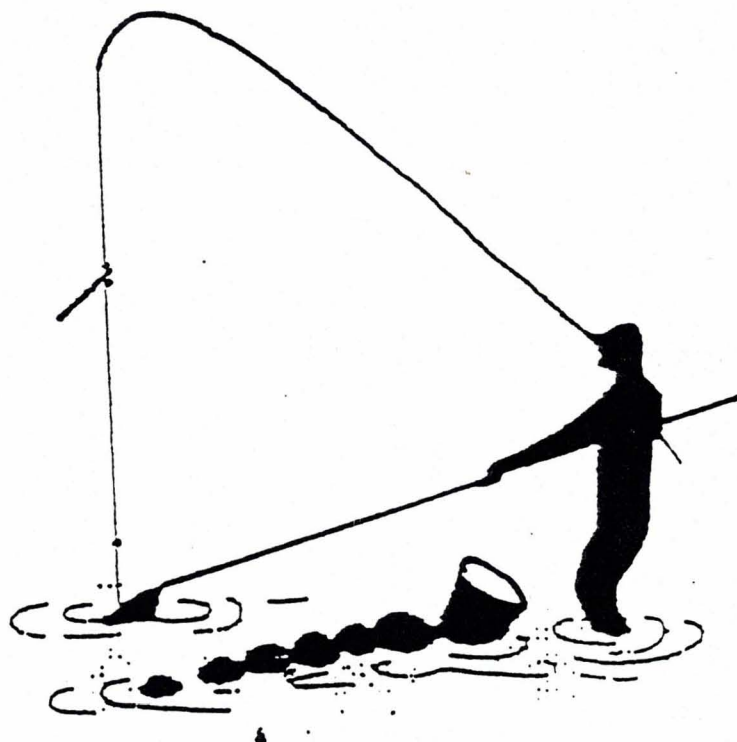


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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, what a year so far and hopefully things will continue in the same manner. You will have to excuse me if I over indulge in a bit of patting on the back for the club but I think it's required:

Year to date moments:

- Maluga Passive Reserve for all the problems it may have caused amongst the locals was one of the better opening matches of the year.
- Receiving dispensation from fisheries re-rod, bag and size limits for matches.
- The Canberra trip, although not many fish were caught, not one complaint was received about Stuart's organisation of everything - the cost or the fishing. While on the subject of Canberra the committee is hoping to organise a national team championship properly organised with prize money etc, things are looking positive at the moment so watch this space for updates.
- The other positive thing to come out of the ACT trip is that of the formation of a Canberra Club, Dave Arnold is now in the process of getting names as a result of Brian Pratt's articles (see mag).
- The club is growing in size. We now have 31 members and it is in the best shape it's been as far as finance is concerned. On the down side if the club's numbers increase too much more, we will have to limit membership numbers or come up with other alternatives as some of our venues don't allow for more than 20-25 at a match.
- The first SAS event of the year produced a qualifying fish and possibly a second if Danny and I manage to test out his scales for a Carp of 9-1/2 lbs.
- While Yellow Fin Tackle have done the club proud over the years with coarse gear, their financial woes have stopped the supply. I have reluctantly been dealing with the City and Villawood stores of the Complete Angler and so far they have done the right thing even dropping their prices a little. We can now even get pole gear, combined with this Brian Pratt at the Tackle Box in Canberra is also now getting coarse gear as a result of our recent visit.
- The leisure day at Prospect Creek was absolutely fantastic (read the report) with two new records and at least 10 double figure carp.
- Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year so far was the look on Bob Waldo's face (he is from Victoria where fishing can sometimes be an excuse for a fight) when he fell victim to an S.C.A.C. scam. I must say at this point of the story that I don't know if I will get match reports from Stuart before this mag goes to press so if I double up, my apologies are extended.

The Scam

Bob, Bob Dimmack and Mike Williams travelled from Victoria to fish with us in Canberra. Now you have to remember that they are used to bun fights, sh*t fights and every other kind of fight that is associated with the running of Coarse Angling in Victoria. On the Saturday, Bob 'W' had made the comment that he was amazed how well all the S.C.A.C. people got on within ear shot of I think Howard. I'm not sure if it was Howard but someone came up with the idea of, if any, S.C.A.C. member drew an end peg for the match that they should give it to another member and say something like "hear you have the end peg as I've already had one this year". Would you believe it I was first in and drew end peg and in front of Bob loudly gave the peg to Howard who accepted it graciously. In a split second, Bob got the soap box out puffed up his chest and proclaimed that "you can't do that" moth agape and a red mist in the eyes. My response was simple, given that I was president that Bob would just have to get used to the way we do things in the S.C.A.C. By now a few grins and giggles were emanating from those who were in on the scam and all was revealed. Three things then happened, we all had a laugh. which is how it's supposed to be, Bob of all people drew the other end peg and the fish did not bite as well as Bob.

Regards,



Steve

BANKSTOWN TORCH
NEWSPAPER
AUGUST 10 1994.

Letters

Fishing for an answer

Maluga Reserve, Sef-ton, has numerous signs stating 'no fishing — penalty \$500!'

One presumes that this is a motion agreed upon, and passed, by the members of Bankstown City Council.

Maluga Reserve is a passive park with two large ponds containing ducks, water fowls and normally hundreds of 40cm carp, etc.

To find such a park in the heart of suburbia is most unusual and it gives much joy to the children who visit with their parents to feed the ducks and fish.

About seven weeks ago, a Sydney-based fishing club (not from this area) staged a contest in these ponds and, when asked, stated they had had 'council permission' to do so.

A sign displayed by that club stated that all fish were caught, tagged and returned.

Since that time, however, very few, if any, fish have been sighted by anybody.

On Sunday, July 24, a second fishing contest was held at the same place by the same club; again stating that they had 'council permission' to do so.

Few fish seemed to

be biting, as it appears doubtful whether any still exist in this environment.

Could council please advise whether the 'no fishing' signs displayed in this reserve actually mean no fishing, or whether they, in fact, have some other meaning that is not entirely clear.

If they do mean no fishing, as they state, why then has a fishing club been allowed to hold two contests in these presumably protected waters, and why has nobody seen one fish in these water since?

A. F. DUNNE.
Birrongo.

Torch 31st Aug 1994

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Letters

Coarse fishing response

As president of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club and a resident of the Bankstown City who uses Maluga Passive Reserve to entertain my children (both under four), I would like to provide the answers required by A. F. Dunne's letter (*Torch* 10/8).

The Sydney Coarse Angling Club is an incorporated and insured club which operates on a strict catch and release basis throughout the metropolitan region.

Our charter or objective is to promote catch and release (coarse) fishing, maintain or improve environmental status and, as a side issue, dispel the commonly held untrue belief that carp in NSW must be killed upon their capture.

Over the past few years our small club (some 30 members) has worked in conjunction with Bankstown City Council and

other metropolitan councils providing information on fish numbers, species, weight, pollution, weed growth, etc. and have undertaken clean ups of lakes (ie. removal of litter).

The information provides council with a much needed ecological profile of the lakes which enables council to properly manage this reserve.

The club's first visit to the reserve in February-March was a simple fact finding exercise with approximately 50 fish (20-80 cm in size) caught and released. Our second visit in July again was to provide information to council and double as a match fishing day.

During the second visit two of Australia's world championship team attended the match as practice for the September final in the UK. Combined with this an officer from the NSW Department of Fisheries attended

the venue to oversee the angling methods used.

On this occasion more than double the amount of fish were caught and released. Several persons, presumably residents, approached club members, mostly to enquire what we were doing, and were more than happy with the response.

To answer the question as to why the carp have not been seen since our last visit, I would suggest there are three reasons.

One — that the fish are preparing to breed; two — the lower water temperature in winter (both slow fish metabolism, ie active feeding); and three — that carp are recognised bottom feeding fish.

On a final note, I whole-heartedly agree with A. F. Dunne about Maluga Reserve's value to the community and would suggest that the passive sport of coarse fishing complements the

peaceful nature of this reserve.

S. M. SCOTT,
President SCAC,
Yagoona.

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Fish may die of shock

Thank you to A.
Dunne for the letter
"Fishing for an answer"
(Torch, August 10).

I am against any fishing
contests in any of Banks-
town's reserves, which
have "presumably pro-
tected waters".

Some time ago there
was a documentary on
net fishing. All the un-
wanted fish were thrown
back into the sea.

One spokesman com-
mented that the shock
of being caught in the
net and then roughly toss-
ed back into the water
might kill them.

If these fish also had

a hook in their mouths,
the trauma would in-
crease. Small birds can
die of shock, too, so
this may be the answer
to the disappearing fish.

It doesn't take much
to upset the delicate eco-
system.

FRANCES
McDERMOTT,
Birrong.

Coarse fishing a fine art

By ALBERT MARTINEZ

IN ENGLAND last century the aristocracy would game fish for salmon and trout while the plebeians were restricted to catching "coarse" fish like carp and roach.

Over time the two recreational activities evolved into the codified sports of fly fishing and angling.

Coarse angling, where anglers are assigned a marker and allowed to fish for up to five hours before their catch is weighed and judged, is hugely popular across Europe.

Next month the 41st Freshwater Angling World Championships will be held in England.

The Australian Federation of Coarse Anglers is sending a six-man team to Nottinghamshire which includes Rosemeadow angler Peter Shire.

Shire, 30, earned his spot on the team following his fifth place in his first national championships at the Sugarloaf Reservoir in Victoria last February.

The honour of representing Australia will cost him \$10,000 but the warehouse manager has no regrets.

"In most people's lives there is a passion and mine just happens to be angling," Shire said.

"I've got the opportunity to represent my country at the top of my sport and that's something you only ever dream about."

Shire, a member of the Sydney Coarse Angling Club, said he got hooked on fishing growing up in England where there are an estimated eight million anglers taking to the waterways each week.

Not surprisingly he believes the Englishmen will be the ones to beat on "home water".

"There's a lot of skill involved in drawing the fish to your peg and having the right set up to catch them. Just because you've got fish in front of you doesn't mean you will catch them," he said.

The world championships are a team event and the five-man Aussie team is ranked as a 50/1 outside chance to win against the "big fish" of international angling like England, Italy and Germany.



ROSEMEADOW'S Peter Shire is hooked on fishing and is off to the 41st Freshwater Angling World Championships next month

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Hello mate,

Firstly I must congratulate you on a sterling effort regarding the world championships. By now you will have more than likely got all the ins and outs from Peter on how they treated him and the things that have gone on and I'm just as sure you are as disgusted with all concerned as I am. Its a shame that the illegal angler still managed to take part and that alone shows that the new federation is starting off toothless. I know they did their best but the results speak for themselves. Ken Moorm should have fished himself and kept Groom out of the play. Still, I hope the new federation is a bit better than the last, sooner or later something will work out.

I'm glad that I ended up taking a look at the competition, all that hype about how hard and glamorous it all is failed to shine in my eyes. There were quite a few people there but you could divide them up into smaller groups that crowded around the known rods so to speak. Most of the other anglers might have been fishing a Sunday at the pound with no one really taking any notice of them and with decent pegging the only pressure I could see would be in the minds of the anglers themselves. Mind you, that is probably a hell of a lot. I guess you could say that justice was served with Ken's mate blanking on both days, on day one, plenty of fish were caught all around him in one of the best sections for three anglers each side of him. I cast my binoculars at him every time I heard a cheer from that direction and every time I looked, there he was doing nothing but looking cool holding a long pole, a disastrous result for Ken. He managed to draw in another good section on day two and blanked again so you could say that Ken ensured that Australia started off with 50 points, bit of a handicap that eh?

I haven't heard from Pete since his return but I hope he managed to salvage something out of the shit and get his Barbel and Chub from the Kennet.

Things have slowed down for us a bit over here, we made the mistake of spending all of our money on the house and furnishings leaving ourselves with just the dole to live on which is just about enough to live on but not enough to LIVE on so work is on the cards, for Jan that is. We are in a strange situation that leaves us having to get Jan a job before I can consider getting one as well, don't ask why, its a long story and after typing the report on the world championships my fingers are getting tired

The fishing is still going well and I have yet to record a blank but that could change shortly with my target fish getting bigger, Ill let you know how I get on.

Well, thats all for now, how about sending me a copy of the mag? I've been looking forward to seeing one for months, here's hoping you find the nerve to print the report,

CHEERS



THE 1994 WORLD COARSE ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the past four years, I have found myself in the position to interview various anglers that have taken part in a world championship and each year I have listened to many stories, some funny, some sad and some that are damned annoying. Each year, the story tellers have insisted that their stories don't get into the magazine for fear of upsetting someone or other and each year I have respected their wishes.

This year has run true to form and for once, I find myself able to at least commit the story to paper but whether or not you get to read it will not be my decision.

This years event started early for me since I showed an interest in taking part myself. On offer to the Federation was that as a team member, I would have virtually lived on the venue, gaining as much information on tackle and techniques as possible whilst being in the position to do most of the leg work that would be required from what is now my side of the globe. If a position on the team was not available to me, I also offered my services and those of friends to cover the Australian teams efforts with camera and videos as well as providing runners and cb radios. In return, all I wanted was a press pass to enable me to get right into things.

Time and time again, I was passed over for a team place which although disappointing was not totally unexpected and a press pass was not on offer. Having dealt with various federations over the past few years, none of this came as a surprise but when our very own Peter Shire made the team, I knew that Melbourne was getting desperate. (At this stage, I had better explain that this is in no way a comment on Petes angling abilities, more on my feelings that if there had been ANYONE in Melbourne who was prepared to go, no one from Sydney would get a chance) To my way of thinking, Peter had shown that he was prepared to meet the tremendous cost of the competition which at the time of his acceptance enabled the federation to actually field a team of anglers. With only a team of five and the managers position being an agreed non fishing position, this guaranteed Pete a two day fishing event.

Later on in the scheme of things, Revis Stanly, (A Melbourne angler who had earlier been unable to fish, due to personal reasons) found his situation changed and offered his services to be accepted. Now a team of six, someone was only going to fish for one day or possibly not at all. This must have been a bit of a worry to the rest of the team that previously had been assured two days and when you consider the enormous cost to each angler, can be well understood.

Stuart came to the rescue!, Stuart had ensured that he had a place by being one of what I think was only two anglers that met the federations initial criteria but at one stage in the proceedings, even that place was put in doubt when more anglers showed an interest than were prepared to commit themselves in the beginning. At one stage a letter was sent by one angler with the essence being a childish, "I'm not playing if they are playing! .

Plans to overturn the original criteria and replace it with a late competition were quashed and when either luckily or unluckily, (only Stuart knows which) Stuart found himself a job that wouldn't allow him to attend, the team was again reduced to five members and I guess everyone would have felt happy that once again, they were assured a place for both days.

The proverbial smelly stuff hit that rotating wind maker not long before anglers were due to travel with the fact that the joker had not been removed from the pack before the cards were dealt and that joker came down face up. A friend of the manager who in no way shape or form could be entitled to fish for Australia was brought into play and used as a wild card. Objections were raised and the problem was thought to have been sorted out but we all know the nature of a wild card, don't we?.

The next act is played in England. The anglers arrive and get down to some serious practice sessions. The press said that only one team was brave enough to practice with the pole at sixteen metres in such heavy wind and that team was an European team. Wrong!, Our boys were brave enough to do likewise, well, they were either brave enough or they were ordered to be

brave, either way, the result was four broken very expensive poles and a lost set of top sections. The wild card was played and our angler Pete and another angler were being given guarantees that they could be assured of one days fishing.

This kind of promise has precedent in the Australians part in previous world championships. Not too long ago, an angler from Melbourne payed out all that money and made the commitment to travel as reserve under the promise that if the team that fished the first day finished that day in a position worse than twelfth place, the reserve would automatically be selected to fish the second day. What happened?, After the first day, the team was lying thirteenth and the manager,(same one) decided that that was close enough and the reserve angler didn't get a look in.

Whichever of the two anglers that were obviously being looked upon as the two worst anglers in the side were not selected for the first day would have an awful dilemma to contemplate. From the situation of being assured two days fishing, it had been reduced to a single day and then the thought that if the team should do extremely well on day one, would the manager drop one of the successful anglers to allow the sixth angler a go?. The pressure on those two anglers must have been tremendous.

A four day break from practising was taken to allow a boating competition to take place and Peter took a train to Grimsby and spent his break with Janet and myself and his stories of the competition so far were extremely unpleasant but as I have said before, came as no great surprise to me. We tried to make his stay with us as pleasant as possible and whilst we took him fishing to various local venues with no pressure whatsoever to interfere with his enjoyment, our clubs committee was working hard to sort out the problems from 12,000 miles away.

The result of what I'm sure was a tremendous effort from Steve and his committee was the destruction of the federation and the rebirth of a new "incorporated" federation,(though I'm equally sure that to pull an "Incorporated Federation out of the hat at such short notice, a coup must have been on the cards for some time) and a definite "no messing" commitment to assure all the original members of the team, two days fishing.

This information reached me just scant hours too late. Pete had returned to Nottingham the evening before I took a call from Steve the following morning informing me of the state of things and I contacted Pete at his hotel to let him know what was going on. Unfortunately, he had already decided to pull out of the team and since the darker side of the force had informed the manager of what was going on, his resignation from the team was swiftly gained from him in writing. However, things were not quite lost yet. Pete, armed with the information went back to the venue to let the manager know what was going on and that since his "wild card" was not going to be allowed to take part, Pete again offered his services. Apparently, his services were not required and instead of the manager possibly "legally" filling the empty place himself, the wild card was played on both days and managed to blank both days. (could anyone else in Australia have done worse?)

With Pete out of the picture, my interest in the world championships was nil but as circumstances unfolded, I found myself there. My fishing mate and myself had decided to fish what for us was a new water at a place called Newark but on the day, I didn't feel up to it and he went alone. When I woke up properly, I decided to at least pay him a visit and take a video of the massive carp he intended to catch. As we got closer to Newark, I noticed that Holme Pierrepont was only a few miles away and we could just get there in time for the start, so we decided to take a look.

We arrived to find that we had to park on the opposite side of the rowing course to the anglers and since we didn't intend staying too long, we avoided the long walk round and found ourselves a little concrete platform opposite Dennis White who I thought was Kevin Ashurst. The anglers had just started to ball in the feed when we took up our possie and I decided to stick the video camera on the English angler so that I could watch his performance close up on the TV later and find out just how they had planned to fish. From my vantage point and with binoculars, I

could keep track of how the section was going whilst also being able to see the wild card Nigel Groom and Paul Walker from Australia.

As a spectator, the sport was somewhat akin to watching paint dry and since the fishing was generally poor I had more than enough time to study the field.

What few fish were caught were not missed by the spectators and each fish brought at best a loud cheer and at worst sporadic clapping so it was easy to see who was doing well and who wasn't. Dennis White was doing quite well but after an hour had passed it was obvious that he was behind a couple of other competitors, not on the number of fish but on quality. I was extremely surprised to see that he missed many bites. His big disappointment of the day definitely cost him second place in his section with a larger than average bream giving him a bit of a problem until it rolled on the surface to teasingly show everyone that was looking its size before shedding the hook. Compared to all but a few anglers that I watched, his work rate was tremendous and surprise surprise sliding waggler was the key to his success. He hardly touched a pole, just checking every now and again to see if fish had come in onto the originally fed line. It was also interesting to see how the float rod appeared to be like a contagious disease as first one angler on one side of him abandoned his teams hard practised plans to follow suit and then the angler on the other side did likewise. Like a plague, the Englishmans successful method was copied and as soon as around eight to ten anglers were solidly on the waggler, he changed to the pole and caught a fish straight away, then another and the poles started to replace waggler rods around him. This seemed to be a signal to go back on the waggler and continue as before and I definitely got the feeling that he was leading the other anglers a merry old dance.

By the final whistle, I was more than ready to get on my way to the A1 pits at Newark to see my mate and the rest of this article really comes from results.

There have been many whinges surrounding this venue for quite a long time but such is match fishing. We all know from experience that waters that hold plentiful stocks of fish that are more than willing to give themselves up during practice or leisure days can refuse to produce on the day of a match and this place was no exception. I know from experience that there are plenty of fish in this water, I saw them, Armed only with a couple of jam butties I managed to attract shoals of Roach and Perch quite close in and had large bream rolling in numbers on the waggler line with the odd "biggie" jumping clear out of the water. I had nothing to do with the bream rolling, they were showing on my side of the water in quite a few places but then, there were not thousands of people behind me tramping up and down and cheering and clapping every time a fish was caught. This has to be the reason for the poor fishing. If you look at the results in sections you can see that sections c and d were almost devoid of fish. Is it just coincidence that these two sections straddled the main area where the refreshments were available and the densest crowds could be seen? I reckon that this is the shape of things to come and has been for a few years now, as the competition gets bigger and attracts more spectators, so will the fishing get worse, but having said that, its the same for everyone and the best still seem to shine, year in and year out.

At the end of day two, England had managed to win both team and individual with Bob Nudd again being victorious with France and Italy taking second and third. Australia had managed to take 23rd out of 29 teams.

Individual results for both the Australian and English teams are as follows with the two anglers weights on either side included.

DAY ONE

SECTION A

1.09kg..0.24kg, (Nigel Groom blank 30pts) 1.04kg, 0.64kg AUS
0.09kg..0.14kg, (Kim Milsom 1.47kg 4pts) 1.96kg, 0.16kg UK

SECTION B

0.56kg..0.29kg, (Paul Walker 0.11kg 22pts) blank, 0.15kg AUS
0.30kg..0.47kg, (Dennis White 1.17kg 6pts) 0.09kg, blank UK

SECTION C

blank blank, (Revis Stanly blank 30pts) 0.37kg, blank AUS
 0.20, blank, (Alan Scothorn blank 30pts) 0.11kg, 0.03kg UK

SECTION D

blank..0.19kg, (Tony Flemming blank 30pts) blank 0.33kg AUS
 blank..blank, (Bob Nudd 0.56kg 1pt) 0.21kg, blank UK

SECTION E

1.66kg, 1.31kg, (Dave Wesson, 2.34kg 2pts) 2.26kg, 3.29kg AUS
 1.49kg, blank, (Steve Gardener, 1.09kg 12pts) 1.67kg, blank UK

DAY TWO

SECTION A

blank, 1.41kg, (Dave Wesson, 0.11kg 23pts) 0.15kg, 0.68kg AUS
 0.51kg, blank, (Denis White, 2.70kg 1pt) 2.21kg, 0.33kg UK

SECTION B

0.31kg, 0.13kg (Tony Flemming, 0.42kg 5pts) blank, 0.66kg AUS
 0.40kg, 0.26kg, (Alan Scothorn, 0.61kg 3pts) 0.89kg, blank UK

SECTION C

blank, blank, (Revis Stanly, blank 30pts) blank blank, AUS
 blank, blank, (Bob Nudd, 0.88kg, 1pt) 0.41kg, blank UK

SECTION D

0.37kg, 0.13kg, (Paul Walker, blank 30pts) blank, blank, AUS
 blank, blank, (Steve Gardener, 0.13kg 4pts) blank, blank, UK

SECTION E

Blank, 0.31kg, (Nigel Groom, blank, 30pts) blank, blank, AUS
 blank, blank, (Kim Milsom, blank 30pts) 0.74kg, blank, UK

On day one, Australia drew peg 26 with Wales on 25 and Poland on 27
 England drew peg 18 with Holland on 17 and France on 19
 On day two, Australia drew peg 4 with Portugal on 3 and Slovenia on 5
 England drew peg 18 again and had the Channel isles on 17 and Italy on 19.

Thats it then, For myself, I feel extremely lucky that for various reasons, I wasn't involved and although I really feel that its a shame that Pete didn't realise his dreams, I can well understand him wanting to get away from what was going on. Like I said before, I don't know if this will be put in the too sensitive to print bin or not but if it is, I understand that as well but feel that maybe it is about time that our members knew the possibilities of what they are letting themselves in for when they get involved with the Victorian political puppeteers.

Having said that, I mean no ill feeling to the new Federation but still feel that they must earn our clubs support and trust to become what will truly be an "AUSTRALIAN" Federation of Coarse Anglers.

Whealers Lake Match Results 21/8/94

	Position	Peg	Weight	Points
1.	Danny Brown	3	7.10.8	10
2.	Doug Richardson	10	7.3.8	9
3.	Mark Triston	12	5.9.0	8
4.	Andy Hicks	1	2.12.8	7
5.	Barry Edmonson	4	1.7.8	6
6.	Steve Scott	2	1.2.0	5

Stuart Deans	5	-	-
Ralph Czichon	6	-	-
Roy Atwood	7	-	-
John Draper	8	-	-
John Dockerty	9	-	-
Roy Atwood	11	-	-

P.S. The peg numbers for this match may not be correct, all weights and points are.

Progressive Match Table 21/8/94

	Name	Weight	Points	Matches
1.	Danny Brown	44.9.12	18	2
2.	Mark Triston	85.9.12	17	2
3.	Steve Scott	15.7.4	11	2
4.	Ralph Czichon	95.1.8	10	2
5.	Doug Richardson	7.3.8	9	1
6.	Barry Edmonson	10.1.8	9	2
7.	John Draper	17.11.00	7	2
8.	Andy Hicks	2.12.08	7	1
9.	Pete Shire	12.1.0	5	1
10.	Stuart Deans	11.15.08	4	2
11.	John Dock	6.1.4	2	2
12.	Roy Atwood	3.3.00	1	2
13.	Howard Hill	0.13.8	1	2
14.	Richard Crake	-	-	1

A.C.T. Match Results - Lake Burleigh Griffin 25/9/94

	Position	Peg	Weight	Points
1.	Richard Crake	5	7.10.08	10
2.	David Arnold Jr (Visitor)	17	5.8.08	-
3.	Ralph Czichon	11	3.9.00	9
4.	Mark Triston	8	3.7.00	8
5.	Steve Scott	19	3.2.00	7

	Bob Waldock (Visitor)	1	-	-
	Howard Hill	2	-	-
	Peter Shire	3	-	-
	John Dockerty	4	-	-
	John Draper	6	-	-
	Andy Hicks	7	-	-
	Barry Edmonson	9	-	-
	Tony ? (Visitor)	10	-	-
	David Arnold	12	-	-
	Andre ? (Visitor)	13	-	-
	Stuart Deans	14	-	-
	Bob Dimmack (Visitor)	15	-	-
	Danny Brown	16	-	-
	Mike Williams (Visitor)	18	-	-

Progressive Match Table 25/9/94

	Name	Weight	Points	Matches
1.	Mark Triston	89.00.12	25	3
2.	Ralph Czichon	98.10.08	19	3
3.	Danny Brown	44.9.12	18	3
4.	Steve Scott	17.9.4	18	3
5.	Richard Crake	7.10.8	10	2
6.	Barry Edmonson	10.1.8	9	3
7.	Doug Richardson	7.3.8	9	1
8.	John Draper	17.11.00	7	3
9.	Andy Hicks	2.12.0	7	2
10.	Pete Shire	12.1.0	5	2
11.	Stuart Deans	11.15.8	4	3
12.	John Dockerty	6.1.4	2	3
13.	Roy Atwood	3.3.0	1	2
14.	Howard Hill	0.13.8	1	3
15.	David Arnold	- - -	0	1

TUGGERANONG SPORT

Rain may break the trout drought

The 1994-95 Trout Season is underway again and anglers are out in force to see what is in their favourite stream.

Most have found low water but reasonable fish numbers and this pattern should persist until we either get rain or warm weather.

If it continues to rain the fish will be saved and we could have a good season.

If it doesn't the trout will suffer greatly.

Let's look on the bright side, however, and assume it is going to rain.

The big lakes also are still dropping, but fishing reasonably well.

Top baits are scrub worm, wood grubs and tiger worms.

Most of the fish killed were packed with fresh yabbies.

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It was great to see a host of visitors from Melbourne and Sydney join local Canberra anglers for a friendly coarse fishing match on Lake Burley Griffin last week.

This is the first time we have had the opportunity of watching coarse fishing experts in action and their range of tackle and fishing skills was most impressive.

For those who may not be aware of it, "coarse" fish in England are fish such as carp, roach, dace, tench, chub, pike, zander, bream, barbel and rudd fished for with

bait and lures as distinct from "game" fish such as trout, salmon and grayling which are sought after with fly or lure.

All fish taken during a coarse fishing match are treated with great care and respect, being placed gently in a keeper net until the end of the match then weighed and returned to the water.

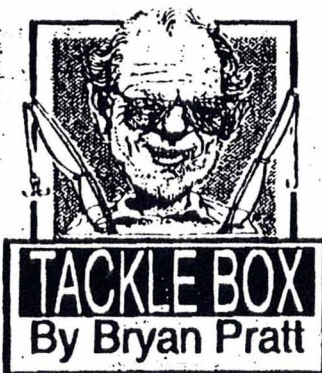
This applies to all fish, including species such as redfin and European carp which many anglers regard as a pest species.

The anglers warmed up with a practice session on Lake Ginninderra, which was largely unproductive because of the inclement weather, falling barometer and high winds, then in Nerang Pool in the middle of the Commonwealth Park Floriade.

Visitors to Floriade were treated to an interesting spectacle as the coarse anglers winkled out some remarkable carp catches, with several anglers passing the 50kg mark.

A new slant, perhaps, on catching feral fish amongst the feral daffodils, jonquils and other heathen plants so despised by my colleague, Ian Warden.

The match itself was fished at East Basin, along 20 pegs and it was an absolute grueler. The fish were reluctant to come into shallow water despite prolonged groundbaiting and offerings of maggots, scrub



worms, tiger worms and small yabbies.

Nevertheless, it was an interesting exploration of the lake by locals and visitors and sets the stage for a bigger and better return visit and perhaps a more public display now that they know the lake a little better.

If you are interested in learning more about, or participating in, this interesting form of fishing, contact local angler David Arnold on 281 5344 (w) or 231 2372 (h).

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Offshore fishing along the south coast has been quiet presumably because of the cold currents pouring through the area reducing water temperature to only 14.8°C at Montague Island the same out over the Continental Shelf.

Consequently there was little sign of the kingfish or albacore we had hoped would be in the area.

The best anglers can hope for at the moment is a few snapper, morwong and flathead with just a few striped tuna and this will persist until the water warms up.

On the other hand, if you like barracouta, then this is your big chance to fill the freezer.

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Beach fishing was mostly poor with just a few salmon at Handkerchief Beach near Narooma and at Durras.

Anglers were aghast to find the nettlers at work at Kianga, just north of Narooma, where they took out three semi-trailers loaded with salmon and at Turross where they took at least one semi-trailer load.

They were upset firstly at the numbers of fish taken, in an area where they then fished five anglers for two days for one fish, and secondly by the fact that the fish were destined for cat food and realised a pathetic 60c per kilo.

If we are going to take huge amounts of fish out like this at least let us put it to good human use instead of feeding it to a horde of bird-killing moggies.

And yes, before you write me a rude letter about cats, I do know that your cat specifically does not

kill native birds. It is the only cat in the world which does not do this. And so Porkus Piggus might fly.

Estuary fishing was the brightest prospect along the coast, with some good flathead on poddy mullet at Narooma and Conjola and some nice bream on abalone gut in Corruna.

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Anglers will be saddened to hear of the death after a prolonged illness of our long-term friend and fishing companion Jan (John) Brickus.

John was a lovely fellow who loved life and lived for his family and fishing.

He ran his own tackle shop in Wollongong St, Fyshwick for many years and after he retired from there remained active in the fly fishing world in the Snowy Mountains and Canberra.

Many new fly anglers will remember that it was John who taught them to cast and drilled into them their first stern lessons of streamcraft.

We will miss John and his strong philosophies on life and his endless love of classical music, his passion for the outdoors and his devotion to his family.

Our condolences to his wife Mirjana and sons Martin, Daniel and Benjamin.

S.C.A.C. Liesure Comp.

(Penned by Richard)

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OCTOBER

Competition hots up ?

The prize of a Silstar Matchpicker ledger rod has certainly helped improve Leisure day attendances. With the first three events being very well attended the species lists do not quite reflect this position. Richard is storming ahead sure that is will win that rod and make up for last season. Pete "the pole" shire is hot on his heels and determined not to be reminded of his Canberra results. Steve "I'll catch that bastard" Scott has still not recovered from his first fish a splendid 3lb tailor. There are no major new species in the leaders catch list so the competition remains wide open. Don't forget it is the first person to amass ten species who takes the prize rod.

The league table is as follows

R. Crake	5	Bully Mullet Longfin eel Common Carp Gold Fish / Redfin
P. Shire	3	Longfin Eel / Goldfish Bully Mullet
D. Brown	2	Bully Mullet Common Carp
Howard	2	Longfin eel Common Carp
S.Deans	2	Bass / Common Carp
S. Scott	1	Tailor
J.Dockerty	1	Common Carp
M. Triston	1	Common Carp

Come on team our next new venue at Prospect Creek should provide us all with an opportunity to increase our species list.



Mirrabeena Report

Its was still dark when I arrived at the lake looking forward to a day of stalking the Koi, bashing



the Bass, and enticing the Catfish. It was strange that the walk to the water was longer than expected, and as light came all was revealed. The lake was only half full!!! Not deterred by this the equipment was set up and action commenced, or lack of it. It wasn't until a couple of hours

later when Stuart "The committee" Deans broke the silence with a good sized Bass. A good species for the list. Pete had packed all his gear for the world championship and so had to borrow a rod and gear from his mates. His set up all this old second hand gear borrowed from the depths of our tackle boxes, and had his best catch of the season: a Goldfish and a Mullet. Don't worry Pete you can buy some more tackle in the UK. The rest of the day was hard fishing and it wasn't until just before the close of play that I hit into firstly a small Longfin Eel, followed by a nice Common Carp of about 5lbs. Danny joined the action with a Carp, just before I left overall a quiet day.

Canberra Report

The expectations were high when I arrived at the holiday park late on Friday night. We all discussed the tactics for the next days events, the Cod, the Trout, and the Yellow Belly. Sunrise soon came around and the team started to prepare vast quantities of bait for the heavy bagging up sessions which we were about to experience. It was almost 9am when we arrived on the windswept waters of lake Jinnanderra. Pete with another complete new set of equipment, Steve and myself decided to fish close to the Dam in deep water in search of that elusive cod. The rest of the team were spread around other parts of the lake. After five biteless hours we had only used 2 scrub worms 3 Yabbies and 4 maggots between the three of us!!! Richard and Steve then decided to do a Chris Yates and test out the dam overspill pool, a small pond of about 25ft diameter. To our amazement second cast Richard hit into a good sized Goldfish, and Steve lost two fish in quick succession. Pete then joined us around this twenty five foot duck pond, and despite all our efforts we could only register one Redfin for two hours of effort. Elsewhere the results were the same with most people packing up with dry nets!!! As we all helped Pete pack his tackle into his lorry the girls arrived with the beer to drown our sorrows

Steve
"I'll catch that
bastard" Scott
Pre-baiting his
swim for the next
showdown.

SAS 17/9/94 Pound Steve Scott

Upon arrival of Pete from the UK and my new pole, a hastily organised do was put on at the pound and turned into an SAS event with a quick call to the Doc. On the day, Danny, Doug, Pete, myself, Danny's friend and a potential new member Peter Pool (John Drapers double) turned up. I arrived about 6.30 a.m. almost immediately followed by Pete Pool who being a real Aussie seemed to aghast at the amount of gear I had and somewhat perplexed as to how a pole worked. I explained that he was not the only one perplexed as to how to use a 12 metre pole as I had only used it once. His fears were somewhat allayed when I informed him that you don't need all the gear. Well, at least not much of it anyway.

First cast 1.3 gm pole float what type I don't know, double one month old maggot size 16 hook 1.80lb bottom and no. 10 elastic. The float dippes, a gentle lift of the pole and then all hell broke lose. It took the length of time to land the fish as it took Pete Shire to walk the hundred yards from the walkway bridge to my position. Due to my ineptitude with upshipping the pole, Pete landed the 7 lbs 5oz carp for me. I found it difficult to believe that a fish that size could be landed in about 3 minutes.

Doug and Danny arrived, Pete chopped another inch of my pole to allow the better movement of the elastic. Pete showed off his new Boss box and we all set up in each other's swims as usual.

I was the only one on the day who had maggots and managed a bass of about 1-1/2 lbs and I think Danny had a couple of small carp. Pete and Doug were fishless when I managed our first SAS qualifying fish a bass of 2 lb 3oz or 63% followed by another of 2 lb. The pole handled the bass with ease although because of the nature of the bass and their hard mouths, I managed to launch my pole float several times when the hook let go.

At about 11.30, I left the pound thoroughly enchanted with my new pole and although everyone else was still fishing when I left, I had no news of monsters and presume no other specimen fish were taken.

A thoroughly good morning!

catch o' the day

with Steve Starling and
David Lockwood

Bass Australia

by Steve Starling

This year's Sydney Fishing Tackle Show, which was staged at Penrith Panthers' Club last month, saw the official launch of a very exciting new fishing and conservation organisation called the Bass Australia Foundation.

The Australian bass is a favourite species with thousands of anglers, particularly in the Sydney region. This great sporting fish lives in both brackish and fresh water, strikes lures and flies avidly and — despite its small average size (under a kilo), it fights harder than most other freshwater species. The Hawkesbury Nepean system — on Sydney's doorstep — has always been one of its strongholds.

Sadly, decades of habitat destruction and stream alteration (particularly the construction of dams and weirs), combined with pollution, acid soil run-off and over-fishing have decimated bass stocks throughout most of the species' former geographic range, including the Hawkesbury. Bass are now entirely extinct in some river systems, and only present in small numbers in many others.

Way back in 1974, fisheries biologist, Cheryl Chamberlain, discovered the secret of breeding bass in captivity and hatching their eggs. The NSW Fisheries department ran with Cheryl's program for a time, but lack of funding and resources severely hampered her progress. The greatest stumbling block involved the rearing of bass fry beyond their tiny, immature post-larval stage to a size suitable for liberation.



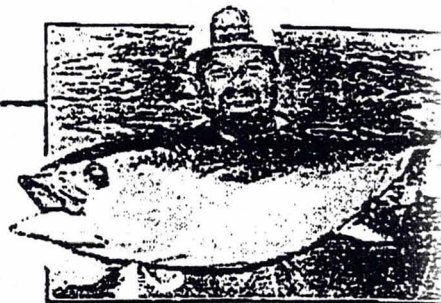
Eventually, Cheryl and her partner, fellow bass biologist Tony Cox, left the Fisheries Department to set up their own bass hatchery at Lower Mangrove, on the Hawkesbury River system just north of Sydney.

Working with practically no outside help or funding, Cheryl and Tony eventually perfected the hatching and rearing of bass in captivity — to the point where they are now capable of producing hundreds of thousands of healthy little bass every year.

Clearly, what was now needed was the support and funding to expand their facilities at Lower Mangrove and begin re-stocking some of the waterways denuded of wild bass populations, as well as the many new impoundments, lakes and reservoirs formed by the damming of existing rivers ... and that is where the Bass Australia Foundation came in.

early days at the moment, but already the Foundation has just about everyone on side, and is beginning to raise funds through the sale of Bass Australia merchandise at many tackle shops and other outlets throughout the Sydney region and beyond.

If you see any of this great merchandise (hats, pins, belt buckles, T-shirts, etc.) when you're next shopping for fishing gear, please dig deep. In fact, every dollar raised will



Actively supported by the Australian Fishing Tackle Association (AFTA) and most of this country's major fishing gear manufacturers and importers, this new Foundation aims to promote bass fishing, bass breeding and bass stocking throughout Australia.

As many readers will know, the largemouth and smallmouth bass of North America form the very backbone of that continent's freshwater fishery and support a multi-billion dollar recreational industry. There appears to be absolutely no reason why the Australian bass cannot fill the same niche here. This fish thrives in warmer lakes and dams (although it will not breed in these waters), and provides an exceptionally good return to recreational anglers; in terms of both sport and table fare. It will also do well once again in many of our coastal rivers, if only governments and developers can be forced to clean up the aquatic environment and safeguard its future integrity. Bass Australia is pushing for exactly these things.

I believe that the Bass Australia Foundation is an extremely worthwhile organisation that will ultimately change the face of freshwater fishing in this country. It's still in its

what a pity
this wasn't looking
to bad until now



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ultimately result in around three more hard fighting Aussie bass swimming somewhere in the lakes, dams or rivers of this country!

If you'd like to find out more about the Bass Australia Foundation, obtain a catalogue of their merchandise, or offer your help and support in any way, please call either Cheryl Chamberlain or Tony Cox on (043) 771-101 ... the bass of Australia will be glad you did!

FOR THE RECORD

The leisure day at Prospect Creek started one week early for me after talking to the staff at the complete angler and deciding to check out the supposedly red hot venue. At first glance, I thought the place was a fast flowing open sewer at the end of Wattle Street Carramar. However undaunted, I had a look further upstream and found a large stretch of overgrown bank and at one area, there was at least 250lb of common and koi carp sunning themselves in shallow water. After a quick word with Richard, the venue was changed to the Wattle Street venue. Throughout Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I was puzzled as to why the venue was so fast flowing when we have had no rain, the answer I discovered by a quick visit on Thursday was that the place is tidal and has a range of about 5 feet.

On the day I got there about 6 a.m. with expectations of a salt and freshwater bash given the tidal nature of the venue. Howard and the Doc were already set up with not much happening. I set up with an optonic and waggler on a nice peg only to find that it submerged as the day progressed. Howard was the first in with a nice Bream followed by the Doc reluctantly catching a long fin eel. I managed a small long fin then a freshwater mullet followed quickly by a bream. Howard in the meantime had fed about 3 foot out with strawberry flavoured bird mix and had carp feeding all over his swim. He managed to foul hook a 5-6lb common following which a committee meeting was held and I could not tell you who caught what for about 1/2 an hour.

Everyone had turned up during the meeting including two of Danny's mates who paid their fees and filled out their forms. Apparently, Howard had been bashing out big carp without much fuss. I think it was about 11.00 a.m., the tide was well on the way in when they cry went up for some decent scales. I produced the club scales and walked the bank to where the crowd had gathered. I was amazed to see a huge carp on the bank which pulled the scales round to 19lbs 8oz - a new record to Paul, our new member, believe it or not our other new member managed a 12lbs koi another new record (so much for long membership).

Back at John Drapers swim and mine, we both had discovered that the method was to fish a waggler well over depth with the float held back by the line to the rod tip. My first carp of the day was 12lbs 8oz but amazingly, it was to be out done by the next two both over 15lbs. My wrists arm and back were severely tested by these fish as were John Drapers by his fish. I can't really say much more about the day except to say that Danny's pole was severely tested as after my last carp, the day was a real spin out.

The following is a list of doubles that I managed to write down (I know there were more) followed by the updated species lists.

Paul Cosgrove	Common Carp	19lbs 8oz	Record
Howard Hill	Common Carp	14 lbs	
Darren Cox	Koi Carp	12lbs	Record
Steve Scott	Common Carp	12lbs 8oz, 15lbs 4oz, 15lbs 12oz	
John Draper	Common Carp	11lbs 8oz, 12lbs 6oz, 13lbs 8oz	
	Koi Carp	10lbs 10oz	

(at least 10 doubles in one day - UNBELIEVABLE!)

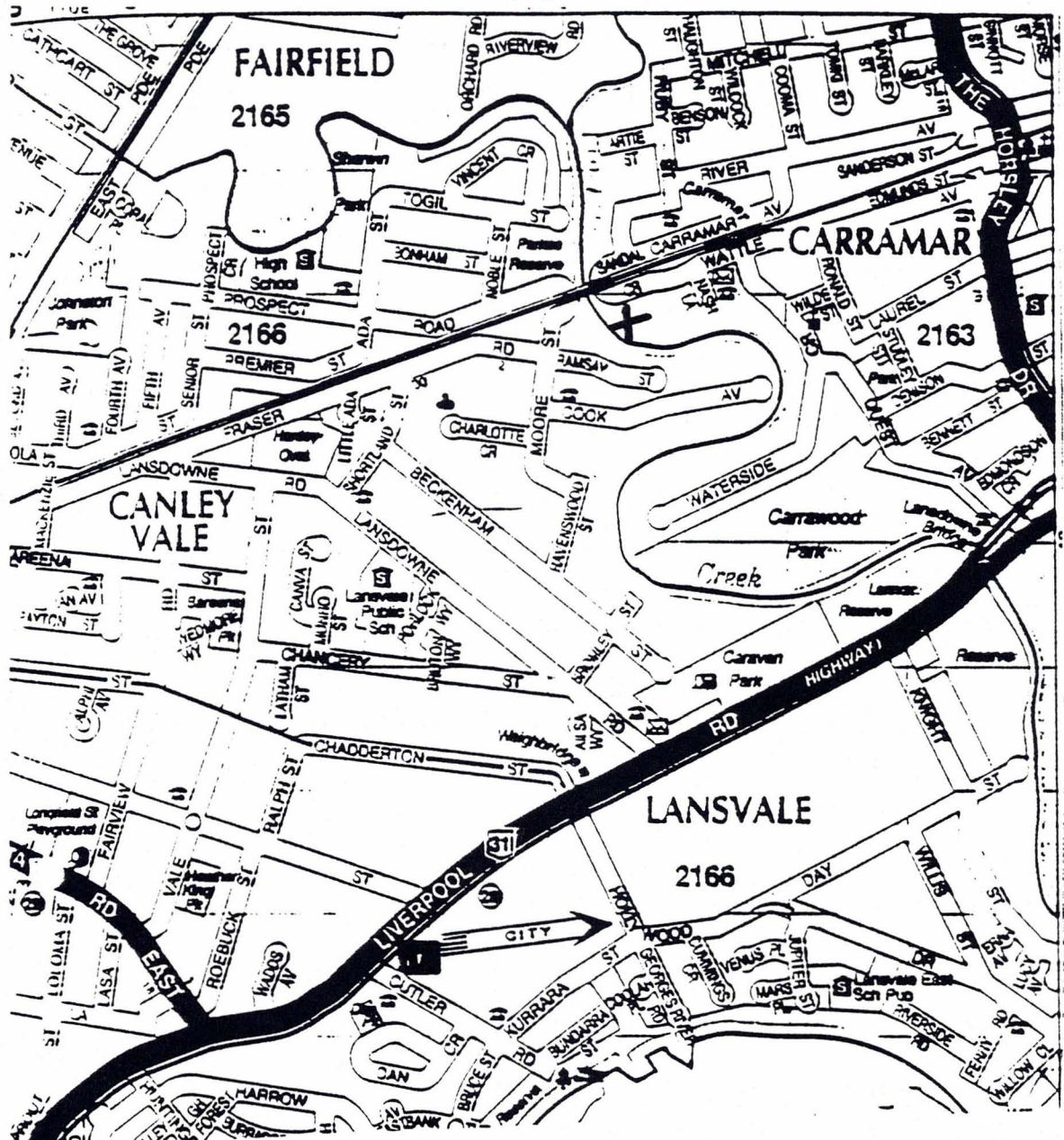
Species List

Steve Scott	(6)	Tailor, Bream, LF Eel, Freshwater Mullet, Common Carp, Bully Mullet
Richard Crake	(5)	Bully Mullet, Common Carp, LF Eel, Red Fin, Goldfish
Danny Brown	(4)	Bully Mullet, Common Carp, Freshwater Mullet, Bream
Pete Shire	(4)	Bully Mullet, LF Eel, Goldfish, Freshwater Mullet
Howard Hill	(4)	LF Eel, Common Carp, Bream, Bully Mullet
John Draper	(3)	Koi Carp, Common Carp, Bully Mullet
Stuart Deans	(2)	Bass, Common Carp
John Dockerty	(2)	Common Carp, LF Eel
Darren Cox	(2)	Koi Carp, Common Carp
Mark Triston	(1)	Common Carp
Paul Cosgrove	(1)	Common Carp

On behalf of myself and Richard, our apologies are extended to Doug who because of a mix up went to Tench Reserve on the Nepean.

To all members - please try to check for any venue changes as it is not always possible to get a message through especially if you are away or do not return calls.

Apart from Doug's extra long trip, I know that this day has to be one of the best if not the best leisure day ever. Watch this space for SAS do's.



Prospect CK

This venue provides excellent fishing for both salt and freshwater species, including double figure Common Carp koi carp + Bream, LFin Eels, fresh and salt water mullet.

X marks the spot.

S.C.A.C. RECORD FISH LIST

SPECIES	WEIGHT	CAPTOR	METHOD	BAIT	VENUE	DATE
Australian Bass	2lb 8oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Pound	2/5/93
River Blackfish	2oz8d	Jon Wilson	Q Tip	Worm	Crookwell	25/4/91
Common Carp	19lb 8oz	Paul Cosgrove	Waggler	Corn	Prospect Ck	9/10/94
Mirror Carp	9lb 6oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Grub	Wyangla	10/5/92
Koi Carp	12lb	Darran Cox	Waggler	Corn	Prospect Ck	9/10/94
Goldfish	2lb 13oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Cobbity	9/3/92
Eeltail Catfish	2lb 15oz	Jon Wilson	Optonic	Mag/Worm	Parra Lake	92/93
Murray Cod	8oz8d	Steve Scott	Q Tip	Worm	Gininderra	93
Trout Cod	Vacant					
Longfin Eel	15lb 2oz	Steve Scott	Freeline	Pilchard	Pound	2/9/92
Shortfin Eel	9oz	Jon Wilson	Optonic	Mag/Worm	Parra Lake	15/2/91
Greyling	Vacant					
Nepean Herring	6oz8d	Janet Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Cobbity	9/3/92
Bully Mullet	3lb	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Bread	Nepean	6/11/91
Freshwater Mullet	3lb 9oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Bread	Nepean	92/93
Redfin Perch	1lb 12oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Gambusia	Melbourne	91/92
Silver Perch	5lb 4oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Cornworm	Crookwell	3/3/91
Maquarie Perch	Vacant					
Golden Perch	4lb 6oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Crookwell	3/3/91
Roach	8oz	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Maggot	Yarra Vic	91/92
Tench	Vacant					
Brook Trout	Vacant					
Brown Trout	1lb 15oz	Danny Brown	Waggler	Maggot	Pondage Vic	11/93
Rainbow Trout	3lb 1oz	Keith Climson	Ledger	Crust	Pejar	92/93
Empire Fish	8d	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Pound	30/1/93
Jap Longfin Goby	Vacant					
Galaxia	2d	Jon Wilson	Waggler	Worm	Pound	30/1/93

Specimen Weights and 60% Qualifying Weights

SPECIES	SEPC WT	QUAL WT	SPECIES	SPEC WT	QUAL WT
Australian Bass	3lb 8oz	2lb 1 oz 8d	River Blackfish	2lb	1lb 3oz 4d
Common Carp	15lb	9lb	Mirror Carp	10lb	6lb
Koi Carp	10lb	6lb	Goldfish	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d
Eeltail Catfish	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Murray Cod	15lb	9lb
Trout Cod	12lb	7lb 3oz	Longfinned Eel	14lb	8lb 6oz 8d
Shortfinned Eel	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Nepean Herring	7oz	4oz 4d
Bully Mullet	5lb	3lb	Freshwater Mullet	5lb	3lb
Redfin Perch	2lb	1lb 3oz 4d	Silver Perch	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d
Maquarie Perch	3lb	1lb 12oz 12d	Golden Perch	10lb	6lb
Roach	2lb	1lb 3oz 4d	Tench	To be set	To be set
Brook Trout	4lb	2lb 6oz 8d	Brown Trout	5lb	3lb
Rainbow Trout	5lb	3lb	Empire Fish	To be set	To be set
Jap Lonfin Goby	To be set	To be set	Galaxia	To be set	To be set

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Please inform the president of any changes to this list.

SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB INC
AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE MEETING
23/9/1994

- 1) Those Present
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting
- 4) Matters arising out of minutes of previous meeting 1 new items.

4:1/93-94

SCAC Christmas Party (submitted J Dockerty) BBQ to be held at Lansdowne following the match on the 11th December 1994. S Scott to check with council, J Dockerty to organise food etc.

Action: S Scott, J Dockerty

5:2/93-94

Fund Raising (Submitted P Shire)

Club raffle to be undertaken, report by J Dockerty on progress.

Action: J Dockerty

4:3/93-94

Introduction of Leisure days / matches in Canberra.
(Submitted D Arnold)

S Scott to advise on progress

Action: S Scott, D Arnold, S Deans, R Crake

5:3/93-94

Match Trophies (Submitted M Tristan)

Trophy type and size to be organised by SCAC committee when required.

Action: SCAC Committee

2:4/93-94

NSW Fisheries (Submitted S Scott)

As yet there has been no further activity re - dispensation for leisure days or SAS events.

Action: S Scott

3:4/93-94

Fish stocking (submitted S Scott)

S Scott to report on progress of council activities.

Action: S Scott

5:4/93-94

Fish Tagging (submitted J Dockerty)

S Scott to report on Fisheries thoughts and progress

Action: S Scott

1:1/94-95

Letter Heads (submitted S Scott)
P Shire to provide progress report.

Action: P Shire

2:1/94-95

Team Australia (Submitted S Scott)
S Deans to provide progress report.

Action: S Deans

1:2/94-95

Incorporation of NSW Federation of Coarse Anglers (Submitted S Scott)

Because of the current situation with the Australian Federation, it is suggested that a NSW Federation of Coarse Anglers should be incorporated to ensure the rights of the SCAC. A full explanation will be provided.

Action: SCAC Committee

2:2/94-95

Reclaiming of Werrington lake. (Submitted S Scott)
It is now possible to get Penrith Council with assistance of the SCAC to make and maintain Werrington as a viable match venue. This will cost the club approximately \$30-50 per hour and membership labour. Does the club want to undertake this exercise.

Action: SCAC Committee

3:2/94-95

Dated Membership Cards (Submitted S Scott)
Given that ex SCAC members are carrying SCAC cards it is suggested that starting season 1995-1996 that dated membership cards signed by the president/treasurer/secretary be introduced.

Action: SCAC Committee

4:2/94-95

Joining Fee (Submitted S Scott)
Because some current account members of the club have not paid there 1994-1995 membership fees it is suggested that an appropriate formula to ensure fees are paid on time should be introduced. Therefore it is suggested that for 1995-1996 that a joining fee be levied for new members and for current members who do not pay there fees prior to a date set by the committee eg first match.

Action: SCAC Committee

- 5 Correspondence in and out
- 6 General Business new items
- 7 Date and time of next meeting
- 8 Close of meeting

SM Scott

Signed President SCAC

**SYDNEY COARSE ANGLING CLUB
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

PROSPECT CREEK 9/10/94

1. Those present: Steve Scott Peter Shire
 Richard Crake John Dockerty
 2. Apologies: Stuart Deans
 3. Absent:
 4. Visitors:
 5. Matters arising out of minutes of previous meeting. Meeting opened 10.00 a.m.
- 4:1/93-94 SCAC Christmas Party (submitted J Dockerty)**
Item to be dealt with by committee dependant upon demand, possibly a BBQ at Lansdown. J Dockerty to organise food etc. S Scott to check with council.
Action: SCAC Committee
- 5:2/93-94 Fund Raising (submitted P Shire)**
J Dockerty informed that 600 tickets have been issued which if sold will be very profitable for the club.
Action J Dockerty
- 4:3/93-94 Introduction of leisure days/matches in Canberra (submitted D Arnold)**
S Scott to update as things progress.
Action: S Scott, D Arnold, S Deans, R Crake
- 5:3/93-94 Match Trophies (submitted M Triston)**
Trophy type and size to be organised by SCAC Committee when required. It was decided to continue current trophies and 1st , 2nd and 3rd for the overall match scores.
Action: SCAC Committee
- 2:4/93-94 NSW Fisheries (submitted S Scott)**
Bill Talbot (Fisheries) delivered the clubs dispensation note for Matches Only. Bag, size and rod limits are exempt until December when they will be renewed. The dispensation does not apply for leisure or SAS events. Dispensation for these events will be perused. No change.
Action: S Scott
- 3:4/93-94 Fish Stocking (submitted S Scott)**
S Scott to report on progress of Council activities.
Bass will be stocked in December.

- 5:4/93-94** *Fish Tagging (submitted J Dockerty)*
 Bill Talbot has informed that fisheries will not provide tags and would prefer if the SCAC did not tag fish as fisheries are worried about the number of tagging schemes being undertaken. This item will not be perused in the near future.
- 1:1/94-95** *Letter Heads (submitted S Scott)*
 P Shire to complete by the end of October.
Action: P Shire
- 2:1/94-95** *Team Australia (submitted S Scott)*
 No longer relevant.
- 1:2/94-95** *Incorporation of N.S.W. Federation of Coarse Anglers (submitted S Scott)*
 After long debate, it was decided that a N.S.W. Federation should be set up. Pete agreed to check out legalities and organise. Peter Shire to provide updates on progress.
Action: P Shire
- 2:2/94-95** *Reclaiming of Werrington Lake (submitted S Scott)*
 It was unanimously agreed that the club can afford a project of this type. S Scott to organise.
Action: S Scott
- 3:2/94-95** *Dated membership Cards (submitted S Scott)*
 It was agreed unanimously that this is a good idea and it will be implemented for the 1995/96 season.
Action: SCAC Committee
- 4:2/94-95** *Joining Fee (submitted S Scott)*
 It was decided that a joining fee other than the current membership fees was not a good idea. However, to try to prevent unreasonable late payment, a late payment fee of \$10 will be levied following the second match of the season against anyone who fails to provide their membership fees by this time.
Action: SCAC Committee
- 5:2/94-95** *T Shirts (submitted P Shire)*
 D Brown organised artwork and T shirts which are very good. It was decided that the T shirts would be made available through the club to members for the following prices.
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|--------|---------|
| Collar | \$15.00 |
| Polo | \$10.00 |
- Action:** P Shire
- 6:2/94-95** *Major Trophies (submitted S Scott)*
 Given the imminent closure of Yellow Fin Tackle, the club's major trophies are in my garage. The complete angler said we could display them at the city or Villawood store. This was decided against and if members wish the winner of each trophy may keep the shield for a period of 12 months.

7:2/94-95

Marketing Plan for A.C.T. competitors (submitted S Scott)

Given that the S.C.A.C. is proposing to conduct a national teams event and an A.C.T. open in Canberra, sponsorship T.V. coverage prize money etc etc has to be worked out. It was agreed that under the expert guidance of Stuart and Richard that a proper marketing plan will be formed by mid December.

R Crake to co-ordinate.

Action: R Crake

6. Correspondance in and out N/A
7. Close of meeting 10.45am



S Scott

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S.C.A.C.

Classified

- 1) One Black and Decker battery operated screwdriver never used
\$40.00 ono Contact Steve Scott
- 2) Golf Buggy suitable for carrying seat box
\$50.00 Contact Pete Shire
- 3) Small Shakespear Seat box
\$30.00 ono Contact Stuart Deans

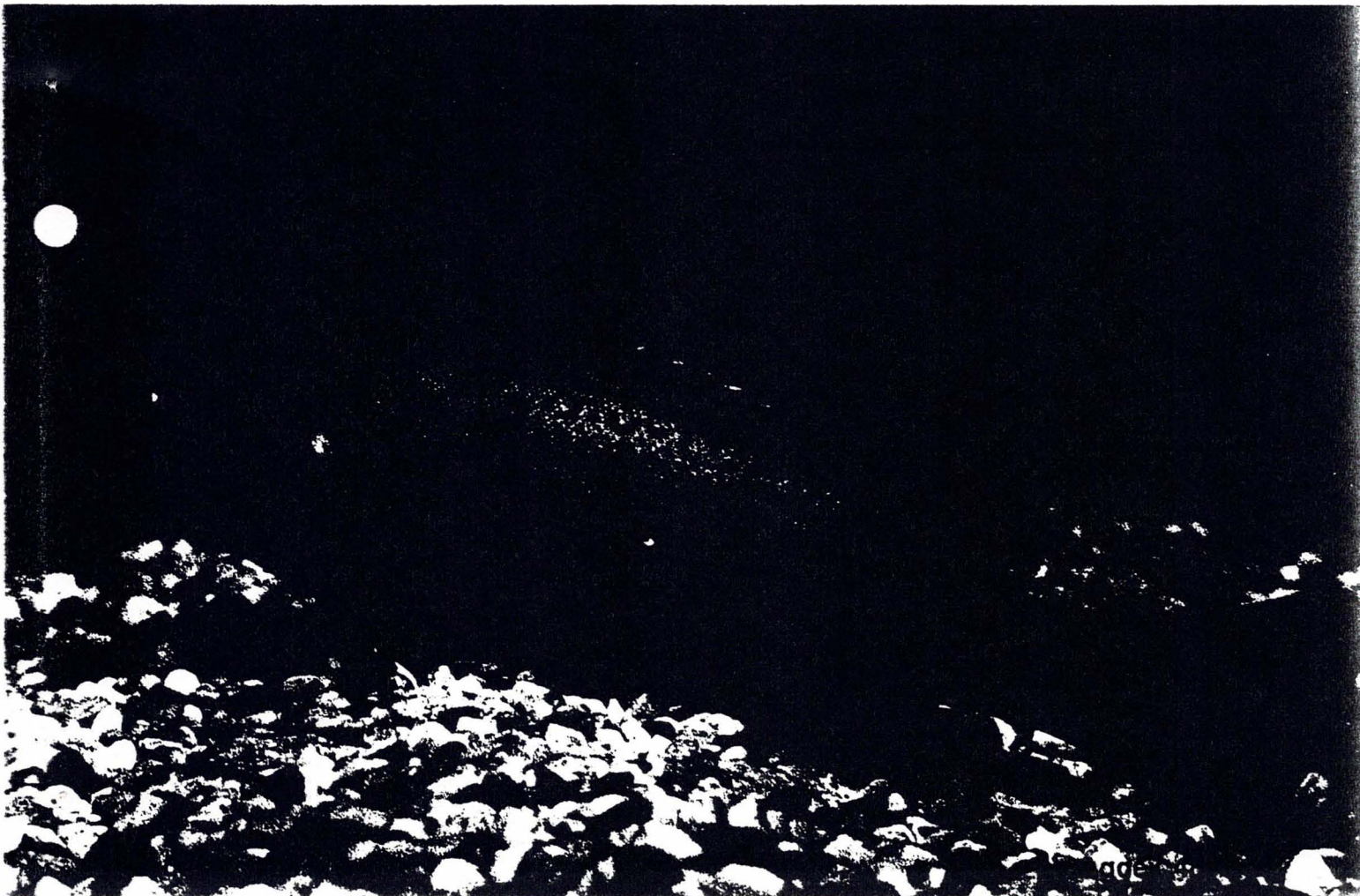
If this is a good idea, please let me know.

Steve

Trout cod

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Inland Fisheries Research Station,
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Trout cod, which is related to both the Murray cod and eastern freshwater cod, is an endangered species.



Trout cod, *Maccullochella macquariensis*, also known as blue nose or rock cod, is a freshwater fish native to the upper reaches of the Murray-Darling drainage basin. It is closely related to both the Murray cod, *M. peelii*, and the eastern freshwater cod, *M. ikei*.

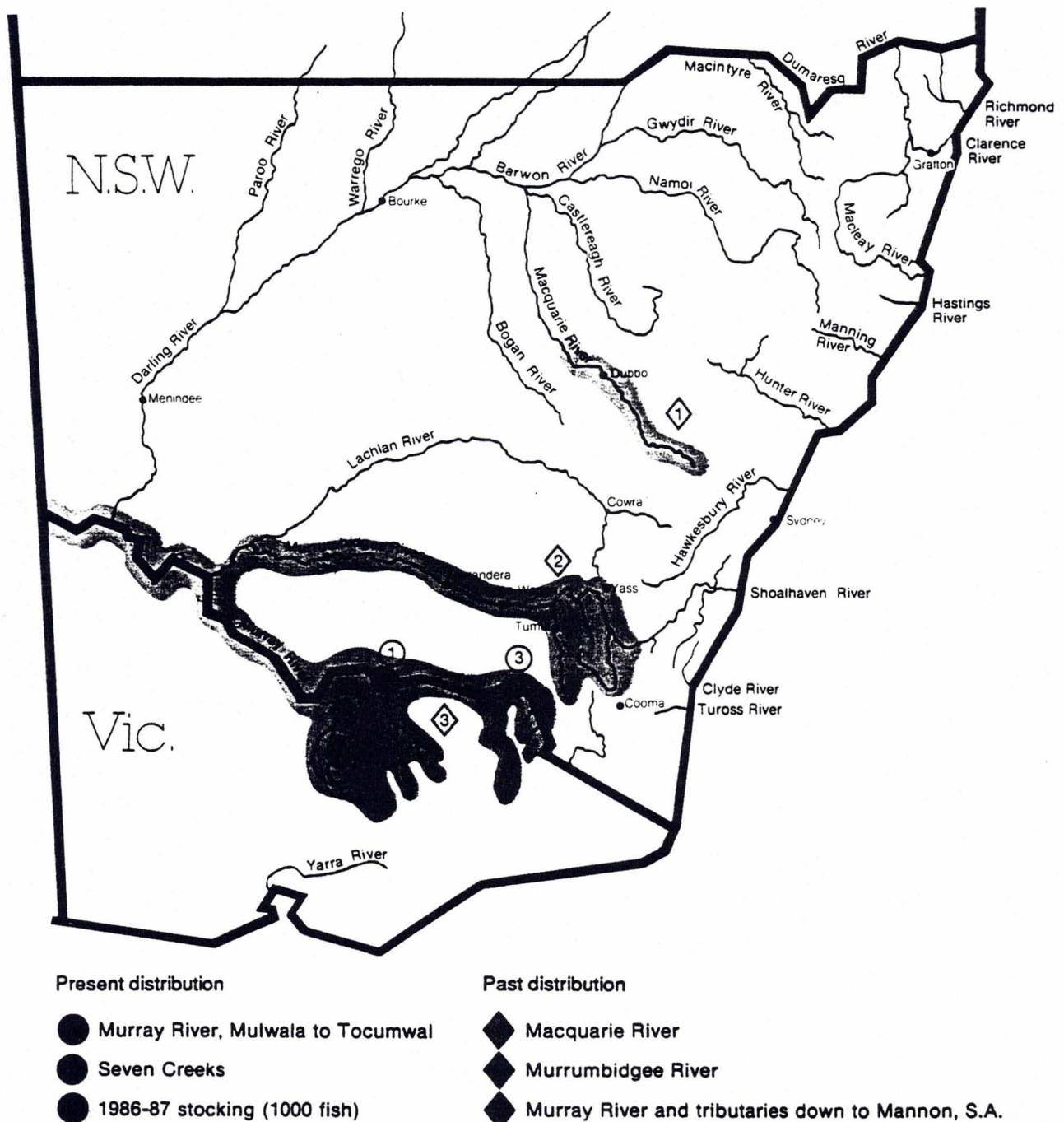
The trout cod was once widespread throughout the Murray-Darling basin (see Map 1) but now its distribution is so limited that it is one of only four fish species classified as endangered in Australia. (The others are the eastern freshwater cod, and two species of galaxiids found only in Tasmania.)

Although it was more common in the cooler upper reaches of the Murray-Darling basin,

the trout cod has also been recorded as far downstream as Mannum in South Australia. In some areas it was even more abundant than Murray cod. As recently as the 1970s there were small populations, such as in the Murrumbidgee River near Tharwa, the upper Murray River near Tintaldra and the Mitta Mitta River in Victoria. However, there have been no trout cod confirmed in these waters recently.

In fact, there is only one remaining natural population of trout cod, in the Murray River below Yarrawonga Weir downstream to Tocumwal. Two other populations do exist—a small stocked population in the upper reaches

Map 1. Comparison of the distribution of trout cod in the early 1900s and at present.



of the Seven Creeks river system in Victoria and a population in Cataract Dam near Sydney, which has hybridised (crossbred) with Murray cod.

DESCRIPTION

Trout cod was the first freshwater fish described in Australia, in 1829. Closely related to the Murray cod, it was not until the early 1970s that they were identified as different species.

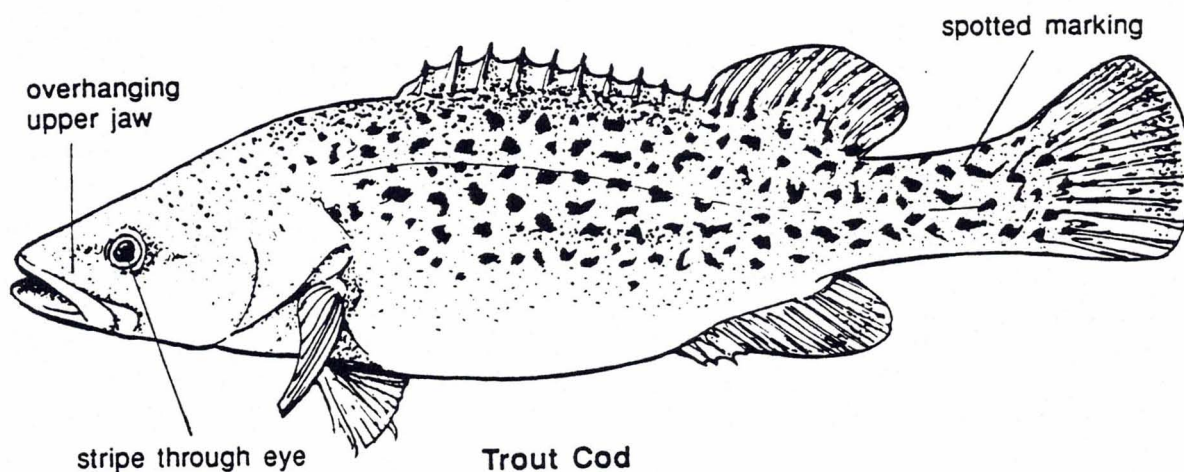
The features that distinguish trout cod from Murray cod are the longer snout and an upper jaw which overhangs the lower jaw. Trout cod also has a dark stripe through its eyes, although this is sometimes present in small Murray cod. Trout cod also tend to be grey coloured with spotted and dashed markings, whereas Murray cod are greenish with marbled markings.

Juvenile trout cod often have a yellow to orange tinge along the margins of the main fins. In Murray cod these margins are always white.

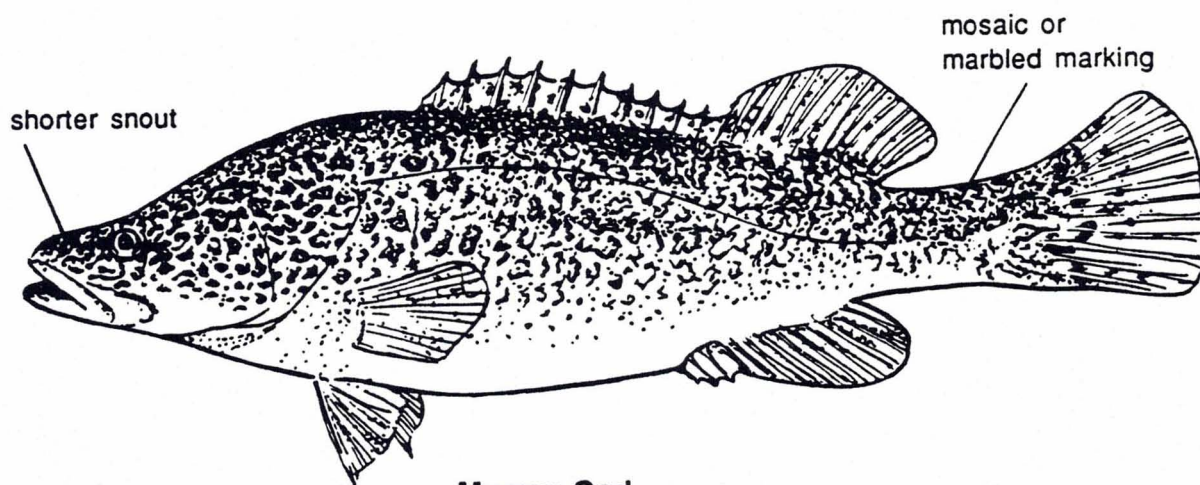
Table 1. Differences between trout cod and Murray cod

Character	Trout cod	Murray cod
Background colour		
—dorsal	grey	olive green
—lateral	grey	cream, white
Pattern	dark grey or black speckling except on forehead	green marbled/mosaic including forehead
Jaws	trout-like, upper overhangs lower	equal, or lower protruding
Head		
—profile	straight	concave
—width	narrow	broad
Eye		
—size	larger	smaller
—dark eye stripe	usually present in all sizes	usually absent in specimens over 4 kg
Habitat preference	faster flowing water	slow flowing water and back eddies
Largest reported size	16 kg	113.5 kg

Distinguishing features of trout cod and Murray cod.



Trout Cod



Murray Cod

DECLINE IN NUMBERS

The reasons for the decline in both range and abundance of trout cod are suspected to be:

- changes to its environment
- competition from introduced fish
- overfishing.

Changes to environment. From what is known about the biology of trout cod, environmental changes such as dam construction, siltation and clearing snags from rivers have probably had a significant impact on its numbers.

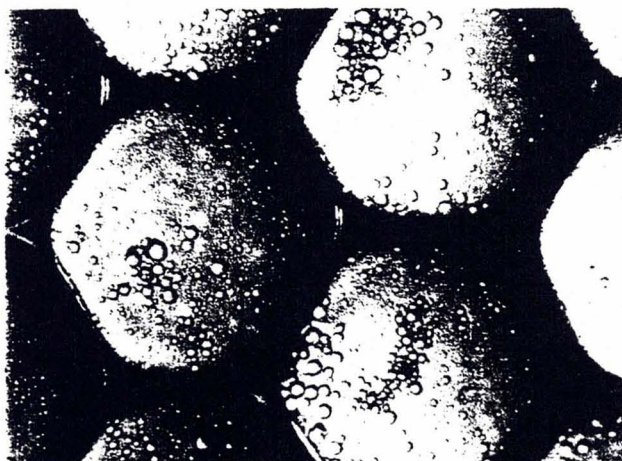
Competition from introduced fish. It is likely that competition from introduced trout and redfin has also been significant in the decline in trout cod numbers because all these species display territorial behaviour and their feeding habits overlap. Two researchers studying the distribution of trout cod in Victoria concluded that in general a "good trout stream" is also a good trout cod stream. They found that areas in northeastern Victoria where trout cod have been eliminated were areas which have been heavily stocked with trout.

Overfishing. The little information available to date on its biology indicates that trout cod grows relatively slowly and has low fecundity, i.e. it produces a small number of eggs. These two factors make cod populations vulnerable to overfishing.

Observations suggest that numbers of trout cod in heavily fished reaches of rivers may decline rapidly and only slowly recover.

A further factor that could be involved in the decline of trout cod, illustrated by the Cataract Dam population, is the possibility that trout cod may hybridise with Murray cod if the population size of each species is depleted.

Ovulated trout cod eggs stripped from a female trout cod artificially induced to spawn using gonadotropic hormones (egg diameter—3.3 mm).—Photo: B. Ingram.



RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Research. NSW Agriculture & Fisheries started investigating the artificial propagation of trout cod in late 1984 at the Inland Fisheries Research Station, Narrandera. Initially, most effort was put into obtaining broodstock from the wild and maintaining these fish in ponds.

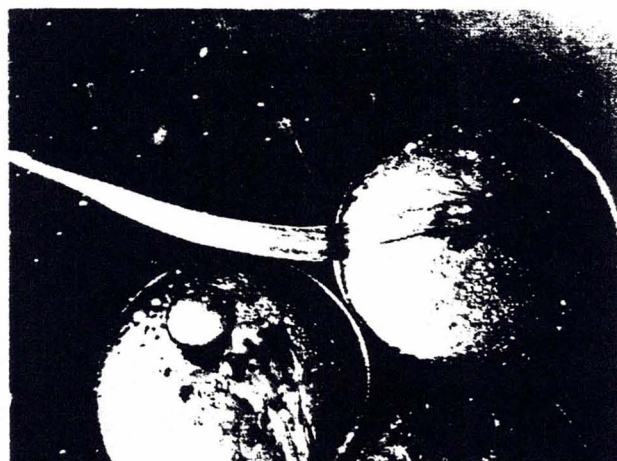
Preliminary trials began in 1985 with hormone induced breeding and larval rearing techniques, and in 1986 trout cod were bred for the first time at the research station. The first experimental stocking was done in the upper Murray when 1000 fingerlings were released near Jingellie in January 1987. Further breeding trials have advanced the rearing techniques. Stockings are expected in the Upper Murrumbidgee River and additional sites on the Upper Murray River.

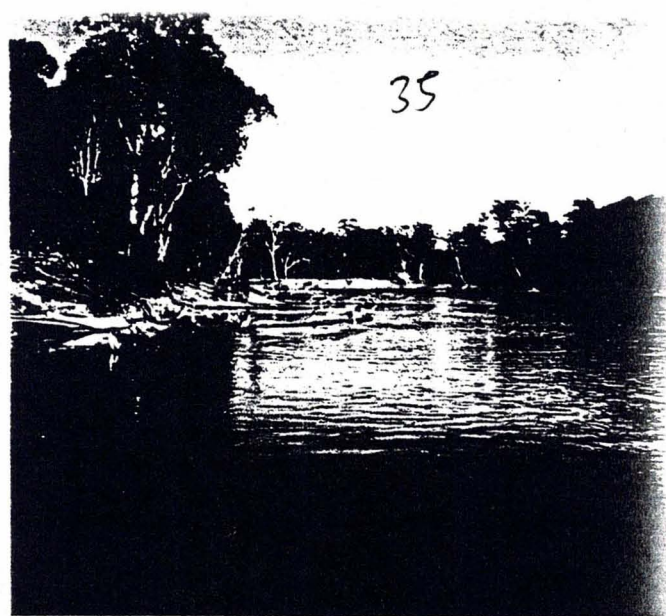
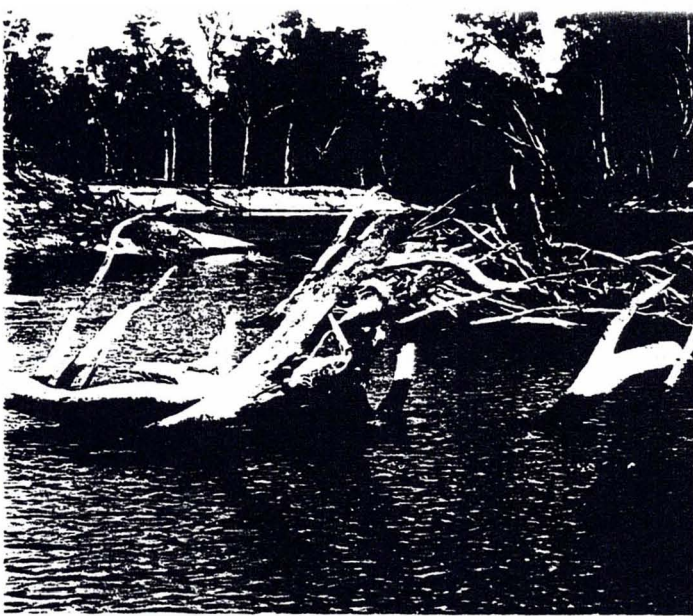
The main aim of research at Narrandera is to re-establish breeding populations of trout cod in waters in which they previously occurred. However, development of breeding and rearing techniques may lead to future commercial production of trout cod.

Management strategies. Protecting the trout cod's habitat in the Murray River is considered extremely important to the successful management of this fish. The maintenance of the wild population is critical to the development of any artificial breeding program, and it is uncertain at this stage that additional breeding populations can be established in other waters from which the fish has been lost.

This department liaises closely with local councils and other government agencies to identify any detrimental developments or waterway management practices. Pollution, river dredging, river flow regulation, loss of

Larvae begin hatching after incubating for about 7 days. They will live off the yolk sac for about 17 days before beginning to feed (length of larvae—7.2 mm).—Photo: B. Ingram.





Typical trout cod habitat along the Murray River. Trout cod prefer faster flowing water than the back eddies and slow flowing areas favoured by the Murray cod.—Photos: B. Ingram.

wetlands, and clearing river snags and bankside vegetation are of particular concern.

To protect the population that does exist, the taking of trout cod is banned until 1992 for the 70 km along the Murray River from Yarrawonga Weir to the road bridge at Barooga. Fishing is still allowed in the remaining 60 km of the known range of the trout cod (see Map 2). This ban will be reviewed in 1992 based on the status of the population. The taking of Murray cod is covered by the same ban because of the difficulty in distinguishing it from trout cod.

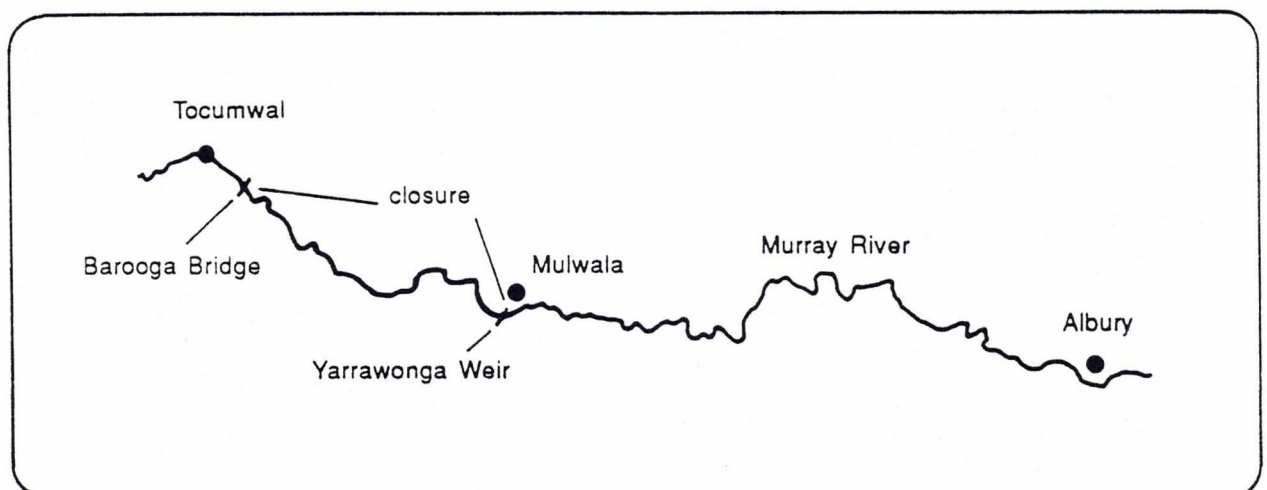
Bans have also been placed on the use of gillnets and all other nets other than the prescribed drum net for the taking of other species of finfish and the prescribed net for the taking of Murray crayfish and yabbies. Although trout cod have not been commercially harvested in substantial numbers for a long time, their capture for sale was banned several years ago.

The protection of the trout cod population is particularly critical to the continuation of the department's conservation breeding program. As with any breeding program for an endangered animal, the maintenance of an adequate source population which will provide sufficient genetic variety to avoid inbreeding is the major factor on which the success of the program hinges.

EASTERN FRESHWATER COD CONSERVATION

In parallel with the conservation measures adopted for trout cod, the department has implemented similar management strategies for the eastern freshwater cod in the Clarence river system. At the Agricultural Research and Advisory Station, Grafton, research is being done to develop breeding and rearing techniques for the eastern freshwater cod. These fish will be stocked into the Clarence

Map 2. The taking of trout cod is banned along the area shown until 1992.



and Richmond river systems. A 5-year ban on the taking of eastern freshwater cod in the Clarence River was introduced in 1984, and there is already some evidence to suggest that this ban is having a positive effect.

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DETERMINING THE TROUT COD'S CONSERVATION STATUS

In 1985 a workshop was held to define criteria for a classification of the the conservation status of Australian fish species and to publish a preliminary classification of endangered species and species in other categories of risk.

The highest classification (after "extinct") was that of "endangered", i.e. species which have suffered a population decline over all or most of their range, and which may be in danger of extinction within the near future. Special management measures are required if the species are to continue to survive in the wild (I.U.C.N. Red Data Book).

The endangered status of trout cod and the eastern freshwater cod has been officially registered on the CONCOM list of Australian endangered vertebrate species. In addition, Australian National Parks and Wildlife have advised I.U.C.N. accordingly.

NSW Agriculture & Fisheries considers implementation of suitable management measures to protect these species from extinction as particularly important. Note: I.U.C.N. is the International Union for Conservation of Nature
CONCOM is the Council of Nature Conservation Ministers

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