

# Newsletter

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### April 2021

**Winner of the February and March 2021 photo competition**



**Feb - Brian Stacy – Catch of the day**  
**March Chris L and Steve B – Double Bass**

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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

Hello fishermen/woman

Let me start by saying how great it was to see so many people at the April general meeting. Some new faces and some we had not seen for a while. It was nice to see young James bring his dad along.

On behalf of the club, I would like to offer our condolences to Mick Jewry and his family on the loss of his mother our thoughts are with you at this very sad time Mick.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Anthony Heiser who has put a lot of hard work into getting our accounting all up to date, a lot of it has been done from his new abode in Coffs harbour and while he was in the middle of moving just to make it a bit more challenging. Your efforts are greatly appreciated Anthony.

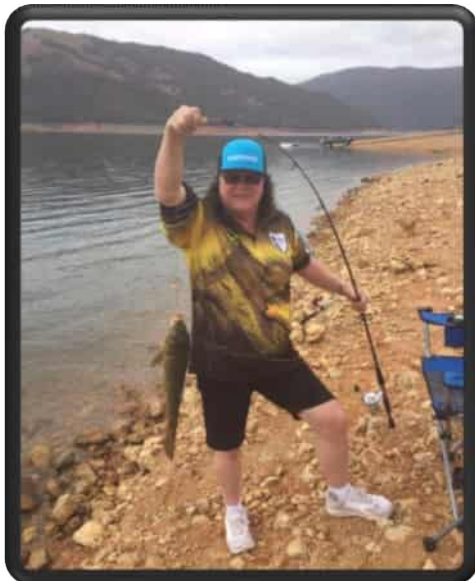
Losing you is going to leave a huge hole that will be extremely hard to fill. I personally am be very sad to see you go as you have been my absolute right-hand man; I will be lost without you.

Now that we are having more physical meetings, I will try to organize some more talks or presentations for the meetings to keep them interesting so "watch this space".

I will leave it at that for now, happy fishing everyone, I hope to see you and hear all your fishy tales at the May meeting where there will be plenty of raffle prizes and the lucky member draw that is up to \$75 but you need to be at the meeting to win.

Kind regards

Bonnie



# Recorder's Report

Well, we're down to the last two months of the Club Championship, so following tradition this will be the last update to the Club championship for the year.

But expect plenty of changes as we have two great outings to go before the competition closes for the year.

First up, the Club will be heading down to Bega/Brogo/Tathra on the 15-16 May and then to Narooma for the June long weekend. Looking at the current standings, the next two outings should blow the Saltwater Length competition (Australian Salmon) wide open. Life's a beach!

I expect we'll also see a continuation of the great run of estuary species being caught over the last couple of months, as well as a few bluewater species as the tuna season warms up.

On the freshwater scene, trout captures have been very quiet, however we're heading into the trophy trout season, so I expect to see a few big trout captures crossing my desk very soon.

ANSA NSW have provided an update to their 12 month competition and the Canberra Fisherman's Club is still well placed. Talk to me as soon as you catch something competitive – I think we can give this comp a good shake this year!

Looking to next year, the Committee will be reviewing the species we nominate for the Length-based Championship for the 2021-22 competition. If you have a particular species that you would like to target next year, let a committee member know!

On a final note, we traditionally decide on next year's outings locations in the upcoming May general meeting. If you have any suggestions for outing locations or dates, bring them with you next week. Also, if you would like to suggest any changes to the Club competitions, raise them at the May meeting also – the committee must inform members of any changes to the rules at least a month before the start of next year's championship.

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

Glen

# Club Championship

## Open

Steve Bailey	1195
Glen Malam	631
Chris Lemmon	548
Brian Stacy	345
John Bosch	211

## Ladies

## Junior

Zachary Zhao	72
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## Land Based

Steve Bailey	569
Chris Lemmon	266
Anthony Heiser	121
Chris Head	66
Glen Malam	61

## Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	593
Chris Lemmon	266
Glen Malam	114
Zane Zhao	105
Zachary Zhao	72

## Salt Water

Steve Bailey	602
Glen Malam	517
Brian Stacy	345
Chris Lemmon	282
John Bosch	211

## Most Versatile Angler

Steve Bailey	11	
Glen Malam	11	
Chris Lemmon	6	(less than 3 sections entered)
John Bosch	4	(less than 3 sections entered)
Zane Zhao	2	(less than 3 sections entered)

## Salt Water Length *(Australian Salmon)*

Anthony Heiser	4,430
Glen Malam	2,760
Steve Bailey	1,440
Chris Head	1,260
Lindsay Steele	935

## Fresh Water Length *(European Carp)*

Anthony Heiser	44,120
Steve Bailey	10,450
Chris Lemmon	4,610
Alexander Steele	4,278
Lindsay Steele	2,912

## Tagging Award

## Board Fish - Weight

<b>Australian Bass</b>	0.92 kg	Andrew Butt
<b>Australian Salmon</b>	1.82 kg	Anthony Heiser
<b>Black Marlin</b>	69.00 kg	Brian Stacy
<b>Brown Trout</b>	1.66 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Dusky Flathead</b>	2.91 kg	Mitchell Malam
<b>Eagle Ray - All</b>	3.20 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Eel Tailed Catfish (freshwater)</b>	2.39 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>European Carp</b>	5.17 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Fiddler Ray</b>	5.52 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Golden Perch</b>	2.10 kg	Zane Zhao
<b>Longtail Tuna</b>	8.10 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Mackeral Tuna</b>	1.61 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	0.62 kg	Glen Malam
<b>Silver Trevally</b>	0.73 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Snapper</b>	0.63 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Tailor</b>	0.68 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Yellowfin Bream</b>	0.71 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Yellowtail Kingfish</b>	4.08 kg	Glen Malam

## Board Fish - Length

<b>Australian Bass</b>	443 mm	Andrew Butt
<b>Australian Salmon</b>	560 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Black Bream</b>	320 mm	Jason Rogers
<b>Brown Trout</b>	535 mm	Glen Malam
<b>Dusky Flathead</b>	740 mm	Mitchell Malam
<b>Eagle Ray - All</b>	1185 mm	Zane Zhao
<b>Eel Tailed Catfish (freshwater)</b>	590 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>European Carp</b>	760 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Flounder</b>	280 mm	Jason Rogers
<b>Forktailed Catfish (blue)</b>	255 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Golden Perch</b>	630 mm	Andrew Butt
<b>Luderick</b>	290 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Mullet</b>	350 mm	Jason Rogers
<b>Murray Cod</b>	1085 mm	Andrew Butt
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	385 mm	Glen Malam
<b>Redfin Perch</b>	290 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Sand Whiting</b>	370 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Silver Trevally</b>	467 mm	Lindsay Steele
<b>Snapper</b>	360 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Tailor</b>	410 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Tarwhine</b>	280 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Yellow-eye Mullet</b>	350 mm	Jason Rogers
<b>Yellowfin Bream</b>	360 mm	Steve Bailey



## Best Fish

### Fresh Water

#### European Carp

5.17 kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

### Blue Water

#### Black Marlin

69.00 kg on 24 kg

Brian Stacy

### Blue Water

#### Black Marlin

69.00 kg on 24 kg

Brian Stacy

### Estuary

#### Australian Salmon

1.53 kg on 1 kg

Steve Bailey

### Beach

#### Australian Salmon

1.56 kg on 2 kg

Anthony Heiser

## All Tackle Championship

### Open

Steve Bailey	31
Chris Lemmon	24
Glen Malam	18
Jason Rogers	17
Karen Malam	12

### Junior

Zachary Zhao	9
Alexander Steele	6
Matilda Holloway	3
Sidi Fall	2
Chelsea Mathews	1
James Bamford	1

**ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 07/04/2021**

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	LUDEKICK	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 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	6.000	6	150.000
2 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TUNA - NORTHERN BL	8.100	10	121.500
3 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	1.990	2	119.400

**DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater**

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.200	2	160.000
2 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000
3 Dana Fogarty	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.530	4	88.250

**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 07/04/2021**

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
<b>DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 10: Gamefishing</b>					
1 Terry Tatten	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
<b>DIVISION 11: Handline</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady</b>					
1 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	10.050	15	100.500
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy</b>					
1 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.200	2	132.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

**ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 07/04/2021**

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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				400
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			\$80.000
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			\$65.000
3 Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			760.000

**DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)**

1 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	TROUT - BROWN			535.000
2 Sidi Fall	Canberra Fishermen's Club	TROUT - BROWN			500.000
3 Michael Tweedie	Australian Land Based Anglers	TROUT - BROWN			470.000

**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			\$90.000
3 Michael Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			\$20.000

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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 Perekovic	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 Sitars	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 07/04/2021**


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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
Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	7
Reece Cokun	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	6
Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	6
Kurt Staples	Australian Land Based Anglers	6
Grant Evans	Australian Land Based Anglers	6

**DIVISION 27: Champion Club**


CLUB	POINTS
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	29
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	18
Australian Land Based Anglers	14
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	13
St George Sportfishing Club	8
Canberra Fisherman's Club	7
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	5
Canberra Fishermans Club	2
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	1



## 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: .....


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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:

- |  |                              |                                       |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Land Based <b>Game</b> Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method)       | 9. Flyfishing Freshwater     | 17. Length Only Carp (All)            |
| 2. Land Based <b>Non - Game</b> 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

## Trout stocking in Buckenderra

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Dear Supporters

On Tuesday 27th April 2021 a band of some 16 boat skippers and crew descended on Buckenderra Holiday Village to assist with the first mass stocking of 10,000 Gaden Hatchery raised yearling rainbow trout into Lake Eucumbene.

Responding to a call for assistance by the Monaro Acclimatisation Society and the Alpine Angler Store, the volunteers arrived in the heavy fog to assist the Gaden Hatchery staff unload and bag the trout. Once bagged the trout were ferried to all reaches of the lake by boat and were safely delivered into deeper waters where they have a very good chance of avoiding predation from the numerous pelicans and cormorants that call the lake home.

Most boats made two trips and the stocking of the 10,000 yearlings took about two hours.

Feedback from the Gaden Hatchery staff and DPI personnel was that the stocking was fatality free and went on with military precision.

On behalf of the Monaro Acclimatisation Society and the general public who will ultimately benefit from this event I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteers who freely donated their time, effort and resources to accomplish the stocking.

A similar stocking event was held today (Wednesday) on Lake Jindabyne which was coordinated by the MAS Sub Branch, the Jindabyne Fishing Club.

I would also like to thank the staff at Gaden who have worked hard over this season to on-grow these yearlings, and their work indicates that when the MAS initiative of the Trout Grow Out Facility at Gaden is completed we will be able to look forward to similar events on a larger scale.

Steve Samuels

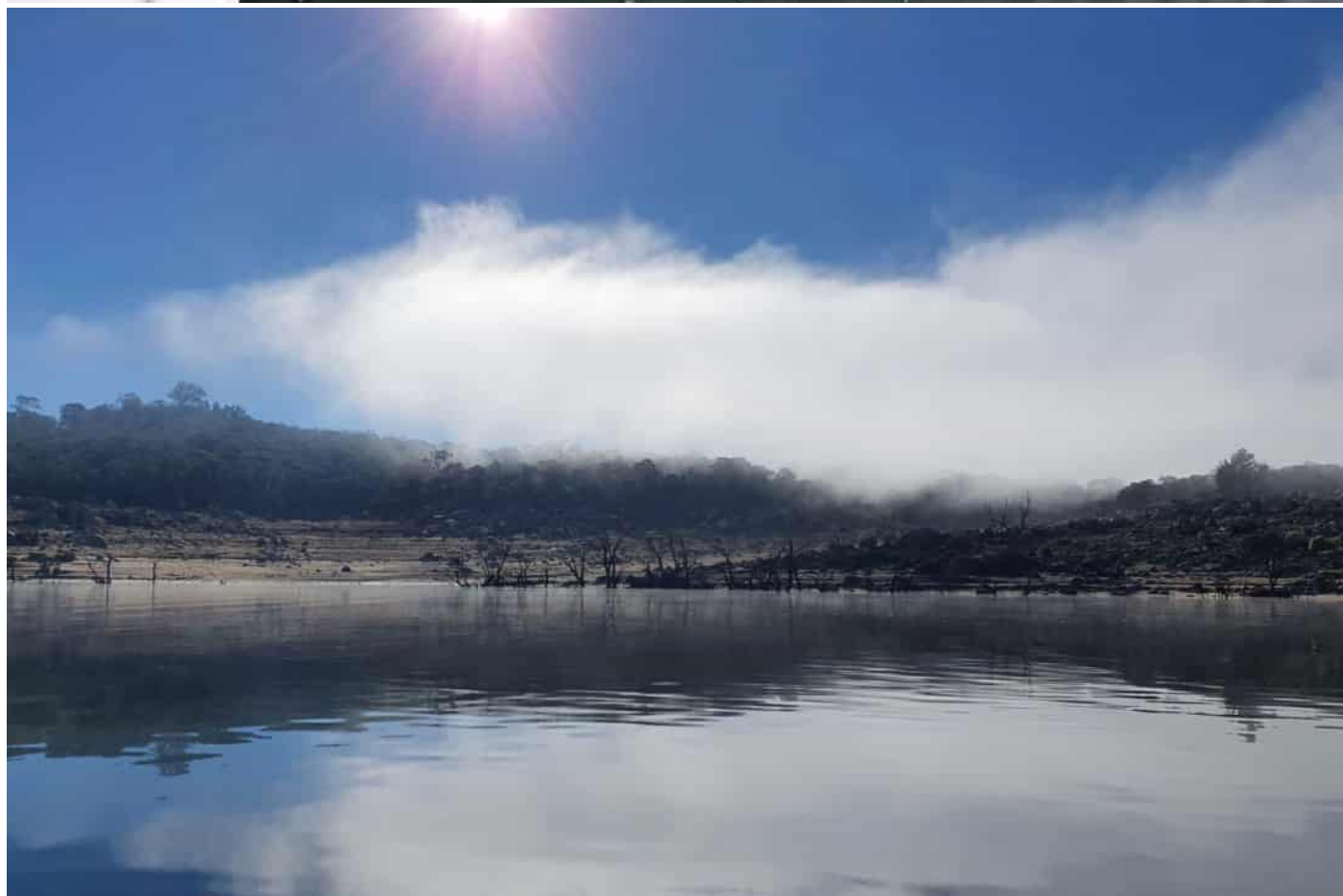
President

Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc











# Hello from Coffs Harbour

By Anthony Heiser



My first fly fishing capture since moving to Coffs Harbour: 26 cm Bream on a white Crazy Charlie at the mouth of Deep Creek, Valla Beach.

Hello everyone, it is now 65 days since Brendon and I left Carwoola to start my new job in Coffs Harbour. We are still living a motel room and it is not long before we finally move into our new house (in Grafton). Most of my fishing gear remains in storage until 11 May 2021. However, I have still managed to explore some of the local fishing opportunities.

My initial attempts at Coffs Harbour Jetty produced undersized Whiting and Bream, and a rather ugly Estuary Cobbler. My first beach fishing attempt at Park Beach was also a fail. I discovered underneath the sand was coarse gravel, which was painful on the feet and did not let my star sinkers hold the bottom.

During March 2021, 591.7 mm of rain fell in Coffs Harbour (compared with Canberra's annual average rainfall of 616.6 mm!!!!) leading to a lot of discoloured water in the estuaries, the beaches and out to sea. So bad was the local flash flooding, that I even found dead mullet washed up on the footpath while walking to work one morning.

Eventually, the weather improved, and I had my first successful outing at Valla Beach just north of Nambucca Heads, landing a nice feed of Bream.

I ran into the administrators of the ['Fishing, Brag Board. Mid North Coast' Facebook Page](#) while they were chasing Mangrove Jack in Coffs Creek. They were generous with their tips on local land-based fishing spots and fly fishing opportunities. The following weekend, I was landing Bream at the mouth of Deep Creek at Valla Beach and Flathead at Coffs Creek on my fly rod.

My best day was a fly fishing session at Moonee Creek where I landed my first Luderick on fly using a pink Crazy Charlie, followed by two Flathead within the next twenty minutes at the same spot. Later that afternoon, I fished Sapphire Beach to land five Swallowtail Dart.

Once I'm settled into my new home and got my fishing gear out of storage, I hope to get a regular feed of Garfish off Coffs Harbour Jetty, and perhaps attempt to chase Longtail Tuna off the rocks. I have also attended my first meeting with the [Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club](#), and will attend their trout fishing workshop at the Dutton Trout Hatchery in Ebor on 22 May 2021.



My first Luderick on Fly at Moonee Creek. I always wanted to catch Luderick on fly, but never expected to land one on a Crazy Charlie. This was a pink Crazy Charlie that looks like a baby nipper in the water.



A 51 cm Flathead on the same pink Crazy Charlie at the same spot in Moonee Creek.





Dart off the Beach instead of Salmon. We're not in Kansas anymore!



A catch and release fail off the Coffs Harbour Jetty ended up providing a meal for the local population of Silver Gulls.





A two and a half metre Bronze Whaler cruising the rocks near Boambee Beach.

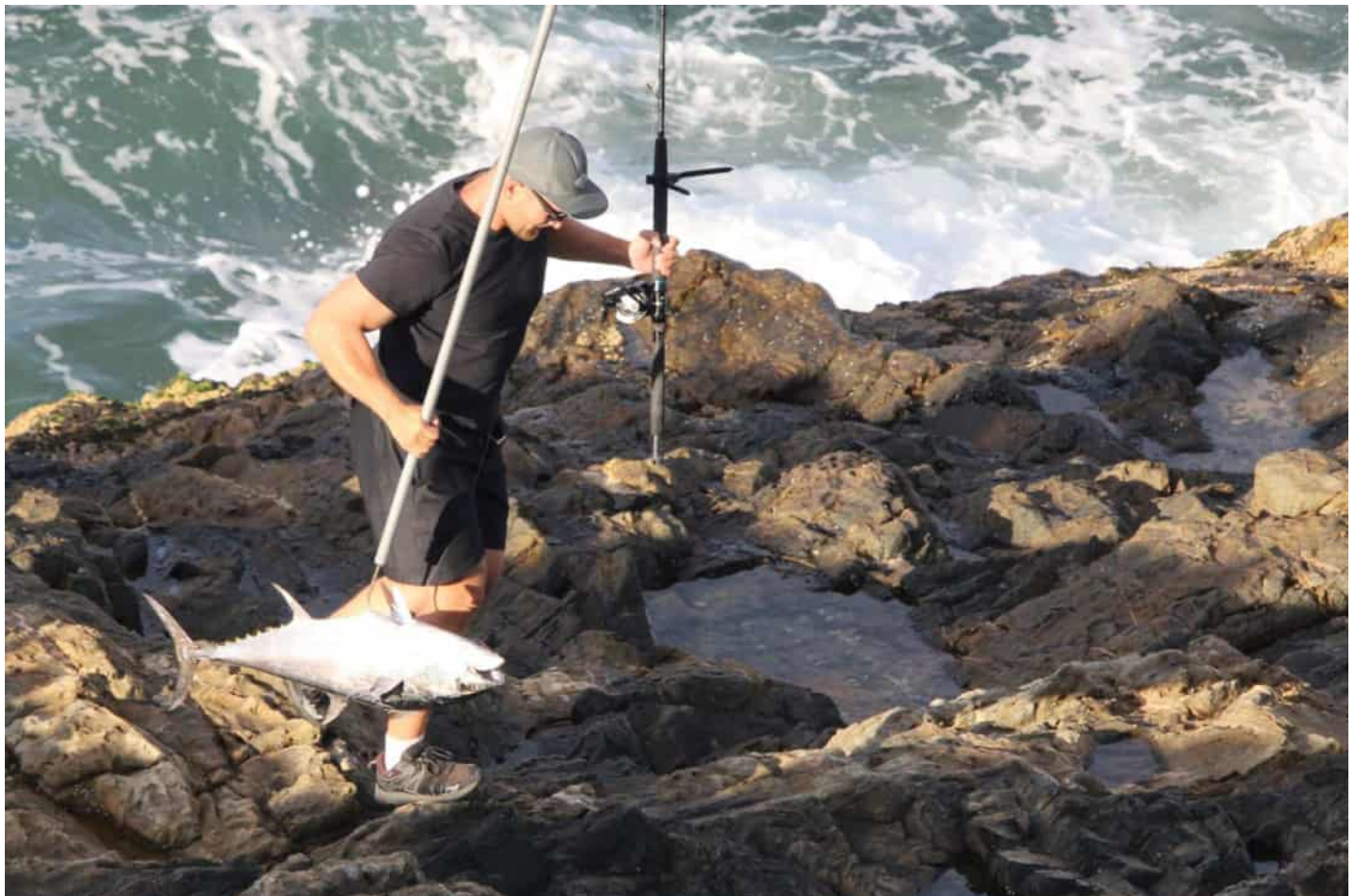


Dolphins and surfers off Woolgoolga





Fighting a tuna off the rocks at Muttonbird Island (you can see the tail just sticking out of the water).



Tuna off the rocks!

# Final word from the Editor & Treasurer

**By Zane Zhao**

Hi everyone, I have taken over as the editor of the newsletter from Anthony and I think we all agree that I have big shoes to fill.

To help me in doing this role, I will need articles to publish, so if anyone out there would like to help me out by doing an article then it will help me out immensely, not to mention there is \$25 voucher for Compleat Anglers on offer.

## 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?**

## March 2021 Photo Competition

To everyone who submitted entries for the February and March photo comp, Thank you. The winner for February is Brian Stacy and for March is Andrew Butt's photo, you can find the winners for this year's photo comp at [2020-21](#) on our website.

- 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](mailto: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	TBC		Anthony Heiser	
May 2021	TBC			
June 2021	TBC			



## February 2021 Photo Comp



Brain Stacy – Dolphin Fish



Brain Stacy – Catch of the day

## Winner of the February 2021 Photo Competition



## March 2021 Photo Comp



Andrew Butt: Chris Lemmon and Steve Bailey – Double Bass.



Anthony Heiser – failed attempt in catch and release.



Anthony Heiser – failed attempt in catch and release.

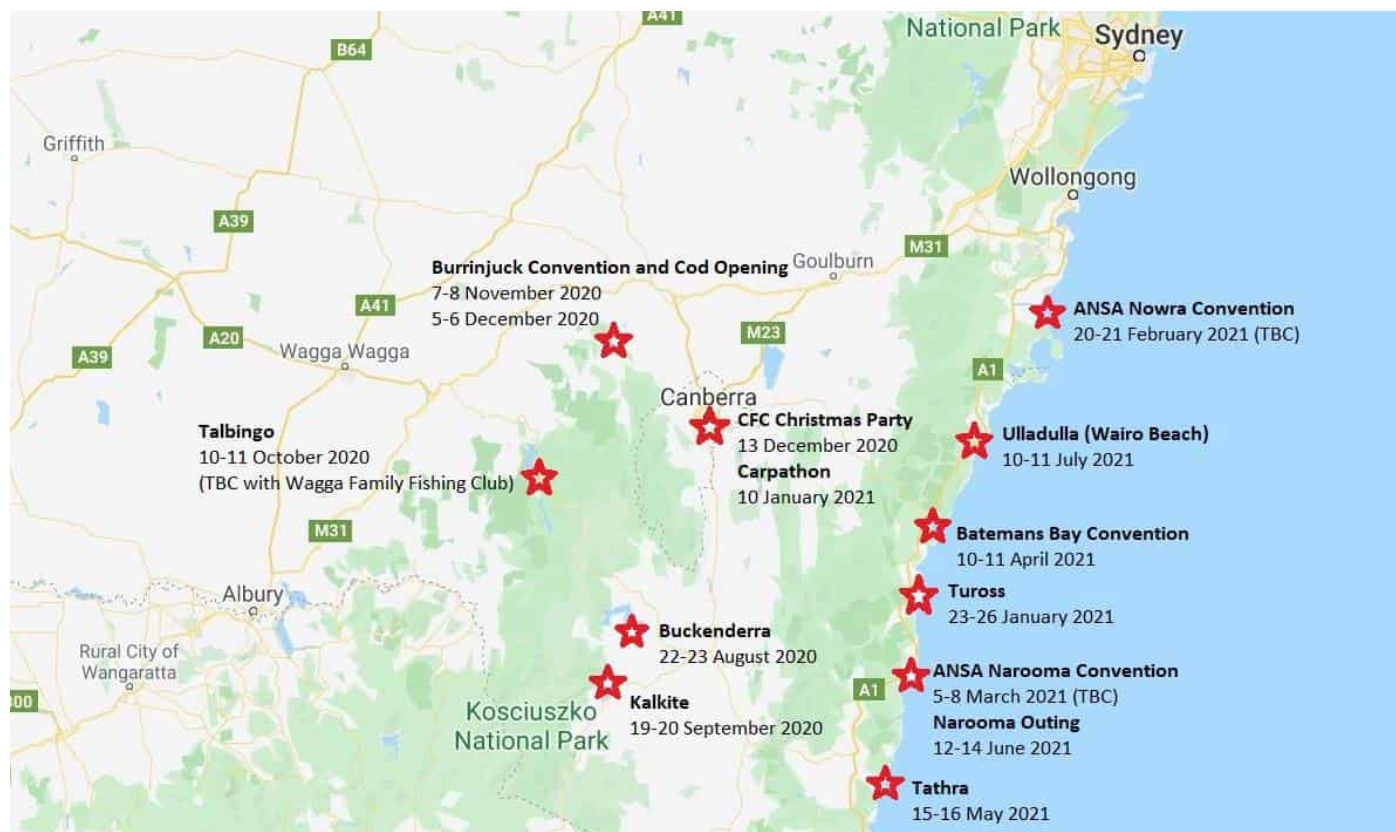


Andrew Butt: A nice Silver Trevally

## Winner of the March 2021 Photo Competition



## 2020-21 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar



Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
15-16 May 2021	Tathra	11 May 2021
12-14 June 2021	Narooma	8 June 2021
10-11 July 2021	Ulladulla	13 July 2021

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**Membership Fees**

	<b>CFC</b>	<b>ANSA</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>\$5</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>Nil</b>

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