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Official Newsletter of the Lakeside Fly Fishing Club Inc.

April 2021

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**NEXT CLUB
MEETING**

7TH APRIL 2021

7.30 PM

AT THE

**CANTERBURY
LEAGUES CLUB**

26 BRIDGE RD

BELMORE NSW

President's Message

Welcome to our April meeting and I'm not really sure with all the bad weather whether members have been able to get out and do any fishing since our last meeting. Please stay safe if you do as it will take some weeks for all the flood water to go down. Fish with a friend.

The committee is continuing to promote a number of trips, both upcoming and later in the year, as well as casting and fly tying which are central to our club. However, we still need speakers and we would prefer members if possible to speak on recent trips. Please contact me or one of the committee to arrange. It will be a small group and not intimidating if you're not used to public speaking.

Until further notice, our meetings will be at the Canterbury Leagues Club and I'd like to thank the management for their kindness, as we're not being charged for our room space. Please support the club by having dinner or a few drinks before or after the meeting if you can.

Hope to see you at the meeting on 7 April.

John



NEXT CLUB MEETING 7th April, 2021

7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club.

ANNUAL FEES. **Lots of outstanding fees.** Please pay as soon as possible .Fees have been set at \$20 to cover fixed expenses for 2020/2021. See all details on Page 5. Thank you to those Members who have paid.

CALENDAR. The calendar for 2021 has been updated to include Casting dates for 2021

OVERSEAS TRIPS . (Keep an eye on the travel restrictions.) New Zealand might well be within reach by Christmas 2021 !! But the latest news is that “The Bubble” will be extended to accept Australians into New Zealand sometime in April.

GUEST SPEAKERS Please help make the monthly Club meeting nights more enjoyable and interesting. If you have any contact who would like to attend the meeting as a guest speaker to talk about fishing or related topics please contact President John Vernon.

FLY TYING. To be resumed in 2021. Watch this space.

CASTING. Next casting day 30 March 2021 .

RANDOM CASTS. Please send in your photos and fishing stories.

PEJAR DAM 16 APRIL TO 19 APRIL. SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4

LAKE ADAMINABY POLAROIDING 6 AUGUST TO 9 AUGUST

Details need to be agreed at the Club Meeting on 7 April. A good thought is to stay up at Cobrabald Bay on lake Eucumbene. There are kms of shoreline to wander around and one would have to be lucky (or un-lucky) to meet up with any other anglers. The accommodation is once again rustic and entirely self catering.

We need to be ready to commit as soon as possible in order to reserve accommodation. Sounds good.

END OF SEASON TRIP TO ADAMINABY

5,6,7 June Long weekend.

Details have not been finalized yet as there is some doubt as to whether or not the trip should proceed.

The fishing on this particular trip has been well below expectations for some years now and from more recent reports it does not sound as though fish or catch numbers have in any way improved.

We need to make our minds up fairly quickly if we wish to secure accommodation.

Our trip Co-Ordinator Dawn Steege has obtained some good information for us but we have to be quick now to take advantage of the offer out lined below.

Accommodation in the Snowy area is under extreme pressure from the Snowy Hydro activities and we should plan to reserve our spot asap.

Rainbow Pines, Old Adaminaby.

Rainbow Pines has 5 Ensuite Cabins.

<https://rainbowpines.com.au/accommodation/ensuite-cabin>

Accommodation in an Ensuite Cabin (2 bedrooms - sleeping a maximum of 6 people) Would be \$140.00 for the first 2 people & \$20.00 for any additional people.

Rainbow Pines has 4 Bungalows which have a Communal Kitchen / Living area.

<https://rainbowpines.com.au/accommodation/bungalow>

Accommodation in a Bungalow (1 bedroom - sleeping a maximum of 4 people) would be \$80.00 for the first 2 people & \$20.00 for any additional people.

"Your Four Seasons Award Winning Accommodation Destination"

We must decide at our meeting on 7 April if we wish to proceed. Please be prepared to make a firm commitment so that accommodation can be booked.

STILL TIME TO BOOK – A GOOD WEEKEND

PEJAR DAM, GOULBURN

Fish out

When: **Friday 16 April to Monday 19 April 2021**

Where: Gundowringa
Goulburn Road, Crookwell
Tel: (02) 4848 1212

Accommodation: Shearers quarters – sleeps 18
Shared washroom/toilet block
Communal sitting/dining room, open fire (wood supplied)
Kitchen, gas stove, microwave, industrial fridge, BBQ

Cost: \$30:0 per night – cash only

BYO: Bedding, pillow, breakfast, lunch, tea, coffee, lunch, liquid refreshments

Note: The pies at IGA are VERY good
Couple of coffee shops in town

Dinner: Pub /Club

Fishing options: Pejar dam
Two private dams on property
Red ground dam (30 minute drive)
Lachlan River (55 minute drive)

Program: Friday; check in, go fishing
Saturday; go fishing
Sunday; go fishing
Monday; go fishing / home

Interested???????????

Contact Alex Helderan 0419 414 748 / kerryjock@optusnet.com.au

Accommodation has been booked but the final numbers must be confirmed. Eight people have confirmed @ 10 March 2021. Dinner must also be booked beforehand.

THOMPSONS CREEK DAM

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2021

We had a great turnout for the TCD Fish Out. Well done everyone.

There were 12 attendees who met up at the W'wang Café for a healthy breakfast start. Later in the day Billy Torok was found loitering on the bank of the dam .

The weather was very good for TCD but there was a bit of a breeze that made casting a bit more demanding than normal.

As soon as the party arrived at the dam it became obvious that we were not going to see much of each other for the rest of the day.

Some keen souls started walking for the far reaches while others preferred to stay nearer to the dam wall. Some stayed all day whilst others left early.

Not many fish were spotted and fewer were actually caught.

Billy Torok worried a 20 cm rainbow so much that it took the fly just so Billy would go away. Jim Screen also caught a 20 cm rainbow and as usual while changing a fly saw a rather nice 40/50 cm cruiser meander by. In his haste to take advantage of this once a day experience he dropped the leader on the ground and instantly hooked a local rock of which there is an abundance. Did not get a cast to the fish.

All up a very good day out in the open air. Bad luck about the fish but they are there in good numbers. Perhaps we should vary our fishing times (See page 9) to better match the habits of the local fish. i.e. Late afternoon and early evening. Perhaps Pejar might be more productive.







(L to R)

Neil Nelson and David Screen



A nice corner of T C D. That's Russell Roxborough in the distance.



Yes....it is a 20 cm rainbow destined to be 50 cm rainbow in due course.



Joe DeBono, and his mate each caught a nice keeper after we had all gone home. Joe couldn't make the start of the day so he travelled up for a bit of late afternoon and evening fishing. How good was that. It just goes to show what can be done fishing the right conditions.

Invoice



LAKESIDE FLY FISHING CLUB

PLEASE PAY SUBS BY DIRECT CREDIT

<i>Job</i>	<i>Due on receipt</i>
12 MONTHS MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE 1 February 2021	\$20.00
<i>Description</i>	
12 MONTHS MEMBERSHIP LAKESIDE FLY FISHING CLUB.	
11 COPIES OF RANDOM CASTS	
11 MONTHLY MEETINGS (MOST WITH A FIRST CLASS INTERESTING GUEST SPEAKER)	
FLY TYING TUITION	
USE OF FLY FISHING LIBRARY: DVDs AND BOOKS.	
CASTING TUITION	
TOURNAMENT CASTING	
PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE CASTING COMPETITION	
SPECIAL TUITION SUCH AS TREATMENT OF SNAKE BITE (IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER REQUESTS)	
GREAT COMPANY	
NOTE Please Pay Direct to the Club's Bank Account if possible. Please make sure you include your surname in the details.	
ALL MEMBERS Pay To	
Lakeside Fly fishing Club Commonwealth Bank South Hurstville BSB 062 253 a/c No 1008 1691	
<i>Thank you for your membership</i>	\$20.00
<i>Total Due</i>	



Lakeside Casting Report

Ken Trench

NEXT CASTING DAY TUESDAY

30 March 2021 at 9.30 am

Hi All,

At the conclusion of casting last year our group tossed around the possibility of changing the casting day from Tuesday to an alternative day. The only suitable agreed day was a Friday. The change was prompted because Covid restrictions precluded our group from gaining entry to the neighbouring coffee café where we previously had enjoyed our “ after casting coffee bonding session”. The restaurant on the premises where we cast is closed on Tuesdays but open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday so there was a possibility of getting our coffee there.

The whole property, lawn bowling greens, the building and the area where we cast is owned by Georges River Council. The current lease holders of the business known as The Kyle Bay, are brother and sister George & Dianne with whom we have a very good relations over the past five years. The business operates not only as a restaurant but as a function centre for weddings and parties . The upper level is the bar & restaurant and the lower level is where most functions are held. Patrons, especially children, can spill out through the glass doors onto the adjacent grass area where sometimes play equipment is placed. It is also used for wedding photography.

The only reason Council will permit us to use the grassed area is that we must have the leaseholders acceptance of our proposed dates. In talking over our situation with Dianne she said that whilst nobody was on the premises on Tuesdays , she and a few others come in on Wednesdays and although not officially open they do open the bar at lunchtime to accommodate the lawn bowlers. She said we could get coffee even if she had to make it herself. Unfortunately, I had to tell her that the only other day that suited our group was Friday to which she replied that Fridays would not work for them. Fridays are extremely busy for them and they could not accommodate us. Given the response, I felt that pressing Fridays could bring us un-done.

I think the only diplomatic thing to do is to continue with Tuesdays with which they have no issue. The only Saturday in our casting calendar has always been a matter of negotiation with our assurance that we could re-schedule if an important booking comes up on that date.

We have had a stable group over the years and Members are used to Tuesdays so perhaps it is for the best.

As for the coffee we can either bring our own in a thermos or order a bunch of take away from the local café and have a runner pick them up at the end of casting.

Hope to see you all at the first casting day of the year on Tuesday 30th March, 2021.

News item of interest re improvement to water quality at Providence Portal

From: steve_samuels@bigpond.com

Date: 20 March 2021 at 1:25:00 pm AEDT

To: steve_samuels@bigpond.com

Subject: Environmental works at Providence Portal outlet

Following a number of complaints regarding the water quality in the Eucumbene River down stream of the Providence Portal and the upper reaches of lake Eucumbene the Monaro Acclimatisation Society engaged with Snowy Hydro to identify the cause and to propose remediation works. Over the years the Providence Portal out-flow has scoured out the rock and clay banks to a point where the fine clay sediment was affecting the lower Eucumbene River and the upper reaches of the Lake. In February MAS President Steve Samuels and Adaminaby Branch member Col Sinclair met with Snowy Hydro managers at the site to discuss how the problem could be remediated. The Snowy hydro Board has approved funding for the works which are beginning now and will continue for the next few months. Anglers are advised that the Providence portal will be closed to fishing to allow the works to progress and a traffic management plan will be put in place to keep people and vehicles safe during the works.

While this will be a small disruption to fishing the long term benefit will be a stable outlet and no further siltation from the erosion.

For further details please consult the attached joint press release from Snowy Hydro and the MAS.

Steve Samuels

President

Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc

Improvement works at Providence Portal

Work is about to start on a 500m section of channel between the Murrumbidgee / Eucumbene tunnel outlet and the Eucumbene river at Providence Portal, to improve safety and environmental outcomes downstream.

This section of channel is designed to sit below the Lake Eucumbene full supply level, but due to the current lake levels, it has been exposed, resulting in some unstable banks. As a short-term measure, the area has been fenced off.

Improvement works have been designed and funded to address the instability, according to Snowy Hydro area manager Kent Allen.

“The banks of the channel would benefit from ‘laying back’ and armouring with local rock material to address these concerns. This work is also expected to improve water quality outcomes downstream,” said Mr Allen.

The work is being carried out for Snowy Hydro by Leed Engineering and Construction and is due to commence in late March so it can be finished prior to winter.

“Snowy Hydro regrets any short-term impacts to people who use this small section of channel. This can be a busy time of the year for fishing and camping. However, the works are not expected to impact anyone who is fishing upstream of the Portal on the Eucumbene River or visiting the wider Eucumbene foreshore area,” said Mr Allen.

“The long-term benefits of these improvement works will result in a much safer and improved foreshore experience for people visiting this area of Lake Eucumbene.”

The works are being carried out in close consultation with the local trout fishing advocacy group, the Monaro Acclimatisation Society. MAS spokesman Steve Samuels said the works should improve conditions downstream for trout breeding and fishing, which are an important economic driver for the region.

Lake Levels – courtesy Snowy Hydro and Energy Australia

	Mar % 2020	Apr % 2020	May % 2020	June % 2020	July % 2020	Aug % 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021
Lake Wallace	104.1	104.7	104.1	104.7	105.3	104.7	106.4	105.9	105.3	105.3	105.3	105.9
Lake Lyell	86.24	93.05	94.5	97.4	95.99	98.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.4	96.71	97.4
Thompson's Creek	91.87	88.28	93.1	92.5	92.75	91.6	91.5	91.5	92.5	93.05	92.16	90.4
Lake Eucumbene	26.0	26.0	26.0	29.0	28.0	28.0	29.0	33.0	38.0	34.0	33.0	30.0
Lake Jindabyne	68.0	65.0	62.0	60.0	56.0	53.0	54.0	61.0	73.0	73.0	75.0	76.0
Tantangara	10.0	11.0	14.0	17.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	27.0	11.0	13.0	10.0

Fly tying nights with Trevor Taylor and Ken Godwin

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Cost

will be \$10 for materials and supper

Address

Ken Godwin
3 Carlene Avenue
Padstow.

Park in Janice Ave. opposite lane.





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Call in and see fishing specialists Adam Kearns (city store) and Michael Latimer (Villawood store) and Lionel Kent who will be very pleased to spend some time with you and give you sound advice on all your fly fishing needs and mention you're a member of the Lakeside Fly Fishing Club to get a **10% discount**.



Lakeside Calendar of Fixed Events – 2021

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Date	Event	Time - Place	Contact
Wednesday 5 February	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	7.00 pm—10.00 pm	Trevor Taylor
Wednesday 3 March	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
SATURDAY 6th MARCH	DAY TRIP TO THOMPSONS CREEK DAM	7.30 AM AT THE PIE SHOP WALLERAWANG	ALEX HELDERMAN
30 March.	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merri-man Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 7th April	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
16 APRIL TO 19 APRIL	PEJAR DAM	STAY AT GUNDORINGA	ALEX HELDERMAN SEE PAGE 4 THIS ISSUE
13 April	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merri-man Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	7.00 pm—10.00 pm	Trevor Taylor
27 April	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merri-man Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 5th May	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
11 May	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merri-man Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	7.30 pm 3 Carlene Ave Padstow.	Ken Godwin Trev Taylor
To be confirmed	Inter Club Fly Fishing Wallerawang		
25 May	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merri-man Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 2nd June	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	

Date	Event	Time - Place	Contact
5,6,7 June	Close of Season Trip	Cooma/Adaminaby	ALEX HELDERMAN
8 June	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
22 June	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
6, July	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 7th July	General Meeting.	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	3 Carlene Avenue Padstow	Ken Godwin Trev Taylor
20 July	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Saturday 31 July	Competition casting President's Challenge	9.30 am – 4.30 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 4th August	Annual General Meeting and Buy, Sell, and Swap	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	John Vernon
Friday 6 August to 8 August	POLAROIDING LAKE JINDABYNE	STAY AT BUNK HOUSE COOMA	Alex Helderman
10 August	Competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	3 Carlene Avenue Padstow	Ken Godwin Trev Taylor
24 August	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
Wednesday 1 September	General Meeting	7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club	
7 September	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench
CANCELLED	Fly Tying	3 Carlene Avenue Padstow	Ken Godwin Trev Taylor
21 September	Club competition casting	9.30 am – 1 pm Merriman Reserve, Kyle Bay	Ken Trench

2, 3, 4 October	OPEN OF SEASON TRIP	COOMA / ADAMINABY	ALEX HELDERMAN
<i>Wednesday 6th October</i>	<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club</i>	
12 October	CLUB COMPETITION CASTING	9.30 AM MERRIMAN RE-SERVE. KYLE BAY	KEN TRENCH
26 October	CLUB COMPETITION CASTING	9.30 AM MERRIMAN RE-SERVE. KYLE BAY	KEN TRENCH BYO COFFEE, DRINKS, SNACK FOR A GET -TOGETHER ON THE FORESHORE AFTER CASTING
<i>Wednesday 3 November</i>	<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>7.30 pm Canterbury Leagues Club</i>	
WEDNESDAY 2 ND DECEMBER	CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER	TO BE ADVISED	

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