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Over the Christmas break the Committee started to work on a number of initiatives to both attract new members and also to ensure that we continue to keep all of our members engaged and interested in the club. I am pleased to say that these efforts have seen our membership base increase to a total of 146 which is fantastic and it continues to climb.

To get the year underway we hosted a new and prospective member's information night on Wednesday the 28th of January with around 35 people in attendance. I would like to thank the existing members who came along to share their knowledge and experiences which made our new members feel very welcome. Following our February committee meeting I would like to formally welcome the following new members to the club:

Steve Targett	James Howden
Ross Larson	Paul Dunham
Anthony Wakeling	Camilo Moreno
Tom Hodgman	Sierra Moreno
Paul Harris	Lucas Moreno

With a large number of new members joining the club we are currently finalising the arrangements for the mentor / buddy program which we will communicate at the February General Meeting.

In terms of fishing activity the year started with the Patterson River salt water trip and this was followed up by the Steavenson River trip on Sunday the 8th of February. Trip Leader Les Pratt has reported that the attendance was good and the fishing was quite reasonable. I look forward to reading the article on this trip in the March edition. This weekend we have the Powlett River camping and fishing weekend which should be great fun for both Fly Fisherman and families. This year we will be placing significant focus on ensuring that there are a variety of trips to choose from each month including day trips, weekend trips and longer adventure as available. Our casting competition activity is also underway with the final round of the Southern Casting Championship being held on Thursday the 5th of February. It looks like Tom Galloway may be one to watch this year.

Our first Members night will be held this Wednesday the 11th of February and we will be screening a short video update from DEPI (Department of Environment and Primary Industries) detailing their Wild Trout Fisheries Management Plan. This should prove quite interesting for both new and existing members and also generate some discussion. Once the formalities are complete we will be able to socialise and even continue with some casting practice under lights, so don't forget your rod.

When you arrive on Wednesday night you will notice that the clubrooms and pool are truly sparkling and I would like to acknowledge Peter Cairns, Tony Hyett, Ray Boast, Bruce Ratcliffe, Joe Lauinger and Isabella Dargan for assisting with a working bee in January to get things in order for the new year. The new fridge has also been installed and the shed has been completely cleaned out and reorganised which should make things much easier. I would also like to thank Ray Boast for donating an Honour Board that will be used to record the annual winners of the Max Kepert Cup.

I look forward to catching up with you at our meetings and trips in 2015.

Calendar – Coming Events

	Feb	
Wed	4 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Thu	5 th	Southern Casting Competition from 7.00 pm
Sun	8 th	Steavenson River Trip. Leader: Les Pratt
Wed	11 th	Members Night. DEPI Video - Victoria's Wild Trout Fishery Management Program`
Sat/Sun	14/15 th	Powlett River Trip. Leader: Scott Dargan
Sun	22 nd	Newlyn Reservoir Trip. Leader: Ken Moran
Wed	25 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
	Mar	
Sun	1 st	Eildon Trout Farm. Leader: Tony Hyett
Wed	4 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Wed	11 th	Members Night. Speaker: Dr Paul Hardy-Smith talking on the safe handling of fish.
Sun/Sun	15 th /22 nd	Eucumbene Trip. Leader: TBA
Wed	18 th	Senior Social Members Day. Leader: Darryl Foulds
Wed	25 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
	Apr	
Wed	1 st	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Wed	8 th	Members Night. Speaker: Basic First Aid Training TBC
Fri/Sun	10 th /12 th	Big River Trip. Leader: Tony Hyett
Sun	19 th	Marrysville Golf & Fishing Day. Leader: Ken Moran
Wed	22 nd	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 competition casting practice sessions on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm at the casting pool.**

Dropbox

The club Dropbox is being utilised by members extremely well, 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

Website

The website has undergone some updates with many major changes to come. If you are however experiencing trouble gaining access to the members section of the website, then please contact Phil Magness via webmaster@southernflyfishers.org.au

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2014-15

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The decision was made to go despite a rain front moving across the state. We left Saturday morning in the middle of the rain band hoping it would pass before we began our walk. Checking the weather radar while we had reception we estimated we should be ok. By the time we made Licola the heavy rain had passed. The consensus was that we should proceed to the start of the walk. There was still over an hour and half drive before we got there, so the worst of it should have passed. On the way there was a brief stop to have a look at Shaw creek. The flow was good and a fish spotted in the first pool. Then it was off to the start of the 4x4 drive. The track had only just opened. It was an interesting drive dodging fallen trees and a good creek crossing over the Moroka. Then it was up to the Mt Wellington peak. From there we got our first view of where we were going between passing clouds and drizzle. Did I mention the freezing wind? Then it was the final drive down to the trail start. We had a BBQ going between the passing drizzle. Then it was pack on and start hiking.

The track wound down to the first couple of creek crossings and then a climb out to the plains. The weather was easing though there was still passing drizzle, we even got caught in some hail. No problem for our seasoned adventurers. By the time we got to the lake it was late evening. There was just enough time to set tents start a fire and get some food cooked. Roly came out with a scotch mix and ensured we'd be sleeping in no time. It rained that night but the day broke sunny. I had a quick look before breakfast and spotted one in a bay the next one over. I was too close when I spotted him and had to stand still until he moved away so I could a cast at him. No interest.

Then it was back for breakfast. After breakfast Roly and Ray headed to the right of the campsite while Les, Tony and I headed left. My friends Craig and Bob stayed to hold the camp. The Water level was high right up into the trees. Access was hard seeing Roly and Ray returning left. I gave Les and Tony a run down on how I fish it and then we spread out on the Northern shore. I promised Craig a fish and wouldn't live it down if I didn't come up with the trout. Lucky around lunch I managed to land a nice pan sized fish. On taking the fish back to the fire I was informed by Les that he had a couple of touches but wasn't able stay connected.

After lunch I headed right and soon realized why Roly and Ray had turned back. After pushing through some thick scrub I made it to the shore. Awhile later, Tony came through an easier way closer to the shore. Later in the day I picked up my second fish a little better than the first. Not wanting to go through that bush again I circumnavigated the lake trying a couple of spots on the way for no result.

The following day Craig and Bob decided they had enough and left. Ray and Les concerned that it was going to take all day to hike out decided too that they would climb out. As it was they made good time and overnighted on the Shaw. I was glad to hear that they landed 5 fish between them on the following day. Roly was feeling a little worn out and didn't stray too far from the camp on the Monday. Tony and I decided to fish together around the lake. While waiting for Tony he suggested I start and he would catch up behind me. Lost in conversation I left his rod leaning against a tree for him to collect on his way

through. After catching up to me he arrived with no rod. So back to the camp to retrieve his rod. As luck would have it on arriving to the same place a second time Tony was able to intercept and land his first Tali Karng trout. We fished the Northern shore for awhile until after a while a fish came cruising past that I couldn't cast to for fear of spooking it. Tony put a cast in but the fish was not interested.

On the far side of the lake Tony proceeded to fish the in flowing creek while I fished the steep bank leading in. The first fish was landed in this stretch. I moved around to the south side while Tony gave the creek end a good work out. Polaroding from up high I spotted a fish cruising within a metre of the shore and had plenty of time to set a trap. I placed a fly on coarse well before the fish. It swam right under it with out a glance. I became a statue as it passed and noticed it was the same fish I had seen the morning before as it had a distinct red sore on it's pectoral fin. After it passed I quickly changed fly and set about catching up to it and getting another cast in. I did just that, inline with it and a foot to the side. Again no interest at all. By this time it got to the back to the lake where Tony was working. As I was up high I directed Tony's casts. He got a couple of casts in that would have normally been taken, but all he got was the same response before he was lost in the back ground.

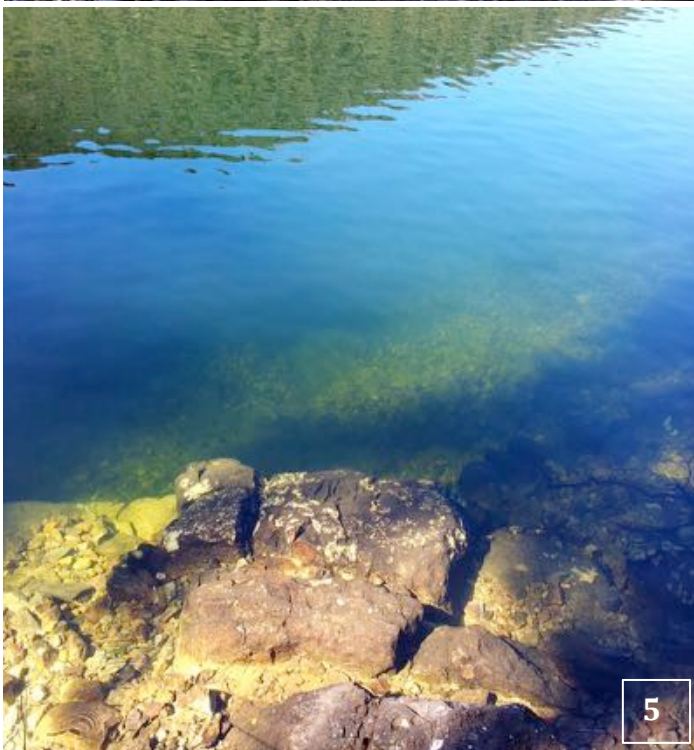
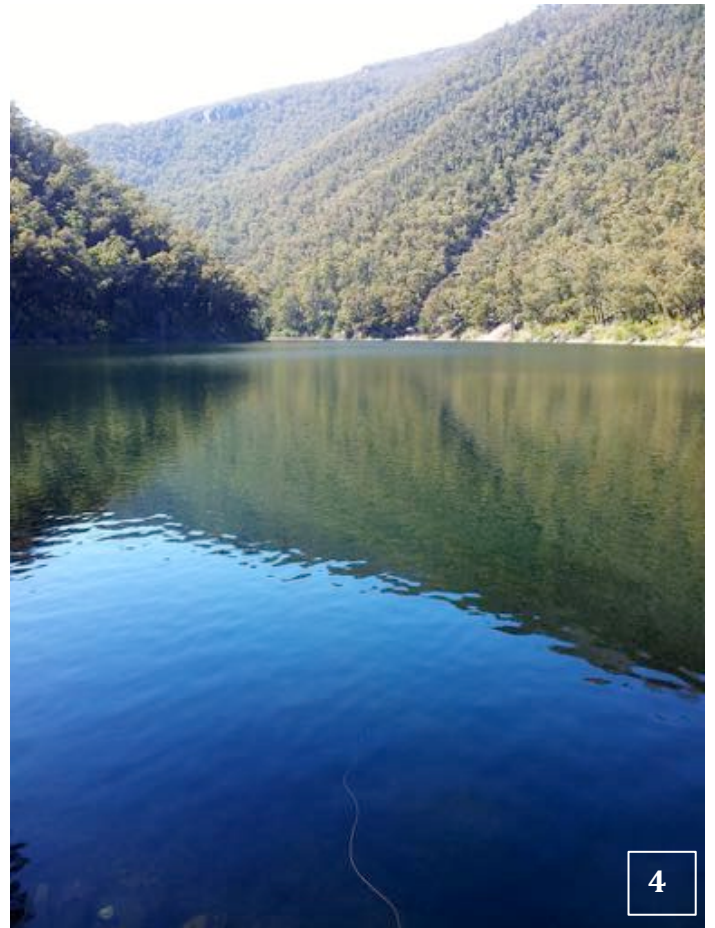
I continued the patrol of the south bank. A little while later I managed to land my second fish. By this time the day was getting short, so I back tracked the way I came not wanting to bush bash through the scrub I went through the day before. A few exploratory cast on the way to no avail and the day was done.

The day we left we had breakfast, broke camp and got rid of the excess food. The walk out was uneventful. The clouds had started arriving which helps keep the temp down just comfortable for hiking. Tony was setting a cracking pace so we sent him on ahead and if he came across a Czech guy we had met to offer him a ride out. Roly and I made our way slowly back to the car where Tony and the Czech had sausages and eggs waiting for us.

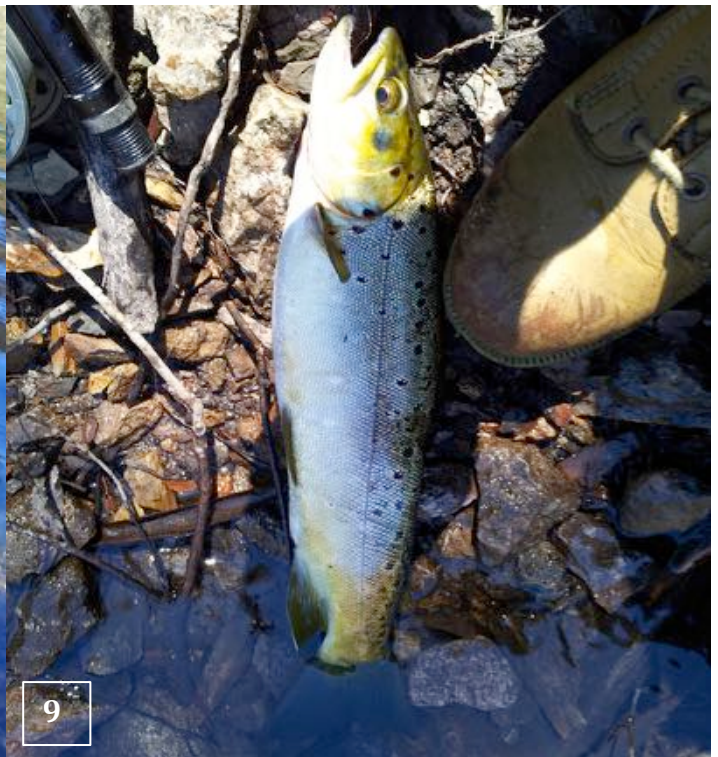


All in all it was a good trip despite not many fish landed. The Lake was as beautiful as ever although high. The guys got on well with no bad attitudes. Not likely to happen again anytime soon, though everyone enjoying the adventure.

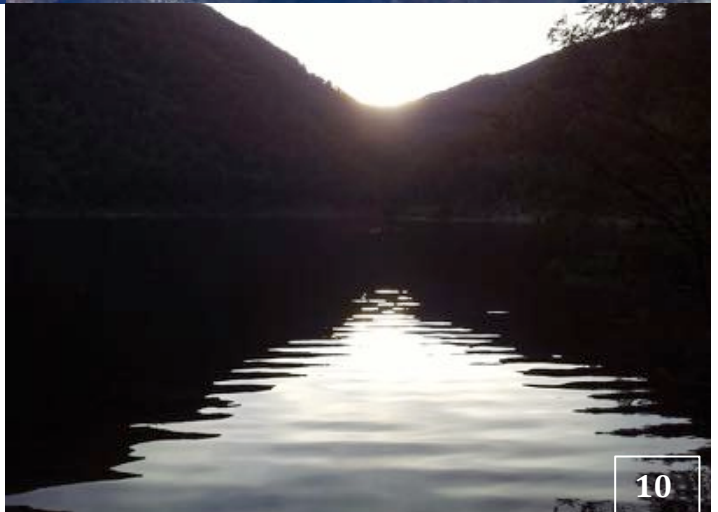
A-Team Tali Karng



1. No.1 Tali Karng.
2. No.2 Tali Karng.
3. Creek entering Tali Karng.
4. A line cast on the pristine Tali Karng.
5. Crystal clear water.



- 6. Camp Tali Karng.
- 7. More pristine water.
- 8. Hooked...and going nowhere.
- 9. A lovely Tali Karng brown.
- 10. Perfect sunset over Tali Karng.





- 11. Roly and Pete leaving Tali Karng.
- 12. Roly top of the plains.
- 13. Maroka Valley.
- 14. Mount Wellington.
- 15. View from Mount Wellington.

Website Updates

Phil Magness

Phil has been very busy updating and improving the clubs website over the Christmas break.

- Both the Calendar and the Club Trips tab have been updated with the latest upcoming events.
- The Contact Us and About Us pages have been updated to reflect committee changes amongst others.
- The front page has a new cover image.
- New member accounts have been created and the logon details have been sent to the respective new member, if you have trouble gaining access to the members section of the webpage please contact Phil Magness via:
webmaster@southernflyfishers.org.au

Over the next couple of weeks I will be working on updating the Basic Setup tab under Skills Development. This is aimed at newer members and will include details such as an overview on the fly fishing setup - rods, reels, backing, fly lines, leaders, tippet - all the stuff I wish I had of known when I first took up the sport!

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.



SFF Senior Social Member's Day Gathering Darryl Foulds

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18/03/15 1.00 pm to around 4.00 pm. Come along and contribute your ideas for future meetings and enjoy fellow member's company.

Everyone welcome.

For further information please contact myself, Darryl, on 9729 3362 or darrysan@live.com.au

I look forward to seeing you there.

Darryl Foulds

Casting About

The Southern Open 2nd Round Results

2nd Round 5 Feb 7.00 PM START

Competitor	DRY FLY	ACA	WET FLY	TOTAL	Round 1	Grand Total
Richard Scrivens	37	53	37	127	133	260
Jan Horak	-	-	-	DNC	10	10
Tony Hyett	15	50	9	74	120	194
John McIntyre	26	48	12	86	99	185
Peter Cairns	-	-	-	DNC	65	65
Bruce Ratcliffe	34	87	28	149	170	319
Les Pratt	24	49	2	75	65	140
Gary Rapley	43	88	35	166	173	339
Tom Galloway	21	48	20	89	DNC	89

Congratulations to Gary Rapley winner of the club casting championship competition, a focused effort. It was a great night, under lights and some variable results unanticipated. The club looks good for the coming season at the Brunn Shield and with some concentrated practice we can anticipate improved performance. Club members wishing to participate should come to casting practice on Tuesday nights.

The competition **casting practice sessions** are on **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.



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The advertisement displays a variety of fishing equipment including a waders suit, a fishing rod, a reel, a hat, a box of bait, a bucket, a net, a bag, and a boot. The background is dark and textured.

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Phone:

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Monday 9.00am-5.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am-5.00pm

Casting About (cont.)

The dates for this years casting competitions as per the **Australian Casting Federation 2015 Syllabus** are:

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Start
Feb	Thur	19	ACF AGM	Sunshine	7:30pm
Feb	Sat	21	Northern Lights	Yarrambat	6:00pm
	Sat	28	Southern Lights	Highett	6:00pm
Mar	Sun	15	Ron Callaghan Anti Cancer Day	Fairfield	9:30am
Mar	Sat	21	Ballarat Open Fly Distance	Ballarat	9:30am
Mar	Sun	22	Ballarat Open Fly Accuracy	Ballarat	9:30am
Mar	Sun	29	Cock o' the Walk	Fairfield	9:30am
April	Thur	9	ACF Meeting		7:30pm
April	Sun	12	Northern Open	Yarrambat	9:30am
	Sat	11	NSW Chps Distance	Lakeside	9:30am
	Sun	12	NSW Chps Accuracy	Lakeside	9:30am
May	Sun	3	Brunn Shield Plug and Fly ACA Skish (Round 1) Dry Fly 21/48 ACA Skish 22/44	Fairfield	9:30am
May	Sun	3	Closing date Vic and Aus Chps Entries to be sent to castclin@bigpond.com		5:00pm
May	Thur	7	ACF Meeting		7:30pm
May	Sat	9	Jack Myles Open Distance Championship	Fairfield	9:30am
May	Sat	16	Vic Fly Chps Distance	TBD	9:30am
May	Sun	17	Vic Fly Chps Accuracy	TBD	9:30am
May	Sun	31	Brunn Shield Plug and Fly ICF Skish (Round 2) Dry Fly 20/47	Fairfield	9:30am
June	Sat	6	Aust Fly Chps Distance	TBD	9:30am
June	Sun	7	Aust Fly Chps Accuracy	TBD	9:30am
June	Sun	14	Sunshine Open	Fairfield	9:30am
July	Sun	5	Brunn Shield Plug and Fly ACA Skish (Round 3) Dry Fly 21/47 Skish 24/44	Yarrambat	9:30am
	Sun	19	Red Tag Open Herb Jenkins Team Trophy	Fairfield	9:30am
	Sun	26	Southern Open	Highett	9:30am
July	Thur	23	ACF Meeting		7:30pm
August	Sun	2	Brunn Shield Plug and Fly ICF Skish (Round 4) Dry Fly 20/45	Highett	9:30am
	Sun	2	Southern Cross Challenge	Highett	2:30pm
	Sun	9	Jack Joyner/Ron Masson	Fairfield	9:30am
	Sun	16	Turville Shield	Fairfield	9:30am
September	Sun	20	Geelong Open	Geelong	9:30am
	Sun	27	Vic Plug Championships	TBA	9:30am
October	Thur	16	ACF Meeting		7:30pm
October	Sun	25	Aus Plug Championships	TBA	9:30am

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 Australia Inc.

PO Box 388 Moorabbin 3192

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
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

Website: **southernflyfishers.org.au**

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