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Welcome to the first Presidents report in the 50th year of the Southern Fly Fishers. I want to start by thanking the membership for reinstalling me in the privileged position of President for a third term, and also reiterating my thanks to the Committee for their ongoing support, input and guidance. I also want to say a fond farewell to Ken Moran who has retired from the Committee and the role of Secretary; we will certainly miss his input, but will enjoy hearing from him sitting in the crowd. I also want to congratulate Erhan Cinar for being elected as Vice President and Peter Cairns for taking on the role of Secretary. A special welcome to Judy Cameron and Dean Gordon who we will enjoy having at the Committee table.

The AGM once again went off without a hitch thanks to some great organisation by Ken Moran and Peter Cairns, with the key highlights being the presentation of the Presidents Award and the John Worrell Award (Plus the snacks organised by Joe and Peter). The Presidents award went to Tom Galloway for his proactive contribution to the clubs casting activities and casting team. This has seen Tom become a well-known face around the Australian Casting Federation and continued to raise the profile of our club and facilities. The John Worrell award went to Colin McMillan for the significant contribution that he makes to the club in his roles as Librarian, ATF Delegate, Speaker Organiser and Ideas Man. The wider membership do not often see everything that Colin does, which leads to me referring to him as the 'Quite Achiever'.

In terms of casting competition activity, July was once again quite an active month with the Southern Open and Brunn Shield (Round 4). I want to congratulate our casters on some strong results and take special note of Tom Galloway again taking the challenge up to the A Graders. Word also has it that Tom also had a win at the J.Joyner / R.Masson Trophy, which was held on the 7th of August. Look out Northern Fly Fishers! The Brunn may come to Southern next year if you're not careful. I also want to acknowledge Bruce Ratcliffe and John McIntyre for the work that they do behind the scenes at the casting events, organising scoring, certificates and the like.

The Winter Fly Tying Course has now commenced with around 12 people turning up to the first session on Monday the 8th of August. There is still an opportunity for people to join in and I want to acknowledge Peter Cairns, Paul Harris, Ross Bailey, Peter Gadd and Dean Gordon for getting this up and running. The first night received a rave review, and Paul Harris has also recently run a fabulous introductory session for those who are new to fly tying.

Our membership renewals continue to flow in and at last count we had received around 65% of eligible renewals. For those who still need to pay, I would appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible. In terms of new members I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Chris McMahon and Terry George who had their membership confirmed at our Committee meeting on August the 3rd.

It seems to be warming up slightly and I can feel the fishing season coming on as we move towards Spring. Even though it was cold in July we still managed a trip to Eildon Pondage, which was quite well attended. I believe a couple of members, who will remain anonymous, spent quite a bit of time hunting a mobile phone and a rod tip before giving up on the fish and

heading back to Melbourne. We also had a very informative speaker from the Arthur Rylah Institute at the July member's night, which I have received very positive feedback about.

In terms of upcoming events in August, we have the Purrumbete trip coming up on July 12th – 14th and a proposed Bay Boat Trip on August 20 (Weather dependant). The Winter Fly Tying Course also continues throughout August, and we also have the Annual Club Auction coming up after the General Meeting on August the 24th. This is a great opportunity to sell any excess or unwanted gear, however we cannot sell husbands and boats on the night even though I have had some lovely requests from anonymous callers.

I look forward to seeing you at this week's member's night where Jim Baumgurtel from Flyfinz will have some great gear on display





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

# Calendar – Coming Events

	August	
Wed	$3^{\text{rd}}$	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sun	$7^{\text{th}}$	<b>Casting Competition.</b> J.Joyner/Ron.Masson at Red Tag
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 1 - Introduction
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	Members Night. Speaker: Jim Baumgurtel - "Flyfinz"
Fri/Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	Purrumbete Trip. Leader: Erhan Cinar
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Competition. Turville Shield at Red Tag
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 2
Thu	18 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bay Trip. Leader: Scott Dargan
Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	Casting Competition. Geelong Open
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 3
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	Casting 6.30 pm, <b>General Meeting</b> 7.30 pm. <b>Auction</b>
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Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 4
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Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 5
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Fri/Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	Daylesford Trip. Leader: Colin McMillan
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Casting Social Day</b> with Mornington Fly Fishers at Southern at 10am
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 6
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Members Night. Speaker: Andrew Fuller from The
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Thu	$15^{th}$	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	$18^{th}$	Goulburn Trip. Leader: Erhan Cinar
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fly Tying Course. Week 7
Sun	$25^{th}$	Casting Competition. Victorian Plug Champ.
		Gisborne
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting 7.30 pm. At Hurleys Fly Fishing
	October	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Fri/Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	Millbrook Lakes Trip. Leader: Tony Hyett
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	Members Night. Speaker: TBA
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Max Kepert Cup. Leader: Les Pratt
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Casting Competition. Victorian Plug Champ.
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Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Casting 6.30 pm, <b>General Meeting</b> 7.30 pm.
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## Committee – Officers and Delegates 2016-17

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### **Notices**

#### Auction Night - Wednesday 24th August

Following the General Meeting on Wednesday 24 August, we will be holding an Auction Night. This is a great opportunity to either grab a bargain or move on that gear you never use. If you have gear you intend to sell, please pass on a list of the items to sell by the August Members Night (10 Aug) to Peter Cairns (items, description, price).

#### September General Meeting at Hurley's Fly Fishing

The September General Meeting on the 28th will be held at Hurleys Fly Fishing in Bentleigh (489 South Road, Bentleigh VIC 3204). The meeting will start at the usual time, but following the usual business Gavin will open the store to members with some great discounts on offer, so if you fail at the auction in August don't miss this night

#### Membership Fees Reminder

Our treasurer would like to remind all members who are as yet to pay their membership fees for 2016-2017 that your fees are now overdue.

If you are experiencing difficulties paying your fees or getting them to the treasurer via cheque or bank transfer please contact Les Pratt directly on 0448 715 205 or treasurer@southernflyfishers.org.au

If your fees are not paid by the end of August you can no longer attend club trips as you will not be covered by the clubs insurance. And if you have not paid your fees by the end of October you will no longer be classed as a member and your details will be removed from all correspondence.



It was one of those beautiful winter days we all yearn for, except when you are fishing, lovely blue skies and not too cold. That coupled with the very low water levels at Eildon Pondage meant that we were going to need to go deep to find the fish.

A few members were senseless enough to get there even earlier than planned and tried their luck while the sun made its way up. No fish were landed at this early stage, some were spotted rising at casting distance and some were on the hook, for a moment. It was a bit unsettling to hear the language coming from across the dam wall by one Erhan as he missed that early fish.

Close to 20 Southern members decided to try their luck, meeting at the usual spot, full of eagerness. Fishing partners were settled, target beats were decided on and we were off. We covered almost every corner of the Pondage, so there was nowhere for the trout hide. Surely with so much coverage we were going to have many trophies to discuss at lunch. I headed to the same spot I fished at that early hour, close to the dam wall where the old river bed runs, but more importantly were I had targeted the rising fish earlier. I tried my luck at the rising fish for an hour to two, fishing different depths but success was not for me. A change of techniques, the infamous woolly bugger on a sink-tip line to get down deep resulted in a small rainbow for me.



War stories were traded at lunch, over TimTams and wine. Jan had landed a couple of keepers while most others hadn't even spotted a fish.

I made my home after lunch, via Warburton seeing as the black-spur route was closed due to a fallen tree, while everyone else thought that the warmer day may entice a hatch for the afternoons fishing.

As Scott already noted in his Presidents report, the most action for the afternoon was in the form of a hunt for a lost mobile phone and rod tip.

Eildon Pondage is a good substitute during the closed season of winter, there are also some larger fish than the usual Steavenson sized fish, although not for me on this occasion as witnessed in the picture.

## Daylesford Partners & Family Fishing / Exploring Weekend

Friday 9 – Sunday 11 September 2016

We still have space for two more couples, so please consider attending this friendly weekend and put your name on the Trip Sheet A.S.A.P. A great weekend is guaranteed!



The Club is planning a weekend for couples and families to the Daylesford area, accommodation will be in a communal house costing \$226 per couple, for the weekend. This is payable to the Club by Wednesday 10 August. A deposit of \$100 is due before Wednesday 8th June, payments to the Club Treasurer, Les Pratt.

Members will

be aware of the many lakes in the area, providing good fishing and plenty of time will be available to explore these on the Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday, visit <a href="http://www.daylesforddelights.com/fishing-in-the-daylesford-area.html">http://www.daylesforddelights.com/fishing-in-the-daylesford-area.html</a> for more information.

While fishing partners will be able to explore Daylesford and the Hepburn area to experience its many offerings and indulgences <a href="http://www.daylesforddelights.com/">http://www.daylesforddelights.com/</a>.



The accommodation will provide an area for a shared communal meal on the Friday night



while we may enjoy a meal at one of the hotels on the Saturday or decide to dine in to enjoy our accommodation. An overview of the accommodation can be seen at: http://www.dabs.com.au/accommodation/the-lodge/

Those who attended last year were most impressed with the layout and location of the house.

Due to the size of the accommodation spaces are

limited to a maximum of 17, so PLEASE place your names on the trip sheet in the Clubrooms as soon as possible and pay your deposit to secure your booking.

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

Enquiries to: Colin McMillan (trip leader) 0407514966



## "Charles Bradley" Flies for Sale

You may have noticed the new fly boxes on top of the fridge in the clubrooms? Fly boxes is a bit of an understatement, you will understand if you have seen them recently. These new display cabinets contain a vast array of flies that the club managed to secure at a preferential rate.

The usual donated flies will also be located in these display cabinets, so will still be able to get yourself a genuine Max Kepert fly.

The flies are for sale at a price of \$1.50 each. Please see Steven Clements or Paul Harris for payment on the night.

## Regular Fly Tying Group

The regular fly tying group started in March with great success, 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 postponed at the moment while Darryl is away interstate. We will post the dates of the next get together as soon as Darryl is back in Victoria.

## 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 green name badges) at the next cub meeting. They can be purchased for a meager \$10 each.





### Casting

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

Month	Day	Date	Activity
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.

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. Otherwise the competition casting practice sessions are on Tuesday nights at 7.00 pm, run by Bruce Ratcliffe, so if you are interested in competition casting please come along, have some fun and develop your casting skills.

## ACF Southern Open 24 July 2016 Scores

	Name	Dry	Skish	ICF	Wet	Total
1	Jones Bill	47	88	93	39	267
2	Cocks B	47	89	88	35	259
3	Ratcliffe B	38	91	91	37	257
4	Lucas K	46	89	83	37	255
5	Galloway T	44	87	87	33	251
6	Whittam E	42	86	84	36	248
7	Mathews P	45	83	79	40	247
8	Hyett T	41	79	80	26	226
9	McIntyre J	38	85	67	29	219
1	Scrivens R	35	73	78	28	214
1	Howden K	36	68	60	29	193
1	Pratt L	35	70	42	35	182
1	Jones Brett	28	63	62	29	182

	Dry Fly Accuracy	
1	Jones Bill	47
1	Cocks B	47
2	Lucas K	46
3	Mathews P	45

	ACA Skish Accuracy	
1	Ratcliffe B	91
2	Cocks B	89
2	Lucas K	89
3	Jones Bill	88

	ICF Skish Accuracy	
1	Jones Bill	93
2	Ratcliffe B	91
3	Cocks B	88

	Wet Fly Accuracy	
1	Mathews P	40
2	Jones Bill	39
3	Ratcliffe B	37
3	Lucas K	37

## ACF Brunn Shield 2016 Round 4 Scores

	Brunn Shield Round 4							
Name	Club	Dry	Skish	ICF	Wet	Total		
AJ	Northern	50	0	95	47	192		
Farkas B	Northern	50	0	99	42	191		
Cuthbert M	Ballarat	47	0	97	45	189		
Wallis D	Northern	49	0	95	43	187		
Andropof L	Red Tag	47	0	96	44	187		
Stevens S	Ballarat	48	0	92	45	185		
Rapley G	Southern	48	0	91	42	181		
Galloway T	Southern	47	0	94	40	181		
Ratcliffe B	Southern	48	0	92	39	179		
Phelan J	Sunshine	49	0	87	43	179		
Mathews P	Northern	46	0	85	48	179		
Lucas K	Sunshine	45	0	94	38	177		
Whittam E	Red Tag	46	0	90	39	175		
Coltman C	Ballarat	44	0	87	41	172		
Heath R	Sunshine	45	0	83	42	169		
Macray M	Ballarat	43	0	89	36	168		
West P	Sunshine	46	0	78	42	166		
Smith P	Ballarat	47	0	82	37	166		
Jones Bill	Northern	45	0	87	34	166		
Close J	Ballarat	41	0	84	41	166		
Cocks B	Sunshine	44	0	88	33	165		
Bambridge J	Ballarat	38	0	81	41	160		
Heath C	Sunshine	45	0	75	37	157		
Bridgebourn	Ballarat	38	0	76	41	155		
McIntyre J	Southern	42	0	78	30	150		
Smith J	Northern	35	0	74	40	149		
Sheriden P	Northern	40	0	67	34	141		
Lock S	Ballarat	28	0	76	35	139		
Scrivens R	Southern	31	0	75	30	136		
Pierce K	Ballarat	36	0	56	36	128		
Jones Brett	Red Tag	35	0	65	26	126		
Howden K	Sunshine	37	0	58	31	126		

### ACF Brunn Shield 2016 Final Scores

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total	Place
Northern	684	757	749	751	2941	1
Ballarat	658	708	719	712	2797	2
Sunshine	608	707	726	701	2742	3
Southern	669	677	659	691	2696	4
Red Tag	510	460	531	488	1989	5
Lakeside	565	475	DNC	DNC	1040	6

## 2016 Jack Joyner Memorial

2016 Jack Joyner Memorial Sunday 7th August Yarra Bend Pool Weather Fine – No wind

#### **Jack Joyner Perpetual Trophy**

1st Prize – Fly Reel donated by Peter Hayes 2nd Prize – Fly Line donated by Sunshine Club

Jack Joyner Winner Tom Galloway 264 pts 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Smith 262 pts

	Dry Fly	ACA Skish	ACF Skish	Wet Fly	Total
Possible	50	100	100	50	300
Tom Galloway	45	92	87	40	264
Phil Smith	41	89	87	45	262
Keith Howden	41	69	75	36	221
Brett Jones	38	58	67	27	190

## 2016 Ron Masson Memorial – Grade Handicap

Winner - Tom Galloway 52 Grade Points

2nd John Phelan 51 Grade Points

3rd Ken Lucas 49 Grade Points

#### **Off The Stick Score**

	Dry Fly	ACA Skish	ACF Skish	Wet Fly	Total
Possible	50	100	100	50	300
A.Balachandra	50	98	100	49	297
L.Andropof	48	89	97	47	281
K.Lucas	47	97	95	40	279
Bill Jones	49	94	94	42	279
E.Whittam	49	87	98	42	276
C.Heath	47	96	88	43	274
P.Matthews	45	88	96	45	274
R.Heath	46	84	91	46	267
J.Phelan	44	94	88	41	267
T.Galloway	45	92	87	40	264
P.Smith	41	89	87	45	262
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DATE: WEDNESDAY 27th July 2016 7.30pm

#### Welcome by President, Scott Dargan

Scott welcomed some 45 attendees to the AGM and commended all members for the support that they provided to the committees and general club activities over the past year.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Barry Stockton, Jill McMillan, Grant Mathews, Max Kepert, Allan Russel, Geoff Daniel, Julia Williams, Jim Chernikeef.

#### Minutes of PREVIOUS AGM: Tabled as issued

Any matters arising from the minutes. Nil

The AGM minutes Moved by: John Worrell Seconded by: Colin McMillan



#### **Presidents Report**

Welcome to all Gentleman, Ladies & Life Members.

It has once again been an action packed year in terms of activity and membership growth, which is very pleasing. And once again I would like to welcome all new members that have joined over the last year and I hope that you are enjoying the club. Our membership has contracted a little, however that is mainly as a result of people moving on and a change in membership demographic. In my view we also have a lot higher rate of active membership, which is great.

It is also a time to reflect on those members who have passed away over the last twelve months and it pains me greatly that we have had to farewell two wonderful people, Charles Bradley and John McDonald. I know that they remain in our thoughts as we go about our fishing business and we both great club members and contributors.

I am going to thank a number of people individually for their contributions now, however I would first like to thank all members for making this club a great place to be. People say that a club is only as good as its members, so we are therefore extremely good!

I would also like to thank every committee member for the individual contributions that they make and they are the best committee that I have ever worked with. In three words - Proactive, Committed and Reliable.

In terms of individual contributions I would like to thank:

**Peter Cairns** – Peter has continued to provide outstanding support over the past twelve months as Vice President and President in Waiting as well as being the VCFFC Delegate, combined clubs rep and looking after the maintenance side of the club, particularly ensuring that the casting pool remains clean and in order. Peter has also contributed the meat for the BBQ's and food for other occasions. Nothing is ever too hard for Peter and he embodies the spirit of the club. Pete also takes great interest in organising clothing such as restocking club caps and providing various presidential wardrobe items.

Les Pratt – Les is an outstanding treasurer and a great contributor to the committee! He is always available to call on for support and assistance and he is a real gentleman. Les does a great job looking after the books and helping out with many other things. He has also stepped forward to assist with the organization of a number of trips over the last twelve months. Les has also been leading the charge on ensuring that our new members are engaged early and has also worked on the development and implementation of the new member's skill development program.

**Ray Boast** – Ray has been a great addition to the Committee as Assistant Treasurer and has continued to provide a \$90 gap in the financials at every opportunity. Ray has also been investigating and working on potential grants for the club and has made a significant contribution at the Committee table. Ray has also been instrumental in developing and running specific sessions for new members.

Colin McMillan – Another wonderful year as Librarian and ATF delegate (When he is in the country). Colin has also taken a leading role in organising speakers over the past twelve months and I think we have all enjoyed the quality of those who have presented. Colin is always working away in the background and coming up with valuable ideas, which I really appreciate. He also has a wonderful collection of hats and is a gentleman of the finest form. Thanks to Tom Galloway also for filling in for Collin when he is away. Colin has also jumped in to organize a few trips, which has been great.

**Steve Clements** – Steve has done a fantastic job as Editor of the Fly Fisher and Communications Co-coordinator over the past twelve months. His writing technique is wonderful and he has contributed some excellent pictures along the way. This has been great

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support. Steve has also taken an active role in leading some trips, particularly to the Steavenson area.

**Peter Tehennepe (VCFFC and VR Fish Delegate)** – A big thanks to Peter for continuing to be a proactive delegate at the CVFFC and VR Fish. Peter is always keeping our club informed of developments and identifying ways that we can assist.

Casting – Tom Galloway has really been leading the charge in this area over the last 12 months with the assistance of John McIntyre and Bruce Ratcliffe who also do such a wonderful job in this area of the club. Tom has also been showing some great casting skill, especially now that he is C Grade National Champion.

I also want to mention **Bruce Ratcliffe** and **Gary Rapley** for their great assistance with casting tuition and Gary once again supplying some great seafood at a great price for a couple of our functions.

I also want to thank the other people that greatly assist with casting including **Ian Sambell**, **Ross Bailey**, **Richard Scrivens and Tony Hyett and others**. Thank you for providing such excellent guidance to other members and for openly sharing your knowledge. The Tuesday night sessions are certainly popular with not just our own members but some from Northern and Peninsula.

**Peter Gadd and Peter Golding** – For providing support in a number of different ways, from trip organization to fly sorting and other activities.

**Graeme Seeger** – For his recent citizen's arrest and attempt to protect my assets.

**Ian Sambell and Bill Jeans** – For sharing their wonderful Patagonia trip presentation. And also to Bill for his impersonation of the Fish and Chip Lady in Weipa. Something about F'ing Mackerel.

**Dean Gordon** – I have only gotten to know Dean over the past twelve months or so and I am so pleased that he is a member of our club. Dean is a great source of valuable information and always willing to contribute whether it is about trip information or at a fly tying course.

**Daryl Foulds** – Daryl started what he refers to as the Seniors Afternoons and has been very passionate about providing the club as a place that retired members can get together during the week and talk about all things fishing.

**BBQ Faithful's** - Well Daryl Foulds did step back into the fold for a while and his regular replacements seem to be Joe Lauinger, Geoffrey Daniels, Paul Harris, Judy Cameron, Ray Boast David Barry and maybe a couple of others who I have forgotten to mention.

**John McIntyre** – John continues to provide support to the club in so many ways. I want to particularly thank him for sourcing some great raffle prizes that I think came from another country, which will not be mentioned. Yes Cuba! John is also regularly on hand as an adviser. He has also donated a couple of reels to be auctioned (One tonight) and continues to provide strong support in the casting area.

**Phil Magness** – Phil continues to provide great support as Webmaster and does quite a bit of work behind the scenes. I also congratulate Phil on becoming a Dad during the year, which seems to have distracted him from fishing.

Fly Tying I want to recognize all those people who have contributed to our Fly Tying activities including – Peter Cairns, Peter Gadd, Peter Golding, Peter Suzic, and many others not called Peter such as Ross Bailey, Max Kepert, Paul Harris, Dean Gordon and all other tiers and instructors. I am really looking forward to seeing this year's course start up on August the 8th.

**Erhan Cinar** – Erhan has become a strong and passionate Committee Member, even acting as secretary for a period of time, which did not work! Erhan has become a young leader who consistently contributes to all fishing bodies and shares all of his learning's with the club. He has also organized some great trips and helped out in many other ways. I look forward to Erhan continuing to contribute strongly in 2016. He is a really nice guy with a large variety of thongs for all occasions.

**Paul Harris** – Well they say good things come in small packages and this is certainly true with Paul. I want to thanks Paul for helping out in so many ways, whether with IT, on trips, or running the Thursday night social fly tying, he is always available and willing to help. He also comes up with some great ideas.

**Judy Cameron** – Judy has been a fantastic help over the last year and she has admirably taken on the role of Raffle organizer following the passing of Charles. Judy was also responsible for identifying the opportunity for us to purchase all the flies and rods that we got at a fantastic price when the complete angler at Greensborough closed down. Judy is also available to help on any occasion, which I appreciate.

**Ken Moran** – I want to thank Ken for jumping back into the Secretary's chair and continuing to supply his balls for the members draw. Ken has also once again acted as a great constitutional expert throughout the year providing much guidance and advice to both Peter and Myself. I know that I can always call on Ken for assistance and he once again ran a great golf and fishing day at Marysville. I want to acknowledge Ken for his service to the Committee at this point as he is retiring from the committee and position as Secretary. I hope his replacement is just as good!!

**Max Kepert** – Our elder statesman and great role model. How wonderful that Max is still fishing and contributing to our club at the young age of 97. I really enjoy my discussions with Max about fishing in times gone by even though he can't hear a bloody word I say. Thanks again for all your assistance Max.

**John Worrell** – John is our second eldest statesman at the Club and if you don't know John then you are really missing out. John has been a great help and supporter of mine once again during my second term as President and continually gives back to the club in ways that are not always openly celebrated due to his humble nature. I want to also acknowledge John for presenting his annual award and we await the announcement tonight with great anticipation. I also want to thank John for providing yet another Southern Presidents Mercedes that I am

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currently driving – That should make a few of you think about running for President in the future!!

**Tony Hyett** – Well words just escape me! Tony has his hand in everything and I must say that his efforts are greatly appreciated. Tony has once again been in charge of trip coordination over the last year and has also been of great assistance in so many other areas that I am struggling to recall.

I really appreciate Tony's assistance and advice along with his odd ways, strange comments, phone calls that I get when he can't remember why he called me, and funny sense of humour. Tony – You will make a great kitchen cleaner one day!

I think it is amazing that so many people actively contribute to making the club great and I feel a real sense of camaraderie and enjoyment in the club at the moment. This will no doubt carry us forward into a great year ahead. This has also been displayed through the increased numbers that we are seeing at both Members Nights and General Meetings.

The club has been spending some of the member's funds on enhancing facilities over the last year with major purchases such as:

- New Club Badges
- Rods and reels for beginners
- Flies (For sale and Prizes etc.)
- Increased Raffle Prize Selection
- Subsidizing Fly Tying Courses
- And a number of other things.

I also wanted to acknowledge the quality of the speakers and presenters that we have had at the club over the past 12 months. These people have certainly been very educational.

I will stop talking now but finish by thanking you all for being here and each and every one of you for supporting this wonderful club as we move into **OUR 50**<sup>TH</sup> **YEAR!** 

#### Next Year's Focus:

- 50th Year Celebrations
- Continuing to explore and develop items from the Club Strategy session including Private Waters etc.
- Implementing a Trip Committee to support Tony and to make sure that nothing gets forgotten and no Fisherman gets left behind.
- Continuing to build our membership base.
- Increasing our activity and input with all relevant fishing bodies.
- Looking for more ways to invest back into members and activities.
- Maintaining our high level of activity and ensuring that all members at all skill levels are being well engaged.
- Organizing a speaking event with April Vokey.
- Organizing a speaking event with the Minister for Fisheries (Agriculture) Jaala Pulford who I spoke to about our club earlier today.
- Making Southern the Premier Fly Fishing Club in Victoria (And the world).

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There were no items of general business to be presented to the meeting.

#### The President then awarded the following Club awards for the year

#### PRESIDENTS AWARD

Criteria: For outstanding ongoing contribution to SFFA

The President's award recognises a member who over the years has embodied the spirit of the club ensuring that enjoyment and friendship is encouraged to all members.

Awarded to: Tom Galloway

#### THE JOHN WORRELL AWARD

Criteria: Recognises the contribution by a member in supporting the Club at

meetings, functions and events as well as representing the Clubs

interest in the best way to others.

The President's award recognises a member who over the years has embodied the spirit of the club ensuring that enjoyment and friendship is encouraged to all members.

Awarded to: Colin McMillan

#### President declared all positions of Office Bearers and Committee are now vacant

The Secretary offered the following nominations that were received, duly proposed, seconded and signed in accordance with our Constitution.

The nominations were verified as correct by Tony Hyett & Ray Boast.

For the positions of Office Bearers of the Club, four nominations were submitted:

President Scott Dargan
Vice President Erhan Cinar
Treasurer Les Pratt
Secretary Peter Cairns

For the positions of Ordinary Committee Members of the Club, nominations were submitted by:

Ray Boast Colin McMillan
Tom Galloway Steven Clements
Judy Cameron Dean Gordon

Tony Hyett

As there was no need for a ballot for any positions, the President declared the above nominations as elected to those positions for the year 2016-2017 and welcomed the new Office Bearer and committee members.

#### **Presidents Closing Remarks**

Scott thanked the members for their attendance and reaffirmed the committee's commitment to continue to provide the opportunity for members to enjoy our sport and to maintain a strong and viable club for the future.

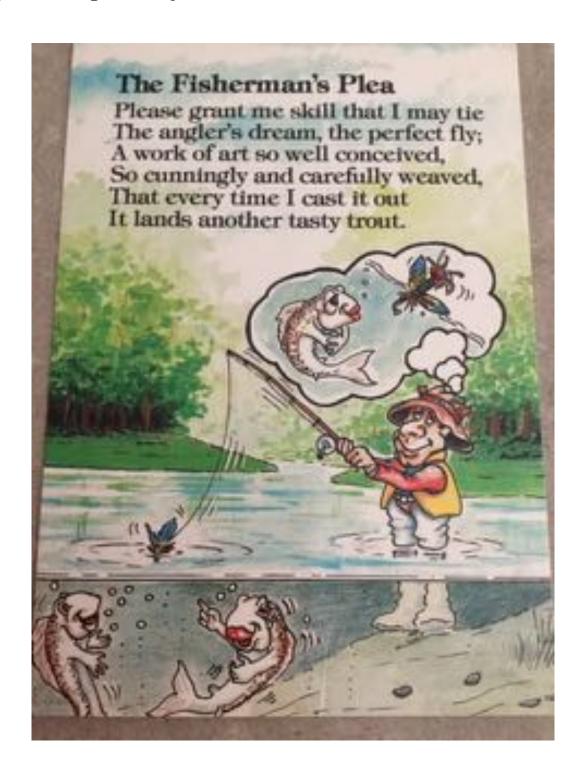
**John Worrell** moved a vote of thanks to Scott for his outstanding commitment to the development and growth of the club which was unanimously endorsed by the attendees.

The President declared the meeting closed and thanked all for their attendance.

Meeting Closed

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8.20 pm



#### **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.





## 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 ho 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.





#### **Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.**

PO Box 388Moorabbin 3192

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** Membership category and applicable fee for 2014 -2015-2016										
		Existing Members				1				
Cat	Membership Types	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		
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		
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/										
Approved by committee Yes / No										
Applicable fee paid Yes / No										
Notify: Secretary Communications Treasurer Register number										

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 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:

- Beginners'& advanced casting tuition
- Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes
- Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques
- Monthly fly fishing discussion group
- Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips
- Regular newsletter

- Competitive casting & fishing events
- Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets.
- Specialist guest speakers
- Regular day & weekend fishing trips
- Saltwater fly fishing activities
- Public liability insurance for club activities

Membership enquiries to: membership@southernflyfishers.org.au

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