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Winner of the May 2021 photo competition



Jon Vogel - FNQ Cod 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.

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)).

General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the **Croatian Deakin Soccer Club, 3 Grose Street, Deakin**, beginning at **6:45 pm**. All members and visitors are most welcome.

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

Welcome to the first month of winter and the final month of the 2020-21 Fishing Year. There is not much time left but still plenty of opportunities to grab the lead in one of the trophies on offer at the next Presentation Night, and the ANSA NSW 12-month comp.

I am pleased to announce that both the Glenbawn and Burrinjuck Conventions are on again this year. Let's hope this marks the next steps out of the COVID-19 Pandemic for the Club and ANSA NSW.

On the topic of ANSA NSW, please join me in thanking and congratulating Glen Malam, who will be the next State Recorder. It's great to see our Club represented at the ANSA NSW Committee again.

For those who missed the May General Meeting, I am pleased to announce the outings for the next 12 months:

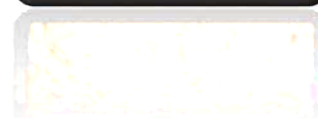
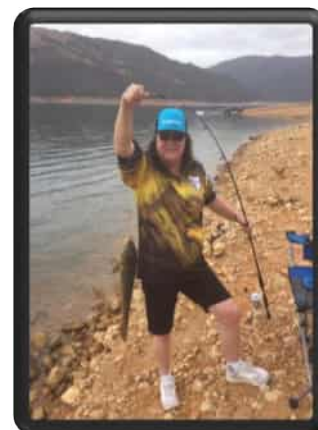
Outing Month	Dates of outing	Destination
Jul-21	10-11	Ulladulla
Aug-21	7-8	Buckenderra
Sep-21	4-5	Kalkite
Oct-21	9-10	Merimbula
Nov-21	6-7	Burrinjuck Convention
Dec-21	4-5	Wyangala
Jan-22	26-30	Tuross
Feb-22	19-20	St Georges Basin
Mar-22	11-14	Narooma
Apr-22	2-3	Tathra
May-22	28-30	Kalkite
Jun-22	11-13	Narooma
Jul-22	2-3	Ulladulla

Unfortunately, I was unable to make the last committee meeting but I'm reliably informed that Bream and Salmonids (Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout, and Atlantic and Chinook Salmon) are the target species for the 2021-22 Total Length Comp for Saltwater and Freshwater respectively. I heard Anthony put in a bid for Swallowtail Dart in the saltwater...maybe next time!

If you have not heard, National Gone Fishing Day is on 10 October 2021. This will line up with our October Outing in Merimbula, so I hope you can all make it.

There is not much else for me to say this month other than I hope you all have a great month of fishing in the final month of the 2020-21 Club Year and send in your capture forms to Glen.

Finally, it is nearly AGM time so I would like you all to put some thought into what you may be able to offer the club as a committee member. I am sad to say I will not be standing for president again. Like Anthony, I no longer live in Canberra, and work and family commitments have made it harder for me to attend committee meetings and to go fishing as often as I'd like to. But it has been a rewarding experience and it is time to pass on the baton.



Recorder's Report

Well, we're down to the last month of the Club Championship, so following tradition there will be no update to the competition in this newsletter.

But expect plenty of changes as there have been some great captures over the past month.

First up, Tom Harrington and Bruce Johnson had a great weekend at Mummaga Lake, which included a Black Bream to Tom that was just one centimetre short of a length masters. They caught a range of fish out of Mummaga, which seems to be developing into a fantastic fishery.

The May Club outing to Tathra was a washout, with some roads cut by floodwaters and Blackfellows lagoon about two metres higher than normal. We went for a last-minute change of location to Tom Harrington's place at Dalmeny (thanks Tom – saved the weekend from being a wreck). Plenty of fish were caught, with Chris Lemmon's lurecasting masters flathead the stand-out.

Next outing, we will be heading down to Narooma on the June long weekend. This is always a great outing with heaps of fish – a fitting last outing for the 2020-21 fishing year.

Looking to next year, the Committee has reviewed the Length-based Championship and have decided that for the 2021-22 competition, the target species will be Bream (saltwater only) and Trout (including brown, rainbow, brook trout and atlantic and chinook salmon).

On a final note, take a look at the update to the NSW 12 month competition (below). There are still plenty of opportunities for you to make your mark. Just remember to get your forms to me quickly – Tom's big Black Bream would have been in the mix if we'd put an entry in on time. And I'm kicking myself for not entering a lurecasting masters kingfish I caught back in September (I didn't think it would score high enough to make the grade). We usually catch heaps of large Australian Salmon at the Narooma outing – I reckon there might be a winner among them!

Keep an eye on the ANSA NSW website – there should be two updates to the 12 month Competition standings in June to keep you up to date with the last minute rush.

Keep safe on the water and keep the capture forms rolling in.

Glen

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 08/05/2021

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

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - FRIGATE MAC	1.300	2	97.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	1.250	2	62.500
2 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	LUDERICK	0.880	2	52.800
3 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	LONGTOM - BARRED	0.860	2	51.600

DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.800	2	240.000
2 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	KINGFISH - YELLOWT	2.390	2	179.250
3 Mitchell Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.910	2	145.500

DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MACKEREL - NARROW	17.000	8	212.500
2 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MACKEREL - NARROW	16.500	8	206.250
3 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MACKEREL - NARROW	15.000	8	187.500

DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.200	2	160.000
2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	PERCH - GOLDEN	2.650	2	132.500
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000

DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Grant Evans	Australian Land Based Angle	PERCH - GOLDEN	5.450	2	272.500
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ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 08/05/2021

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

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 10: Gamefishing

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	70.000	15	560.000
2 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	69.000	15	552.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	66.000	15	528.000

DIVISION 11: Handline

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady

1 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	10.050	15	100.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy

1 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.200	2	132.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior

1 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.210	2	260.500
2 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.400	3	96.000
3 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.850	3	74.000

DIVISION 16: Tag and Release

1 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				500
2 Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club				200
3 Edo Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				100

DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp

1 Joe Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	CARP - EUROPEAN			880.000
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			865.000
3 Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			760.000

DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)

1 Max Castle	Sea Bees Boating Club	TROUT - RAINBOW			652.000
2 Neil Dourish	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	TROUT - RAINBOW			646.000
3 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TROUT - BROWN			535.000

DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			480.000
2 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			455.000
3 Travis Furlong	Australian Land Based Anglers	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			405.000

DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)

1 Karl Rasmussen	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			480.000
2 Petar Perekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			430.000
3 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			428.000

DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)

1 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			920.000
2 Darryl McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			890.000
3 Michael Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			820.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 08/05/2021

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon

1 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		700.000
2 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		670.000
3 Petar Persekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		650.000

DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

1 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000
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DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper

1 Nick Maliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		860.000
2 Chris Anagnostou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		840.000
3 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SNAPPER		780.000

DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway

1 Joe Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		1020.000
2 Tristan Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		770.000
3 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY		762.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 08/05/2021


ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	11
Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	10
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	9
Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	9
Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	7

DIVISION 27: Champion Club


CLUB	POINTS
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	31
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	17
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	17
Australian Land Based Anglers	13
St George Sportfishing Club	8
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	5
Sea Bees Boating Club	3
Canberra Fisherman's Club	3



CANBERRA FISHERMAN'S CLUB - CAPTURE FORM

DIVISION: 1 = Sportfishing, 2 = Lurecasting, 3 = Flycasting, 4 = Gamefishing, 5 = Handline, 6 = Landbased Gamefishing, 7 = All Tackle


SECTION: BW = Bluewater, F/W = Freshwater, BCH = Beach, RCKS = Rocks, EST = Estuary



SPECIES	WEIGHT KG	LENGTH MM	LINE CLASS	PRE TEST Y/N	LOCATION	DATE	LAND BASED	DIVISION	SECTION	POINTS

CERTIFICATION OF WEIGHING: I Declare that I witnessed the weighing of these captures on certified scales# DATE: / / SIGNED:


CERTIFICATION BY ANGLER: I Declare that I Captured these fish in accordance with the rules of ANSA. DATE: / / SIGNED:



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ANSA N.S.W 12 MONTH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM



Date Received by State Recorder: ____/____/____

Angler: Club:

ANSA No: DOB (jnr & sub-jnr): Phone:

Weight Captures:

Was Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line used in these captures (circle) **Yes / No**

If Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line **was not used** in the captures, a 5 metre line sample must be provided with this entry form.

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Weight	Line Class	Division 1-15

Tag & Release:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Tag Number

Length Captures:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Division 17-25	Length (mm)

ANGLERS DECLARATION

I _____, declare that this capture was made by me, and weighed or measured on an appropriate device, in accordance with ANSA rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WITNESS TO WEIGHT / MEASUREMENT

I _____, certify that I witnessed the weighing or measuring of the capture.

CLUB RECORDER

I _____, declare that the captures listed above have been authenticated in accordance with ANSA rules.

Notes for LENGTH captures:

1. Fish to be measured length overall i.e.: end of tail to the leading edge of the jaw, fish laying flat and tail in a natural position.
2. If no witness to length only measurement, a photo of capture on an appropriate measuring device must be submitted.
3. Preferably all claims should be accompanied by a photo of the fish on the appropriate measuring device. Video is acceptable.
4. One entry, per division, per angler, per year across divisions, upgrading of fish is acceptable.

Eligible Divisions for 12-Month Comp:

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Land Based Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 9. Flyfishing Freshwater | 17. Length Only Carp (All) |
| 2. Land Based Non - Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 10. Gamefishing | 18. Length Only Trout (All) |
| 3. Sportfishing in Saltwater Estuaries & Saltwater Lakes | 11. Handline | 19. Length Only Bass (Australian) |
| 4. Sportfishing from a Boat (outside) | 12. Capture by a Lady | 20. Length Only Bream (All) |
| 5. Sportfishing Freshwater | 13. Capture by a Junior Boy | 21. Length Only Flathead (All) |
| 6. Lurefishing Saltwater | 14. Capture by a Junior Girl | 22. Length Only Salmon (Australian) |
| 7. Lurefishing Freshwater | 15. Capture by a Sub-Junior | 23. Length Only Kingfish (Yellowtail) |
| 8. Flyfishing Saltwater | 16. Tag & Release | 24. Length Only Snapper |
| | | 25. Length Only Mulloway |

General Notes:

1. Each fish submitted may only be entered in **one** of the eligible divisions 1–25 above.
2. Fish submitted for Weight Captures, cannot be submitted for Length Captures and vice versa
3. To be eligible all 12 month competition entry forms must be with the state recorder within 35 days from date of capture

Fishing news and competitions

Greg Vinall's Australian Lure Fishing Podcast

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This episode's special guest was Andrew McGovern, former Canberra Fisherman's Club member and well-respected angler and author.



Andy McGovern

Freshwater Fishing Writer

Andy needs no introduction to Australia's keen freshwater fishermen, being an extraordinarily prolific fishing journalist. A regular writer for Freshwater Fishing magazine (among many others), Andy has penned around 300 informative magazine articles to help others on their journey to improve their fishing. He's also responsible for fishing atlases covering the ACT and southern NSW regions and is a regular on stage at tackle shows and club nights.

**Social
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Andy's Top Shore Based Cod Fishing Tips

Today's ALF interview complements an article about fishing for cod from the banks of ACT and NSW storages that Andy had published in the May/Jun 2021 edition of Freshwater Fishing Australia. Go check out the mag for even more info on shore based cod fishing!

Shore-based cod fishing can be hard work and requires plenty of homework and preparation. Just like targeting them from boats, you will find that not every land-based trip is successful, but catching your first metre-plus Murray cod from the bank makes it all worthwhile.

Unlike river fishing, most lakes and storages in NSW have public access if you are prepared to walk, kayak or boat to your chosen fishing spot. Do plenty of research before you leave home, familiarise yourself with the storage you'll be fishing and look on maps and Google Earth for spots where cod can be targeted from the bank.

Lake Burley Griffin, Wyangala, Googong, Burrinjuck and Eildon are all great places to try for cod off the shore, but most lakes will fish well if you spend the time to figure them out.

Cod can often be found in quite shallow water. Places to look for when targeting cod are areas where water drains into the lake after rain – cod often make these areas their home and can be there even when there is no rainfall runoff. Undulations, cliff faces and boulders are all placed that hold cod too.

Understand the movement of the sun across the sky and look for areas that get plenty of sun to encourage weed growth. Weed beds hold lots of baitfish, oxygenate the water and provide cover, all of which attract cod.

Land-based anglers tend to work an area more thoroughly than boaties because it's not so easy to change locations. This often results in fish being caught that might be missed by boaties. Another advantage to bank fishing is that cod in shallow water less than 10 m from the bank are typically there to feed and will take a lure freely. Boaties can often be distracted by inactive fish that show on their sonar and may waste time casting at fish that won't take a lure.

Anywhere you find a lot of activity among small carp, redfin, gobies and so on there is likely to be cod. If you find bait, stay there because at some time in the next few hours a cod is likely to come along.

Whilst big cod come into shallow water very close to shore to feed they also like easy access to escape into deeper water (4-5 m). Look at the topography of the bank for indications of whether there is deep water nearby.

Humid, overcast and warm (for whatever season you're fishing in) days tend to make cod more active. Barometric pressure seems to be irrelevant, but still, calm conditions don't fish so well. Andy finds that a south westerly wind of 15-20 km often fishes well – wind blowing over weed-beds stirs up the bottom and dislodges food for cod and baitfish. Exposed areas seem to fish better than places that are sheltered from the wind.

Getting a good hook-set is important and can be a challenge, so fish a very heavy drag whilst you're casting and be ready to back the drag off quickly if you need to.

Over the last few winters Andy has observed that slightly faster retrieves generated more interest – especially when land-based. He reckons this forces a following cod to make a "hit or run" decision (aka feast or flight) as the lure moves into shallower water. A retrieve speed just below that of trout spinning was what enticed a 108 cm Wyangala cod to make the right decision.

The key to shore-based success is to plan beforehand where you're going to land a fish once it's hooked. Have a game plan, try to anticipate which way the fish might run, how you'll move on the bank to steer it away from structure, and where and how you'll get it onto the bank.

Expect that you will lose some lures when you're fishing for cod from the shore. If you get snagged, try moving further around the shore to extract the lure from a different angle. Even with a lure retriever you'll find it's often hard to dislodge a snagged lure.

Andy's Preferred Murray Cod Fishing Tackle

A light baitcast outfit with 20-30 lb braid and 50 lb leader, depending on the structure he's fishing is perfect for this style of fishing. Andy prefers supple but tough mono to fluorocarbon for his leaders.

You don't need to drain the bank account to fish for cod from the shore. Andy uses a Rovex Inazuma (model BCMH601 = 5-8 kg split-butt, 6' 1-piece, 1/4-3/4 oz) and has handled multiple fish over a metre from the shore on this rod.

Andy also packs a travel rod as a backup just in case his main rod gets broken, especially when it's a long walk back to the car!

Andy's Top Murray Cod Fishing Lures

A couple of spinnerbaits with willow blades varying from 1/4-3/4 oz, with contrasty colours such as purple/white or red/white. The willow blades can be fished a bit faster than the more typical Colorado blades used by most anglers for cod. This can result in reaction strikes and works better from the shore where lures often need to be worked above weed-beds.

Weedless soft plastics are perfect from the shore. A 4-6" slim profile lure with a good sized paddletail is a good option. There's no need to fish the massive 10" range when you're shore based. Andy prefers natural looking colours for his soft plastics and rigs them on weighted worm hooks or unweighted hooks with a size 1 or 2 ball sinker in the loop knot.

Diving hardbody lures in the 10-15 cm size range are great. Andy prefers timber lures that float well, sinking and suspending lures are very difficult to work from the shore. If the lure floats too high, add a little bit of adhesive lead weight to the lure to slow the rate at which it floats.

An introduction to fly fishing for New England Trout

By Anthony Heiser



My first New England Trout at the ponds at Dutton Hatchery, Ebor.

I'm now just into my fourth month since leaving Canberra and twenty days since I finally moved into my new home in Grafton, and I'm pleased to announce I have finally landed a Trout in the New England Region. This was made possible thanks to the [Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club](#) and Department of Primary Industries who jointly hosted a trout fishing workshop at the [Dutton Trout Hatchery in Ebor](#) on 22 May 2021.

The Dutton Hatchery is located on the banks of the Serpentine River, not far from the Village of Ebor. The Hatchery is one of two Trout hatcheries run by the DPI (the other being the Gaden Hatchery at Jindabyne). Mel, Greg, and Anthony took us on a tour of the hatchery where we saw gallons and gallons of Trout eggs as well as a demonstration of how the eggs are stripped from the Trout, followed by a feeding of Trout in the Serpentine River and Trout Rearing Ponds.

We were then split up into three groups depending on our fly casting skill levels. As a perpetual novice of 7-8 years' experience, I found the fly casting workshops immensely valuable in improving my casting skills. After two casting sessions, we were each given a box of flies and invited to try our new skills in one of three ponds, each filled with 40 rather large Rainbow Trout.

I must admit I was sceptical about how willing Trout raised in a hatchery would be in chasing flies. I was gobsmacked when three anglers in my pond hooked up within their first or second cast. After the initial wave of captures, the Trout went off the bite. I swapped a nymph for a Black Tinsel Bugger and applied the '[figure of eight](#)' retrieve on the fly line. Soon enough, I watched my strike indicator get sucked into the water.

While this may have been a hatchery reared Rainbow raised in a pond, it still packed quite a punch, and the fight was as exciting as any fish I had previously encountered at Providence Portal.

After cleaning my fish and putting it on ice, I returned to the pond and tried a different spot. After a few casts and continuing to apply the 'figure of eight' retrieve and it wasn't too long before my strike indicator got sucked back underwater. By the time I finished cleaning my second fish, it was time to pack up and head home. I don't know how the other two ponds went, but we landed 13 of the 40 fish stocked into our pond. There may have been a few fish dropped and a few missed hook ups but it was a pretty good way to end the day.

The Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club and the DPI are to be commended for holding a fantastic trout fishing workshop. I learnt new tricks, improved existing skills and gained more confidence in my fly fishing. I hope to be putting those new skills into practice very soon.



Landing my second New England Rainbow.



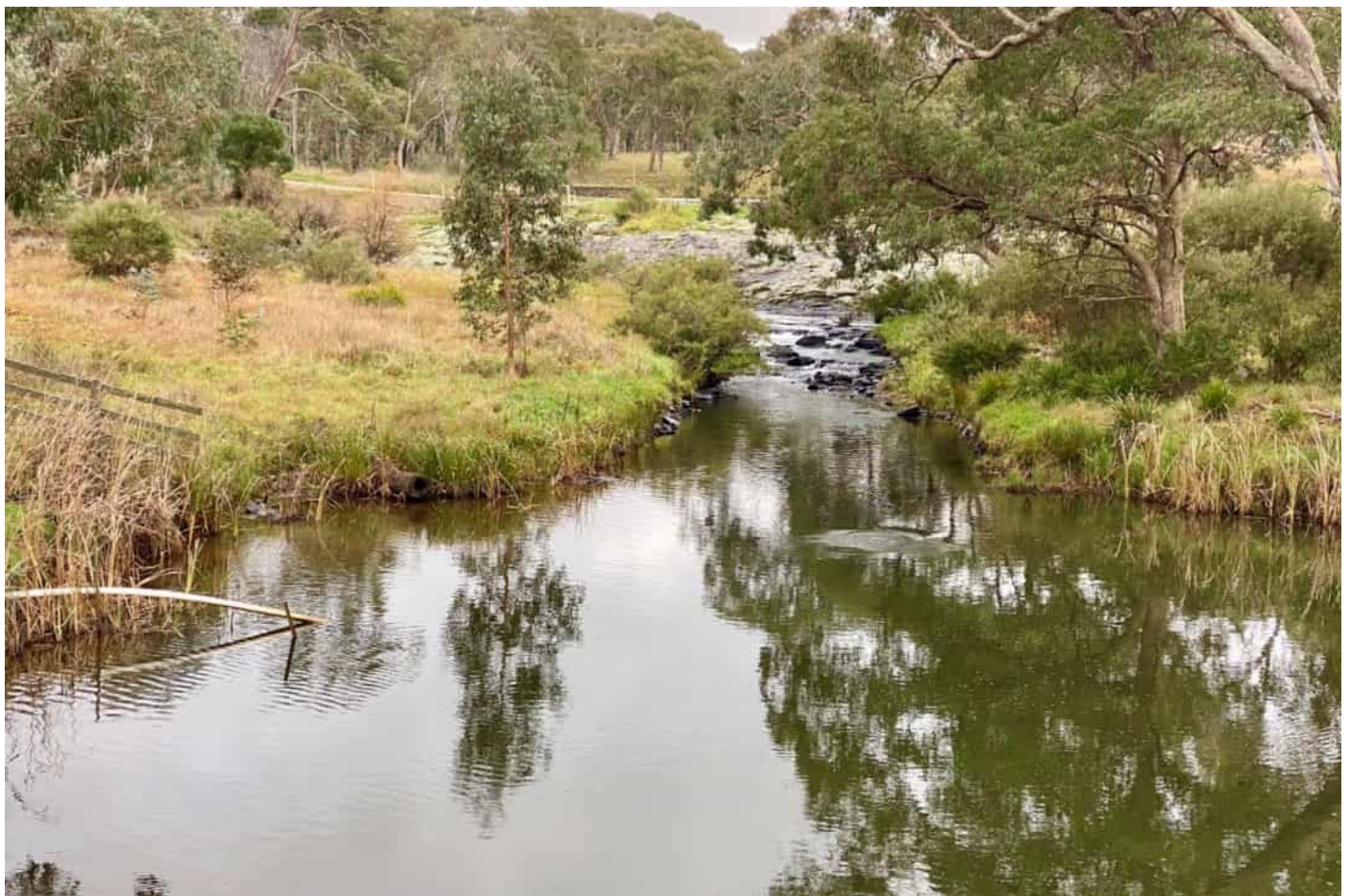
Mel and Greg demonstrating how to strip a Trout of its eggs.



Each bucket holds about 400,000 eggs. The hatchery's target this season is to strip over 2 million eggs. Here, the eggs are treated with a formalin solution each day to prevent fungi damaging the developing eggs. The eggs are later transferred into specially designed trays where they hatch.



Here's some we prepared earlier. Larger Trout in the rearing ponds.



Trout rising in the Serpentine River.

Final word from the Editor

By Zane Zhao

Hi everyone, we've got some great material for the newsletter this month, looks like my shout out worked. Please keep the material coming, remember there is a \$25 voucher to be won each month for the best article.

This month's winner is Anthony Heiser again for his article ***"An introduction to fly fishing for New England Trout"***.

Come on everyone lets knock put in an effort to stop a "three-peat" for Anthony 😊

Total Length Award species for 2020-21

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC and for 2020-21, the target species are Australian Salmon for the Saltwater section and European Carp for the Freshwater Section. The new target species applies from 1 July 2020.

The target species for the 2020-21 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Australian Salmon



Freshwater section: European Carp



How many metres can you catch?

Total Length Award species for 2021-22

The Total Length Awards bring on healthy competition from the ranks of the CFC.

For 2021-22, the target species are Bream for the Saltwater section (includes Tarwhine and all species of Bream caught in Australian Territorial Waters but does not include freshwater species such as Bony Bream) and all Salmonid species (which includes Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Atlantic Salmon and Chinook Salmon).

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Happy Hunting!

The target species for the 2021-22 fishing year are:

Saltwater section: Bream



Freshwater section: Salmonid



May 2021 Photo Competition

To everyone who submitted entries for the May photo comp, Thank you. The winner for May is Jon Vogel, you can find the winners for this year's photo comp at [2020-21](#) on our website.

Please note no April photo entries were received so there was no winner for the month of April, it just shows you should keep your entries coming every month as you never know, you could win it just by doing a Bradbury!

- Members can submit up to two photos per month.
- Photo comp entries can be submitted via the website, the Club email address (info@canberrafishos.com).
- Acceptance of photo comp entries submitted by other means is at my discretion – please don't make it too hard for me to access your photo comp entries.
- 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.

List of photo comp winners and recipients of Editor's Choice for best newsletter contributions:

We've been a little behind on the awarding of vouchers for the monthly photo competition and best newsletter contributions. To make sure we don't lose track of all the winners, I'll keep a running list of the winners in the Newsletter.

Month	Photo comp winner		Editor's choice for best newsletter contribution	
	Name	Voucher awarded	Name	Voucher awarded
May 2020	Paul Breeze		Not awarded	N/A
June 2020	Mick Jewry	13 October 2020	Not awarded	N/A
July 2020	Janine Noack		Tom Harrington	13 October 2020
August 2020	Glen Malam	13 October 2020	Not awarded	N/A
September 2020	Lindsay Steele	10 November 2020	Not awarded	N/A
October 2020	Stephen Bailey	8 December 2020	Lindsay Steele	
November 2020	Paul Breeze		Not awarded	N/A
December 2020	Jon Vogel		Not awarded	N/A
January 2021	Chris Head		Not awarded	N/A
February 2021	Brian Stacy		Chris Lemmon	TBC
March 2021	Andrew Butt		Not awarded	N/A
April 2021	N/A		Anthony Heiser	
May 2021	Jon Vogel		Anthony Heiser	
June 2021	TBC			

May 2021 Photo Comp



Jon Vogel – Bonny Bermi Bonito in Blue



Jon Vogel - FNQ Cod on Fly



Anthony Heiser - Chris Stolk with a Tag and Release
Clarence River Jewie

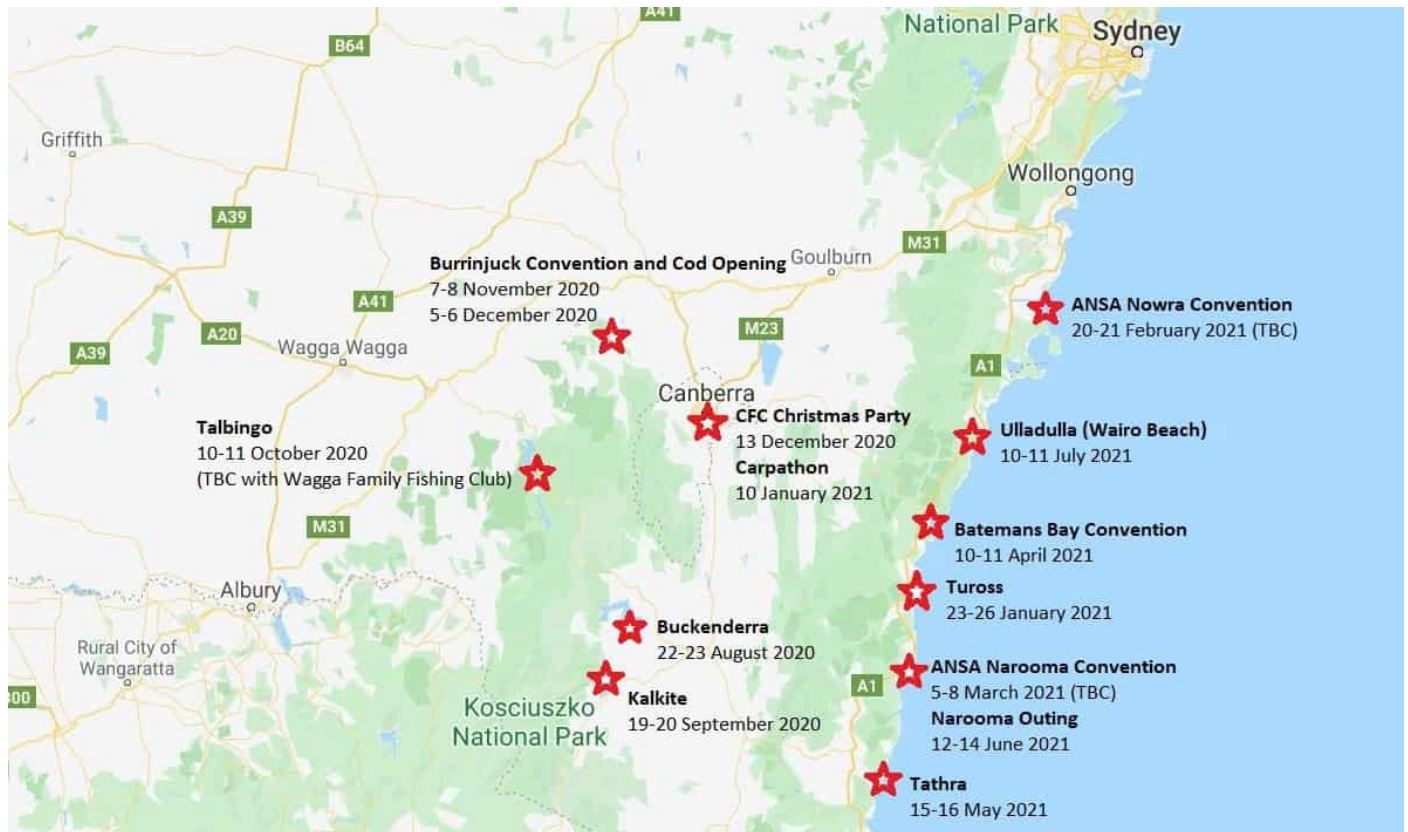


Anthony Heiser - Clarence River Bream caught on
live yakka

Winner of the May 2021 Photo Competition



2020-21 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar



Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
12-14 June 2021	Narooma	8 June 2021
10-11 July 2021	Ulladulla	13 July 2021

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Membership Fees

	CFC	ANSA
Junior	\$5	Nil
Senior	\$20	Nil
Family	\$30	Nil

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