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As most of you may be aware Geoff Churcher recently resigned as the President of Southern Fly Fishers and also from the committee due to personal reasons. I would like to express my personal thanks to Geoff for his contribution as President over the last year and I would also like to take this chance to formally acknowledge the many contributions that Geoff has made to the club over the past 13 years.

Well the season is now closed and we saw quite a bit of fishing activity in the club over the last month including trips to Millbrook Lakes, Noojee Streams, Warburton and a few of our fellow Fly Fisher venturing as far as Darwin. There are a number of articles on these trips included in this edition of the Fly Fisher that also include some great pictures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have stepped up to the plate and provided great support to the club during the last month. This includes Shane Bennett who has taken on the role of Webmaster and working with Peter van Oosterom to learn the ropes. Shane has made great progress on ensuring that the website is up to date and Peter has volunteered to continue assisting Shane moving forward which is great.

We were proud to host the 2014 Australian Fly Casting Championships on the weekend of the 12th and 13th of June and it was a great success. I would like to thank Charles and Judy Bradley, Vince and Linda Lammin, Ray Boast, Dan Gardam and Roley Ansems for lending a hand at the BBQ. Also Peter Cairns for supplying the food and Jim Johnson for providing his guidance. We received great praise on the hospitality and quality of our venue from all involved. In terms of results all of our casters did very well and the standouts were Bruce Ratcliffe achieving second place and Alistair O'Connor coming in sixth, along with our very own Tony Hyett winning D grade. Well done to all.

In terms of activity moving forward I would like to advise that the Winter Fly Tying course starting date has been pushed back to Monday August the 11th due to the syllabus being reviewed and the Fishers Casting program is on hold for the time being. Stay tuned for more information on these activities during the coming month.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Lee Kitchen as a new member of our club. Please keep an eye out for Lee and our other new members to ensure that they are made to feel welcome.

In closing I would like to thanks Steven Clements for compiling this edition of the Fly Fisher and I look forward to his editorial support moving forward. If you have any articles or photos to contribute please contact Steven.

I look forward to seeing our club continue to grow and prosper moving forward.

Calendar – Coming Events

Jun		
Wed	4th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Wed	11th	Members' Night. Speaker: Rod Barford, President Australian Trout Foundation (ATF).
Sun	22nd	Tarwine Estuary (Inverloch) Trip. Leader: Scott Dargan.
Wed	25th	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm.
Jul		
Wed	2nd	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Wed	9th	Members' Night. Speaker: Phil Kininmonth – The Mountain Stream Co. and Jim Baumgartel – FlyFinz (TBC)
Wed	23rd	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm.
Sat-Sun	26th-27th	Purrumbete / Bullen Merri Trip. Leader: David Wood.
Aug		
Sat	2nd	Gerry Bolt & Tri Clubs Trip – Newlands Reservoir. Leader: Tony Hyett.
Wed	6th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Mon	11th	Winter Fly Tying Course.
Wed	13th	Members' Night. Speaker: Tim Curmi – Fishing for native fish and the activities of Native Fish Australia.
Sun	17th	Noojee Trout Farm Trip. Leader: Tony Hyett.
Wed	27th	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm.

General casting practice sessions are held each second and fourth Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.30, under floodlights, (weather permitting). Come and learn from the experts, improve your accuracy and method. **Bruce Ratcliffe is also running casting practice sessions on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm at the casting pool.**

Daylesford Couples Fishing / Exploring Weekend Fri 12 – Sun 14 September 2014

The Club is planning a weekend for couples to the Daylesford area, accommodation will be in a communal house costing approximately \$170 per couple, for the weekend.

Members will be aware of the many lakes in the area, providing good fishing and plenty of time will be available to explore these on the Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. While doing this their partners will be able to explore Daylesford and the Hepburn area to experience its many offerings and indulgences.

The accommodation will provide an area for a shared communal meal on the Friday night while we can enjoy a meal at one of the hotels on the Saturday.

Due to the size of the accommodation spaces are limited so PLEASE place your names on the trip sheet in the Clubrooms as soon as possible.

Trip notes and other details will be made available when you sign up.

Any inquiries to: Colin McMillan (trip leader) 0407514966

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2013-14

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Corroboree Billabong located 90 minutes south east from Darwin is part of the Mary River Wetlands and apart from teaming with birdlife it also has the largest concentration of saltwater crocodiles in the world. The Billabong provides a home for various species of fish Barramundi, Saratoga, Tarpon, Catfish, Archer fish and more. The Billabong has over 20km on navigable water most of which is lined with lilies and pandanus.

After months of planning and speculation the reality of the odyssey to Corroboree Billabong in Darwin was about to begin.

Tony Hyatt, Dean Gordon, John McIntyre and myself all met at Roly Ansems house to travel to the airport, Peter Cairns had flown up the day before and was to meet us in Darwin along with Southern FlyFishers Darwin resident Graeme Forester.

The air was thick with anticipation as to what the next 7 days would bring, flies. rods, lines interceded every conversation. Check in at the airport went smoothly and gave us plenty of time for a pre trip beer or two.

It was well beyond gentleman's hours when we flew into Darwin, nevertheless Graeme was there to meet us and drive us to our pre arranged accommodation for the chance to get a few hours sleep before the morning call and the hunt for a cafe to get some breakfast before embarking on a busy day that entailed loading up two cars with all our luggage, fishing gear, multiple large coolers loaded with food and goodies that Graeme had pre bought on our behalf, Graeme's boat was hooked on on we where off to collect the other two boats that were organised for the trip.

The logistics involved in getting 7 people, 3 boats, loads of luggage and food, a trip to the Supermarket and bottle shop with 2 cars to the Mary River House Boats would have done General George S Patton proud.

It was early afternoon when we arrived at the Mary River house boats and Peter, Roly, John and myself got our first look at the Billabong Tony and Dean have fished the Billabong previously, after all the gear was loaded and the boats launched and tethered to the house boats we were finally underway to our first mooring spot, as we chugged up the river we were on the look out for the opportunity to view the Crocs and the bird life that inhabit the Billabong. The birdlife here is fantastic and you will see a huge variety of species such as Jabiru, Ibis, Brolga, Egret, Kite, Sea Eagle, Magpie Geese, and many others.



**One of the Mary River
House Boats**

The houseboats were moored a quick lunch consumed rods rigged and we were in the boats for an afternoon of fishing.

At the end of day 1 very few fish were caught, however we got a good look at the billabong with its large groups of pandanus trees lining the banks, water lilies shed a blanket of green foliage and pink flowers on the water's surface, and every so often a large crocodile was spotted on the banks or in the water.

The conditions at Corroboree Billabong for the next 3 days were tough and fish were scarce but the intrepid troop made the most of it and had a great time on the water, and in the evening fighting off the bugs and munching Graeme's culinary delights.

The bugs at nights time were so thick and attracted to the most minute light source we thought that Dean scored the bed room on the top deck with a luxurious black carpet only to realise it was thick with dead bugs.

Day 4 and the fickle female Billabong decided to turn the fish on Tony, Roly and Graeme hit a purple patch and landed Saratoga after Saratoga even taking a moment to grab the 2 way and invite Peter and myself who were fishing a little up the river to join them. (he's a generous fellow that Tony).

Day 5 also gave all the team many hook ups and the Billabong yielded a variety of fish in good numbers again Saratoga the most prolific, the Barra that were spotted or heard making their trade mark popping noise were either out of casting reach or very deep.

Day 6 the morning session on our last day before starting our journey back to a more temperate climate also yielded good catches and all but eliminated the frustration of the first few days of the rough condition of house boats and the BUGS.

Mostly we caught Saratoga up to 55 centimetres, one or two small Barra an archer fish and the biggest catfish that I have ever seen swallowed a large fly on my rod.

Everybody caught fish, ate well, drank a lot, got bitten by mosquitoes, washed in billabong water, slept at times in a pool of sweat and most importantly talked about everyone who was not on the trip (LOL) great trip, great company.

I would be remiss to finish off this report with mentioning Graeme Forester's efforts in making arrangements and looking after us, the big fellow was outstanding and did an amazing job of organising food, hire boats, house boats, menus, cars accommodation and everything else that I have forgotten.(and after much begging he even gave Tony some chocolate)

On behalf of all on the trip "THANK YOU"





1. A very relieved looking Graham Foxman with a fish at last.
2. The fishing equivalent of Zorro with a very nice Saratoga.
3. Peter Cairns with a look on his face that he has just finished something else?
4. A very happy Dean Gordon, there was another picture taken of Dean that will have to go up on the website as it may not be suitable for the Fly Fisher.
5. John McIntyre, proud as punch.
6. A very nice Saratoga with a big smile from Roly Ansems.

Five eager fishermen (Vince Lammin, Rhys Lammin, Malcolm Green, Ray Goddard and Steven Clements) were greeted by the beauty and wonder of Millbrook on Friday afternoon. Some took the time to unpack the car and get settled in before wetting a line in Cabin Lake, while others were too excited and simply unpacked their fishing gear to get right on to the water (or was that just me). Those few hours on the Friday afternoon were not very successful, except for Southern's newest member Ray, who was expertly guided by David (Doddy) to land the first fish of the weekend.

I had been tracking the weather forecasts for weeks in anticipation, which went from potential torrential rain, to freezing cold ending in a very mild but winding weekend. All our guides for the weekend said the same thing regarding the weather, "these conditions are perfect". All that remained was for us to actually catch a fish or two.

We were all eager and up ready to go early on Saturday morning, this may have been something to do with the lack of red wine consumed on the Friday night (Sunday morning was a very different story). Phil and Doddy arrived and we split into two groups, Vince and Rhys stayed with Phil at Cabin Lake for the morning whereas Malcolm, Ray and I went with Doddy to Harbour Lake.

The weather made casting at Harbour lake a challenge, therefore we had a good practice session on roll casting for the morning. Ray and Malcolm were unlucky, they sighted a few fish but were unable to entice them. I on the other hand was told to go back to the car after the fourth rainbow, ranging from 3lb to 5lb on stick caddis, bloodworm and an olive damsel. Back at the Cabin Lake Vince and Rhys managed three each ranging from 2.5lb to 3lb, again all on either stick caddis or bloodworm.

After a hearty lunch at the cabin, we split into our groups again and headed out. Vince, Rhys and Phil went to Upper Forbes whereas Malcolm, Ray, Doddy and I went to Siberia. I must admit that I wasn't impressed when I saw Siberia and thought to myself that I will be amazed if there are any fish in here. Well, Malcolm proved me wrong by landing two 2lb rainbows and missing a couple more all in the space of about half an hour. Now my interest was back in the game, but wasn't to be as both Ray and I drew a blank at Siberia. However Doddy and I did have a laugh while searching the shallower water at the opposite end of the lake, for what must have been at least half an hour both Ray and Malcolm were untangling their lines as they were catching the thistles behind. The air was blue that afternoon! We headed back to fish the last light at Cabin Lake, Malcolm landed a beautiful 5lb Brown, I had another rainbow of 2.5lb and both Ray and Doddy were getting frustrated with the sun setting and still having no fish for the day.

Vince, Rhys and Phil returned with stories of an amazing afternoon what sounded too good to be true. Rhys, on his first cast learning to do a figure-of-eight retrieve, landed a whopping 6lb rainbow and managed a further two 4lb rainbows. Dad (Vince) was not going to be outdone, well actually you were Vince, landing a respectable three rainbows all weighing in at 4lb.

For the day, all bar two fish were caught on either a stick caddis or a bloodworm, with Malcolm's 5lb Brown and my last rainbow both coming in on a small black midges.

I think we were all pretty tired by the end of the Saturday, with a lot of success for all, apart for Ray (don't feel too sad, he got his own back on the Sunday). So we headed to the pub in Gordon for dinner, all eager to meet Christmas Carol. All there is to say from that is we have a message for Tony, Carol would like you to know that your boots are still under her bed!



**Vince with a respectable Rainbow and Rhys with his beautiful 6lb Rainbow
A little father and son competition...I think Rhys won this time!!!**

As I noted earlier, some greeted Sunday morning with a less enthusiastic start, a direct result of the amount of red wine that was consumed back at the cabin after our message from Christmas Carol.

Our guides arrived prompt on Sunday morning rearing to go, some of us were ready for them, eventually we all headed out. This time Malcolm and Ray stayed behind with Phil to fish Cabin Lake and I accompanied Vince and Rhys back to Upper Forbes. I was eager to find this 6lb Rainbow that Rhys had had the day before. The weather was much the same, cool, overcast and a bit of wind, the so-called perfect conditions. Well, Upper Forbes did not disappoint, for me that is. While off to a slow start, once I had moved around the lake a bit I found a spot that proved to be "honey-pot" for the morning. I had a spate of fish landed and fish missed, in about eight casts I landed three good Rainbows starting at 3.5lb and finishing off at 5.5lb and missed a further three. I had a bit of a grin, as can be seen in the picture opposite. I did learn a good lesson, if you bend a hook for whatever reason, do not straighten it to use again because the first fish you hook-up will simply straighten it again. Unfortunately Vince and Rhys couldn't repeat their results of the afternoon the day before and we headed back to the cabin for Lunch.

As we arrived back Malcolm was being expertly guided by Phil Weigall in Cabin Lake and proceeded to land the first fish of the weekend on a dry fly. The afternoons fishing was spent at the Cabin Lake for Ray and me, while Vince, Rhys and Malcolm headed over to Macintyre. For the afternoon the only person to have any luck was Ray, who actually

Millbrook Lakes Trip Report (cont.)

Steven Clements

landed a great 4lb Rainbow that he caught on a dry fly all on his own because at the time Phil was with me. You could say Ray's smile was beaming!

At the end of the weekend between us we had around 30 fish with a rough combined weight of 100lb, most were caught on either a stick caddis or bloodworm, with a few on black midge and a couple on dries. I must say Millbrook did not disappoint, we all had a great time, some of us hated not being able to keep the fish for dinner (Rhys in particular) and I think none of us wanted to go home.

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Pictures courtesy of Vince Lammin

1. Steven very pleased to be catching quality Rainbow Trout at Upper Forbes.
2. A beautifully coloured Brown Trout for Ray out of Cabin Lake.
3. Proof that a Stick Caddis fly was the go-to fly for the weekend.
4. Malcolm working the Rainbow he took on a dry fly in Cabin Lake.

Membership Fees Reminder

This is your friendly reminder that the membership fees for 2014 / 2015 are due once again. The committee has agreed to keep the fees the same as last year.

This year is a little different and to provide an incentive for members to pay on time, we are offering an incentive to get your fees settled by the 30th of July. If you do pay by July 30 you will receive a free cap (New club design) and Southern Fly Fishers lapel badge.

Types of Membership	Code	Annual Subs.	+ Insurance
Member	M	\$80.00	\$10.00
Member's spouse/partner	P	\$40.00	\$10.00
Concession (Note 1)	C	\$60.00	\$10.00
Junior	J	\$40.00	\$10.00
Full-time student (under 25)	S	\$40.00	\$10.00
Country (Note 2)	O	\$50.00	\$10.00
Family Special (Note 3)	F	\$120.00	\$10.00 pp

Notes:

1. Applies to Govt. pension/Seniors Card Holders.
2. Residing over 60 Kms from the Club.
3. Immediate family adults and juniors under 18 years.

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Thursday	9.00am-5.00pm
Friday	9.00am-5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am-3.00pm
Sunday	Closed for fishing!

Trout Fishing Season in Victorian Rivers Closing Soon

DEPI Notice 28 May 2014 - Trout fishing season in Victorian rivers closing soon

Freshwater anglers are reminded that the trout fishing season in rivers officially closes at midnight on Monday 9 June after the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director Ross McGowan said the closure, which remains in place until early September, protects most spawning trout and gives wild stocks a better opportunity to reproduce.

"The Queen's Birthday long weekend provides recreational anglers with their last chance to catch trout in our rivers before the season finishes up," Mr McGowan said.

"Although the streams and rivers close during winter, anglers can still fish for trout and salmon in Victorian lakes and reservoirs, which remain open year round.

"The three month trout and salmon closed season applies only to rivers and streams.

"Fisheries Victoria stocks more than 130 lakes annually with trout and salmon so there are still plenty of great inland fishing opportunities on offer while the rivers are closed.

Mr McGowan said the state-wide fish stocking program helped maintain productive trout fisheries and is funded from fishing licence fees and the State Government's \$16 million Recreational Fishing Initiative.

"One of the best performing lakes recently has been Bullen Merri, near Camperdown, where our stockings of Chinook salmon have delivered fish to 1.7kg for anglers trolling lures and bait-fishing.

Other stocked lakes worth a visit during winter include:

- Hepburn Lagoon
- Tullaroop Reservoir
- Lake Purrumbete
- Lauriston Reservoir Lake Eildon
- Lake Bolac
- Blue Rock Lake Lake Hume
- Lake Wendouree
- Eildon Pondage
- Bellfield Reservoir
- Lake Fyans
- Moorabool Reservoir
- West Barwon Dam
- Barkers Creek Reservoir
- Lake Toolondo
- Wurdiboluc Reservoir
- Upper Coliban Reservoir
- Rocklands Reservoir
- Newlyn Reservoir

Trout fishing in rivers will re-open at midnight on Friday 5th September 2014.

Brook Trout Bag Limit Remains Five Per Day

DEPI Notice 27 May 2014

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries is reminding recreational fishers that the daily bag limit for brook trout is five per person in all Victorian waters.

Northern Regional Fisheries Officer Mike Hosking said DEPI had become aware of false information being circulated in social media claiming there was no bag limit for brook trout in the Rubicon River in North East Victoria.

Brook trout are not a listed species of trout as they belong to the genus of salmonid fish known as char, which originates from North America.

However, brook trout are subject to specific regulations that place a bag limit and possession limit of five fish per day, with no minimum or maximum size as opposed to other listed trout species.

"DEPI wishes to make it clear that recent information being circulated in social media about brook trout in the Rubicon River is completely false and without foundation," Mr Hosking said.

"The daily bag and possession limit for brook trout in Victoria remains five per person and the Rubicon River is no exception.

"We are also reminding recreational fishers that the daily bag limit for all listed species of trout remains at five per person in the Rubicon River, with no more than two fish to exceed 35cm.

"Fisheries Officers will be maintaining an active presence at the river to ensure all fishers observe the bag limits before the trout season in rivers closes on midnight on Monday, June 9."

Mr Hosking said DEPI was currently investigating the source of this false information and would continue reminding fishers of the need to observe all relevant fisheries regulations.

"Daily bag limits and minimum sizes are in place to protect the sustainability of Victoria's fisheries and where the regulations are ignored, Fisheries Officers will not hesitate to issue on-the-spot fines or court summons," he said.

Anyone who sees or suspects illegal fishing is urged to contact the 24-hour fisheries offence reporting line 13FISH on 13 3474.

Rules and regulations governing the fishing of trout and salmon in Victorian waters can be found at www.depi.vic.gov.au/fishing



SFF Fly Tying Activity

Southern Fly Tying Circle

The Fly Tying Circle established by Roly Ansems is now well underway and is proving to be a great success. The main aim of this activity is to provide an environment where those people who like to tie flies can come along and share knowledge in an environment that promotes strong club camaraderie. Please come along and support this great initiative.

The group ties high quality flies to order and sells them to members at the following prices:

- Freshwater Flies - \$1.50 each or \$12.00 per dozen
- Saltwater Flies - \$2.50 each or \$24.00 per dozen
- Bead Head Flies - \$1.75 each or \$15.00 per dozen

Note: Minimum orders of one dozen flies are required.

The Fly Tying Circle will be operating during the day on Mondays until further notice and please contact Roly directly on 0418 418 457 for further information.

Fly Tying with Max Kepert

Fly Tying sessions with Max Kepert will be having a break during winter, notices will be put up when Max's sessions restart.

Charles Bradley's Fly Box

At most Members Nights and General Meetings you will spot Charles Bradley with a couple of boxes containing a variety of flies. These are flies that have either been donated to Charles or produced during Max's sessions and they are for sale at a price of \$1.50 each. Charles often has quite a variety of individual flies for sale so make sure that you don't miss out when you see the box open.

2014 Winter Fly Tying Course

The course has been pushed back and will commence on the 11th August 2014, this is to allow for a review of the syllabus. Stay tuned for more information during the coming month.



"Spanish trout are difficult to catch as they are super charged"
Colin McMillan

The competition **casting practice sessions** are moving to **Tuesday nights at 7.00 pm**, so if you are interested in competition casting please come along, have some fun and develop your casting skills. General casting practice and tuition sessions also continue to occur every second and fourth Wednesday prior to members nights and general meetings from 6.30 pm under lights.

Details of competition casting events are:

July

Sun Jul 6 th	Brunn Shield Round 3	9.30 am Yarra Bend Pool
Sun Jul 13 th	Red Tag Open	9.30 am Yarra Bend Pool
Sun Jul 20 th	Southern Open	9.30 am Southern Pool

Results

Brunn Round 2, held at Red Tag on 1st June 2014

Place	Name	Club	Dry	ICF Skish	Wet	Total
1.	B Farkas	Nth	45	100	45	190
2.	M Cuthbert	Bal	50	88	45	183
3.	D Wallis	Nth	50	89	42	181
5.	G Rapley	Sth	45	82	26	169
19.	A OConner	Sth	31	82	25	138
20.	R Scrivens	Sth	40	61	37	138
37.	J McIntyre	Sth	22	44	14	80
39.	T Hyett	Sth	8	50	17	75
41.	T Galloway	Sth	15	34	10	59

VFC Champion of Champions held on 24th & 25th May 2014

Cast No.	Name	Grade	Total Score
6	J.Waters	A	469
18	B.Farkas	A	448.29
1	B Ratcliffe	A	396.57
5	M.Cuthbert	A	389.26
2	A.J	A	387.24
13	A.Scott	A	374.06
22	J.Phelan	A	364.89
14	J.Rumpf	A	359.38
4	L.Dyer	C	352.74
8	T.Whittam	A	340.67
16	A.OConnor	B	319.06
7	J.Smith	C	298.8
11	P.Smith	C	270.39
17	A.Hughes	A	155
21	K.Lucas	A	154
9	T.Phelan	B	153
12	J.Newman	A	144
20	G.Rapley	B	133
19	L.Anderopoff	A	123
10	R.Scrivens	A	120
15	B.Cocks	B	114
3	M.Thoms	D	33

DATE: WEDNESDAY 28th May 2014 7.40pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT;

Geoff Churcher, Scott Dargan, Tony Hyett, Jim Johnston, Shane Bennett, Graham Foxman, Peter Cairns.

Geoff Churcher chaired the meeting

APOLOGIES, VISITORS / NEW MEMBERS:

Apologies

Ken Moran, Dan Gardam, Les Pratt, Colin McMillan, Ross Bailey, John Worrell, Bill Jeans, Graham Seeger.

New Members

Clive Williams, Ben Williams, Patrick Warltho, Raymond Goddard, James Mulvay, Garry Mulvay.

Visitor

Nil

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: Tabled as issued

Moved: David Wood **Seconded:** Tony Hyett

Any matters arising from minutes.

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Yarra Valley Newsletter April & May

Greenwells Newsletter May

Bairnsdale Newsletter May

Sale Newsletter May

VFFA Newsletter May

Red Tag Newsletter May

VR Fish Gunbower Island

Media Release "Brook trout bag limit remains five per Day"

Media Release "Trout fishing season in Victoria Rivers closing soon"

CORRESPONDENCE Out:

Nil

Correspondence Moved: Graeme Clifford Seconded: Lee Lord

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC Nil Report

ATF: Nil Report

ACF & CASTING: Jack Myles Open Distance Championship
Bruce Ratcliffe finished 2rd in the FAD, SHD & DHD well done Bruce !
Brunn Shield Round 1
SFFA competitors - Bruce Ratcliffe, Gary Rapley, Richard Scrivens, John McIntyre, Tony Hyett and Tom Galloway
Bruce finishing equal 3rd overall!

COMBINED CLUBS: Nil Report

FLYFISHER: Article cut-off date is 8th June.

LIBRARY: Lee Lord offered to donate 4 new DVD's he has sourced.

WEB SITE: Nil Report.

Fly Tying Circle: Sales \$201.00 Expenses \$88.00.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Judith Rutherford has kindly donated some of her late husband's fly fishing equipment to the club. Bob Rutherford was a keen fisherman and valued member of SFFA who sadly passed away this year. Thank you Graeme Clifford for facilitating this generous offer. The Committee will write to Judith thanking her for her kind donation.

Australian Fly Casting Championship is to be held at SFFA Casting Pool June 7th and 8th, any help would be appreciated with the BBQ – please contact Jim Johnston.

Max Kepert has indicated his intention to cease the 3rd Wednesday of the month fly tying classes for winter.

Fisher Casting training is being formulated to commence in June on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. This training is to teach new casting techniques to assist in catching more fish!! Please contact Geoff Churcher for more info.

Please complete nomination forms for the upcoming committee election – must be received the Secretary by 9th July 2014.

SFFA Open Day date change – new date is 19th October

David Wood bought in some various magazines for everyone to enjoy – Thank You

Reminder –any member who pays their annual subs by the 31st July will receive a free SFFA cap and Badge.

Coffee making facilities are now in the Combined Club's newly refurbished kitchen.

Please be aware there is a bag limit of 5 Brook Trout per day with a maximum of 2 over 35cm.

The point was raised “How can the SFFA influence future decision making by the government bodies controlling our waters” – needs to be raised by the Committee.

TROUT SEASON CLOSURES ON MIDNIGHT OF THE 9TH JUNE 2014

Fishing Reports

- Gary Rapley fished the Rubicon with many fish caught ranging from 1lb to 3lbs. Egg patterns, beads and nymphs most effective.
- Geoff Churcher had the same experience as Gary on the Rubicon but noted almost all fish were up near the trout farm.
- Peter Gadd and seven others travelled to Weipa catching between 30 – 40 different species. All participants caught PB's and hooked new species they had not caught before. One highlight was Ian Sambell performing a “Weipa Slammer” – catching a Permit, Blue Bastard and Barra in one day!! Queenfish were averaging in excess of 1 metre in length.
- Steve Clements and 4 others fished Millbrook with great success. Main flies were stick caddis and black midge patterns. Vince's son hooked a nice 6lb.
- Tony Hyett and 6 others travelled to Corroboree Billabong just outside of Darwin for 5 days on board a house boat. Main species were Saratoga, Tarpin and Barra. Intermediate lines were predominately used as fish were down deep for the majority of the day.
- Geoff Churcher, Phil Magness and Judy Cameron fished the top end of the Torongo River with great success. Phil, using a “Roly Pink Stimulator”, landed 10 whilst Judy got 3 and Geoff 6.

Fishing Trip Calendar

Tarwine Estuary	22nd June	Trip Leader David Wood
Purrumbete Lake	26th -27th July	Trip Leader David Wood
Gerry Bolt Newlands (?)	2nd August	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
Noojee Trout Farm	17th August	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
Daylesford Family Weekend	12th -14th September	Trip Leader Colin McMillan
Max Kerpet Cup	26th October	Trip Leader John McDonald
Lake Tali Karng	1st – 4th November	Trip Leader Peter Suzic

Members Draw was \$180.00 - better luck next time Grant Dawson !!

Next Jackpot \$200.00

Next meeting will be 25th June 2014

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:10pm

Notice of Annual General Meeting – July 2014

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 23rd July 2014 @ 7:30pm at the Southern Fly Fishers Clubrooms Highett

Agenda:

- Apologies
- Treasurer's Report
- Presentation of Awards
- President's Report
- Election of Office Bearers and members to the Committee of the Club for the year 2014 / 2015

As all positions on the Committee become vacant at the conclusion of the AGM, any member wishing to nominate for a position must submit their nomination to Peter Cairns (Acting Secretary). **Nominations must be received by the Acting Secretary no later than close of Members' Night, 9th July 2014.**

Any member nominating, can only nominate for one position. All nominations must be on the prescribed form (refer below), be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Club and the nominee must sign the form consenting to the nomination.

In the event that more than one nomination is received for a position as an Officer of the Club a ballot will be conducted at the AGM.

The Constitution provides for up to 11 members to be elected to the Committee in addition to the Officer positions of President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary

Southern Fly Fishers Aust Inc Committee Nomination Form

We, being financial members of Southern Fly Fishers Aust Inc, nominate:

Nominees name _____

For the position of

Proposer's signature & name _____

Seconder's signature & name _____

I consent to my nomination,

Signature

Name (print)

Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than close of Members' Night, 9th July 2014.

It's All About the Cane

Annual Cane Makers Day – Saturday 14th June 2014

10:00am to 3:00 pm

At the Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club

(Melways 184 F5)

The Cane Makers day will be held again at the Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club (Melways 184 F5) from around 10am till 3pm. This event is for the makers, both old and new, and those who aspire to become makers and wish to learn a few things.

If you have an interest in making cane rods, or in knowing how they are made, then this is an event you would not want to miss.

This event is catered and free of charge, so come along and participate. If you know anglers who are makers or owners of cane rods, please pass on some information so that they might enjoy the company of like minded fly fishers.

If you would like any further information please contact Graham Foxman on 0409 335 841

VFFA Cane Day

VFFA Cane Day - Sunday June 15

9:00am to 3:30pm

At the Red Tag Pool, Yarrabend Park, Fairfield

(Melway's reference 2D H2)

The VFFA will provide a BBQ lunch and refreshments. Rod Makers will be in attendance, along with a cast of thousands.

So come along and cast with the new rods and compare them with the gems of the past. Unwrap your dear old friend and bring it along to meet the new boys on the block.

Red Tag Pool is not an all weather venue, so bring along a raincoat in case the weather is damp.

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Accommodation Offers

Little River Cottage is located in Maydena, that is situated on the Tyenna River, 12 kilometres from Mount Field National Park. It offers spectacular mountain scenery and is close to the Styx Forest of Big Trees and the Styx River. The famous Tyenna River is just minutes down the road and is one of the top fly fishing rivers in Tasmania.

For those keen fisherman we can also arrange a guide who will take you to some hidden fishing spots that contain large brown and rainbow trout.

SFF Rate: From \$120 per night (Two people).
For more information contact Scott Dargan on 0420 909 449.

Little River Cottage - Maydena



Myrica Cottage at Bellbrae



Myrica Cottage, self-contained with beautiful décor and all amenities, is located in Bellbrae, Victoria 5.5 Kms from Anglesea. Solar powered, environmentally friendly and accommodating up to five people, it has two bedrooms, a superb lounge and dining area, self-equipped kitchen and bathroom.

With abundant Australian wildlife, a private flyfishery (catch-and-release only) and walks on over 200 acres of natural bushland it is perfect for flyfishermen, birdwatchers, bushwalkers, bike riders, photographers, nature lovers, horse riders (own horses) and international guests. For hire to those who are willing to share with the native flora and fauna by leaving the pristine premises as found, with kangaroos on site and a spectacular wedge-tailed eagle's nest.. Tariff \$300 per weekend (Please confirm). For information call Allan Roberts on 0412 560 452.



Membership Nomination Form
Southern Fly Fishers Aust. Inc.
PO Box 388, Moorabbin Vic 3192

Date:

Name: (Please print)

Address:

Suburb: State: Postcode:

Phone: (H).....(B).....(Mob).....

Email: (Please print)

Occupation:

Proposer: Second:

Applicant's Signature:

Types of Membership	Code	Annual Subs.	+ Insurance
Member	M	\$80.00	\$10.00
Member's spouse/partner	P	\$40.00	\$10.00
Concession (Note 1)	C	\$60.00	\$10.00
Junior (under 18 years)	J	\$40.00	\$10.00
Full-time student (under 25)	S	\$40.00	\$10.00
Country (Note 2)	O	\$50.00	\$10.00
Family Special (Note 3)	F	\$120.00	\$10.00 pp

Notes

1. Applies to Govt. pension/Seniors Card holders.
2. Residing over 60 kms from the Club.
3. Immediate family adults and juniors under 18 years.

Quarterly Pro-Rata payments apply for new memberships after July

(Membership is subject to confirmation by the Committee of Southern Fly Fishers Aust. Inc.)

Club Use Only:

Date presented to Committee: Elected: Yes / No

Entered in Register: Treasurer notified: Publications notified:

Membership Number: Code: Membership Fees Paid: Yes / No

We invite you to join and participate in the Club's activities. Our aim is to support members in the enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing, the environment and the social camaraderie.

Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the
Southern Fly Fishing Clubroom and Casting Pool
located in **Highett Reserve**,
Cnr Chesterville and Turner Roads, Highett. Melways 77 J 9
(Look for the "Combined Clubrooms" entrance at N° 33 Turner Road)

Membership Benefits:

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| - Beginners' & advanced casting tuition | - Competitive casting & fishing events |
| - Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes | - Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets. |
| - Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques | - Specialist guest speakers |
| - Monthly fly fishing discussion group | - Regular day & weekend fishing trips |
| - Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips | - Saltwater fly fishing activities |
| - Regular newsletter | - Public liability insurance for club activities |

Membership enquiries to: membership@southernflyfishers.org.au or phone
Graham Foxman on 0409 335 841.

Website: **southernflyfishers.org.au**

"The Fly Fisher"

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