convention at every possibility as the weekend is only weeks away and with the Sydney Convention so close to ours, the 'competition' for travelling fisho's has never been greater.

All the best and hope to see you

Les Waldock

President.

Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc.

Mbl: 0411 392 608

Affiliated with the Australian National Sportfishing Association Inc.  
And the NSW Game Fishing Association Inc



# NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB ANSA CONVENTION FACT SHEET

**Friday 10 March - Sunday 12 March 2017**

<b>Competition times;</b>	Start ;	Friday 12.01am	10 March 2017
	Finish;	Sunday 1pm	12 March 2017
<b>Cost:</b>	Fully catered (all 7 meals)	\$50 Senior	\$20 Junior \$100 Family
	Uncatered (no meals, entry only)	\$20 Senior	\$10 Junior
<b>Meal Times;</b>	"ANGLERS TO SUPPLY OWN PLATES AND CUTLERY"		
Thursday Sausage Sizzle	6.30 pm 'til late	(free to all)	
Friday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Friday Dinner	6.00 pm 'til 8 pm
Saturday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Saturday Dinner	6.00 pm 'til 8 pm
Sunday Breakfast	5.30 am 'til 8 am	Sunday Lunch	12 noon 'til 2 pm

## Entertainment;

Raffles; Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday presentation BIG DRAW.  
Unclaimed prizes from Thursday/Friday/Saturday raffles re-drawn in Sundays BIG DRAW.

## Tides for the weekend

Friday	10 March 2017	Low 1.15am	High 7.35am	Low 2.11pm	High 8.15pm
Saturday	11 March 2017	Low 2.00am	High 8.23am	Low 2.53pm	High 9.00pm
Sunday	12 March 2017	Low 3.00am	High 9.00pm		

## Ramps;

Apex Park	(all size boats, with pontoons).
Mill Bay	(all size boats, be careful with drop off, no pontoons).
Taylor's (The Inlet Restaurant)	(has wharf. Do not drive boat onto trailer).
Westside of Highway Bridge	(tinnies only)
The Loop (near Narooma Marina)***	(tinnies only or drive on big boats, no pontoon).

\*\*\*SEE NOTES REGARDING MOORINGS AVAILABLE FOR TRAILERBOATS\*\*\*

## Petrol Stations;

Shell on the Flat	5.30am - 6.30pm
Matilda on the Flat	6.00am - 6.00pm
BP (next to Cinema)	6.00am - late

## Eateries;

Bakery on the flat	5am-5pm (7 days)
ABC Bakery	6.30am (not open Sunday)
Casey's Cafe	Roxy's Cafe

## Bait and Tackle;

Compleat Angler (on the Flat) Darryl	Open 7am- 7pm 4476 2278	All bait and tackle
Narooma Fish and Dive (next to Matilda's)	Open 6am-7pm 0407909111	All bait and tackle

## Marine;

Kingfisher Marine	Behind Compleat Angler	4476 2650
Narooma Marina	Riverside Drive 1 minute from Clubhouse	4476 2126

## Local GPS marks;

Narooma Bar Entrance	S 36.12.660 E150.08.010	Bermagui Ent	S 36.25.240 E150.04.440
Montague Seamount	S 36.10.000 E150.37.000	Montague Cany	S 36.17.175 E150.24.450
South Kink	S 36.18.050 E150.19.000	North Kink	S 36.17.120 E150.19.450
Aughinish Rock	S 36.16.400 E150.12.800	Shelf Edge	S 36.16.460 E150.12.880

## Local Medical Centres;

Moruya Hospital	4474 2666	Wagonga St Medical	4476 2622
Lighthouse Surgery	4476 2999	Blue House Surgery	4476 1390

## Accommodation

Inlet Views	4476 2483	Apollo Units	4476 2461
Horizons Apatments	4476 5200	Black Bream Point	4476 1759
Island View	4456 1165	Festival Motor Inn	4476 2099
Big 4 Easts Narooma	4476 2046	Golfers Lodge	4476 2428
Coastal Comfort Motel	4476 2256	Surf Beach Caravan Park	4476 2275

## Fishing Charters;

Narooma Charters Norm	0407 909 111	Charter Fish Narooma Benn	0407 487 702
Calm Water Charters Bill	4476 2483	Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures	6495 9902
Island Charters Chris	0408 428 857	Lighthouse Charters Wazza	4476 2621
Sheriff Charters Narooma Matt	0447951359	Narooma Fishing Charters John	0432 599 619

**\*\*MOORINGS AVAILABLE\*\* NAROOMA MARINA ph: 4476 2126**

Trailer Boats welcome to moor at Narooma Marina over the Convention weekend or week.

Contact Narooma Marina, Ian Miller ph 4476 2126. Cost \$25 per night or \$100 a week.

Walk on/ Walk off for the weekend. No ramp problems. Fuel bowser on Marina. Bait and Ice.TOO EASY !

NSGFC Contacts Les Waldock 0411392608 Jan Hemmingsen 4476 4895



## Canberra Cup 2017

# Canberra Cup 2017

**CATCH AND RELEASE**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

STARTS 2nd FEB 2017, EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT OVER 8 WEEKS 6:30-9:30pm

**\*\*Alternating weeks at Lake Burley Griffin AND Lake Ginniderra\*\***

\$40 ADULTS + \$15 PLAY FEE

\$15 KIDS + \$5 PLAY FEE



**SHIMANO My 2 HOOKS**



## News & Stories

### 62,845 Murray Cod and Golden Perch fingerlings for Canberra

by Anthony Heiser



Greg Davis releasing some of the 46,936 Murray Cod fingerlings delivered to our local lakes on 4 January 2017.

With the Canberra Carp-Out and the Fish Stocking Raffle fast approaching next month, it is pleasing to see that each year's efforts contributing to more and more native fish being stocked in our local lakes.

On 4 January 2017, we stocked over 10,000 Murray Cod fingerlings into Lake Burley Griffin, together with the National Capital Authority, which stocked an additional 20,000 fingerlings. In addition, the ACT Government stocked 15,909 Golden Perch in Lake Tuggeranong and 8,163 Murray Cod in Gungahlin Pond and 8,163 Murray Cod in Yerrabi Pond. You can read more about the fish stocking on the [ABC News](#) and [Canberra Times](#).

Since 2008, the Canberra Fisherman's Club (together with the ACT Government, National Capital Authority and Otto's Tackle World Canberra) helped stocked over 420,000 Murray Cod and Golden Perch fingerlings into ACT's urban lakes and ponds.

A big thank you to Greg Davis who attended the fish stocking on behalf of the Club on 4 January 2017 and helped release some of the fingerlings in Gungahlin Pond.

# The Tuross Outing 27-29 January 2017 – Part 1

by Anthony Heiser



Chris Lemmon watches on as Steve Bailey reels in an Australian Salmon at Cemetery Beach.

The first outing for 2017 was held on 27-29 January 2017 at Tuross. Some of us arrived early on Australia Day or the day before and had a decent pre-outing fish with kilo plus Black Bream and other species being recorded – most notable among the pre-outing captures was Wendie McDonald's 44 cm Black Bream on a blade on Friday morning.

On Saturday, Chris Lemmon, Steve Bailey and myself carpet bombed the breakers at Cemetery Beach with 20 litres of berley for some nice Yellowfin Bream, chopper Tailors, and a few Australian Salmon, the biggest being Lemmo's 2.22 kg Salmon on 1 kg line. After watching the action from the car park above, the Clark Brothers swooped in but, by then, the fish started to go off the bite. Still, Chris Clark caught an impressive 2.6 kg 68 cm Australian Salmon after we left.

Those chasing the Black Bream found their secret spot on Friday morning was not very productive, with Keith and Tom reporting only a few fish caught this time. Those fishing with Stu Hindson came home with some nice Whiting – Chris and Wendie kindly shared some of their Whiting with me for lunch. Jon Vogel did a half-day charter on Saturday afternoon with Stu Hindson – he spent four hours with 'walk the dog' casting with moderate success.

We also enjoyed the fruits of Jon's earlier fishing ventures when he produced an awesome platter of smoked Murray Cod. For me, this was the first time I had tasted this great Aussie icon and it was heaven. Those who fished the South Coast but failed to attend the outing BBQ (like Brian, Kev, Zane, Greg & Rose, etc) - missed out big time! Although I am informed that Brian put on a very good Australia Day party at his place which went for several days. The Smoked Cod platter almost but not quite upstaged the awesome BBQ and salads prepared by Glen, Karen, Chris and Wendie.

The next day, Steve and I fished for Black Bream on soft plastics for a productive session that saw us land seven fish, five of which went over a kilo (and of course me catching the only two that went under a kilo). It was a pretty exciting session for me as I've not had too much experience chasing Black Bream on soft plastics and each kilo plus fish Steve reeled in was a thrill to watch. By the end of the morning, we both landed one Masters Black Bream each.





Chris Lemmon with a 42 cm Black Bream



Chris Lemmon with a 37 cm Black Bream



Chris Lemmon with a 2.22 kg Australian Salmon on 1 kg line.



Colin Clark fishing Cemetery Beach



A school of Australian Salmon just beyond the breakers



Steve Bailey with a 37 cm Black Bream



Steve with a 39 cm Black Bream



Anthony Heiser with a PB 40 cm 1.02 kg Black Bream on 1 kg pre-test



Not to be outdone – Steve Bailey with a PB 44 cm 1.46 kg Black Bream on 1 kg pre-test



Jon Vogel with a 36 cm 860 gram Black Bream



Saturday Night BBQ



Jon Vogel's Smoked Cod before it was served on Saturday Night



Smoked Cod Platter courtesy of Jon Vogel



# The Tuross Outing 27-29 January 2017 – Part 2: Chris and Wendie's fishing adventure

by Chris Head

The beginning of the Tuross outing was planned for us to head down on Wednesday morning as we were having a couple of extra days R&R as some of us do before the outing. But a phone call on the Tuesday afternoon delayed our leaving by half a day, the good news phone call was that my new car was ready to be picked up the next morning, which we did. The Triton keys were excitedly accepted and then rushed home to pack and headed off about lunchtime. It was an easy trip down to Tuross - we must have left early enough to miss the holiday rush.



Thursday was a leisurely start such that we hit the beach a bit late and missed the good tide. But we had to test out Wendie's new beach rod which she loved but, unfortunately, didn't manage to christen. But I did manage, unfortunately, to christen my lily-white legs with sunburn, which I paid for the next week or so.



Friday was an earlier start with Mr Smith offering to take Wendie and I out in his boat to one of his favourite spots. Wendie warned Keith that she liked having a banana on the boat and the fishing would be jinxed because of this.

Keith promptly said he doesn't believe 'in all that baloney' or something similar to that effect and all would be fine. It was a perfect weather morning and we headed out with bananas on Wendie's mind.







Wendie with her PB 44 cm Black Bream



Chris Head with his PB 41 cm Black Bream



I think Wendie's banana worries are over as about the 6th cast she nailed a 44 cm Black Bream that gave a great account of itself. She then went on to catch a 41 cm, 39 cm, 35 cm Bream and some Bream in the low 30s without too much bother. Wendie's magic lure was a gold big eye blade.

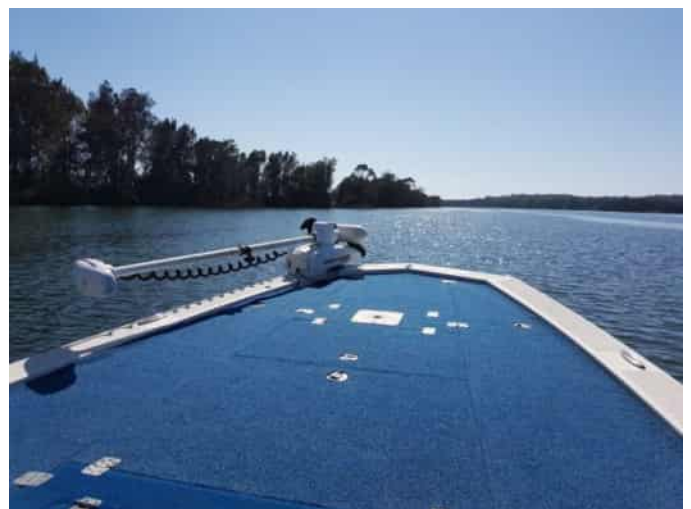
Meanwhile, Keith and I kept casting...Eventually we managed a few fish and I did get a PB bream of 41 cm. A big thanks to our skipper Keith a great morning out was had by all even with very sore sunburnt legs.



On Saturday morning, we had the club half day charter with our good mate Stuart Hindson from Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures. Wendie, Tim and I met Stuie at the Tuross Bridge and we headed a little up river to target the mighty Whiting on Sugapens.

It took a few casts to get into the rhythm but after seeing a few horse of fish following the lures, we managed a few Whiting with biggest being just under the 30 cm mark. Plus, I managed a double header of small tailor one on each hook of the Sugarpen.

As the morning wore on, the sun heated up and Wendie had no luck with the fish and found her wrist getting sore, she suggested to Stu that maybe she could try something else. Stu put her onto a small shallow diver and in no time, she landed a couple of nice Bream and a few small Flathead.





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We ended up with 5 whiting and they certainly turned out to be a nice lunch time snack. Yum Yum. And as the sun goes down on another fishing outing, Glenno, in his frustration at the small glasses supplied at the cabins and seeing Bails enjoying his Jack and Coke in his big pint glass, what's a fellow Jack man to do but improvise.....Find a bigger glass or in this case a glass coffee jug Bahaha!

Another great get together and outing at Tuross with fellow fishos helping each other out not only in the fishing stakes but also with some photography hints



Anthony and Wendie taking photos of the sunset over Tuross



# I feel a rat fine coming on

by Zane Zhao



My younger brother recently got married down in Melbourne and, after the wedding, we decided to take some time off and slowly make our way back to Canberra via the coastal route rather than the usual Hume Highway. The dates coincided with the short Australia Day holiday week and the Club's annual Tuross outing, so the plan was line the dates up to meet with the Club on the outings weekend.

First leg was an overnight stop at Metung near Lakes Entrance. The local marina looked like a perfect place to throw a line: it had deep water and, apparently, there are some cracking Black Bream there.

Unfortunately, we didn't arrive until 7 pm and, after dinner at the local hotel restaurant down at the pier, it was too late to have a fish that night.

The next day, we headed straight for Merimbula for the second leg of our trip, we stopped over at Eden hoping to buy some of their famous mussels. Unfortunately, the recent rain meant that they did not pass a water safety test and weren't available. So we left empty handed but not before we took some amazing shots from the local lookout.

We arrived at Merimbula just in time for the January prawn run. There was a new moon that night and we were told by the locals that we should have a go either side of the bridge at the runout tide that night. We followed the tip and managed half a kilo of prawns for a midnight snack.

The next day was Australia Day and we went to Wheeler's Oyster farm for lunch where the servings generous, with the pick of the bunch being my Seafood Marinara.

In between all the yummy food we ate, we did manage a fish. After an unsuccessful couple of hours in our hire boat, we were told by the owner to walk down to the sand flats a couple of hundred meters from there and have a go fishing there.





The Look-out at Eden



Chasing Flathead on the Sandflats at Merimbula



While everyone was using bait, I looked around and noticed a long strip of weed bed right in front of me. Remembering a successful session with Anthony Heiser a few years back at Coila with similar structure, I decided to give soft plastics a go and was promptly rewarded.

My next hour consisted of casting around a 160 arc at 15 meter intervals which resulted in five sand flatties and either losing numerous soft plastics to leatherjackets or landing them.

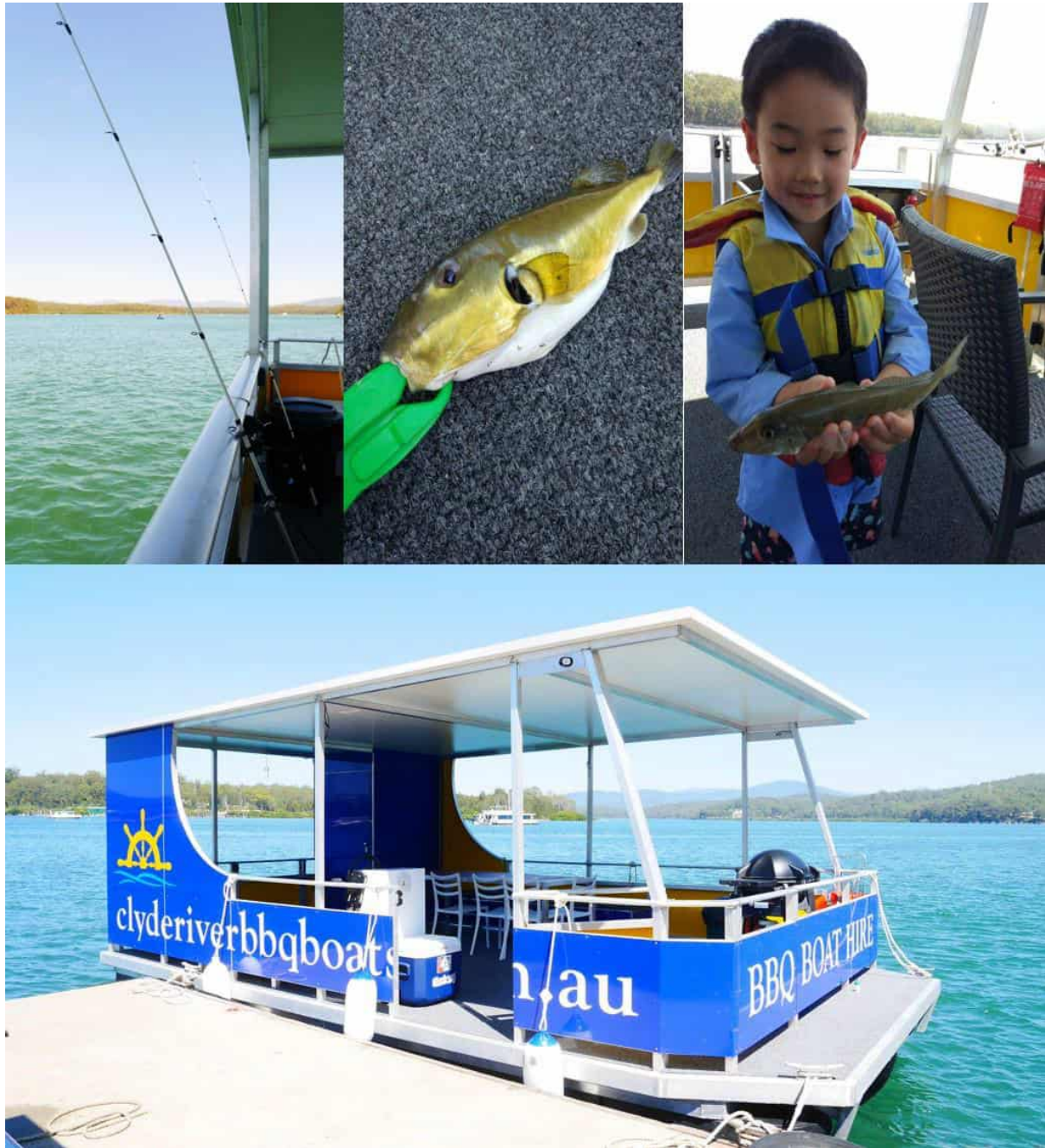
During this time, I was asked by a tourist what I was using because I seemed to be landing fish every few cast. I showed him my soft plastic rig and casted it out to show him how to work the lure in the water. My second cast was to show him how casting in arcs maximise the area coverage and, as I was explaining it to him, I hooked onto what was the largest (44cm) out of my five Flathead. Needless to say, he bolted to his tackle box in search of a soft plastic.

Next day, it was off to Mossy Point for our final stop before heading back to Canberra. It was also the Club's Tuross outing days. We didn't stay with the club as we had our dog with us, but managed to score ourselves a place on Air BNB at Mossy Point with a private jetty at the back (ask me for the details if you are interested). This turned out to be one of the most memorable stays I have ever experience down the south coast.



Zach loved the Jetty as did our pug. Turtles and stingrays swam up and down the river right past us and with the jetty out the back, we managed to fish right into the night under the stars. On the second night, we were fortunate enough to be witness nature at its very best by the blue glowing plankton that surrounded our jetty. For the next hour, we were entertaining ourselves by making lighting displays with anything from burley to sticks before they disappeared.

On the Saturday, we decided it was too hot to fish at Tuross as the boat hires there did not have biminis. So we went to the Clyde and hired one of the newly fitted out BBQ pontoons from Clyde River Houseboats. The fishing wasn't great with a strong runout tide but Zach landed his first Whiting. We also managed to land what we now believe to be a Green Rough Backed Puffer fish (*Lagocephalus lunaris*).

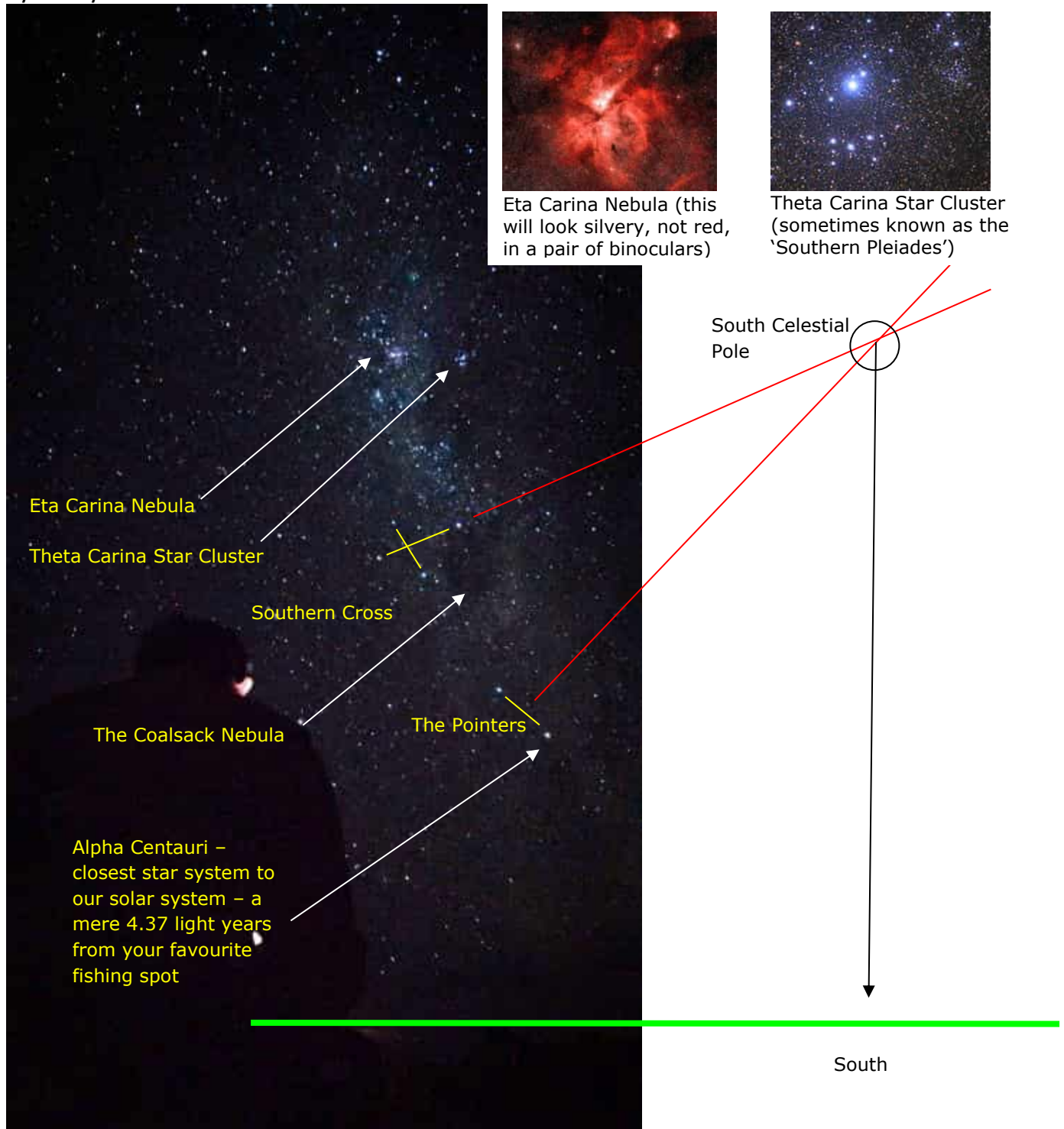


I highly recommend the club consider getting one or two of these for a day if we ever do another Bateman's Bay Outing. It's great fun and will be a great way for people in the club to socialise and fish together. In amongst all the fun we've had, I forgot to pop over to Tuross to sign the outing book, so I hope the rat doesn't read the newsletter!! After all isn't having fun fishing with the family what this club is all about?



# Astronomy with Zane Zhao's photo

by Anthony Heiser

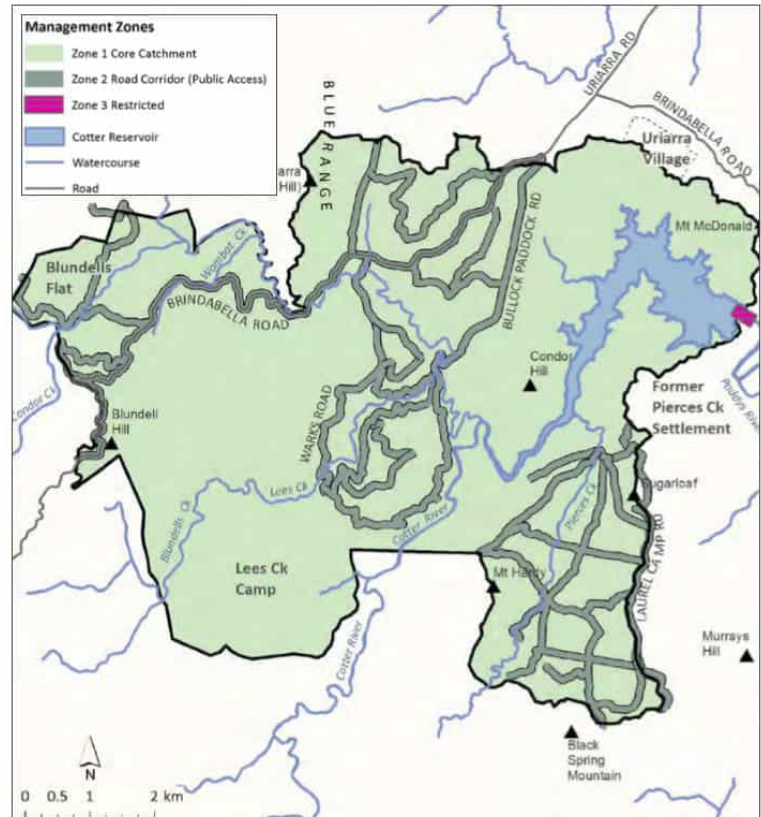
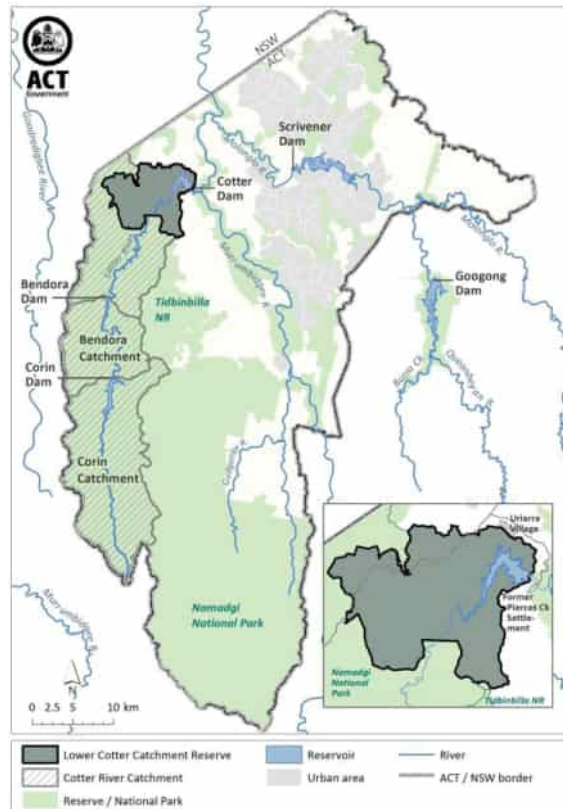


Thank you Zane for submitting this beautiful photo for the photo comp. The Southern Hemisphere has a prettier night sky than the Northern Hemisphere and many interesting things to see with the naked eye or a good pair of 10 x 50 binoculars. And while we don't have a southern version of the North Star to locate South, the Southern Cross and Pointers can give you a very close fix on South if you know how to locate the South Celestial Pole. And if you know how to work out the angular distances in the sky, the angular distance between the South Celestial Pole and the horizon will give you your latitude or far south of the Equator you are. In Canberra, the South Celestial Pole is 35° above the horizon.

Eta Carina and Theta Carina are both bright deep sky objects that can be spotted with the naked eye. The Coalsack is an interstellar cloud of dust silhouetted against the southern Milky Way. You will also find a number of other deep sky objects in a pair of good binoculars.

# Lower Cotter Catchment Draft Reserve Management Plan

by Anthony Heiser



The ACT Government is seeking public submissions on the Lower Cotter Catchment Draft Reserve Management Plan. To provide some context to the draft plan, the ACT Government has provided the following information:

*Cotter Dam was Canberra's only water supply for many years. It was replaced as the primary source in the 1960s by Bendora and Corin Dams, and supplemented more recently by Googong Reservoir on the Queanbeyan River in NSW.*

*In response to the millennium drought and the devastating 2003 bushfires, the ACT Government committed significant resources to secure Canberra's future water supply. In 2013 a new, higher Cotter Dam wall was completed, which enlarged the reservoir's capacity from 4 to 79.4 gigalitres—an increase of 35% in water storage capacity.*

*Drawing water again from the Cotter Dam has led to a renewed focus on the reliability of water resources and a stable and healthy surrounding catchment. With the support of community volunteers, extensive revegetation after the 2003 fires is continuing. Over time, the reserve will be restored to a fully-functioning landscape of native vegetation, producing clean water, conserving natural and cultural values, and providing low key recreational opportunities for ACT residents and visitors.*

The LCC is part of the larger Cotter River Catchment comprising of the LCC, and the Bendora Catchment and Corin Catchment upstream. For our members' point of view, the draft plan has minimal impact on fishing as fishing is prohibited in Cotter Dam and the Cotter River upstream to the Condor Creek Junction, leaving little room if any for recreational fishing. The Plan simply restates the current rules and restrictions on fishing in the Cotter River Catchment:

*Fishing is a popular recreational pastime in ACT streams. Trout fishing is permitted in the Cotter River and its tributaries above the junction with Condor Creek as far*



*upstream as Bendora Dam. However, fishing within Cotter Reservoir has been prohibited since the dam was built, initially in order to protect water quality, and more recently to protect the population of threatened fish species.*

*In 1997 the ACT Environment Advisory Committee conducted a review into the recreational use of Cotter Reservoir and concluded that:*

*"We find the arguments about the threats to the Macquarie perch population compelling, given the fact that this species is regarded as threatened at the national level. Overfishing, the potential for introductions of carp and redfin, and the political pressure to stock the area provide unacceptable risks. We believe the costs of management to protect this species should the area be opened to recreational fishing to be high, and we do not see a way that these and the capital costs could be recovered from users."*

*There has been no change to the rationale for these restrictions and it is not proposed to change the prohibition on fishing in the reservoir. In accordance with the Fish Stocking Plan for the Australian Capital Territory 2015–2020 (ACT Government 2015b), fish stocking for recreational purposes is not undertaken in the LCC.*

*Recreational fishing in the public waters of the ACT does not require a licence, but the regulations within the Fisheries Act 2000 apply in relation to bag limits, use of lures, closed seasons etc. The Act identifies the Cotter River and reservoir above the Cotter Dam wall up to the junction with Condor Creek as Prohibited Waters, meaning that fishing is not permitted in this area at any time. Consideration may be given to moving the Prohibited Waters boundary upstream to Vanity's Crossing under a future review of the Fisheries Act, in order to protect the Macquarie Perch population. The regulations that apply to the LCC protect threatened native species and effectively limit fishing to Rainbow and Brown trout, using lures or flies, to minimise the potential risk to threatened aquatic species and the aquatic environment.*

Glen and Karen Malam and I attended a community consultation on the draft plan on 15 February 2017. Glen argued that consideration should be given to opening Cotter Dam for recreational fishing provided boats were using four-stroke or electric motors and that only fly and lure fishing be permitted. The rationale given for prohibiting fishing in the Cotter Dam and upstream to the Condor Creek Junction was the need to maintain water quality, protect threatened species such as Macquarie Perch, Spiny Blackfish and Trout Cod, and prevent the transfer of Carp and Redfin Perch as well as the EHN virus, and the resourcing difficulties associated with monitoring compliance with fishing rules.

You can find the draft plan at <https://yoursay.act.gov.au/lower-cotter-catchment-draft-reserve-management-plan>. Comments on the draft plan are due on 10 March 2017. We would be grateful for your comments – please email your comments to me via [vice-president@canberraishos.com](mailto:vice-president@canberraishos.com) so we can submit comments on your behalf.

## 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 2016 Canberra Carp Out!

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



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## From the Editor

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2017. We had a great start to the year with the stocking of Murray Cod in Lake Burley Griffin.

I was on the road travelling back home via the New England Highway when the fingerlings were released. So a big thank you to Greg Davis who was there to represent the Club when the fingerlings were released. He took some photos for the Facebook Site and our FB update on the fish stocking gained 4600 plus views and 178 likes. To put this in perspective, our typical FB post would attract about 300 views.



I posted our first advert for the Canberra Carp-Out on Friday, 10 February 2017 – as this newsletter is about to be published, I am super-pleased to see it has already attracted over 8000 views, 48 likes, 109 comments and has been shared 35 times. I hope the fishing community in Canberra show the same level of enthusiasm once online registrations open for the Carp-Out.

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The Tenth Annual Canberra Carp-Out will be held on Sunday, 26 March 2017, at Lennox Gardens, Lake Burley Griffin. Once again, we are raising money for stocking more native fish in Canberra's lakes and to support the work of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own.

Online registrations will be opening soon. While we recommend that you use the online registration when it is open, alternatively you will be able to download a PDF copy of the entry forms from our website (at <http://canberrafishos.com/.../302-canberra-carp-out-2016-start>) and then email completed entries with payment via EFT (BSB: 633 00 Acc: 152130456). Entries will not be valid until payment has been received.

We are nearly there so keep an eye on our website and the our facebook page as we will announce when entries are open.

**Online entries opening soon for the Canberra Carp-Out**

**The Canberra Carp-Out is on Sunday, 26 March 2017, at Lennox Gardens, Lake Burley Griffin**

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Thank you to those who responded to my call for photos and articles following the Tuross Outing. I ended up with more material than I anticipated and it has resulted in great articles from Chris Head and Zane Zhao. On top of that, I forgot I needed to include an article on our recent fish stocking activities.

So this newsletter has gone from hardly anything to report to being a bumper issue. Accordingly, I'll save the write up for the February Outing to the next newsletter. For the majority of our members who didn't attend the Local Lakes Outing, you missed out on some great fishing and fellowship.

After the Tuross and Local Lakes Outings, I managed to break the deadlock with Kevin Spriggs only to be outfished by Steve Bailey, who now relegates me to second place. Kevin is not far behind so anything can happen in the final four months of the fishing year.

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

The rules if 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 both the December and January photo comp is Jon Vogel. He has had some great photos this year and I will eventually write an article to provide some tips for better photographs. [In the meantime, there is an older article I wrote a couple of years ago on the website](#). Please don't let Jon win all the Tackle World vouchers so take lots of photos and have a read of some my photography tips.

Finally, if you have some gear to sell, swap, wanted or barter then send through the details to [info@canberrafishos.com](mailto: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

## December 2016 Photo Competition



Andrew Butt – 62 cm Murray Cod



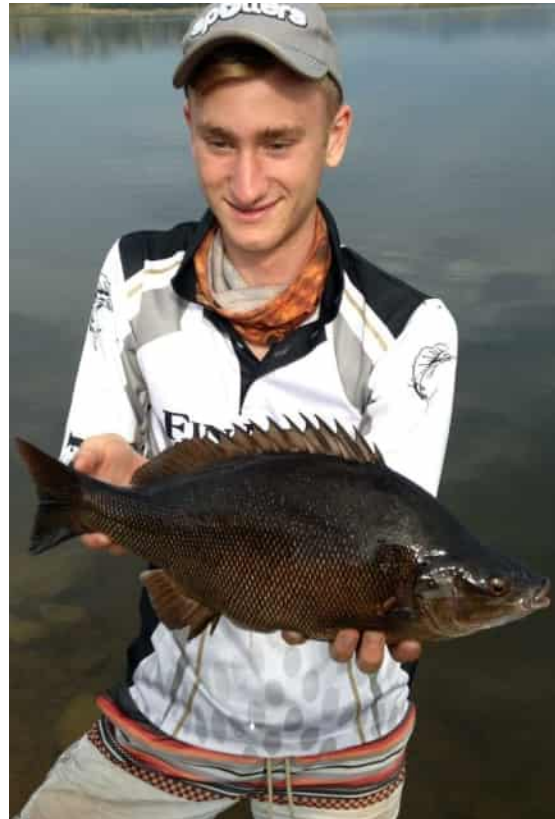
Steve Bailey – 52 cm Golden Perch at Burrinjuck



Steve Bailey – 69.5 cm Murray Cod at Burrinjuck



Chris Lemmon – 56 cm 2.06 kg Cattie



Mitchel McGovern – 52 cm Silver Perch



Chris Lemmon – Steve Bailey with a 35 cm Silver Perch on corn



Anthony Heiser – Redfin at Burrinjuck





Anthony Heiser – stars rising over Burrinjuck



Jon Vogel – Keith Smith with a Burrinjuck Cod

**Winner of the December Photo Comp – Jon Vogel:**



Jon Vogel – 62 cm 3.17 kg Bidgee Cod



# January 2017 Photo Competition



Jon Vogel - Eucumbene Rainbow on fly



Jon Vogel - Eucumbene Rainbow - Smoked



Anthony Heiser - Storm over Eucumbene River



Anthony Heiser - Stingray on the Gold Coast Canal on New Year's Day



Kevin Spriggs - Mixed bag of Snapper



Kevin Spriggs - Starting 2017 the way I want to finish it





Jackson Guion - 0.96 kg Flathead at Nelligen



Chris Guion - 0.84 kg Dusky Flathead at Nelligen

**Winner of the January Photo Comp:**



Jon Vogel: Eucumbene Trout on fly



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
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Narooma Convention	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Fishing Clinic	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Carp-Out	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	St Georges Basin	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bega/Brogo	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Narooma	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
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