



Canberra Fisherman's Club Inc

# Newsletter

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**Winner of the August 2021 photo competition**



**Jon Vogel - PB Queenie on Fly 111cm Doughboy River**

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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 Spring and my thirteenth month of my second 12-month term as President of the Canberra Fisherman's Club.

Let me assure you there has not been a coup d'état or any unconstitutional shenanigans to appoint me as 'President-for-life'. Instead, we had to postpone our Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Think of me as your 'Care-taker President' until we can elect the new Committee. Our trusty Secretary Zane will let you know as soon as we confirm the new date for the AGM/SGM.

I thank our current committee members who continue to keep the Club running during the thirteenth and possibly fourteenth months of their 12-month terms. It is thanks to their dedication that newsletters continue to get published, expenses get paid, photo comp entries are loaded on the website, and sponsors and supporters are kept informed of what the Club is doing.

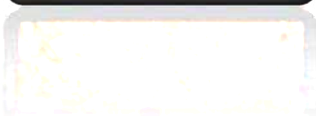
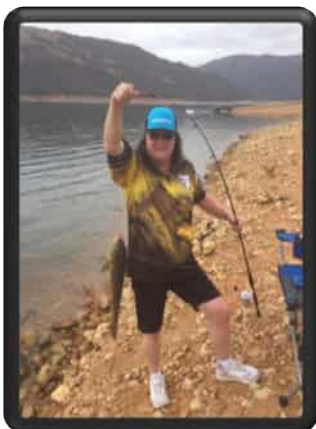
Sadly, the Committee has had to make some hard decisions in the interests of everyone's safety and wellbeing. Firstly, the ANSA Burrinjuck Convention has been postponed for a second year. However, we are in good company, as the Newcastle Sportsfishing Club has also postponed the ANSA Glenbawn Convention. Secondly, the September Outing is cancelled. It is most likely that the October and December outings may also get cancelled. However, let's wait a little longer before making a final decision on those outings.

Anthony and Glen represented our Club (via Zoom) at the ANSA NSW Delegates Meeting and Annual General Meeting. I am informed that COVID dominated the discussions, and that it has impacted all the ANSA Clubs. Nevertheless, Anthony and Glen said it was pleasing to see solid participation from many ANSA Clubs at the meeting, and a strong sense of community. Anthony and Glen also mentioned that the other ANSA Club Members asked about the Burrinjuck Convention during the meeting. It is a strong indication that everyone misses the Convention and are looking forward to returning to Burrinjuck in 2022. You can read the 2021 ANSA NSW Annual Report (including Glen's State Recorder's Report at page 15) on this link.

I look forward to meeting everyone in person again when this lockdown is over. I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting soon.

Stay safe everyone.

Bonnita Allen



# Recorder's Report

The COVID lockdown in the ACT has just been extended, and from my desk it looks like everyone has been doing a very good job of staying at home! There have been no capture forms submitted since the Buckenderra Outing, so the annual championship is wide open, ready for when the lockdown is lifted.

The Buckenderra Outing went well for those fishing Lake Eucumbene by boat. The lake level is rising rapidly and Eucumbene is probably the pick of the mountain lakes at the moment.

While the rest of us were fishing the Buckenderra, Anthony was trying out fishing spots around his new home-town of Grafton. As you can see below, Anthony managed to find a good-sized Mulloway on a local beach that's a stand-out for the 2021-22 fishing year so far. Congratulations Anthony!

Unfortunately, since the Buckenderra Outing, the Committee had to make the difficult decision to cancel the September outing to Kalkite this year and again defer the annual Burrinjuck Convention in November – all due to the lockdown. We remain hopeful that the restrictions will lift in time for us to have an outing in October, but that will depend on what happens over the next couple of weeks. Keep your fingers crossed!

I have included an update to the Club Championsip below, along with an update on the NSW-wide 12 Month Competition (take a look at which Club's leading the competition).

I usually end my reports with the words "Keep safe on the water". This time around, with the pandemic upon us, I will instead just say "Keep safe"! I look forward to seeing you again on the other side of this lockdown.

Keep safe,

Glen

# Club Championship

## Open

Steve Bailey	460	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Brian Stacy	124	
Glen Malam	98	
Chris Lemmon	70	

## Ladies

## Junior

## Land Based

Steve Bailey	232	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Brian Stacy	124	
Glen Malam	98	

## Fresh Water

Steve Bailey	228
Chris Lemmon	70

## Salt Water

Steve Bailey	232	<i>(less than 2 outings attended)</i>
Brian Stacy	124	
Glen Malam	98	

## Most Versatile Angler

Steve Bailey	7	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Brian Stacy	6	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Glen Malam	2	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>
Chris Lemmon	1	<i>(less than 3 sections entered)</i>

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

## Fresh Water Length *(Atlantic Salmon, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout)*

Steve Bailey	3,260
Chris Lemmon	850

## Tagging Award

## Board Fish - Weight

<b>Australian Salmon</b>	2.07 kg	Brian Stacy
<b>Brown Trout</b>	1.41 kg	Steve Bailey
<b>Mulloway</b>	6.60 kg	Anthony Heiser
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	0.92 kg	Steve Bailey

## Board Fish - Length

<b>Australian Salmon</b>	600 mm	Brian Stacy
<b>Brown Trout</b>	510 mm	Steve Bailey
<b>Dusky Flathead</b>	380 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Mulloway</b>	910 mm	Anthony Heiser
<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	450 mm	Steve Bailey

## Best Fish

### Fresh Water

#### Brown Trout

1.36kg on 1 kg  
Steve Bailey

### Estuary

#### Dusky Flathead

.32kg on 2 kg  
Anthony Heiser

### Beach

#### Australian Salmon

1.93kg on 1 kg  
Steve Bailey

## All Tackle Championship

### Open

Steve Bailey	8
Glen Malam	4
Chris Lemmon	4
Brian Stacy	3
Karen Malam	2

### Junior

Zachary Zhao	1
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## ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 01/09/2021

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

1	Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON -	1.930	2	115.800
2	Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON -	1.650	2	99.000
3	Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON -	1.640	2	98.400

### DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1	VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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### DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1	Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SALMON -	1.980	2	118.800
2	Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SALMON -	1.880	2	112.800
3	VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

### DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1	VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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### DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1	VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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### DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

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

1	VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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**ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 01/09/2021**

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 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 11: Handline</b>					
1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	KINGFISH -	3.600	3	180.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy</b>					
1 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 01/09/2021**

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
<b>DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
<b>DIVISION 16: Tag and Release</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB				0
<b>DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB	CARP			0.000
<b>DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB	TROUT			0.000
<b>DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB	BASS			0.000
<b>DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)</b>					
1 VACANT	NO CLUB	BREAM			0.000
<b>DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)</b>					
1 Michael Aubrey	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			835.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	FLATHEAD			0.000

## ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 01/09/2021

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

1	Brian Stacy	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	600.000
2	Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	580.000
3	VACANT	NO CLUB	SALMON	0.000

### DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

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

1	VACANT	NO CLUB	SNAPPER	0.000
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### DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway


1	Anthony Heiser	Canberra Fisherman's Club	MULLOWAY	910.000
2	VACANT	NO CLUB	MULLOWAY	0.000

### DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	3
Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	2
Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	2
Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	1

### DIVISION 27: Champion Club


CLUB	POINTS
Canberra Fisherman's Club	12
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	10
Wollongong Sportfishing 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 <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

# Cape York/Far North Queensland - Part 2

A Flyfishing Adventure of Hits & Misses recounted by the Xtreme Armchair Angler  
(25 June–02 July, 2021)

While every day was filled with celebrated hits & commiserated misses, it's not like any of us went without our fair share of cracking catches.



My boat buddy (Will) and I also enjoyed one of those magic sessions of endless rat Barra & baby Jacks amongst the sticks when everything just seems to come together. Or it did once we both worked out how to cast short and accurately on a fast moving tide, after which for nearly an hour it was almost a hit a cast, though converting the strike was definitely part of the challenge.



Another treat was drive-by muggings by gangster Queenies hitting a surface fly as they moved downstream on the tide in wave after wave. While numbers were down compared with previous years and they also seemed less inclined to carelessly take a fly, there was sufficient action to keep us casting large wind-resistant foam poppers to the maximum distance possible, and then ripping them back as energetically as possible ... bloop ... bloop ... bloop ... BANG!

Those caught at various hot spots (aka "Queenie Holes") were far more likely to attract the unwanted attention of resident predators, however once their two or three fast 100m runs and aerial antics were over, most were safely released after some much needed respite.

However resting boat-side was no guarantee of safe harbour. For example, soon after arriving at our favourite Queenie Hole a few kms upstream on the Doughboy River, a Giant Cod about half the size of a VW would regularly take up station under our boat.

So, I knew danger was lurking somewhere close by when it came to boating my stonker PB Queenie of 111cm. But thankfully that massive Cod decided discretion was the better part of valour, or perhaps that my fish was more than a comfortable mouthful – but either way I was extremely pleased with the outcome.



Another unexpected first was witnessing acres of small/medium Queenies churning the surface in a feeding frenzy, where for an hour or more it was almost a catch a cast. Mostly smaller models which were quickly hand-lined to the boat and released. However swimming amongst them were some which could definitely pull string, and with no snags or structure to impede their run, a sweet singing drag as backing peeled off the reel reminded me very much of Kiritimati (Christmas Island) Bonefish.

But wait there's more because this year an added bonus was masses of Giant Herring (GH) mixed in with the Queenies which made every hook-up a lucky dip. And since both species are energetic & aerobatic what followed was always very entertaining, even if that quick catch was inevitably followed by an early release.

GH are a rare occurrence in these waters but when on the chew in such numbers it's fairly easy to have them take a fly; however, it's then darn difficult to make it stick. GH have a very hard mouth which requires a solid hook set, and since they also sport a set of tiny but extremely raspy teeth right back to the scissor joint, they can saw through a 30lb fluorocarbon tippet in seconds.

By hook or by crook, a Giant Herring is a prize catch, not only because it was my first on fly, but because I'd dropped so many in every way imaginable; in fact, I may even have invented some new techniques along the way!



Naturally I was hoping for a 1m+ model to add to my glory board, and it's not like I didn't have my chances. For example, an almost certain metery had been solidly hooked and was being carefully played in less than 2m of water well away from the anchor rope.

So, all was looking sweet for a fish of a lifetime when it was snaffled without warning by a 3-4m Bull shark which came out of the beach-side shallows like an Exocet missile! Glad I wasn't wading!!

A unique consolation prize came later in the day in the form of a Diamond Trevally which is arguably one of the most photogenic fish in the sea. Sure it's not an arm-stretcher, but it definitely is a stunner.



And no broken rods either – at least none of mine, however, as now seems to be par for the course, two fly rods did meet their maker (\$ouch) ...



The species tally for 6 fishos across 6 days was a cracking 32, of which I accounted for 15 including a PB Queenie, cracker Cobia, rare Harry Hotlips, stunning Diamond Trevally, plus all the usual suspects and a few new & special species to boot. What more could a humble fly-fisho ask for, except perhaps a Permit, Milkfish, Blue Bastard, Blackspot Tuskfish, ...

Having now covered the good, the bad and the ugly, I think that's a pretty good note on which to end this adventure.

# CAPE YORK (Weipa / Mapoon)

(West Coast Northern Rivers)

CHOCOLATE CON ✓

COBIA ✓

BRASSY TREVALLY ✓

BLUE-LINED EMPEROR ✓

~~BLACK~~

**ECLIPSE-D**

25 JUN – 02 JUL 2021

NEMIPTERIDAE ✓  
(THREADFIN-BREAM)

DART. ✓

~~GREY MACK~~

FISHOS:

RALPH & NICK, WAYNE, WILL, JON V, MATT.

GUIDES & CREW: Dave Bradley, Amos Mapleston, Rodney Collings

MUD SKIPPER ✓

ELLA, NICK

~~FOOTBALL COD~~

DIAMOND TREVALLY ✓

Species Count = 32

TARPON ✓

Barramundi ✓	Fingermark Bream (Golden Snapper) ✓
Barracuda ✓	Fusilier
Mangrove Jack ✓	Pikey Bream ✓
Longtom	Permit (species = )
Golden Trevally ✓	Tuskfish (species?)
Longtail Tuna ✓	Grass Emperor (Grassy Sweetlip)
Mackerel Tuna ✓	Orange Rockcod (Redbanded Rockfish?) ✓ (FOOTBALL)
Spotted Grunter (Javelinfish) ✓	Painted Sweetlip (Mother-in-Law Fish)
Giant Queenfish ✓	Blackspot Tuskfish
Yellow Queenfish (Lesser Queenfish?) ✓	Spanish Flag
Goldspotted Rockcod	Cod (species = )
Swallow-tailed Dart ✓	Bronze Whaler ✓
Spanish Mackerel ✓	Fanfin (Fringefin?) Trevally ✓
Giant Herring (Hawaiian Ladyfish) ✓	Giant Trevally ✓
School Mackerel ✓	Grey Mackerel ✓
Bludger Trevally	Wolf Herring <del>WOLF</del>
Bigeye Trevally	Catfish (species = )
Snapper (species = )	Trevally (species = )
Black Spot Cod	Remora ✓
Archerfish ✓	Yellowtail (Yakka) ✓

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# Clarence Valley Lockdown

By Anthony Heiser



My first legal Mulloway. Would you believe Chris Stolk from *Wollongong Sportsfishing Club* correctly guessed the name of the beach in this photo.

I'm now just into my seventh month since leaving Canberra and, like the rest of New South Wales, I am in lockdown. Living in Grafton, I've been unable to venture outside the Clarence Valley LGA to fish some of my new favourite fishing spots.

I can't remember exactly when the lockdowns started but, being in regional New South Wales, the lockdown rules were not as strict to begin with. We were free to travel within regional New South Wales and I was able to enjoy a few fly fishing sessions in Moonee Creek, including a fly casting group session with the Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club.

Moonee Creek has been consistently producing keeper Flatheads on the Fly, though nothing of great size. A 2 km walk over a headland from Moonee Creek is the northern end of Sapphire Beach, where I previously had some luck with Dart on my surf rod.

My last trip to Sapphire Beach did not look promising. The seas were flat and there was not enough oomph in the waves to locate the gutters. I pretty much had to locate the gutters from memory and for almost an hour, I didn't get a single bite.

Just on the first hour of fishing, I hooked up with a nice size Bream, albeit with a chunk missing from its back. At least I was part way to getting dinner on the table. On my next cast, my rod suddenly buckled and the reel started screaming. My immediate thought was I finally hooked onto my first Salmon since moving to Coffs. But as line kept screaming off my reel, there was no acrobatic displays of fish jumping out of the water, and I began to realise this was a little bigger than what I was accustomed to off the beach.



Swallowtail Dart off Woolli Beach. I seem to find a lot of nursery fish in Woolli, but I'm hoping to see more Dart like this as the weather gets warmer.

After what felt like an eternity, I spotted a Mulloway surfacing near the breakers. While the fish was beginning to look defeated, it still made four or five vigorous runs before I finally beached it. I got quite a shock when I discovered I had just landed a 91 cm Mulloway. I then noticed for the first time I had attracted quite a few onlookers, one of whom expressed his disbelief that I had landed the fish on my light surf gear.

Shortly afterwards, the lockdown rules were tightened, restricting our ability to venture beyond our local government area. Fortunately, Yamba and Woolli are within the Clarence Valley LGA. Unfortunately, I've not had much success at either location. I've had three sessions at various spots at Yamba with little success, and I only seem to be able to catch nursery fish in Woolli.

I've been catching plenty of small Dart, Whiting and Dusky Flathead off the beach, and undersized Bream and Flathead in Woolli River. However, there must be some good fish in Woolli as I've also spotted a couple of 2.5 metre Bronze Whalers in the Woolli River and a Wobbegong Shark.

There is another beach at Woolli I've yet to explore and plenty of coastline between Woolli and Yamba I am yet to explore. In addition, I'm still to wet a line in the Clarence River in Grafton itself. So hopefully, I'll have more stories to share in the next newsletter.

# Animal Welfare Reform Discussion Paper

By Anthony Heiser



The Animal Welfare Reform Discussion Paper proposes to include crustaceans and cephalopods (Octopuses, squids). The proposal is only supposed to cover this for preparation of food or offering of consumption. However, recreational anglers need to be vigilant in ensuring this proposal is not widened to impact on recreational fishing practices such as the collection, storage, sale and use of live bait.

The [Animal Welfare Reform – Discussion Paper](#) is now open for public consultation. The paper proposes replacing existing animal welfare laws under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, *Animal Research Act 1985* and *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* with one new piece of legislation.

Apparently, there has been community consultation to come up with this discussion paper but this is news to me. If you read the start of the discussion paper, you can see that only a narrow group of stakeholders were consulted.

Recreational fishers must support the process and must provide submissions to support the relevant proposals.

Proposal 3 in the Discussion Paper seeks to expand the definition of animals for the purposes of the new Act to include crustaceans and cephalopods (Octopuses, squids). The proposal is only supposed to cover this for preparation of food or offering of consumption and not include fishing. To ensure that the lawful activity of fishing is not unintentionally affected by this change, we will also introduce a provision will also be introduced that clarifies that using a live fish, cephalopod or decapod crustacean as bait is not an offence (see Proposal 8).

Proposal 8 is to include a defence for 'using a live fish, decapod crustacean or cephalopod as bait or as a lure to take, or attempt to take, fish' so as to not unintentionally impact on recreational fishing activities. However, it would be in everyone's interest to read this carefully to ensure water tight protection for recreational fishing activities. We should be

vigilant to ensure there are no impacts on recreational fishing activities (whether unintended or otherwise).

While it appears on face value of the Discussion Paper that restricting or banning recreational fishing practices is not on the NSW Government's agenda, it is on agenda of the Animal Justice Party. The Animal Justice Party has the same number of Upper House Members as the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, and there is a risk that the NSW Government may seek to appease the Animal Justice Party to get their votes in the Upper House on other issues.

Accordingly, I urge all members read the Discussion Paper and lodge your comments to [animalwelfare.submissions@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:animalwelfare.submissions@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or complete the [online survey](#). Submissions are due by 17 September 2021.

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of New South Wales, with whom our Club is affiliated, will also lodge a submission on behalf of recreational anglers, raising the following points:

- The RFA is concerned that the unintended consequences to recreational fishing would need to be further discussed so the new laws truly focus on reflecting the intent of the policy proposals.
- It is still not clear how the intended purpose of the laws and explaining how the content of the laws will achieve this without further discussion with groups like the RFA to ensure the legal activity of recreational fishing is not impacted.
- The RFA is also concerned that the stakeholders engaged in the drafting of the Paper does NOT provide a balanced stakeholder representation.

The Canberra Fisherman's Club has [lodged its own submission that largely mirrors the RFA's submission which you can access here](#).

The NSW Government will use your comments and feedback on this Discussion Paper to refine the proposals and inform the drafting of the new animal welfare legislation. There will be further rounds of consultation as the NSW Government develops the regulations and standards to support the implementation of the new Act.

Submissions are due by 17 September 2021.

## Final word from the Editor

By Zane Zhao

Hi everyone, welcome to the first issue of Vol-25 and the great articles we've been getting in the last few issues we've got some high standards to keep up! 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** for his great effort in not authoring not one but two articles which goes to show quantity sometimes **does** matter.

Come on everyone, put your creative minds to work and submit an article, it keeps us connected and eases the pain of no outings for the next couple of months and did I mention there is \$25 Compleat Angler voucher on offer?

## 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).

The new target species applies from 1 July 2021.

Happy Hunting!

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

Saltwater section: Bream



Freshwater section: Salmonid



## August 2021 Photo Competition

To everyone who submitted entries for the August photo comp, Thank you. The winner for August was a close call between Steve and Jon, but there can only be one winner which is Jon Vogel with a PB Queenie on Fly 111cm Doughboy River; sorry Steve, it was the sunnies you had on that tipped it in Jon's favour this time.

You can find the winners for this year's photo comp at [2021-22](#) 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
July 2020	Janine Noack		Tom Harrington	13 October 2020
October 2020	Stephen Bailey	8 December 2020	Lindsay Steele	
November 2020	Paul Breeze		Not awarded	N/A
December 2020	Jon Vogel	8 December 2020	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	Not awarded		Anthony Heiser	
May 2021	Jon Vogel		Anthony Heiser	
June 2021	Chris Lemmon		Not awarded	
July 2021	Anthony Heiser		Jon Vogel	
August 2021	Jon Vogel		Anthony Heiser	

## August 2021 Photo Comp



Chris Lemmon - Bails with a good Buckenderra Brown



Jon Vogel - Mack Tuna on Fly Jackson River



Jon Vogel - PB Queenie on Fly 111cm Doughboy River



Anthony Heiser - Chunky Bream off the Beach



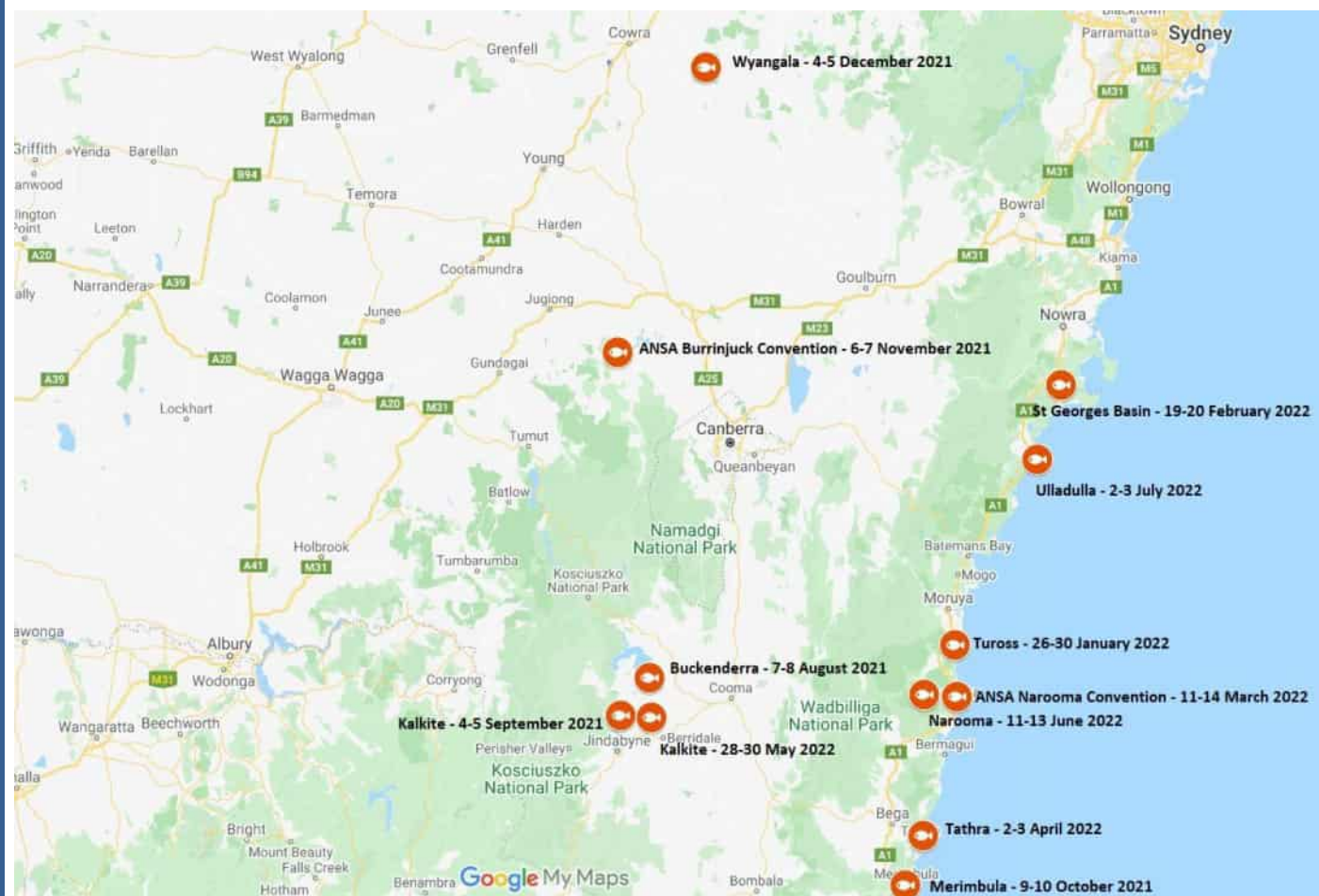
Anthony Heiser - Gin clear water at Moonee Creek

## Winner of the August 2021 Photo Competition



Jon Vogel - PB Queenie on Fly 111cm Doughboy River

# 2021-22 Club Outings & Meeting Calendar



Outing Date	Outing	Meetings
10-11 July 2021	Ulladulla	13 July 2021
7-8 August 2021	Buckenderra	Cancelled
4-5 September 2021	Cancelled due to COVID	14 September 2021
9-10 October 2021	Merimbula - Tentative	12 October 2021
6-7 November 2021	Burrinjuck Convention (Postponed till 2022)	9 November 2021
4-5 December 2021	Wyangala	14 December 2021
26-30 January 2022	Tuross	11 January 2022
19-20 February 2022	St Georges Basin	8 February 2022
11-14 March 2022	Narooma	8 March 2022
2-3 April 2022	Tathra	12 April 2022
28-30 May 2022	Kalkite	10 May 2022
11-13 June 2022	Narooma	14 June 2022
2-3 July 2022	Ulladulla	12 July 2022

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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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