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Welcome to another action packed Presidents Report and we have certainly seen a lot of activity over the last month. We have also received a significant number of membership enquiries and as a result of this I am pleased to welcome the following eight new members to our club:

Rob Casamento
Leigh Kelly
Lawrie Kennedy
Nick Sheriff
Martin Lampitt
Jim Chernikeef
Julia Williams
Jeffery Allan

Please make sure that you keep an eye out for them and make sure that you introduce yourselves and welcome them into the fold.

February also seemed to be a busy month for birthdays and I want to thank Judy Cameron for organising a wonderful cake for both myself and Max Kepert. which was quickly consumed at the last general meeting. Unfortunately I could not attend, however it was Max's 96th Birthday that was celebrated with much fanfare. We continue to admire Max's commitment to the club and the sport of fly fishing and he still has a lot to teach us all. We also have some prominent birthdays coming up in March with Tony Hyett, Ken Moran, John McIntyre and Jim Johnston all turning 65 on the 9th of March.

We were also entertained at the February member's night by the Snake Man, who conveyed his knowledge about a variety of snakes and other reptiles in a number of interesting ways. I hope that everyone has recovered from the flying rubber snake, and also that one of our new members has recovered from his crocodile allergy. Apparently you can only discover an allergy to a crocodile by having one dropped in your lap unexpectedly. Max Kepert actually stated that it has taken him 96 years to get hold of a crocodile, and it looked like he wanted to take it home. Besides all the frivolity we did learn some interesting facts that reminded us about the importance of keeping an eye out for snakes as we go about our fishy business.

The trips in February were generally well attended with two trips to the Goulburn River which saw a few of our newer members getting out and being introduced to some practical fishing techniques by those with more experience. A group also headed to the Powlett River for a saltwater adventure, and while few fish were caught the camaraderie around the campsite was fantastic. Paul Harris came along, however he seemed to forget his fly rod and was carrying another device that shall not be discussed in public. The Southern Lights casting competition was also held in February and by all accounts our own Bruce Ratcliffe demonstrated his outstanding skill, along with a number of other members.

March is again going to be a very active month starting with the member's night on the 9th which will include a presentation by Terry George who is President of the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF). There are also a number of trips in March that will suit the varying skill levels of all members, so please contact the trip leader if you are a new member and would like to come along. The committee has also been working on organising a club dinner and with shifting commitments we will now be moving this from April to the middle of the year, and it will be held in the main hall at the clubrooms with catering provided.

The last topic that I want to talk about is the development of a structured and simple approach to successfully engaging with new members, no matter what their skill level. Much discussion has been had at the committee table over the years about this topic, and we feel that it is time to implement a simple structure that will add value for all members. The approach that we are proposing is:

1. New member joins and completes the skill evaluation form which is held on record and noted for use by trip leaders (and Mentors as appropriate).
2. A series of skill development sessions will start from the General Meeting in April. The topics will be decided based on feedback gathered via the evaluation forms and discussions with the wider membership. Initial topics may include, Basic Equipment Requirements, Setting Up a Fly Rod, Knot Tying, Types of Flies, Stream Craft and Wading Safety. These sessions will run in the main hall for between 30 and 60 minutes at the conclusion of each General Meeting.
3. A specific skill development trip will be organised each month to ensure that members receive practical experience in the topics covered during the monthly skill development sessions. These trips will be open to both new and experienced members to ensure that sharing of knowledge occurs and also to allow new members to form relationships with potential fishing buddies and mentors.
4. A nominated committee member will monitor the progress of the program and provide feedback in relation to ongoing member development requirements. This may include the identification of suitable mentors who can provide further guidance.

Let's see how the program goes and feedback is always welcome.



Calendar – Coming Events

Mar		
Wed	2 nd	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sun	6 th	Steavenson River Trip. Leader: <i>Colin McMillan</i>
Wed	9 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>President ATF Terry George</i>
Wed	16 th	Wed Afternoon Social Meeting. Leader: <i>Darryl Foulds</i>
Thu	17 th	Steavenson River Trip. Leader: <i>Ray Boast</i>
Thu	17 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Fri/Wed	18 th /23 rd	Bundarra, Cobungra & Mitta Mitta Rivers Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett & Bill Jeans</i>
Sun	20 th	Casting Competition. Ron Callaghan Anti Cancer at Red Tag
Sun	20 th	Beginners Day at Buxton/Steavenson. Leader: <i>Erhan Cinar</i>
Wed	23 rd	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
Apr		
Sat/Sun	2 nd /3 rd	Casting Competition. NSW Open, Distance/Accuracy
Wed	6 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Fri/Sun	8 th /10 th	Millbrook Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Sun	10 th	Casting Competition. Northern Open
Wed	13 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Club Strategy Session</i>
Sun	10 th	Noojee Streams Trip. Leader: <i>Steven Clements</i>
Thu	14 th	Noojee Streams Trip. Leader: <i>Les Pratt</i>
Sun	17 th	Casting Competition. Cock of the Walk at Red Tag
Wed	20 th	Wed Afternoon Social Meeting. Leader: <i>Darryl Foulds</i>
Thu/Tue	21 st /26 th	Dartmouth Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Thu	21 st	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	27 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
May		
Sun	1 st	Casting Competition. Brunn Shield Round 1 at Sunshine
Wed	4 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sat	7 th	Casting Competition. Jack Miles Distance Day at Red Tag
Sun	8 th	Rubicon & Acheron Rivers Trip. Leader: <i>TBD</i>
Wed	11 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Travis Dowling - Executive Director Fisheries Victoria.</i>
Thu	12 th	Rubicon & Acheron Rivers Trip. Leader: <i>TBD</i>
Sat/Sun	14 th /15 th	Casting Competition. Vic Championships at Southern
Wed	18 th	Wed Afternoon Social Meeting. Leader: <i>Darryl Foulds</i>
Thu	19 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	22 nd	Beginners Day at Buxton/Steavenson. Leader: <i>TBD</i>
Wed	25 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
Fri/Sun	27 th /29 th	Latrobe River Camping Trip, at Peter Van Oosterams. Leader: <i>TBD</i>

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2015-16

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Members Fishing Trip Photos



Joe's first ever Bass on a fly.

Al Russell just returned from two weeks fly fishing in NZ...caught this little beauty from a small stream on a sixteen Royal Wulff on the army base land at Waiourou Central North Island.



A beautiful looking brown trout caught on the Rubicon by Flo Le Bec.

The Christmas Party in Pictures



The Christmas Party in Pictures (cont.)



The Snake Man Visited Southern

At the opening members night this year we had Raymond from Snakebusters come give us a talk and demonstration on those special wildlife creatures none of us like to see while out fishing. Here are a few pictures taken on the night, thanks to Paul Harris:



Seven Southern members attended the mid week trip to the Goulburn & surrounds trip. After meeting at Thornton, we buddied up and selected various locations including Gilmours, McMahon's road and Breakaway for the morning fish. The water was clear but the river level was up, running at about 4,000 mega litres and only offered fishing opportunities along the bank, a current line further out being difficult to reach. Various flies were tried including willow grub patterns weighted nymphs under dries like stimulators, blow flies and woolly buggers, but no takes were recorded.

Lunch saw the group rejoin at the Thornton roadhouse where the morning's results were compared, all agreeing that we should look elsewhere for the afternoon session. Ken & Geoff headed off to buy some of the local tied flies, hoppers, I believe at the Fly Centre then back to the Goulburn to try again.

Judy & Malcolm decided to give Tumbling Waters a try with Judy sighting a few fish but unfortunately nothing landed. After checking out the Rubicon at Kendall's, finding very low unfishable water levels, Laurent tried and had good success on the Rubicon upstream of the bridge at Tumbling waters, landing 4 good size browns in a little over an hour. Laurent later returned to the Goulburn and fished till early evening but without further success.

Joe & myself decided to head back to give the Steavenson a try and landed a couple of small browns on small size 18 brown tungsten nymphs in about an hour of fishing. Keith & Geoff also gave the Steavo a try but without success.

Fishing the Goulburn River and region can be fickle and often changes from day to day. The manipulation of water levels for irrigation and other purposes in the Goulburn River can have a drastic effect on the fishing.

Although the catch for the day was very much on the low side, some of the attendees had not fished rivers in the area before so have now gained some understanding of the various fishing locations available. It also showed that mid week trips can be popular and should become a regular addition to our trip calendar.



I keep accurate records of my fly fishing and have done so since I read David Scholes books which are based on his own accurate fishing diaries. I find these diaries hugely useful in understanding what works for me in fly fishing, places, times, flies, weather techniques etc. For example there was one year when I caught all my fish on dry flies, there was another year they were nearly all on a nymph and a tiny English spider fly. My records show me the last two years have been the worst I have ever had but this year is turning out to be better than average.

So far this season I have caught 121 fish on the fly including a wider range of species than I would normally. Almost everywhere I have fished produced fish, not in huge numbers as in some years but good quality fish. Now that I'm retired I fish a lot but not really a lot more than I did when I was working because the majority of my fishing is still done in the last hour or two of light on the local streams. On some of the years when I caught huge numbers I had dams where I could reliably catch bags of fish every time I went. This is not the case at the moment but I'm still reaping the rewards of stocking I have done in the past.

My home stream of Middle Creek has been very reliable with excellent quality fish this season but the numbers of fish are not huge. I might average 2 fish a session but I have had more than my share of fish over a pound and even some over 2 pound. I haven't once caught a bag of fish as I have in some years past but the quality of the fish has easily made up for that. The fish this year have not risen much, even when there has been a good hatch of Spinners, Termites or Caddis. Because of this lack of fish freely rising I started early in the season doing what Fred Lewis taught me and that was slowly stripping wets through pools, near undercut banks, weed beds and other structures. This technique has turned what would have been a lot of fishless evenings into evenings where I caught good quality fish. When the fish rise freely of course I use a dry but these occasions have been few and far between. Even on nights with good hatches the fish have been reluctant to come to the surface. So on goes the wet fly and almost straight away I have fish on.

It is hard to say what will happen to our local streams after Christmas but they will be low and clear and tricky to fish especially during the daytime. Last year was a good year for Hopper fishing on our local streams but it rarely happens two years in a row. I haven't fished Morwell or Traralgon Creeks much so far this season but I will be looking for streams that are shaded and cool, perhaps the Tanjil or others north of the highway after Christmas. Blue rock Bass may be a good option as will the saltwater fishing when the weather gets hot.

The Thorpdale dams have been much hit and miss, but more miss than hit. The water levels and clarity has been mostly good in spring but the weather has not helped much with strong winds and few good polarising days. You can still catch good fish but you have to work hard for them and I personally haven't caught good bags or big fish. The last few springs saw good dun hatches in Robinsons and other dams but so far this year they haven't been big

enough or long enough to bring the fish up. The farmers have planted early and are irrigating earlier than they ever have and this does not bode well for our dams over summer. The fish are already sulking in the deep cool holes and are not showing themselves much at all. The natives we have in our Dams like these conditions and although we don't have a lot of them they are worth a try when the Trout don't want to play. I am also more than happy to chase carp on warm, low water days as they are easy to see and fight like mad dogs.

What has made this season interesting so far is how good my dams with natives have fished. I am being rewarded for stocking I did years ago. Bass, Golden s, Silvers, and Cod have all been excellent this spring and I think they will only get better as the season goes on. Some dams only have natives but I have a few where I mixed a few Goldens or Bass in with the trout and these have given a whole new side to fishing those dams. You might be fishing for Trout and suddenly your fly is taken by a fish that fights like Mike Tyson and you have a sold Bass on. If I had my way I would put a few Natives in most of the club dams as they seem to co-exist well and it makes it interesting not knowing what you might catch. The other advantage in having a diversity of fish is that Natives thrive and feed when Trout sulk and die in hot weather.

One final thing that my records show about this season is that most of my fish have been caught on small wet flies. I have caught Trout consistently on what I call wee wets; wet fly's tied on size 10 and 12 and 14 hooks. I would go even smaller if they were easier to tie. The patterns I have used are all similar being green and black with short tails and a little bit of lead to make them sink. Patterns that worked well have I include Woolly Bugger Mk2 12's, Macdonalds Tracks 12, and Bill Becks Green Machines on 14 and 12s. Mason Lont has used these little Buggers with great effect for years and I am now quite addicted to them as well. I think the small size of them helps in not spooking fish especially in small streams.

It is certainly useful to keep records of your fishing and it is interesting to look back at the seasons and see how different they can be. It's great to be out of the bad conditions of the last couple of years but we never know what the future holds as far as weather and fishing is concerned. If we did know the future it would take the fun out of it for sure. Good luck with the rest of the season. Tight lines and wet nets, Dave Egan.

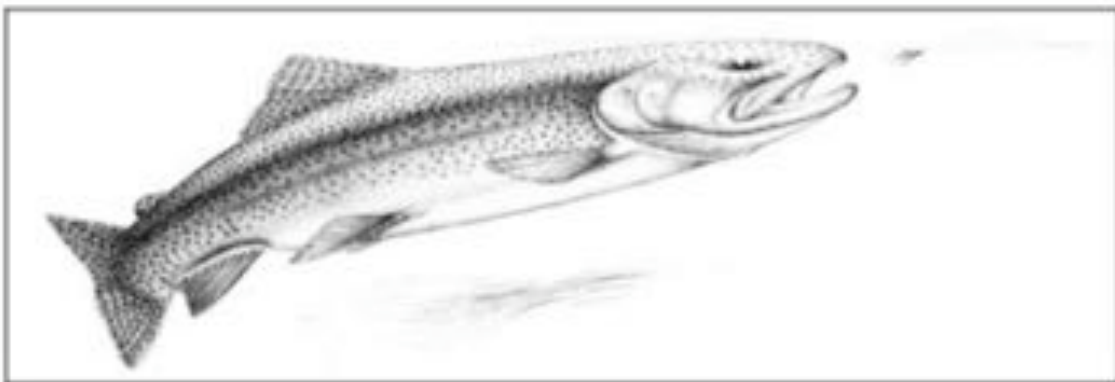


The CVFFC held a meeting at Red Tag Fly fishers Clubrooms on the 27th February. The following details cover some of the areas discussed:-

- Follow up with Taylor Hunt after the Wild Trout Conference
- A letter was sent to Travis Dowling on the success of Wild Trout Conference and offering support for future events.
- Discussion regarding Trout Unlimited in USA approach i.e. Right Habitat=Good for Fish - something the CVFFC should look to follow.
- Merger of the Australian Trout Foundation and the Native Fish Australia - CVFFC should support this new organisation.
- Introduction of minimum size for Trout in Victoria- Feedback. Based on the clubs feedback, the Council determined that their recommendation to Vic Fisheries would be:- Rivers- Minimum 25cm, Lakes/Impoundments-28cm, Family Fishing waters-no minimum limit.
- Murray Cod- Size limits and open season changes discussion for Lake Eildon. Based on the clubs feedback, the Council determined that their recommendation to Vic Fisheries would be to support no closed season for Murray Cod at Lake Eildon. The Council also determined that their recommendation to Vic Fisheries would be to support no change to the current size limits for Murray Cod at Lake Eildon, that is, slot size to be maintained at 55cm to 75cm.
- CVFFC new web site has been launch <http://www.cvffc.org.au/> Any comments or feedback appreciated.
- CVFFC Face book is alive and has over 500 likes at present. Become a friend of CVFFC. Request for all Clubs to like or become a friend of CVFFC Facebook to increase exposure. Use CVFFC Facebook to promote own club events etc.
- CVFFC President's Weekend-9th April (incorporates the CVFFC April meeting).

All items were included for general interest. If you require any further information or background please contact SFF secretary.

Feedback from Peter te Hennepe (CVFFC delegate).



Since my last update VRfish have been involved in the following items listed below:-

- Production of VRFish Strategic Plan for 2016 - 2020
- Sand flathead science and future management in Port Phillip Bay discussed.
- VRFish met with Fisheries Victoria midyear about how to reinvigorate the metropolitan stocking program. Working group in place.
- The proposal to remove the closed season for Murray cod in Eildon was discussed by the members. Waiting for feedback from clubs.
- Discussion on options for relocating Estuary Perch when Lake Bolac goes dry.
- Commercial fishing buy-out discussion with Fisheries.
- The final Lake Toolondo Reference Group meeting was held with outcomes noting the release of the Reference Groups recommendations will be available to the public when finalised.
- VRFish attended the Geelong Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum. The message is very clear, more and better fish habitat the better our chances of catching fish in the future.

Note these are only some of the topics discussed.

All items may not be specifically applicable to fly fishing but were included for general interest. The items which were applicable were forwarded to the SFF secretary for action if required.

Feedback from Peter te Hennepe (VRFish delegate).



Club Trip Accommodation Booking

Bundarra, Cobungra & Mitta Mitta Rivers Trip & Dartmouth Trip

There are two long week/weekend trips planned for the next couple of months as detailed in the calender on page four to 'Bundarra, Cobungra & Mitta Mitta Rivers' & 'Dartmouth'. For these thrip it is necessary to book accommodation ahead of time, so if you are intending on joining Tony Hyett on either of these trips could you please let Tony know as soon as possible. Tony can be reached on 0418 173 869, otherwise he can usually be found somewhere along the bank of Big River.

SFF Club Caps & Badges

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

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

SFF Flies for Sale

Flies for Sale

At most Members Nights and General Meetings you will spot a couple of fly boxes containing a variety of flies. These are usually flies that have been donated by members including Max and they are for sale at a price of \$1.50 each. There are often quite a variety of individual flies for sale so make sure that you don't miss out when you see the box open. A good opportunity to get you hands on a genuine Max Keper fly.

Regular Fly Tying Group

The regular fly tying group will be starting in March, with the first night planned for **Thursday 17th March**, and will follow on the **third Thursday** of the month.

The intent is for those who are interested in meeting regularly to tie flies, learn from others, demonstrate a new pattern or simply talk fly tying. Note that the club will not be supplying any materials, it is the responsibility of people attending to bring along all they need, although the clubs vices will be available for use.

For further information please contact **Paul Harris** on **0412 774 123** or **Erhan Cinar** on **0402 609 399**.

Wednesday Afternoon Seniors Social Meetings Darryl Foulds

The Senior Social Member's Day Gathering with Darryl Foulds are back in full swing with the next meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2016.

Everyone who has the third Wednesday of each month free is welcome to drop into the clubrooms from 1.00 pm to around 4.00 pm.

New members are especially welcome. Come along and contribute your ideas on how to make this a successful afternoon. Perhaps a Wednesday fly fishing trip could be organised? fly casting, fly tying, watch a fly fishing video etc., and enjoy some afternoon tea.

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.

Report Illegal Fishing Activity

Stop illegal and damaging fishing activities. Add this number to your contacts: **13 34 74**

Casting

The dates for this years casting competitions as per the **Australian Casting Federation 2016 Syllabus**:

Month	Day	Date	Activity
Mar	Sun	13	Labour Day Weekend
Mar	Sun	20	Ron Callaghan Anti Cancer Red Tag
Mar	Sun	27	Easter Break
Apr	Sat	2	Distance Events N.S.W Open
Apr	Sun	3	Accuracy Events N.S.W.Open
Apr	Sun	10	Northern Open
Apr	Sun	17	Cock of the Walk Red Tag
May	Sun	1	1st Brunn Sunshine (A.C.F No2)
May	Sun	8	Mothers Day
May	Sat	7	Jack Miles Distance Day Red Tag
May	Sat	14	Distance Day Vic Championship Southern
May	Sun	15	Accuracy Events Vic Championship Southern
June	Sun	5	2nd Brunn Red Tag (A.C.F No3)
June	Sat	11	Distance Events Aust/Titles (Queens Birthday Weekend) Red Tag
June	Sun	12	Accuracy Events Aust/Titles (Queens Birthday Weekend) Red Tag
June	Sun	19	Sunshine Open Red Tag
July	Sun	3	3rd Brunn Northern
July	Sun	17	Red Tag Open
July	Sun	24	Southern Open
July	Sun	31	4th Brunn Southern (A.C.F No4)
Aug	Sun	7	J.Joyner/Ron.Masson Red Tag
Aug	Sun	14	Turville Shield Red Tag
Aug	Sun	21	Geelong Open
Sep	Sun	25	Victorian Plug Championship Gisborne
Oct	Sun	23	Australian Plug Championship Gisborne

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.**

Anyone wishing to take part in or learn more about the competition casting is encouraged to contact our ACF delegate Tom Galloway on 0438 461 353 or even go along to one of the competition casting practice sessions held on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm at the casting pool.

General Meeting Minutes

24th February 2016

DATE: WEDNESDAY 24th February 2016 7.35pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Ken Moran, Erhan Cinar, Ray Boast, Peter Cairns, Colin McMillan, Les Pratt, Tony Hyett, Tom Galloway.

Peter Cairns chaired the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Scott Dargan, Steven Clements, Phil Magness, John McDonald, Leigh Kelly, John Worrell.

VISITORS:

Jeff Allan.

NEW MEMBERS – approved February Committee Meeting:

Peter Trivisonno, no. 1627

Jonathon Pratt, no. 1628

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: Tabled as issued

Moved: Jan Horak

Seconded: Colin McMillan

Any matters arising from minutes. Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Lana Wells re Lindsay Haslem book offer;

VR Fish re exemption on trout size for family day events;

Liquor License renewal;

Licensing Commission requesting club floor plan details.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

VR Fish supporting exemption for family day events.

Moved: Dean Gordon

Seconded: Ken Moran

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC Nil.

ATF: New committee elected, meeting with VR Fish & NFA. Terry George will be guest speaker at SFF.

ACF & CASTING: AGM last week. Next event at SFF on 27th March. Darryl Foulds & Paul Harris will assist Tom G with BBQ from 6.00pm.

COMBINED CLUBS: Next meeting scheduled for late March. Car park lighting to be addressed.

FLYFISHER: Please send any fishing reports or club activity to Steven ASAP.

- LIBRARY:** Several new DVD's purchased including a set specifically aimed at beginner stage. Colin advised members of special offer from Lana Wells for the members to purchase her book on one of our founding members Lindsay Haslem.
- WEB SITE:** Nil, new members advised to contact Phil Magness to get access to club website.
- FACEBOOK:** Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Southern Dinner Proposal

Peter Cairns thanked Dean Gordon for the excellent montage of the members at the 2015 Max Keper Cup.

Jan Horak advised members of boating restrictions applying to the center rowing course at Wendouree.

Dean Gordon advised that Geelong FFC seeking council approval to build a casting pool. Dean also suggested that a joint SFF & GFF should be considered in the future.

Dean also recommended that the club should support any program to stock grayling, as it is a great fish on fly.

Eden White sought clarification on the Club's position on a minimum size for trout.

Peter Cairns outlined our position supporting a 28cm minimum and our support for an exemption on specific "family day" events designed to encourage people to start fishing



Fishing Reports

Peter C reported on the Powlett River weekend. Fish, Zilch, Zero, None but a great social time was had by all attendees.

There is no truth in the rumor that SD's caravan was 6 bedroom.

Erhan C (Goulburn 1) 12 attended and results very disappointing, many flies tried to no avail.

Les P (Goulburn 2) 7 attendees went midweek but conditions very similar to G1. Group moved to the Rubicon and the flow was almost non-existent. Laurent persevered and late in the day landed a few at the bridge. Les tried the "Stevo" and managed a couple on small nymphs.

Dean G & Tony H stopped work and tried the Latrobe & Tarrongo. Results were OK with around 16 fish netted. Dean reported that they had been using size 16/18 flies but when they changed to 10/12's the improvement was significant.

Shane Mc fished the upper reaches of the Stevo & Jamieson and had exceptional results on a variety of flies, so if you want to catch fish become "mates" with Shane and ditch Erhan.

Peter G had a trip to Hawkes Bay in NZ and reported spectacular fishing, over the week some 100 netted with the largest @ 7.5 pound and average was around 5 pound. Peter was amazed at his guide's ability to see fish where for everyone else, none were present. Pete believed 50/50 vision.

Tony H again stopped working and went with Bruce R to the Latrobe & Tarrongo, should have kept working.

Fishing Trip Calendar

Refer to newsletter

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

Special suspension. The meeting was "suspended" while a magnificent birthday cake (Thank You Judy C) was presented to celebrate Max Kepert's **96 birthday** as well as President Scott's birthday. Max enjoyed the cake but Scotty, you have to be in attendance so we ate your share.

Ken's Balls \$120.00 Jackpot

The one night he misses guess what? Yes Steven Clements sorry mate so jackpot goes to \$140.

Next meeting will be 23rd March 2016

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45pm

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 -2015-2016

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**

"The Fly Fisher"

If undeliverable return to:
The Southern Fly Fishers
PO Box 388
MOORABBIN VIC 3192

