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Well here we are in April already and I hope that you all had a great Easter break which may have even included some fishing activity. I missed catching up with those who attended the last General Meeting as I was fishing in New Zealand with Peter Cairns and Joe Lauinger which is an experience that I would highly recommend for your bucket list. I would like to specifically thank Ken Moran and Les Pratt for running the General Meeting and holding the fort while Peter and I were away.

We continue to make improvements to our club facilities and you may have noticed the new blinds that have been installed in the clubrooms which look fantastic and greatly improve the view of the casting pool and surrounds. I would like to thank Colin and Jill McMillan for organising this work. The Committee have also now approved the installation of a fixed ceiling mount and speaker system for the digital projector with work to commence shortly. The Committee places significant focus on identifying initiatives that allow us to give back to our members, and our increasing membership base allows us to do this in a sustainable way. On this note I would like to welcome the following two new members:

Florent (Flo) Le Bec Christopher Ormerod

Please introduce yourselves to Flo and Chris when you see them at the club and make them feel welcome. This takes our total membership number to 156 which is fantastic and we continue to focus on engaging our new members both at the clubrooms and via trips and skill development activities. In line with this we have organised a new members night at Hurley's Fly Fishing to discuss equipment needs and this has been scheduled for Tuesday the 5th of May commencing at 7.30pm.

I know that quite a few members have been travelling around on various trips during March and I look forward to hearing about their adventures. The Big River trip was the major event for March and by all reports a great time was had by those who attended. In April we have a Noojee Streams trip and also our annual Marysville Golf and Fishing trip which always proves to be a great day. Further details for these trips can be found in the calendar of events section. A number of new day trips will also start to appear in the calendar for the next couple of months, and our trip organiser Tony Hyett is always looking for trip suggestions. If you have a trip idea you can even organise to lead one yourself, maybe to your favourite secret fishing spot!

In terms of casting competition activity I can confirm that we will once again be hosting the Australian Fly Casting Championships in June. This is always a great event to watch and you will see some great casting on display. Closer to the event we will be looking for some assistance with the working bee to prepare the pool and clubrooms, and also with running the BBQ for competitors on the day.

I look forward to catching up with you at our Members Night on April the 8th and don't forget that we have a presentation on First Aid which should be of interest to all.

Calendar – Coming Events

Wed Wed Sun Sun Wed	Apr 1 st 8 th 12 th 19 th 22 nd	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm. Members Night. Speaker: Basic First Aid Training Noojee Rivers Trip. Leader: Les Pratt Marrysville Golf & Fishing Day. Leader: Ken Moran Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sun Wed Sat Wed	May 3 rd 6 th 9 th 13 th	Casting Competition. Round 1 Brunn Shield at Red Tag Committee Meeting 7.30 pm. Lauriston Reservoir Trip. Leader: TBD Members Night. Speaker: Prof. Paul Boon talking on "How the Gippsland lakes have changed over the last 100 years".
Fri/Sun Fri/Sun Fri/Sun Wed Sun	15 th /17 th 22 nd /24 th 22 nd /24 th 27 th 31 st	Millbrook Trip 1. Leader: Tony Hyett Millbrook Trip 2. Leader: Tony Hyett 4wd & Camping. Leader: Peter Cairns Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm. Casting Competition. Round 2 Brunn Shield at Red Tag
Wed Sat/Sun Wed Sun Wed	June 3 rd 6 th /7 th 10 th 21 st 24 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm. Casting Competition. Australian Championships Members Night. Speaker: TBA Highland Trout Lakes. Leader: Tony Hyett 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.

Communication Notice

Regarding email communications to members, if you have changed your email address recently could you please let me know at editor@southernflyfishers.org.au to ensure you continue to be kept up-to-date with the clubs communications.

Also, if you or you know of other members who are actually **not** receiving email communications for some reason (maybe we haven't noted your email address correctly) then please send me an email at editor@southernflyfishers.org.au so I can check that the club has your correct email address.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2014-15

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14 members travelled to Buxton to fish the rivers in the area on a fine day in February. After a briefing and partnering at the recreation reserve we headed off to the allocated beats, agreeing to catch up for lunch around 1 pm.

Beats along the Steavenson and Taggerty were fished with varying degrees of success in the morning with fish rising to dries early on and also taking nymphs.

By lunch around 20 fish had been landed with new member Paul Harris landing his first fish on a dry after only a few casts, followed later by several hits and refusals. Ray Boast excelled by taking 7 in the morning all on nymphs.

Lunch saw most members return to the recreation reserve at Buxton for a chat and sandwich. Malcolm seated himself at the end of the picnic table, unfortunately the seat was shorter than the table which saw Malcolm finish on the ground.

There was some changing of partners for the afternoon session however the fish in most cases were uncooperative. Erhan, Adam and Peter travelled to the Rubicon and Goulburn in search of the fish and landed a few to round out the day. Small nymphs seemed to be the most successful fly for the day. Ray and I tried the lower reaches of the Taggerty without success in difficult water with considerable log jams.

Big River Les Pratt

In the absence of our intrepid trip leader, Tony Hyett, who was otherwise occupied with a lady, members travelled to the Big river campsite at Frenchman's Creek.

First to arrive on the Friday were Ray Boast, Jan Horak and I. After setting up camp we set off downstream toward Peppermint Ridge to fish back to camp. On the way we passed a campsite with 2 spin fisherman who had been fishing at Vennels but without much luck that day. Going was tough through dense bush. We fished about halfway back toward camp picking up a few fish on dries. Not much free wood around so we passed on a campfire that night and settled for drinks and dinner under a gas lantern. By now Tom Galloway had arrived with some pre dinner snacks. A bottle of red was produced to help with digestion followed by 4 L of port brought by Jan to assist with sleep. Unfortunately (or fortunately) due to the absence of our trip leader, most of the port remained in the bottle.

Saturday started well, a good breakfast and we broke into pairs, Ray and I returned to fish the balance of the section not fished the previous day while Jan and Tom ventured on to Vennels. However the fish were not cooperating and very few landed. Water temperature was 15C but neither dries, stimulators and emergers nor nymphs were coaxing the fish from their secret places.

On return to camp later that day we learned that the spin fishermen had landed around 20 fish with a variety of lures (and some HE no doubt), one to 2+lb.

That night the remainder of the group arrived, Erhan, Adam, James and Craig. A chain saw was produced and a felled tree was transformed into a campfire. Revelry around the campfire continued into the early hours of the next day although a few souls, worn out by the rigours of the day, turned in early and serenaded the revellers with sonorous songs of the night.

We broke camp on Sunday and agreed to different locations in pairs for the last day. It's all about location and fly selection. Erhan and Adam landed 40+ fish in a section of river not fished by others, mostly on royal humpys which Erhan had advised were catching on the Sunday, but the advice was not heeded by others. Ray landed some fish on Red tag though.

Big River is always a great fishing location with plenty of beats available. The camping and camaraderie with and without a campfire makes catching a fish a bonus.



- 1. Jan and Les in action....I hope Jan's red cap didn't scare the fish away?
- 2. Tom, Les and Jan relaxing after a tough days fishing, no sign of the Port at this stage, perhaps it was too early?
- 3. Jan, Tom and Les again relaxing in the camp...you aren't going to catch anything sitting around you know.
- 4. Les trying to spot that elusive creature known as the Brown Trout...alas not to be this time.

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 Fly Tying Activity

Fly Tying with Max Kepert

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

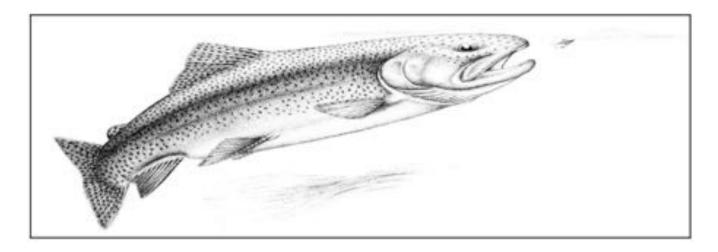
Charles Bradley's Fly Box

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.

Club 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



Casting About

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.

Future Brunn Shield dates:

Sunday 5th July Round 3 Brunn Shield at Northern Sunday 2nd August Round 4 Brunn Shield BBQ Southern

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

Month	Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Start
April April	Thur Sun	9 12	ACF Meeting Northern Open	Yarrambat	7:30pm 9:30am
Аріп	Sat	11	NSW Chps Distance	Lakeside	9:30am
	Sun	12	NSW Chps Accuracy	Lakeside	9:30am
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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
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October October	Sun	25	ACF Meeting Aus Plug Championships	ТВА	7:30pm 9:30am
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General Meeting Minutes

DATE: WEDNESDAY 25th March 2015 7.30pm COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Les Pratt, Colin McMillan, Ken Moran, Steven Clements.

Ken Moran chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Vince Lammin, Tony Hyett, Peter Cairns, Scott Dargan, Phil Magness, Tom Galloway, Charles Bradley, Judy Cameron, Bill Jeans, John Worrell, Ian Sambell.

VISITORS:

We also had Florent (Flo) Le Bec and Chris Ormerode in attendance and both have lodged applications for membership. Flo has extensive experience of "French" fly fishing.

NEW MEMBERS – approved February Committee Meeting:

Phil Wheatley, Richard Potter, Keith Widford, Adam Cox, Cory White, Joel White, Eden White.

A warm welcome to our new members and we hope you will enjoy and participate in Club activities.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: Tabled as issued

Moved: Graeme Douglas **Seconded**: Jan Horak

Any matters arising from minutes. Nil

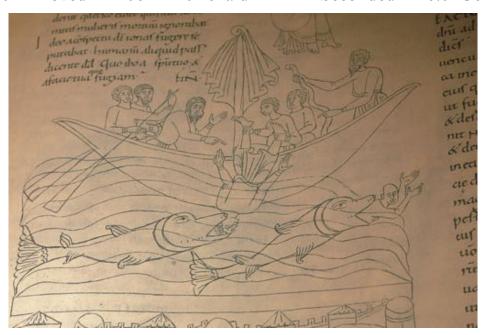
CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Newsletters from VFFA, Bairnsdale, VFFA & Fisheries Research

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Thanks to Paul Hardy-Smith.

Correspondence Moved John McDonald Seconded Peter Golding



DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC

Nil.

ATF:

ATF Delegates Report from 23 March 2015 Meeting.

Meeting opened at 7:30PM, closed 11:00PM

Attendance: 9 members & 2 visitors, 9 Apologies.

Main Issues Raised:

1. ATF President was invited to attend and table a presentation at the VRFish meeting held at Ballarat 14th March. Rod attended but his 30minute allotted time for his presentation was cut to 5 minutes.

2. At a recent Roundtable meeting (includes several fishing bodies State Govt. and non Govt.)

Several Government promises were outlined these included:

- I. Govt. plans to grow current 720,000 anglers to 1 million, as part of \$35m plan which includes \$20m commercial netters buy-out.
- II. \$5m available in \$2k grants to grow clubs. Assist in membership re-cruitment.
- III. Increase stocking from 3m to 5m annually. Native and trout but propor-tion not indicated.
- IV. Establish State-wide catch survey and angler diary program
- V. Tooloondo to get local advisory committee, but water not guaranteed.
- VI. Pursuing reciprocal licence rights with NSW
- VII. Barramundi into Hazelwood Pondage by end of 2015
- VIII. Future possibility for Frankston Res to become a new fishery
- 3. Stocking. ATF willing to support clubs with stocking proposals to Fisheries. Two proposals being prepared by clubs, so far:

Goulburn River below Pondage

Upper Yarra River

If SFF members have waters they would like stocked or increased stocking please contact the committee for their consideration on preparing a proposal with ATF assis-tance. Guidelines for a proposal can be found in "VIC Fish Stock 2014"page 53



General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

25th March 2015

ACF & CASTING: Nil

COMBINED CLUBS: Agreed to purchase Defibrillator unit, letter to KCC requesting

carpark lighting

Nil **FLYFISHER:** LIBRARY: Nil

WEB SITE: Some updates relating to basic information for new members has

been loaded.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Proposed new members night for late April to get info on typical gear and equipment at Hurley's.

Karkarook, SFF have lodged a membership application so we can have some input on managing this fishery.

Next Members Night will feature a talk on first aid applicable to our sport, in addition Stewart Dick will be over from Tassie and hopefully he will update us on the fishing scene.

Committee still working on the mentoring program but ask experienced members to assist at the casting pool or provide information on any technical issues as requested.

Committee requested to seek input from Peter te Hennepe regarding the algaecide used to clean casting pool.

Ray Boast tabled a NSW report on the dangers of using portable butane canisters that may heat when used. A list of types / makes that have been banned in NSW has been published. These details will appear on our website.

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Consumers/Product_and_service_safety/Lunchbox_cooke rs.page

Fishing Trip Calendar

Noojee Rivers	12 th April	Trip Leader Les Pratt
Annual Golf Day @ Marysville	e 19 th April	Trip Leader Ken Moran
Lauriston Reservoir Area	9 th May	Trip Leader TBA
Millbrook Group 1	15 th -17 th May	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
Millbrook Group 2	22 nd -24 th May	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
4wd & Camping	22 nd -24 th May	Trip Leader Peter Cairns
Highland Trout Lakes	21 st June	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
Lake Toolondo	10 th -12 th July	Trip Leader Ross Bailey
Millbrook Group 3	4 th -6 th September	Trip Leader Tony Hyett
Daylesford Family Weekend	11 th -13 th September	Trip Leader Colin McMillan

Please review the trip board at the club for all details and proposed destinations

Fishing reports

Late mail from Scott D in NZ that he had just landed a 4 pounder but then lost it, a review showed that he had landed on a fish when he fell in....again. Not sure what to believe.

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Bill Jeans & Ian Sambell are fishing in Patagonia (surely a talk later) and while Ian is credited with a 10 lb. trout while Bill not to be outdone landed a 20 lb. monster.

Peter Suzic fished Murchison region and reported high water temperatures, low flows and no fish.

Jan Horak reported that the Blue Algae is back in Karkarook.

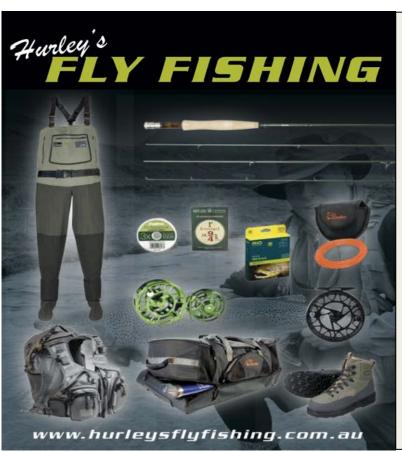
8 members spent a weekend on the Big River, Erhan Cinar and Adam Cox landed over 40 fish in varying size with most success on red Humpies size 18, they generously advised the rest of the group who "new better" and proceeded to catch very little. It was also reported that certain members are able to snore from both ends. No Names.

Our new members are encouraged to come on our trips and experienced members will always help.

Members Draw is \$100 but would you believe, David Wood's number came out AGAIN. **To all new members, you must be in attendance to win.**

Next meeting \$120

Next meeting will be 22nd April 2015 MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45pm



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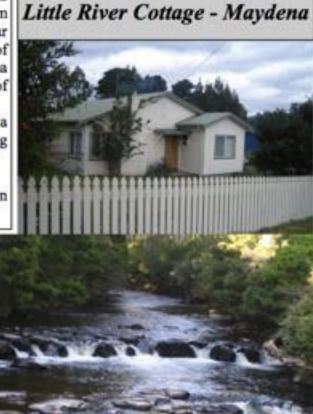
Accommodation Offers

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.





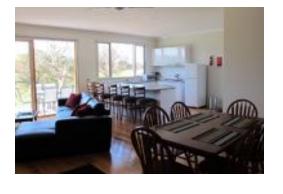
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bushland it is perfect for flyfishermen, birdwatchers, bushwalkers, bike riders, photographers, nature lovers, horse riders (own horses) and international guests. For hire to those who are willing to share with the native flora and fauna by leaving 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.







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Р	Members spouse / partner	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
С	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
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Version 14th August 2014

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:

- Beginners'& advanced casting tuition
- Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets.
- Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques
- Monthly fly fishing discussion group
- Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips
- Regular newsletter activities

- Competitive casting & fishing events
- Specialist guest speakers
- Regular day & weekend fishing trips
- Saltwater fly fishing activities
- Public liability insurance for club

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