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Well here we are almost at the end of another year, and what a year it has been for Southern. Our membership levels have increased significantly and we have all enjoyed a large number of trips and events during the year, with some being things that we have not tried before.

It is commonly stated that a club is only as good as its members. That is why Southern is so strong, and I want to say a big thankyou to all the members who have both contributed to and taken part in all of the members nights, meetings, trips and events during the year. I particularly want to thank the committee members, both past and present, who have provided tremendous ongoing support to both myself and the club.

Once again we had our Christmas breakup party at Wendy and David Wood's place and it was quite well attended, even with the slightly inclement weather. A big thankyou to David and Wendy for hosting our party for the last time as they will shortly be relocating to Queensland. We will miss David at the meetings, however he plans to come back and visit us, and he has also offered to organise a salt water trip to Fraser Island next year. I also want to thank Peter Cairns for providing the meat and salads for the Christmas party and also Gary Rapley for providing the wonderful seafood. A big thanks also to Tony and Steve for their assistance in transporting the BBQ, Marquee and drinks.

I would also like to take this chance to once again welcome all the new members who have joined the club during the year. The committee is very conscious of the fact that our member base has expanded quite quickly and we are really focusing on making sure that everyone feels welcome and valued. We have been listening to your feedback and over the break we are developing a plan to assist with skill development for all members, particularly those who may be quite new to our sport. To further assist with this we will also be launching a mentoring and buddy program for our newer members to ensure that they start to gain valuable knowledge and experience from existing members who are more than willing to assist. If any of our new members have any other ideas to enhance their introduction into the club and our sport, please let me know.

In terms of events over the last month we had the Auction and Dinner Night which was a great success with a large number of members attending and taking advantage of some great deals. Les Pratt also ran the Noojee Stream Trip and we also had the annual Tasmania Trip which proved very successful. Tony Hyett also organised the first round of the Southern Open casting event which saw some spectacular casting indeed. As we are now on a break over Christmas the next scheduled trip is the Saltwater Trip to Patterson river scheduled for the 18th of January, with a variety of trips and events scheduled for February. Don't forget that our first meeting for 2015 will be the Members Night scheduled for February the 11th.

The Presidents Report (cont.)

Scott Dargan

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and I hope that the holiday period brings everyone some great food, well deserved relaxation and even some fly fishing. If you have been very good I am sure that Santa may fill your Christmas stockings with some new equipment. I look forward to seeing you all in 2015 and continuing the great conversations and camaraderie that makes coming to Southern Fly Fishers so enjoyable.



The Presidents stick is to keep Santa inline...

The observant ones among you may notice the Presidents new hat...and Santa's envious look.

Calendar – Coming Events

	Dec	
Wed	3 rd	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sun	7 th	Christmas Party at David Wood's
	Jan	
Sun	18 th	Patterson River Saltwater Trip. Leader: Scott Dargan
	Feb	
Wed	4 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Thu	5 th	Southern Casting Competition from 7.00 pm
Sun	8 th	Stevenson River Trip. Leader: Les Pratt
Wed	11 th	Members Night. Speaker: Waterbug Man TBC
Sun	22 nd	Newlyn Reservoir Trip. Leader: Ken Moran
Wed	25 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.

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.**

Dropbox

The club Dropbox is being utilised by members extremely well, so much so that we have had to upgrade our account to get additional storage space. Please continue to upload your pictures as it is proving extremely useful to both myself for the newsletter but also Phil Magness for the website.

If you did not receive the specific instructions for the use of the Dropbox account via email, then please let Steven Clements know via editor@southernflyfishers.org.au

The Great Southern Casting Challenge – Second and final round 5th Feb 2015

Come one and all to this exciting event. It is not really a serious competition so don't be afraid to come along and give casting at the rings a go.

Senior Social Member's Day Gathering

The Senior Social Member's Day Gathering with Darryl Foulds will recommence in February. The exact dates will be posted in the Fly Fisher in the new year.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2014-15

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A small turnout for what is usually a very popular trip to Noojee streams, perhaps a bit early in the season for some.

6 members Patrick Maes, Garry Mulvay, Judy Cameron, Darryl Foulds, John McIntyre and I agreed beats around 9:30am over coffee, the day was good with a little cloud. Patrick and Garry fished the confluence of the La Trobe and Torongo in the morning for several good takes on both dries and nymphs, Darryl and Judy finished the morning with a pair each from the Torongo a little further on while John and I were unsuccessful also on the Torongo.

Following lunch at the park in Noojee we set off again, Darryl and Judy to fish further upstream on the Torongo, John and myself continuing midstream. There was very little insect activity during the day, and only 1 small rainbow was landed. Garry and Patrick moved to fish Icy creek and west branch of the Tanjil, fishing the west branch for 2 browns and 1 dropped.

Late afternoon, Gary went to the East Tanjil to find very clear water and was able to polaroid a number of fish hooking 6 and landing 4 on small black and peacock nymph. All fish were of small size.

The day was very enjoyable, rivers easy to fish and beautiful country to fish in.



1. A typical beautiful Brown Trout.
2. The wonders of the streams around Noojee.



3. Les Pratt was earlier cursing under his breath over struggling with knots...looks like he got there.
4. We get to fish in some amazing scenery.
5. A well deserved lunch and strategy session.
6. Perfect conditioned Brown Trout, again.

Tasmania '300' Trip in Pictures



1. "It's behind you Julian".
2. Tasmania's famous guide Tyenna Dave.
3. One of many perfect conditioned trout from the trip.
4. What a flattering look.

Tasmania '300' Trip in Pictures (cont.)



Tasmania '300' Trip in Pictures (cont.)



Christmas Party in Pictures



Christmas Party in Pictures (cont.)



Despite the weather, it is evident that all who were at the Christmas party had a wonderful time. A big thank-you to David and Wendy Wood for once again allowing us to invade their wonderful home, albeit for the last time as they move to Queensland very soon. But don't worry their neighbour who just so happened to be there, Julian Hart, has offered for next years party to be held at theirs.

Thanks to Peter Cairns for arranging the meat for the BBQ and Gary Rapley for arranging the seafood.

The Southern Open 1st Round Results

1ST Round 27/11 7.00 PM START

Competitor	DRY FLY	ICF SKISH	WET FLY	TOTAL / 200 PTS
Richard Scrivens	30	70	33	133
Jan Horak	2	8	0	10
Tony Hyett	23	75	22	120
John McIntyre	33	58	8	99
Peter Cairns	15	46	4	65
Bruce Ratcliffe	38	95	37	170
Les Pratt	32	30	3	65
Gary Rapley	47	76	50	173

Note Gary is interim winner and scored a perfect wet fly event of 50 pts.

It was an exacting match race as Gary was using Bruce's flyrod.

Congratulations to Gary on a superb effort.

Great to have a raw recruit in Jan trying and starting to learn what he doesn't know in casting.

SFF Club Caps & Badges

If you would like to purchase one of the new club Caps or badges, pictured, please speak to any committee member (identified by the orange name badges) at the next cub meeting.

They can be purchased for a meager \$10 each.



General Meeting Minutes

26th November 2014

DATE: WEDNESDAY 26th November 2014 7.30pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Les Pratt, Colin McMillan, Tony Hyett, Peter Cairns, Scott Dargan, Tom Galloway, Ken Moran, Steven Clements.

Scott Dargan chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Vince Lammin, Ross Bailey, Ian Sambell, Graham Seeger, Phil Magness.

VISITORS:

Erman Cinar, Mathew Ruffin, Guy Stratton, (Note, all joined subject Committee approval)

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: Tabled as issued

Moved: John Worrell **Seconded:** Peter Gadd

Any matters arising from minutes. Nil

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Scott advised the members that new member Jan Horak has kindly donated a photocopier to the club that will allow us to produce our hard copy newsletter in house. This generous gesture was acknowledged by the members present.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Newsletters from Yarra Valley, Bairnsdale, VFFA.

DEPI advising of new bag limit / size for the taking of Murray Cod. Posted on board.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil

Correspondence **Moved** Graham Foxman **Seconded** John McDonald

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC Peter te Hennepe reported all quiet at this time of year, meeting will be held next week.

ATF: Nil Report

ACF & CASTING: Tom Galloway reported no new activity, group has new face book page to encourage interest.

COMBINED CLUBS: AGM held October. Peter Cairns & Ken Moran elected. Fees held for next 6 months.

FLYFISHER: Articles need to be submitted by 7th December.

LIBRARY: Books donated by Laura McDuff.
WEB SITE: Scott Dargan to handover to Phil Magness.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Scott thanked all who assisted in making the Casserole / Auction night a great success. Members reminded of the Christmas break up at David Wood's home in December and that names must be added to the list so catering is finalized. Colin McMillan advised that the new refrigerator is due in this month

Fishing Trip Calendar

Patterson River	18th Jan	2.00pm till stumps	See Scott Dargan
Stevenson River	7th Feb		See Tony Hyett
Newlyn Reservoir	21st Feb		See Ken Moran
Annual golf day @ Marysville	proposed for March	TBA	See Ken Moran

Tony advised of the proposed trips in the new year that will include Eucumbene, Millbrook, NZ and the far north waters.

Please review the trip board at the club for all details

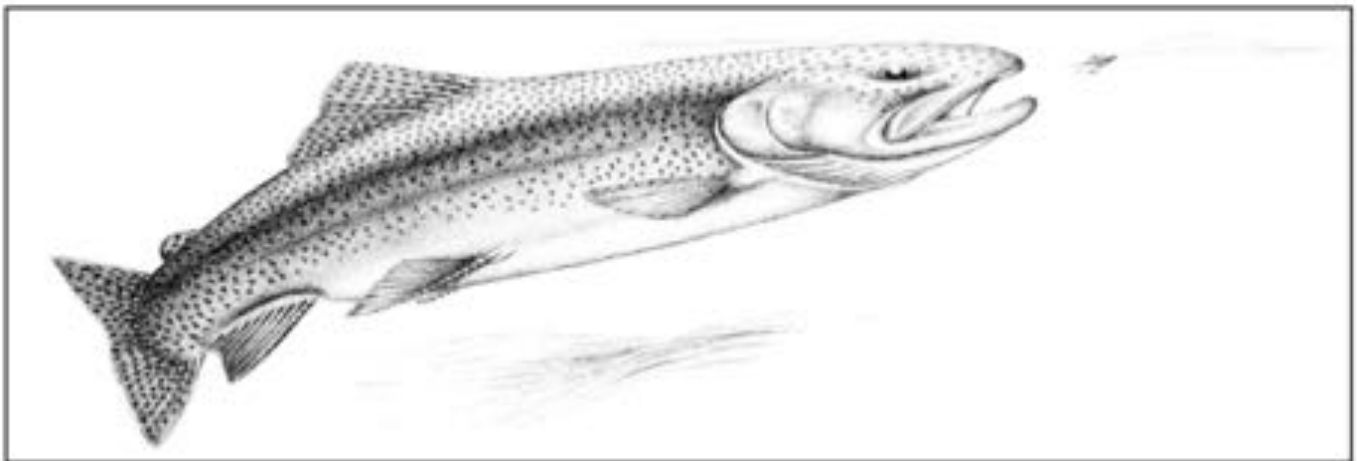
Fishing reports

Phil Magness had a successful trip to the Rubicon, no other details.

Colin McMillan fished the Swampy on a drift boat, only two fish for the day. Water infested with Carp. Later fished the Ovens and please to report a couple of newly released browns were enticed to the dry.

Malcolm Green fished the Stevenson and Rubicon without success, Tried the Goulburn but very high and fast.

Jan Horak fished the Glen Maggie area and had Red Fin take small red spinner flies.



Peter te Hennepe fished Tarrago and landed some good size fish, at Lake Fyans, broke his 7wt but still landed a 3 + lb brown on his 3 wt substitute also reported success on the Ovens.

Dean Gordon fished the Big River over two days; water was at 12 degrees and was surprised at the good water flow conducive to wading. Good fishing mostly on caddis fly patterns.

Charles Bradley reported on a successful trip to Millbrook. Most fish early and late up to 3lb however in one lake a 6lb brown and Brookie and a Golden were also landed

Of note for members is that Bill Jeans was awarded the "Pink Panties" award for which no further information is available.

The full Tasmania report will feature in the next newsletter but sufficient to say it was an outstanding trip. We can report that our President cannot be beaten on any account for the largest anything on a fly. 1 Cow, 600lb, dry fly, very aggressive take, run to backing BUT did get the fly back. A series of photos taken on the trip were shown but none of the cow

Members Draw was \$60

Neil McDonald, your number came out, bad luck

Next meeting \$80.00

Next meeting will be 26th November 2014

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30



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Membership Nomination Form

Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.

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Nomination date/...../.....

Nominee's Name.....Signature.....

Address..... Post Code.....

Phone contact(s) Home..... Mob.....

Email (Please print).....

Occupation

ProposerSignature.....

SeconderSignature.....

**** Membership category and applicable fee for 2014 -2015**

Cat **	Membership Types	Existing Members			New members pro rata			
		Annual Subs+	Ins per person	Total PA	Jul to Sep	Oct to Dec	Jan to Mar	Apr to Jun
M	Member	\$80	\$10	\$90	\$90	\$70	\$50	\$30
P	Members spouse / partner	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
C	Concession (Note 1)	\$60	\$10	\$70	\$70	\$55	\$40	\$25
J	Junior (under 18 years)	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
S	FT student (under 25)	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
CT	Country (Note 2)	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
F	Family Special (Note 3)	\$120	\$10	\$120*	\$120*	\$100*	\$70*	\$40*
L	Life member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note 1 Govt. Pensions and Seniors Card holders

Note 2 Permanently residing over 60km from Club

Note 3 At least 3 members, adults, juniors and students, of the same immediate family *(+ insurance each person)

Cheques should be made payable to **Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.** or alternatively direct to:

SOUTHERN FLY FISHERS bank account **BSB 063-118, Account No 1000-6744.** (Include name as reference)

Club use only

Membership category code**

Date submitted to Committee

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Approved by committee

Yes / No

Applicable fee paid

Yes / No

Notify:

Secretary ☐

Communications ☐

Treasurer ☐

Register number

***** Membership is subject to confirmation by the Committee of Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc. *****

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
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located in **Highett Reserve**,
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| - Beginners' & advanced casting tuition | - Competitive casting & fishing events |
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| - 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 |
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