

Newsletter

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Winner of the January photo comp



Ben Lemmon: 101 cm Cod

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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 7:30 pm **TO BE CONFIRMED – PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR POSSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT ON FUTURE MEETING DATES AND VENUES.**

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

We are now past the half-way mark in the Club year and still some great outings ahead of us. But first, in this month's newsletter, we have an outing report for the ANSA Nowra Convention attended by Zane, Sarah, Zack and myself. I'll also give an update in this newsletter on what I learnt about the Carp Herpes Virus at the stakeholder workshop co-hosted by the National Carp Control Plan and the ACT Government.

Unfortunately, Zane, Sarah, Zack and I did not weigh in any fish for the Nowra Convention. However, we did have a great time camping and cooking dinners at the Culburra Beach Holiday Park. I will be nominating Zane for the Stirrer's Spoon award this year. Not because he has been stirring @%#! but because I know he will put it to great culinary use. I think I enjoyed Zane's cooking more than the fishing. Did I mention, Zane can cook! I never knew you could transform humble roo fillets into an explosion of flavours. I wrote a short article on the Convention you can read later in the newsletter.

John Martin has stepped down as Outings Officer. I'm taking on the role for now until we find a new Outings Officer. While we're looking for a new Outings Officer, I thought it would good to go over the outings coming up for the rest of the Fishing Year.

The Narooma Convention 8-12 March 2018

In a few weeks, we'll all be heading to Narooma to fish the Narooma Convention on 8-12 March 2018. We just about have a full house in the Olympic Cabin but there are still one or two more beds left if you want to fish the outing. This will be the 50th ANSA Narooma Convention so this promises to be a fantastic event. This will be an opportunity to rub shoulders with fishing legends including Starlo, Bushy, Al McGlashan and Rex Hunt. There will also be additional opportunities to win prizes this year. I have attached the invitation from the Narooma Game and Sportsfishing Club and the info on the Convention for those who are still thinking of fishing the Convention.

Several members have put their name down for the Narooma Convention. The Club will organise your registration (including payment) unless you advise me not to. I'm assuming everyone is fishing the convention is fishing an uncatered entry (\$20 adult / \$10 Junior). I'm fishing a catered entry (\$50 adult / \$100 family). If you want to fish a catered entry instead, please let me know.

Any non-ANSA members wanting to fish the ANSA categories of the Convention will need to join ANSA at least one week prior to a Convention. You will need to allow time for Sarah and Lindsay to accept your application and submit it to ANSA NSW with the membership fee and allow Pat Ashbury at ANSA NSW to process your membership. ANSA NSW will email a list of ANSA members to each host Club one week prior to a Convention and only those on the list will be eligible to fish the ANSA categories. However, you don't have to fish the ANSA categories in this Convention if you don't want to.

St Georges Basin Outing 7-8 April 2018

In April, we will be heading to St Georges Basin on 7-8 April 2018. So far, we only have one member listed for that outing. I hope we can get a new more names on the list as we have former CFC Member Brett Richards giving a presentation on chasing Flathead and Tailor at SGB at our General Meeting on 13 March 2018. Brett is a professional fishing guide at Bay and Basin Sportsfishing and the President of the Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association of Australia. As a former member, he still holds the All Time Board Fish for Albacore.

Kalkite Outing 12-13 May 2018

In May, we will return to Kalkite, Lake Jindabyne for a late Autumn trout session. In the past, May has produced some nice Browns and Brookies. Glen and Karen have both claimed Australian line class records at one of the earlier May outings and I still have a NSW State Lurecasting Record for Brook Trout at I caught in May 2009 at Kalkite.

Narooma, 9-11 June 2018

Our last outing for 2018 takes us back to Narooma. This outing often fishes well both on the beach and in the blue water. We did not get enough numbers to fill a charter for the March outing, so we will get another opportunity to book a charter if we can get enough people interested.

ANSA Conventions

In addition to the Narooma Convention in March, South Sydney Sportsfishing Association is hosting the ANSA Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament on 23-25 March 2018. This weekend has traditionally clashed with the Carp-Out. However, with the Carp-Out postponed, possibly indefinitely, this is our opportunity to finally join our fellow ANSA members in Sydney for what I'm told is an enjoyable weekend.

Then the Euro Fishing Association will hold the South Coast Convention on 13-15 April 2018 down at Batemans Bay. This is a new Convention that only started last year. Even though this is not on our outings calendar, I encourage all our members to make the short drive to Batemans Bay to support this new Convention. Adam Martin, the President of the Euro Fishing Association, devotes a lot of time and energy to both sportsfishing and gamefishing down the South Coast and is working hard to represent recreational fishers everywhere.

The final ANSA Convention for 2017-18 will be held at Lake Lyell on 25-27 May 2018 hosted by the Sea Bees Boating Club. I've been attending this Convention since 2015. It is a catch and release Trout and Bass comp (but there are categories for those who want to take their trout home for dinner). It is a very pleasant weekend up in the Blue Mountains – I'll be pitching a tent by the shores of Lake Lyell and I can fit one or two more people in my Triton if anyone else wishes to join me.

Anthony Heiser
President



Secretary's Report

The next club meeting is scheduled for the 13th of March at the Eastlakes Football Club and has been confirmed at this stage so far.

As many may know, our booking for the last members meeting was cancelled without notice due to other paid bookings at the club. Although we respect that we have a community booking and that the condition of this booking is that they may change it should a paid booking come along, there have been changes at the Eastlakes Football Club to reduce the number of rooms that they have.

This has caused two issues from what I can tell. First, there is more competition from the existing community clubs for bookings and, second, it seems that the Football club might be seeking additional paid bookings. Both issues increase the possibility that our future bookings may be changed as they have several times this year. We have been assured that the lack of notification will not happen again, but we are currently trying to seek clarification of the booking terms and conditions to see if there is any kind of guaranteed notice that we might get for future changes.

If anyone has ideas on reliable venues that might be good for members meetings, please contact a member of the committee.

There have been some changes to the fishing club rules for photos this year to allow minor edits to photos, things like cropping and colour adjustments are a good way to make photos better and make up for the mistakes that your camera makes.

If you are not sure how to edit photos then feel free to have a chat to me about the many options and if anyone has a photo that they want me to adjust, feel free to send it to me and I will do what I can. Some of my favourite cross platform free programs for adjusting photos are:

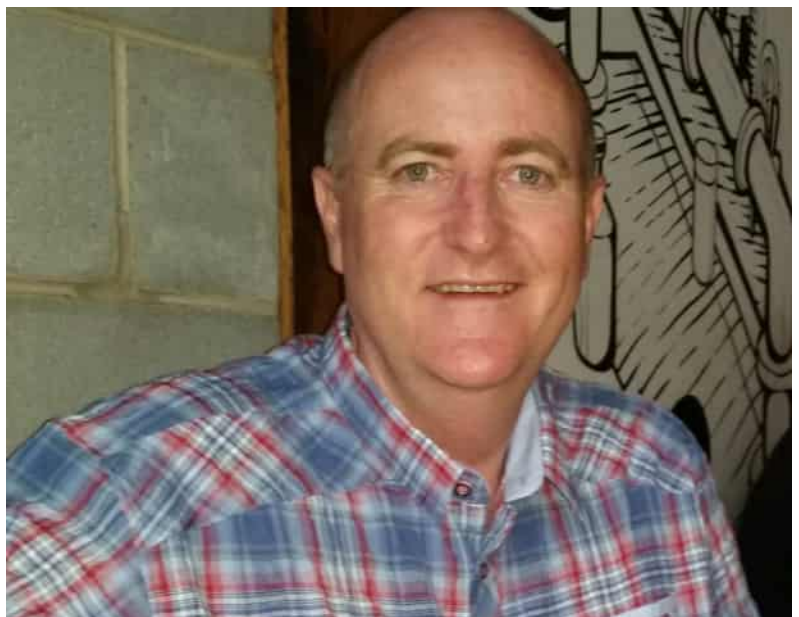
GIMP: <https://www.gimp.org/> which is a nice free program for doing basic adjustments.

DarkTable: <https://www.darktable.org/> which is my personal favourite for quick photo edits and management, although at first, it might not seem to be that intuitive.

Anyway, I hope everyone is getting lots of fishing in and I will see you at the next club meeting.

Tight Lines,

Lindsay Steele
Secretary
secretary@canberrafishos.com



Recorder's Report

Hi Everyone

I hope that you have been able to wet a line in over the January - February period, and been skilful enough to get some good catches. I have not received many capture sheets, so if you have been lucky enough to catch a fish, please get the recordings in to me as it has been a slow year to date. You can email those captures to me at either Recorder@canberrafishos.com or my personal account of Mickpeel@tpg.com.au.

As I am writing this report it has been a very wet day in Canberra. Summer is about to finish so soon the temperature will be milder. While we still have daylight for a number of hours after work, I encourage you to try out the local lakes or rivers on your way home from work.

I am taking some time off work in March the actual start date will depend when I complete a task at work but I intend to hit the mountain lakes and rivers for some trout so for those of you currently leading this year's competition look out I hope to give you a run for the competition.

I have not entered the most recent capture sheets that I have been emailed so if you do notice your captures not in this month's report do not worry they will be in the next one.

Mick Peel



Club Championship

Open

Angela Hartley	283	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
John Bosch	266	
Mick Jewry	228	
Steve Bailey	221	
Brian Stacy	170	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Ladies

Karen Malam	58	
Narelle Tate	34	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>

Junior

Bryce Hartley	93	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
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Land Based

Karen Malam	58
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Fresh Water

Angela Hartley	283	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
John Bosch	232	
Mick Jewry	228	
Steve Bailey	221	
Lindsay Steele	94	

Salt Water

John Bosch	34
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Most Versatile Angler

John Bosch	8	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Mick Jewry	6	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Angela Hartley	5	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Steve Bailey	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Brian Stacy	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

Salt Water Length *(Australian Salmon)*

Lindsay Steele	960
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Fresh Water Length *(Atlantic Salmon, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout)*

Steve Bailey	5,140
Mick Jewry	2,160
John Martin	1,680
Glen Malam	1,125
Lindsay Steele	835

Tagging Award

Board Fish - Weight

Albacore	17.00 kg	Brian Stacy
Barramundi	4.00 kg	John Vogel
Brown Trout	1.17 kg	Glen Malam
Brown Trout	1.17 kg	Karen Malam
Coral Trout	1.61 kg	Ben Lemmon
European Carp	4.63 kg	John Bosch
Gold Spot Cod	6.05 kg	Chris Lemmon
Golden Perch	3.56 kg	Angela Hartley
Red Throated Emperor	1.18 kg	Ben Lemmon
Redfin Perch	0.68 kg	Narelle Tate
Samson Fish	3.32 kg	Ben Lemmon
Snapper	6.06 kg	Ben Lemmon
Southern Bluefin Tuna	18.00 kg	Brian Stacy
Spangled Emperor	1.88 kg	Ben Lemmon
Wa Jewfish	1.30 kg	Chris Lemmon
Yellowfin Bream	0.56 kg	John Bosch

Board Fish - Length

Australian Salmon	520 mm	Lindsay Steele
Barramundi	1040 mm	John Vogel
Bronze Whaler Shark	830 mm	Brian Stacy
Brook Trout	335 mm	Glen Malam
Brown Trout	560 mm	Steve Bailey
Coral Trout	520 mm	Ben Lemmon
Dusky Flathead	440 mm	Mick Jewry
Emperor	340 mm	Chris Lemmon
Estuary Perch	440 mm	Mick Jewry
Gold Spot Cod	760 mm	Chris Lemmon
Golden Perch	540 mm	Ty Schneider
Murray Cod	940 mm	Michael Peel
Rainbow Trout	410 mm	Mick Jewry
Red Throated Emperor	450 mm	Ben Lemmon
Silver Trevally	355 mm	Mick Jewry
Snapper	800 mm	Ben Lemmon
Spangled Emperor	540 mm	Ben Lemmon
Tusk Fish	520 mm	Ben Lemmon
Wa Jewfish	520 mm	Chris Lemmon
Yellowfin Bream	335 mm	John Bosch

Best Fish

Fresh Water

European Carp

4.63kg on 2 kg

John Bosch

Blue Water

Albacore

17.00kg on 15 kg

Brian Stacy

Estuary

Yellowfin Bream

.56kg on 2 kg

John Bosch

Shark or Ray

Bronze Whaler Shark

.00kg on 6 kg

Chris Head

All Tackle Championship

Open

Mick Jewry	17
Steve Bailey	12
Lindsay Steele	10
Glen Malam	9
John Bosch	9
John Martin	9

Junior

Bryce Hartley	4
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Fishing news and competitions

The ANSA NSW 2018 Calendar



ANSA NSW Calendar 2018

Issue 2, 6th November 2017. Note that contact details for each convention are subject to change without notice.

January	Happy New Year	July	
February	16/17/18 - Nowra Convention Hosted by Nowra Sportfishing Club Contact: Faye Hanson: Tel: 0244439748 Mob: 0410 422 263 E-Mail: secretarynowrasfc@gmail.com	August	
March	9/10/11 - Narooma Convention Hosted by Narooma Sport & Gamefishing Club Contact: Les Waldock Mob: 0411 392 608 23/24/25 - Sydney Sportfishing Tournament Hosted by South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association & St George Sportfishing Club Contact: Tony Steiner Mob: 0412 611 778	September	1 Sep ANSA NSW AGM, Delegates' Meeting & Presentation 14/15/16 - Glenbawn Convention Hosted by Newcastle Sportfishing Club Contact: Greg McFarlane Mob: 0435 222 861 Eddie Sitarz Mob: 0428 294 176
April	1 April - Happy Easter Sunday 13/14/15 April - South Coast Convention Hosted by Euro Fishing Association Adam Martin Email: makitaman82@hotmail.com	October	
May	25/26/27 May - Lake Lyell Convention Hosted by Sea Bees Boating Club Contact: Rob Sinclair Mob: 0487017018 Email: sydneyseabees@gmail.com	November	2/3/4 Nov- Burrinjuck Convention Hosted by Canberra Fisherman's Club Contact: Canberra FC info@canberrafishos.com
June		December	Merry Christmas

ANSA Convention Circuit Lucky Draw Prizes for 2018



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ANSA NSW

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations the ANSA NSW Committee is giving all ANSA NSW members participating in any of our seven State Conventions a chance to be a winner!

WINNING IS AS EASY AS THIS:

1. REGISTER FOR A CONVENTION
2. ANSWER CORRECTLY THE QUESTION WHICH WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT EACH CONVENTION...

3. WIN!



Conditions of Entry

- You must be a registered competitor for a nominated ANSA NSW Convention. The nominated Conventions are:
 1. Nowra Convention
 2. Narooma Convention
 3. Sydney Sportfishing Tournament
 4. South Coast Convention
 5. Lake Lyell Convention
 6. Glenbawn Convention
 7. Burrinjuck Convention
- You must be a financial ANSA member.
- You must answer the individual question which will be released at the particular Convention, correctly.
- All correct answers will need to be emailed to jgred@bigpond.com the Monday following a Convention by 5 pm to be entered in the draw.
- All correct answers will go into the draw to win a \$50 Westfield Gift Voucher. There will be one gift voucher on offer for each Convention.
- The voucher winners of each Convention (seven in total) will go into a final annual draw to win a \$2000 grand prize. This grand prize is proudly sponsored by Costa and Rapala VMC Australia.

This promotion proudly brought to you by ANSA NSW and our sponsors.



The ANSA Narooma Convention: 9-11 March 2018



ANNUAL CONVENTION

Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Tournament



**9th - 11th of
March 2018**

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- 🐟 Rod and reel combos
- 🐟 Tiagra and Penn Internationals

- 🐟 Fishing charters
- 🐟 Silent auctions
- 🐟 fantastic raffles
- 🐟 Lures and fishing gear
- 🐟 Local business donations



GET INTERESTED 🐟 GET INVOLVED 🐟 GET FISHING



NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB

ANSA CONVENTION 2018



Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Convention 2018.

On behalf of all Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club members, we welcome you to our Club, our town and our part of the world. We hope your weekend with us will be one of enjoyment, great fishing and value for money.

Our Convention is steeped in history. With our loyal sponsors and their goods and services providing great support annually, it is our pleasure to host and provide.

This year is a huge year for us, our 50th Anniversary of Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club holding Conventions and Competitions. We will attempt to celebrate this huge event for us with lots of fun, heaps of prizes and plenty of laughs during the weekend, using a "50" theme. Be at the Clubhouse to enjoy and perhaps win some great giveaways.

Please take time to take note of our sponsors, meet them if possible and visit/purchase their goods at every opportunity.

We again welcome all our great Sponsors and look forward to many more years with their valuable support. If you can, please visit their businesses, enjoy their customer service and make sure to mention our Convention to them.

Please enjoy the weekend, our hospitality, make yourself at home, catch some great fish, use our Clubhouse and embrace what beautiful Narooma has to offer. Again, thank you for coming.

Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Committee and Members

HOSTS: Narooma Sport and Gamefishing

VENUE: Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Clubhouse 25 Riverside Drive, Narooma

DATE: 12.01 am Friday, 9 March 2018 - 1 pm Sunday, 11 March 2018

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 -Catered Senior	\$20 - Uncatered Senior
\$20 -Catered Junior	\$10 - Uncatered Junior
\$100 -Catered Family	(2 Adults and 2 Juniors)

(Closing date for catered entries - Wednesday 7 March 2018) This tournament is open to all financial members of ANSA (Australian National Sportfishing Association) and counts towards point score for the ACC (ANSA Convention Competition). Non ANSA members are most welcome to fish this Convention but any fish entered are only eligible for All Tackle Non Line Class (Length Only) and Catch and Release Divisions (Senior and Junior).

Guest speaker for March 2018 General Meeting: Brett Richards – Chasing Flathead and Tailor in SGB

Chasing Flathead & Tailor in SGB

Speaker: Brett Richards
Fishing Guide
Bay & Basin Sportsfishing

Time: 7.30 pm

Date: Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Venue: Eastlakes Football Club
3 Oxley St, Griffith

The Canberra Fisherman's Club invites members and visitors to Brett Richard's presentation on chasing Flathead in St Georges Basin. This is a good opportunity for those attending our April Outing in St Georges Basin to learn new tips and tricks on chasing Flathead and Tailor in this wonderful fishery.

Brett Richards is a fishing guide at Bay and Basin Sportsfishing (www.bbsf.com.au) and he has a deep-seated affinity for the largely pristine estuaries along the NSW south coast. With an inquiring mind, he is constantly developing and refining the most efficient and effective techniques for casting lures to the species that inhabit these beautiful waterways, and enjoys sharing these techniques with fellow sport fishers.

Brett is also the President of the Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association of Australia (PFIGA) and a fishing guide at National Capital Sportsfishing (www.canberrasportfishing.com.au).

The 25th ANSA Sydney Sportsfishing Tournament



SEA SEA MARINE 25th SYDNEY SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 2018

Once again, welcome

On behalf of all St George SFC and South Sydney AFA members, we trust your weekend with us will be one of enjoyment and great fishing.

This year is the 25th year as our tournament continues to grow with our loyal sponsors providing great support with their goods and services. Please take time to meet our sponsors and visit/purchase their goods at every opportunity.

Please enjoy our hospitality, make yourself at home, catch some great fish and thank you for coming.

St George Sportfishing Club

South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association

HOSTS:

ST GEORGE SPORTFISHING CLUB

SOUTH SYDNEY AMATEUR FISHING ASSOCIATION

TOURNAMENT BASE:

South Sydney AFA premises,
Corner Hastings Avenue and Macquarie Street, Chifley

DATE:

5 am Friday, 23rd March 2018 until 1pm Sunday, 25th March 2018.

ENTRY FEES: All entry fees include meals as listed on the fact sheet.

\$40 - Senior

\$20 - Junior

\$100 - Family 2 Adults and 2 Juniors

\$ 65 - Senior entry for non-ANSA members
(Includes ANSA Sportfishing Club Membership)

This tournament is open to all financial members of ANSA (Australian National Sportfishing Association) and Non ANSA members (Length Only). For ANSA members the Tournament counts towards point score for the ACC (ANSA Convention Circuit).

The ANSA South Coast Convention: 13-15 April 2018



SHIMANO



*Kids Meet
Rob Paxevanous*



Al McGlashan

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CRESSI
SINCE 1944

**Ocean
Hunter**

Rob Allen

YETI
COOLERS

MAKO
SUNGLASSES

TRUSSWORX
- FRAMES & TRUSSES -

HARDWARE
Cameron's
TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES

FISHING & SPEARFISHING COMPETITION 2018

FISHING TIME 12:00AM 13 APRIL 2018 TILL 12:00PM 15 APRIL 2018

EVENT LOCATION TOMAKIN NSW - FISH BETWEEN BENDALONG TO BERMAGUI

THE SOUTH COAST'S LARGEST CATCH, SNAP & SEND COMPETITION

TENS OF THOUSANDS \$\$\$ OF PRIZES - \$2000 & \$1000 CASH KINGFISH SHOOTOUT

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THE FOLLOWING 100 JUNIORS REGISTERED AS PART OF A FAMILY ENTRY RECEIVE A SCMB SHOW BAG VALUED \$80.

DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS BEGIN 8TH MARCH 2018.
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS GO INTO THE EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SCMB AND TO ENTER YOUR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION GO TO WWW.SCMB.COM.AU

News & Stories

The ANSA Nowra Convention: 16-18 February 2018

by Anthony Heiser



Zane Zhao fishing off the pier at the Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramp. This photo pretty much summed up our weekend.

The ANSA Nowra Convention was held on 16-18 February 2018 at the Culburra Beach Holiday Park. Zane, Sarah, Zack and myself made our way down to the holiday park and pitched our tents on Friday night. To celebrate the Chinese New Year, Zane and Sarah cooked an awesome dinner (my favourite being the salted duck). Afterwards, Zane and I headed down for a fish off the pier at the Crookhaven Heads Boat Ramps.



Sarah and Zane cooking Chinese New Year dinner

There was plenty of activity in the water, we saw heaps of Yakkas chasing bait. Zane landed a few Yakkas while I landed one undersized Squire or Bream after the other. Eventually, I landed a legal sized Bream and Zane landed a Porcupine Fish and we decided to call it a night.

The next morning, we fished a gutter off the beach in front of the holiday park. The surf was a bit rough and the sweep was a bit of a challenge on 1 kg line. Unfortunately, the fish were not biting so Zane and I decided to head back to the pier.



The photoshoot didn't go to plan!

By the time we got to the pier, the wind was howling at 20 to 25 knots. One by one, we watched boats from Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club and Wollongong Sportsfishing Club make their way back to the boat ramp, although many did get to tag and release a few Marlin beforehand.

After an hour and half of feeding undersized Bream and Tailor on 1 kg pretest and using small strips of Slimy Mackerel, suddenly, Zane's rod doubled over.

Initially, Zane wrote it off as a small fish, but after the tenth minute of watching him get the leader up to the surface only to watch it get sucked down under again, I decided to call it a 70 cm Flathead. After Zane patiently played the fish for 15 minutes, the fish revealed itself to be a rat Kingfish! After beaching the fish and taking a few photos, Zane released the fish and we continued fishing off the pier.

Unfortunately, the winds continued to howl, and by mid-afternoon, were beginning to gust at 30 knots so we decided to head back to our campsite and start doing the prep for dinner.

We returned back to the pier by late afternoon armed with a yabby pump. Unfortunately, we failed to find one decent yabby. Any yabbies we did pump up were microscopic. But we did collect some soldier crabs and rock crabs hoping that these might result in a nice juicy Bream after dinner.



Zane with a 55 cm Kingfish just before it was released.

After a gorgeous dinner of spicy marinated Kangaroo steaks and other goodies Zane cooked up, we headed back to the pier for a Saturday night fish.



Despite the windy weather, a number of anglers did well, including Nicholas Sterianos, from South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association who weighed in this 84 kg Striped Marlin for the Convention.

Unlike the previous night, we were the only ones brave enough to fish the pier. Waves were crashing over the lower level piers and the incoming tide left a long trail of foam.

There were plenty of bait thieves waiting for our soldier crabs and rock crabs. We managed one catfish each, some undersized Bream and an Octopus. It was then that we decided to release our remaining Rock Crabs and Soldier Crabs and call it a night.



Zane lands a 40 cm Dusky Flathead with just minutes to spare before the end of the outing.

After a lazy Sunday morning breakfast and packing up our tents, Zane and I returned to the pier for one last session. Again, we were feeding undersized Tailor. Eventually, the Tailor ate through all our bait and we decided to feed them our soft plastics instead. Eventually, Zane's soft plastic slipped past the hungry hordes of undersized Tailor and into the gaping jaws of a 40 cm Dusky Flathead with only minutes left before the end of the outing.

Zane and I tried our best but only weighed in donuts for the Convention. But those who attended the outing had a good weekend, fish or no fish. The Convention was attended by 59 anglers from Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club, Canberra Fisherman's Club, Euro Fishing Club, Happy Hookers Sportsfishing Club, Nowra Sportsfishing Club, St George Sportsfishing Club, South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association, and Wollongong Sportsfishing Club.

Congratulations to the Happy Hooker Sportsfishing Club, who won the Convention with 20 points, just beating Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club who scored 19 ANSA points. It was an impressive win by Happy Hookers on a David and Goliath scale. They fished the Convention with five anglers while Botany Bay fielded a team of 20 anglers.

Finally, well done to Ron and Faye Hanson and the Nowra Sportsfishing Club for hosting a fantastic convention. We hope to see you all again next year.



Zack buttering the toast for breakfast. Hope you like toast with your butter!



Zane cooking breakfast on Saturday morning.



Off in the distance, someone has had a very bad day!



A closer look at the poor car at low tide.



Kobi and Tyler Robinson accepted the Champion Club Trophy on behalf of Happy Hookers Sportsfishing Club.



Nowra Sportfishing Club Inc.

2018 Convention Categories



Capture

Highest Point Scoring Capture by an angler in each category except Champion Club where the highest aggregate score wins

CATEGORY	TROPHY WINNERS
Blue Water - Game	José Vidovic, Botany Bay 95kg Black Marlin on 10, 1140
Rocks	Not contested, due to dangerous conditions
Beach	Bill Kagiassis, Sth Sydney, Aust Salmon 3 kg on 6, 60
Estuary	Mark Wilson, Wollongong, .94 kg Bream on 1, 112.8
Ladies	Not contested
Junior	Tyler Robinson, Happy Hookers, .7 Flathead on 1, 70
Sub - Junior	Kobi Robinson, Happy Hookers, .44 Flathead on 1, 44
Most Meritorious Capture	José Vidovic, Botany Bay 95kg Black Marlin on 10, 1140
Champion Club	Happy Hookers, 20 (SEE BELOW)

Length Only

Longest of each Species released by an angler in each category

CATEGORY	TROPHY WINNERS
Bream all, Aust Salmon	Bill Wilson, Wollongong, 340mm bream,
Flathead all, Luderick, Snapper	

Tag & Release

Highest Tag & Release Point Scoring Angler wins

CATEGORY	TROPHY WINNER
Tag & Release Angler	Terry Tatton, Wollongong, 540 Pts

None Affiliated Angler

Highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from land or vessel, in estuary waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and salt marshes up to the beginning of non-tidal freshwater.

CATEGORY	TROPHY WINNER
None ANSA Affiliated Angler	NIL

CHAMPION CLUB RESULTS

Happy Hookers 20,
Botany Bay 19
Wollongong 15
South Sydney 9
St George 1
Nowra 0

Update on the National Carp Control Plan

by Anthony Heiser



The back of the ranger's ute at the 2009 Burrinjuck Convention.

In the May 2016 General Meeting, the members voted in favour of the Club supporting the release of Cyprinid Herpes Virus (CyHV3) to reduce the Carp population in Australia provided the Government adequately funds the clean-up of waterways of dead and dying Carp, habitat restoration and restocking of native fish.

To find out more about the possible release of CyHV3, Brian Hetherington from the ACT Fly Fishers, Jason Middleton from Canberra Anglers Association, and I attended a stakeholder workshop on 19 February 2018 co-hosted by the National Carp Control Plan (Matt Barkwick) and the ACT Government (Allison McInnes). The purpose of the workshop was to give an update on the latest news on the possible release of CyHV3 and to seek stakeholder feedback on a range of issues around the release. Peter Beutel from the National Capital Authority and Matt Beitzel from the ACT Government also gave presentations.

The NCCP is a large program of research and consultation to identify a smart, safe, effective and integrated suite of measures to control carp impacts. This includes exploring the potential use of CyHV3 as a biocontrol. Part of the NCCP's work includes stakeholder consultations, such as the workshop we attended on 19 February 2018.

At the end of 2018, the NCCP will make recommendations based on the evidence gained during this process, in a document entitled 'The National Carp Control Plan'. The release of the virus won't take place until it is approved by the Federal Government, and by each of the State and Territory governments in the Murray Darling Catchment.



Matt Beitzel talking about the latest ACT Carp numbers at the Stakeholder workshop (Photo by Jason Middleton).

I am still processing all the information from the workshop but I'm happy to share the notes of my meeting if you are interested. There's probably a lot you already know about the Carp and the virus in these notes. For me, the highlights of the workshop were:

- Matt Barwick discussed what methods have already been tried to reduce Carp populations and gave reasons why they all failed. This now leaves biological control as the only means by which we can reduce the Carp population on a continental scale.
- There is still a lot of research being done by the CSIRO, Charles Sturt University, University of Adelaide, University of Western Australia, Curtin University on different aspects of the impact of a big fish kill on our waterways, the clean-up, and disposal of dead carp.
- There won't be a 100% clean-up of our waterways from the dead carp, but the following areas will be prioritised:
 - Urban areas
 - Town waters
 - High recreation areas
 - High accumulation areas (such as weirs)
 - Threatened fish habitats
 - Other sensitive areas (my words as I can't remember what Matt Barwick called these bits of waterways)
- Therefore, the areas of the clean-up will be very small.
- Habitat restoration and restocking of native fish is outside the scope of the National Carp Control Plan.
- The plan for a staged deployment of the Carp Virus appeared credible but there is a risk of idiots being too impatient and deliberately transferring sick carp into catchment areas before their scheduled deployment. This will create a few problems and there needs to be a contingency plan to deal with this.
- The window of opportunity for deployment of the virus into the ACT's waterways will be narrower than the NSW catchments as ACT waterways are a lot colder.

Matt Beitzel estimated that there are about 600 to 900 kg of Carp per hectare in Lake Burley Griffin. In fact, this is down from 1200 kg per hectare in 2012. Matt thinks this is because our

waterways in the ACT cannot support any more Carp. I spoke with Matt Barwick afterwards, he was also of the view that the Carp population probably can't get any worse as the Murray Darling Catchment cannot support any more fish. On the flip side, he said this means there is little scope for our native fish population to recover unless Carp numbers are reduced.

My thoughts from the workshop are that I'm comfortable that the case for releasing the virus is stronger and that the decision on whether to release virus is not being done in a cavalier manner. My main concern is that habitat restoration and fish restocking falls outside the scope of the National Carp Control Plan. If the release of the virus is approved, I believe we need to pressure on the State and Territory governments to use this opportunity to conduct habitat restoration work in our waterways and to restock native fish.

I think for me, I'd like to do some reading up on existing literature on fish kills and the impact on waterways when the dead fish are simply left to decompose where they are. This will probably help people decide whether they are comfortable with the idea that maybe only 5% of waterways are going to be cleaned up after the Carp virus is released. If I get around to this in my copious free time, then I'll add this to the [Club's FAQ on the Carp virus](#).

I think we also need to explore whether we hold off on fish stocking activities until after the Carp virus is released so that we don't waste our money on fingerlings that will only die when the virus is released.



Getting rid of the Carp from our waterways won't just benefit our native fish. Removing Carp from our waterways is also expected to revive our aquatic bird population.

Total Length Award species for 2017-18

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2017-18, the target species are Australian Salmon for the Saltwater section and all Salmonoid species (which includes Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Atlantic Salmon and Chinook Salmon). The new target species applies from 1 July 2017.

The target species for the 2017-18 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Australian Salmon



Freshwater section: All Salmonoid species



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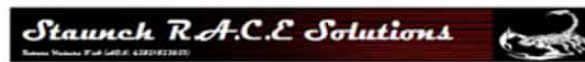
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From the Editor

Thank you to Jon Vogel who submitted a fantastic article for the January Newsletter. Unfortunately, I usually do not get any articles from the members and this month is no exception.

I'm quite conscious of the fact that I'm both Editor and President, as well as writing all the articles for the newsletter. Unfortunately, no one put their hand up to take on the Editor's role when we assigned the different committee roles last August.



I enjoy being Editor very much, so I did not mind retaining the role when I became President. In fact, I believe I do a better job as Editor than President. However, I don't believe it is healthy for the Club to have the President writing the President's Report, the Editor's Report as well as editing and writing all the articles in the Newsletter.

If anyone is interested in taking over the Editor's role in 2018-19, please feel free to get in touch so I can show you the ropes. The Editor's role has been one of my favourite roles in my nine years on the Committee and is a great tool for showcasing what our Club offers to those thinking of joining. Given this is my ninth year on the Committee, it really is time for members to consider taking on some or all of the roles I currently hold.

And if you have had a great fishing trip and some good photos, then I can always help you write and submit your article to the Newsletter. If you have a great story to tell, I can make sure you tell it well.

Finally, please start sending me your entries for the March photo comp competition for a chance to win a \$20 Tackle World voucher if you are the monthly winner.

Following Phil Lawrence's suggestion at the December general meeting, the Committee has agreed to trial the following rules for the next 12 months:

- 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 holding their capture
- Minor image corrections and cropping is allowed provided this does not lead to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation of the photo
- The Committee reserves the right to exclude any entries it suspects has been subject to misleading or fraudulent alteration or manipulation

We're not playing for oil wells or sheep stations, so we trust there will be no motive for cheating. The Committee will review how the new photo comp rules at the end of 2018.

Anthony Heiser

PS Jon Vogel was displeased at the caption I used for my splashing Flathead photo. The caption was artistic licence – I asked him to lift the Flathead's head out of the water to get the nice splashing effect. The photo should not be seen as a reflection on Jon's angling skills.

January 2018 Photo Competition



Chris Lemmon: Mitchell McGovern with a 3 kg 58 cm Catfish



Ben Lemmon: 101 cm Cod



Ben Lemmon: Supermoon on the Bidjee



Jon Vogel: 46.5 cm Flathead off the bank



Jon Vogel: Anthony with a 47 cm Flathead off the bank



Anthony Heiser: Jon Vogel's 46.5 cm Flathead



Anthony Heiser: Don't lift his head out of the water!

Winner of the January 2018 Photo Competition



Ben Lemmon's 101 cm Cod

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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.

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9th-12th March	ANSA Narooma Convention	13th
7th-8th April	St Georges Basin	10th
12th-13th May	Kalkite	8th
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