

Newsletter

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Winner of the May photo competition



John Bosch: 119 cm of Mulwalla Cod off the surface

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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



Someone picked a bad day to launch their tinnie and petrol-driven outboard and race past several ACT Rangers, Environmental Protection Agency Staff, National Capital Authority CEO Peter Beutel, and a few TV camera crews. One of them was bound to phone the Water Police...and they did.

Welcome to the start of Winter and the final month of the 2017-18 Fishing Year. We hope you are fishing right up to the end of the month as I understand there are still opportunities to claim trophies and awards for both our Club competition and the ANSA NSW 12-month competition. But more on that later.

Our June Newsletter covers the ACT Government's blitz on illegal fishing, an announcement of the new Skipper's Award, and articles on the ANSA Lake Lyell Convention and the Narooma Outing.

ACT Government's blitz on illegal fishing

I attended the ACT Government's launch of a blitz on illegal fishing on 7 June 2018. The launch was attended by several rangers, Environmental Protection Authority officers, Peter Beutel, CEO of the National Capital Authority, ABC News, WIN News, Nine News, and the *Canberra Times*. By unfortunate coincidence, an angler raced past everyone in full view with a petrol driven outboard, providing an unscripted media opportunity when the water police were quickly notified.



ABC News camera captures the Water Police heading out to apprehend the tinnie motoring around with an outboard motor.

However, the focus of the blitz was the use of opera house nets, set lines and unattended rods. If you spot illegal fishing activity, it's best not to remove set lines, opera house nets and other illegal traps yourself. Instead, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Access Canberra on 13 22 81 so that the rangers have the opportunity to place the setlines or traps under surveillance.

The Skipper's Award

Hopefully, you read my email earlier this month announcing the new Skipper's Award. The award is not restricted to boat owners but all members who take newer members or less experienced members fishing with them during the fishing year. Under the current wording, the Committee has the discretion to give the award to one or more members, or none if there are no nominations and no obvious candidates. But I hope we have plenty of contenders for the Skipper's Award next year.

Club and ANSA Competitions for 2017-18

There is still a little bit of time left to submit capture forms for the Club's 12-month comp and the ANSA NSW 12-month comp. For our Club comp, you need to get all your capture forms to our Recorder, Mick Peel, by 14 July 2018. The results will be announced at the Presentation Night in September.

In addition, I don't believe we've received any nominations for Member of the Year, Most Meritorious Capture, Most Improved Angler, Most Improved Junior Angler, the Gold Badge and the joke trophies. Please fill out the nomination form in the newsletter and send them off to our Secretary.

Have your say on the future of the Canberra Carp-Out

The Committee is running a survey seeking your views on the future of the Carp-Out. A few members have previously given me their thoughts on the future of the Carp-Out since I became President. However, I would like to make sure everyone gets an opportunity to have their say.

You should have received an email with a link to a very quick three-question survey. As we are only wanting to hear the views of our members, I have not included the link in the newsletter to avoid outsiders contaminating the survey result. Please take the time to fill in the survey, it should take you less than five minutes. If you did not receive the email, please contact Lindsay (secretary@canberrafishos.com) or myself (president@canberrafishos.com).

Annual General Meeting – 14 August 2018

Don't forget, our AGM is on 14 August 2018. Nomination forms for committee positions are in the newsletter – the Club needs your continued support and I encourage everyone to consider putting their hand up for a committee position.

Finally, it pays to attend our meetings. Blake Milligan's membership number was drawn at the June General Meeting. As he was not present, the Lucky Member's Draw will jackpot to \$75 at our July general meeting.

Anthony Heiser
President



Secretary's Report

The Club's financial and fishing competition year are both ending, and membership renewals are now available for 2018-19.

The prices for CFC and ANSA Membership are the same as the previous year and are:

CFC:

- \$20 - Senior
- \$30 - Family
- \$5 - Junior (Under 16)

ANSA:

- \$20 - Senior
- \$25 - Family
- \$7 - Student
- \$0 - Child (Under 16)

Although you can renew at a general meeting, the easiest way to renew membership is via the website where you can renew both Club and ANSA memberships. You will receive your receipts via email and I will have your membership card ready for the next meeting or posted out to you if required.

To find the online membership renewals you must be registered on the website, log in and navigate to Members --> Pay Membership Fees and Pay ANSA Fees. If you are unsure of your website login details, then feel free to send me an email.

You can also download a membership form from the website and either bring it to the meeting or post it to the club.

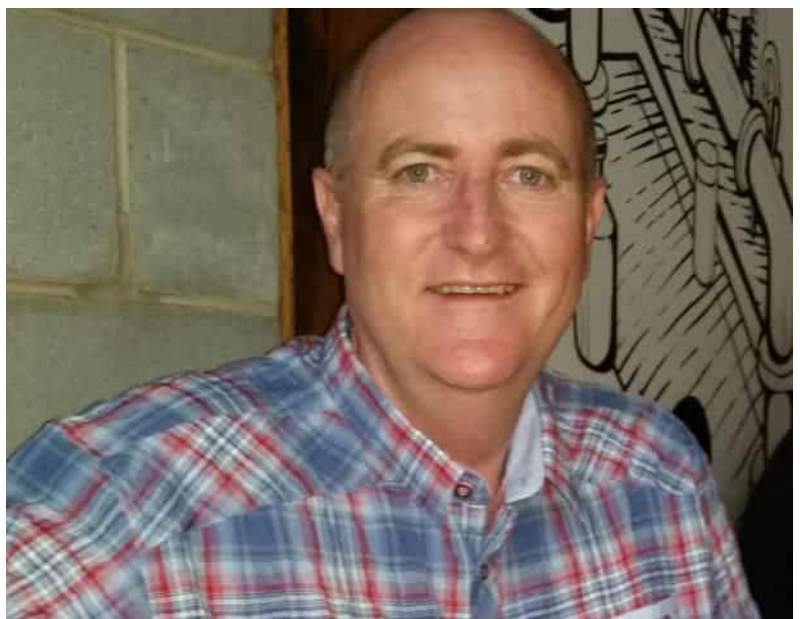
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Tight Lines and see you at the next general meeting on the 10th July.

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 last month and been skilful enough to get some good catches.

If you have been skilled enough to catch a fish please email those captures to me at either Recorder@canberraflashos.com or my personal account of Mickpeel@tpg.com.au.

It is that time of the year where we do not publish the club results. We are down on captures this year. Currently we are about 290 for the year with only a few weeks left in this year's competition. This is about 200 down on 2017 and 120 down on 2016 competitions.

The trend I have noticed over the past two years is that more capturers are length only and members are not recording weight as much as in the past. During club meetings, I hear from our members of the captures that have occurred during the past month and that is great to hear that people are fishing and catching fish. But most of these captures are not reported for the competition. I encourage you to get those captures recorded as it is good to have a healthy competition.

It is not long before we sit down and elect a new committee and I encourage you all to think about putting your hand up for a committee position. I have decided not to do the recorder's job next year for a number of reasons primary work related. I will be able to help out the person who does step up and take on this role. I am going to be blunt, if people do not want to be on the committee, do they want the club to survive. We need to share the workload amongst the members and we can do that by rotating people through the committee. Please think about being a committee member.

Mick Peel
Recorder



ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 13/06/2018

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species

1 Darrin Clarke	Australian Land Based Angle	COBIA	38.000	10	570.000
2 Joseph Garufi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.880	2	112.800
3 Aaron Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.550	2	93.000

DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	3.490	2	261.750
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.670	2	125.250
3 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.300	2	97.500

DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Robert Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MULLOWAY	6.220	2	311.000
2 Robert Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MULLOWAY	5.980	2	299.000
3 Mark McCreddie	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	MULLOWAY	5.510	2	275.500

DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	61.000	15	488.000
2 Jim Sterianos	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	4.470	2	335.250
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	4.300	2	322.500

DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Georgina Pratt	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.260	2	213.000
2 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.250	2	212.500
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	CATFISH - FRESHWAT	2.550	2	127.500

DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	4.800	2	360.000
2 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	4.200	2	315.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	2.900	2	217.500

DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.200	3	60.000
2 Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - REDFIN	1.100	2	55.000

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater

1 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	3.800	2	285.000
2 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	3.500	2	262.500
3 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	3.200	2	240.000

DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater

1 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.810	2	90.500
2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.590	2	79.500
3 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.140	2	57.000

DIVISION 10: Gamefishing

1 Jose Vidovic	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	MARLIN - BLACK	95.000	10	1140.000
2 Stephen Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	75.100	15	751.000
3 Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	89.000	15	712.000

DIVISION 11: Handline

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	4.600	3	230.000
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	4.400	3	220.000
3 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	3.900	3	195.000

DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady

1 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	70.000	24	350.000
2 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	WAHOO	17.800	8	289.250
3 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	8.500	6	212.500

DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy

1 Aiden Layt	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.180	2	88.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl

1 Eva Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.320	2	99.000
2 Olivia Mccreadie	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.240	2	93.000
3 Eva Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	0.830	2	62.250

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior

1 Tristin Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.200	2	110.000
2 Kaiya Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.250	2	93.750
3 Kaiya Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO - AUSTRALIA	1.110	2	83.250

DIVISION 16: Tag and Release

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				840
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				630
3 Peter Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club				300

DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp

1 Tony Steiner	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	CARP			760.000
2 Ray Buttigieg	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			740.000
3 Andrew Perros	St George Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			700.000

DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)

1 Marinos Euripidou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	TROUT			700.000
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DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass

1 Dean McWhinney	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BASS			460.000
1 Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			460.000
3 Jim Kosyfas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			450.000

DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)

1 Digger Cowie	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			450.000
2 Tim White	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			430.000
3 Karl Rasmussen	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM			415.000

DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)

1 Michael Aubrey	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			880.000
2 James Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			875.000
3 Ian Cowie	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			820.000

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon				
1 Jake Mikolic	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		720.000
2 Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		700.000
3 Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		689.000
DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish				
1 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1060.000
2 Nick Malliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1055.000
3 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		890.000
DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper				
1 Stan Konstantaras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		875.000
2 Chris Anagnostou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		860.000
3 Nick Malliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		855.000
DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway				
1 David Fogarty	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	MULLOWAY		1380.000
2 Tommy Ivanovic	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	MULLOWAY		1375.000
3 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY		1240.000

DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	39
Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	17
Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	16
Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	14
Leo Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	7
Aaron Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	7

DIVISION 27: Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	49.5
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	43
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	25
Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	7
St George Sportfishing Club	6
Australian Land Based Anglers	6
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	5.5
Canberra Fisherman's Club	1

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

Announcement of the new Skipper's Award

The Committee has approved the creation of the Skipper's Award under paragraph 18 of the Club By-laws (Awards decided by the Committee), as follows:

The Skipper's Award

- (i) The Committee may, from time to time, present to any member, who, in the opinion of the Committee, has gone out of his or her way to assist other members (especially new members or less experienced members) improve their fishing skills or participate in fishing experiences they would not ordinarily have access to.
- (ii) To be eligible for this award, the member under consideration must not be a parent, spouse, partner, sibling, child, cousin or parent-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law of other members he or she has taken fishing.
- (iii) Nominations for the Skipper's Award should include a short description of who the member has taken fishing during the Club year (including whether they were new members or less experienced members), how the member actively assisted others in improving their fishing skills or otherwise assisting others, and examples of any notable captures or experiences.

The award is not restricted to boat owners but all members who take newer members or less experienced members fishing with them during the fishing year. The intent of the award is to reward members who go out of their way to help newer members or less experienced members gain more angling skills or experience. The new award will commence in the 2018-19 fishing year starting 1 July 2018.

You can download a copy of the new [By-laws off our website](#).

Nomination forms for Committee positions for the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 14 August 2017

I :

Signature :

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

President

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Position

Nominated by :

Seconded by :

I :

Would like to nominate :

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

Club Member of the Year

Most Meritorious Capture

Most Improved Angler

Most Improved Junior

Gold Badge*

Life Membership**

Brief details of why this person is being nominated:

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Nominated by :

Seconded by :

(* Awarded at discretion of Committee)

(**Requires resolution at Special General Meeting)

ACT Government launches blitz on illegal fishing



MEDIA RELEASE

7 June 2018

Illegal fishing enforcement blitz begins on ACT waterways

TODAY, the ACT Government in partnership with the National Capital Authority (NCA) and the Canberra Fisherman's Club urged Canberrans to report sightings of illegal 'opera house' style fishing nets in ACT lakes, rivers and streams as ACT Parks and Conservation begin an enforcement blitz in local waterways.

Director of ACT Parks and Conservation Service, Daniel Iglesias, stressed that enclosed nets and traps of any kind are not permitted in Canberra region waterways.

"These kind of nets are destructive to native wildlife and can kill platypus, water rats and the protected Murray River crayfish, which become stuck in the nets and drown," said Mr Iglesias.

"Enforcement patrols have increased across all bodies of water in the ACT targeting set lines, unattended rods, and checking size and bag limits. We're also reinforcing the message that enclosed nets are illegal in the ACT – a message we've been communicating for well over a decade," said Mr Iglesias.

The blitz coincides with the closure of the ACT trout fishing season which ends at midnight on Monday 11 June 2018. Rainbow and brown trout caught in ACT waters must be released unharmed while the current fishing restrictions remain in place until the October Labour Day long weekend.

The ACT has an excellent reputation for recreational fishing and the ACT Government, with help from the NCA and Canberra Fisherman's Club, have been working to reintroduce a selection of native fish, mainly Murray Cod and Golden Perch, to ACT lakes. The blitz will ensure the trout are protected during their winter spawning season and will assist in protecting Canberra's healthy freshwater ecosystem.

NCA Executive Director of the National Capital Estate, Lachlan Wood, stated that our most known waterway, Lake Burley Griffin, is gaining considerable interstate interest.

"Within the recreational fishing fraternity, our lake is now considered a destination native fishery and a reliable producer of football-shaped Golden Perch over 50cm in length and 3-4Kg in weight," said Mr Wood.

"More than 1.5 million fish have been introduced to Canberra's lakes and ponds including since a fish stocking program started in the mid-1990s. This has provided a more balanced ecosystem to these waterways and it is this ecosystem that we as a community need to continue to maintain and protect," said Mr Wood.

People are urged to report illegal fishing activity such as enclosed traps, set lines and unattended rods to report to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Access Canberra on 13 22 81. Anyone caught fishing trout during the closed season can be issued with an on-the-spot-fine of \$250 with the maximum penalty of up to \$5,500.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the Recreational Fishing in ACT information sheet, visit www.environment.act.gov.au.

Statement ends

Media contact:

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News & Stories

ANSA Lake Lyell Convention enjoys record attendance in 2018

By Anthony Heiser



Nigel Sharp, Treasurer of the Central Tablelands Acclimatisation Society, claimed the non-ANSA category Longest Trout Trophy with this 645 mm Brown on fly at Thompsons Creek Dam.

The eleventh annual ANSA Lake Lyell Convention was held on 25-26 May 2018. The Convention is a catch and release length-based comp for Trout and Bass hosted by the Sea Bees Fishing Club. This year, the boundaries of the competition were widened to include Thompsons Creek Dam and Lake Wallace.

The Convention was attended by a record 126 anglers from Sea Bees Fishing Club, Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club, Toongabbie Sports Fishing Club, Wollongong Sportsfishing Club, Nowra Sportsfishing Club, South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association, Happy Hookers Fishing Club, Outcasts Fishing Club, and one angler from Canberra Fisherman's Club. That one angler was me of course.

I pre-fished the Convention on Thursday evening and Friday morning soaking powerbaits where fished last time in 2016. However, the lake shore was green with slimy algae and there were few places to fish from the bank due to thick patches of ribbon weed. So I decided to give Thompsons Creek Dam a look for the first time.

Thompsons Creek Dam is located near Lithgow and Wallerawang and is used primarily as an off creek water storage for the Mount Piper and Wallerawang power stations. The dam is on private property and access is granted to anglers only under strict conditions including no

wading more than one metre off the bank, access only one hour before sunrise to four hours after sunset, lure and fly only, no boats/kayaks, and no fishing (or climbing) off the dam wall.

In previous years, I was encouraged by Sea Bees members to have a look at Thompsons Creek Dam – it is said to hold trophy-sized Rainbows and Browns. However, I was also warned that Thompsons Creek Dam is a 'lake of a thousand casts'. The Trout are there, and are big, but they don't get big for nothing. As I spoke to other anglers who were also fishing Thompsons Creek Dam over the weekend, I heard many stories of anglers sighting huge Trout off the bank and ignoring every fly and lure dropped in front of their noses.

After my first session at the dam on Friday afternoon, I decided to spend the entire weekend there, notwithstanding its reputation as a tough fishery. The water was pristine, compared to Lake Lyell, and I spotted many large trout cruising the lake. Unfortunately, I did no good but,



Thompsons Creek Dam – I spotted 7 rather large Trout cruising along the Dam wall as I was walking to my fishing spot. Unfortunately, fishing off the dam was prohibited.



Mount Piper Power Station viewed from the wall at Thompsons Creek Dam.



Nigel releasing his 64.5 cm Brown Trout.

I did speak to a number of anglers and picked their brains on fly selection, where to fish, times of day, and times of year.

Two of the anglers I met were Ray Tang, who works at the Mount Piper Power Station and Secretary of the Central Tablelands Acclimatisation Society, and Nigel Sharp, who is the Treasurer of the acclimatisation society. The Central Tablelands Acclimatisation Society stocks the lakes and impoundments in the area including Lake Lyell and Thompsons Creek Dam. They were fly fishing the dam since 5 am on Saturday morning, and caught and released several trout between them, including Ray's 45 cm Rainbow Trout, and Nigel's 64.5 cm Brown Trout. Nigel went on to claim the trophy for Longest Trout in the Non-ANSA category.

All up, 95 fish were caught and released over the weekend:

- 21 Redfin Perch (not released)
- 36 Brown Trout
- 36 Rainbow Trout
- 2 Australian Bass

The winners were:

- Longest Rainbow Trout: Adam Camilleri (505 mm), Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club
- Longest Brown Trout Mitchell Jobson (548 mm), Wollongong Sportsfishing Club
- Longest Australian Bass: Andrew English (370 mm)
- Longest Lurecasting: Mal Clark (535mm Brown Trout)
- Longest Landbased Trout: James Bollinger (345mm Brown Trout) Sea Bees Fishing Club
- Champion Senior Ladies: Sarah Grayson (1700 mm), Outcasts Fishing Club)
- Champion Senior Male: Mitchell Jobson (2378 mm), Wollongong Sportsfishing Club
- Champion Junior Boys: Jack Moeser (1710 mm) Outcasts Fishing Club
- Champion Junior Girl: Lexie Prigmore, Outcasts Fishing Club
- Longest Non-ANSA Trout, Nigel Sharp (645 mm Brown Trout)
- Longest Trout Thompson Creek Dam: Mal Clark (479 mm), Sea Bees Fishing Club
- Champion Boat: Rebecca L.

Congratulations to Outcasts Fishing Club for taking out the Champion Club Trophy. The Champion Club scores were:

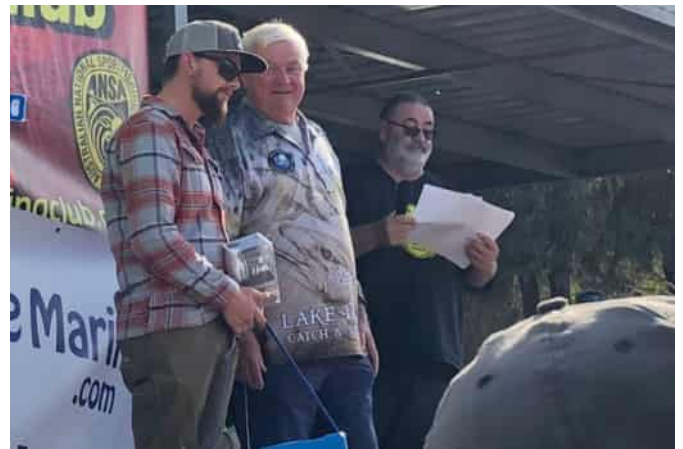
- Outcasts Fishing Club: 38 points
- Botany Bay Sportsfishing Club: 21 points
- Wollongong Sportsfishing Club: 19 points
- Sea Bees Fishing Club: 12 points
- Nowra Sportsfishing Club: 6 points

Sea Bees Fishing Club hosted another fantastic convention. Thank you to Richard for the Vodka and to Barry and everyone else at Sea Bees Fishing Club for hosting another fantastic convention. Thank you also to Fay and Ron Hanson and Daryl for sharing their camp fire, home-made date sponge cake, and that surprisingly nice drop of Red.

That was the last Convention for the 2017-18 fishing year. The next ANSA Convention, the first for 2018-19, will be the ANSA Glenbawn Convention hosted by Newcastle Sportsfishing Club on 14-16 September 2018.



Anglers at Thompsons Creek Dam.



Sea Bees Fishing Club President Barry Mainsbridge presenting the Trophy for Non-ANSA Longest Trout to Nigel Sharpe.



Junior Anglers receiving Participation Awards.



ANSA NSW President Stan Konstantaras and Sea Bees Fishing Club President Barry Mainsbridge presenting Outcasts Fishing Club with the Trophy for Champion Club.

Zach and Zane's boys' weekend at Narooma

By Zane Zhao



Zach with a Leather Jacket he caught while fishing with Zane at the Narooma Outing.

For the Queen's Birthday Weekend, Zach and I left Canberra on Friday evening for Narooma. This weekend was going to be a litmus test for future outings as it is the first time I have taken Zach away by myself for a boys' weekend. The game plan with Zach in tow was bait fishing, and key to that was finding live baits!

We were the last ones out every day of this long weekend as I decided to take it easy and limit our fishing stints to short few hours in the morning and afternoons. On Saturday morning, we left the cabins near the bottom of the low tide with the aim to pump some nippers from the sand flats at Quota Park. There were plenty of people around pumping already, so we quickly got into the action. Within 30 minutes, we got around 50 nippers in the bucket with every hole getting us around 4 - 5 nippers each. We were off to a great start!

After a quick brunch, we decided to prospect around the bridge on the oyster shop side. The aim was to help Zach fish so that he wouldn't lose interest. But we found the current to be quite strong so we ended up following the dangling nipper downstream as we walked up and own the short path under the bridge with not much luck even though I could see fish swimming around.



The nippers Zach and Zane pumped fed a lot of Leather Jacket and undersized Bream & Luderick over the Queen's Birthday



While Zane and Zach were fishing Wagonga Inlet, Steven Bailey landed this nice Tailor off the Beach. Photo supplied by Steve Bailey.

We then moved spots and went to the shallow boat ramp at one end of the boardwalk. We walked up to one of the unlocked jetties and saw about 5 metres of water underneath us, so we decided to give it a go. I was fishing with a nipper under a float and Zach fished with a nipper with a tiny sinker.

On the second cast, Zach's nipper floated down to just deep enough for us to lose sight of the bait and straight away hooked up to his first catch of the weekend (31 cm Tailor). Every cast had bites, but it was becoming apparent that those were smaller fish as it was light taps rather than a proper take.

Meanwhile, my nipper under the float wasn't touched. We decided to move on after 30 minutes at that spot and, just as I finished packing up and was about to pick up my rod, it doubled over and the drag went screaming. I took hold of the rod and looked at the float to see it moving away and a dark shadow of a massive ray under the water. Realising what was going on, I grabbed the reel and yanked and, amazingly, got all my gear back including the hook. I am guessing the hook must have just caught on to the top of the ray and didn't actually hook up.

We then tried the main wharf with no luck. The water was so clear I could see right down to the bottom and watch as the little bream take the nippers away from our hooks. The last spot we tried was at the boardwalk. But the current was quite strong there as well as it was a rising tide. While I could see whiting just under the surface of the water, we couldn't actually get the bait to its mouth before the leather jackets got to them. While Zach got a couple of them, the little man said "this is impossible" in frustration and we decided it was time to pull the plug.

We headed home a bit earlier than I wanted to, but it was a tough day's fishing and with only Zach's Tailor and Leather Jackets to show, it was time for a beer. Back at the cabin, Keith, Steve and Chris had also returned and it was clear that everyone had a tough day.

We ended the day having a nice steak, snags and veggie dinner while Zach had fun feeding the local possum who visited our cabin that night.



A local Brush Tail Possum invited itself over for the Saturday Night BBQ!

Sunday morning, we decided to head for Tuross hoping to improve on our tally. We tried Steve's secret poddy spot near the cabins that the clubs stay in during the Tuross outing, but came up with naught! Worst still, when we got to the boat shed the carpark was spilling over with cars and people everywhere either getting lunch or fishing from the sand flats. Zach decided he wasn't interested in having so many people to compete with so we decided to head over to Moruya heads instead where there has been reports of some good fishing in the past week.

We got to the break wall near the airport and decided to fish the shallow areas just behind the wall with our nippers from Saturday which amazingly stayed alive. We lost our bait every cast to small fish until Zach managed to hook a couple and we confirmed the thieves to be small Luderick. Every fisho I saw walking back from the break wall came back empty handed, so we decided to head back home. We did try a few other spots on the way back to our cabin, but it was the same result as we ended the fishing part of the outing without adding to our tally.

We packed up our bags early Monday morning and headed for home. Keith left at the break of dawn while Steve and Chris tried their luck at the beach at the back of the resort. We both survived our first boys weekend together with no major fights or tantrums. While the fishing wasn't paying dividends, we did have some fun and Zach loved having a hot pie for breakfast every day!



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



Total Length Award species for 2018-19

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The target species for the 2018-19 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Flathead



Freshwater section: European Carp



How many metres can you catch?

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From the Editor

Please start sending me your entries for the June and July 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 (e.g. changing the colour of a bucket of blood from red to black – yes someone has submitted such a photo).

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

I'm still sorting out my IT mishap I reported last month – this has made managing the photo comp entries for the previous two months a little difficult as the originals were stored on my Western Digital hard drive. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, a data recovery service will have successfully retrieved the data off my hard drive.

In the meantime, thank you to Zane for submitting his article on his Boy's Only weekend at Narooma. I love getting contributions from our members. Recently, about 75% of the content of the newsletters has come from me, which is about as healthy as letting Rupert Murdoch own 75% of the World's media outlets!

A couple of members have suggested some changes to the format of the newsletter, which I will discuss with our committee to consider for 2018-19. This includes running the newsletter every second month, which would put less pressure on the quality of the newsletter by giving members more time to submit contributions. This suggestion does have a couple of drawbacks that need to be resolved, but it is definitely worth considering. If anyone else has suggestions, please feel free to pass them to Lindsay (secretary@canberrafishos.com) or myself (president@canberrafishos.com).

A big thank you to the everyone who submitted photos to the May Photo Comp. There were great entries from everyone – well done to Zach on claiming his first and second Masters captures – they were very impressive fish. Jon Vogel also submitted some impressive photos, as did John Bosch. It was a hard decision for the committee to pick a winner for May, but congratulations to John Bosch for his 119 cm Mulwalla Cod. It was an impressive fish, and an impressive photo.

Anthony Heiser

April 2018 Photo Competition



Zane Zhao: Zach's first masters capture 2.26 kg carp on 2 kg line.



Zane Zhao: Zach follows his first effort up with a monster 4.76 kg on 2 kg line.



Jon Vogel: Kinchant Metery - 104 cm.



Jon Vogel: Kracker Kinchant Katch - 89 cm Barra.



Anthony Heiser: Rainbow Trout at Kalkite Outing.



Anthony Heiser: Sunrise over Thompsons Creek Dam.



Lindsay Steele: Brown Trout at Kalkite Outing.

Winner of the May 2018 Photo Competition



John Bosch: 119 cm Mulwalla Cod off the surface.

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.

2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar

Outing Date	Outing	Monthly Meetings
9th-11th June	Narooma	12th
14th-15th July	Wairo/Ulladulla	10th
11th-12th August	Buckenderra	14th (AGM)
8th-9th September	Kalkite	11th
29th Sept – 1 October	Talbingo	9th
14th October	National Gone Fishing Day (Garan Scout Group Fishing Clinic)	
2nd-4th November	Burrinjuck	13th
1st-2nd December	Burrinjuck	11th
13th January	Carpathon	15th
26-28 January	Tuross	
February (TBA)	ANSA Nowra Convention	12th
8th-11th March	ANSA Narooma Convention	12th
April (TBA)	South Coast Mighty Bonanza	9th
18th-19th May	Tathra and Brogo	14th
8th-10th June	Narooma	11th
13th-14th July	Ulladulla	9th

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