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As I sit down to right this report it appears that the weather may be improving slightly, however with all the recent rainfall the river flow levels continue to restrict fishing activity. Not to be beaten by the weather conditions, I have noticed that a lot of our members are taking advantage of the poor fishing conditions, by updating their fly collections, with some impressive patterns being shared around.

September was once again a very active month, which started off with the Daylesford Family Weekend and the Social Casting Day with Mornington Fly Fishers. This was followed by a presentation from Andrew Fuller from The Flyfisher at the Members Night, which was enjoyed by all who attended and was also very informative.

The Goulburn river trip that was scheduled in September proved to be a challenge due to the weather and high flow rate, however I am sure that there will be many more opportunities to get onto the Goulburn as conditions improve. Even with the challenging conditions I have noticed that some members have been having success on the Goulburn, but mainly in the backwaters.

The Winter Fly Tying course concluded in September and I want to take this opportunity to thank Peter Cairns, Paul Harris and all the other helpers and volunteers who made this a success. Without those of you who run specific sessions and come along to assist fellow members, this activity would be very challenging to organise.

Our General Meeting in September was held at Hurley's Fly Fishing and once again Gavin provided some great entertainment and a great Club Night Discount for the members who came along. The night was very well attended and I want to take this opportunity to once again thank Gavin, Stu and Dave for their hospitality. Gavin kindly showed us a couple of very informative DVD's with the person playing the starring role being of extremely high calibre. Not sure who they were though!

In terms of membership updates, it is great to see Judy Cameron back on her feet and also to see Max Kepert back at the club after a small hospital stay. I do not have any new members to welcome this month, however the enquiries have started to come in thick and fast once again, so expect a few new faces in October. For those who have not yet paid their subs, please ensure that you do so ASAP, to avoid your membership being cancelled at the end of October.

October has started off with a Millbrook Lakes trip with Seven Members attending and Tony Hyett acting as a guide of some sort. Not sure what sort of guidance he is providing, however I am sure that it will prove valuable. Also don't forget that the Max Kepert Cup is coming up on October the 23rd and this is one of our premiere events for the year. Please get in touch with Les Pratt if you still need to put your name on the list, as bookings are essential.

In relation to people missing in action, Steve Clements is currently overseas and I want to thank Martin Lampitt and Paul Harris for stepping in to assist with the Fly Fisher in his absence. I also wanted to know if anyone has seen Peter Cairns? He went to Europe a few weeks ago and seems to have disappeared, except for the pictures on Facebook of him eating and drinking and eating and drinking and eating.... Anyway please keep a look out for him.

I look forward to seeing you at the Members night on Wednesday the 12th, which will be a movie and pie event.

Calendar – Coming Events

October

Wed	5th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Fri/Sun	7 th /9 th	Millbrook Lakes Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Wed	12 th	Members Night. Pie, Movie & Casting
Thu	20 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	23 rd	Max Keper Cup. Leader: <i>Les Pratt</i>
Sun	23 rd	Casting Competition. Victorian Plug Champ at Gisborne
Wed	26 th	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.

November

Wed	2 nd	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sun	6 th	Noojee Streams Trip. Leader: <i>Les Pratt</i>
Wed	9 th	Members Night. Speaker: TBD
Sun	13 th	Marysville Golf Day. Leader: <i>Ken Moran</i>
Thu	17 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	23 rd	Casting 6.30 pm, General Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sat	26 th	Tri Clubs & Gerri Bolt Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Sun/Sat	27 th /3 rd	Tassie Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>

December

Wed	7 th	Committee Meeting 7.30 pm.
Sat/Sun	10 th /18 th	Eucumbene Trip. Leader: <i>Adam Cox</i>
Sun	11 th	Christmas Party.
Wed	14 th	Members Night. Speaker: TBD
Thu	15 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2016-17

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Friday 9 – Sunday 11, September 2016

Attendees: Scott, Gennifer, Isabella & Hannah Dargan
Les & Ros Pratt
Steve & Maureen Clements
Chris & Pat Ormerod
Majid & Zorah Horiye

Despite illness preventing the McMillans & Matthews from attending, 12 members made their way to Daylesford for the annual family fishing & fellowship weekend.

As usual Colin had organised great accommodation at the Lodge on the outskirts of Daylesford, with log fires burning at both ends of the house providing a warm welcome on arrival, making up for the cool and wet conditions outside.

Friday evening was spent enjoying a slow BBQ dinner washed down with a variety of ales and wines both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

Later in the evening a pool challenge was held with Steve Clements displaying his skill with the cue to win 3 zip against Les Pratt.



After retiring for the night we arose late to a cool but largely dry Saturday.

It was decided to fish at Wombat Reservoir in the morning where we found the water level to be high, brown and flowing freely over the reservoir wall as well as being quite cold. Although there was some movement and a little surface activity the morning session did not yield any fish. Partners however spent a leisurely morning at the Convent and later at the chocolate factory, feasting on hot chocolates served in soup bowls.

We all met as agreed back at the Lodge for a lunch which extended well into the afternoon. A return to Wombat Reservoir was agreed for the latter part of the afternoon but unfortunately only 1 small fish was hooked on a stick caddis, although there were several rises along the dam wall.

That evening the President and his entourage joined us for dinner at the local pub with partners dressing for the occasion and fishers changing out of their wading boots.

Later back at the Lodge more rounds in the pool challenge were held and in a tight contest Steve Clements & Les Pratt were declared the winners subject to a scrutineer's recount which is yet to be held.

Daylesford Trip Report

Les Pratt

Sunday morning comprised a visit to the farmer's market followed by the indoor market where the president was seen to bestow many fine gifts upon his entourage. Lunch was taken at the market restaurant and following lunch we said our goodbyes and headed for home.

During most of the morning, Majid found it necessary to search for a set of car keys which he had lost. By the time of departure, they had still not been found despite Majid's thorough search of all possible locations including back at Wombat Reservoir. Majid was resigned to having to use his spare keys for the drive home, however Zorah suggested she might have a small peek, just in case. ----I understand Zorah found the keys in Majid's bag.

A very pleasant weekend again in an interesting and enjoyable location.

Thank you to Colin for Organising the great accommodation.

Ireland Trip Report

Nicky Edwards on a recent trip home to Ireland managed a couple of magnificent trout. One was a specially tagged trout, that earned Nicky some big bucks.



Max Keper Cup Notice

It's on again, Southern's premier event of the year. The one event that's an absolute to lock into your diaries.

When: Sunday 23rd of October.

Where: Eildon Trout Farm, 460 Back Eildon Road, Thornton.

Time: 9-30am for briefing and fly selection

10-am Competition commences

12-15 pm Barbecue Lunch

1-00 pm Competition recommences

3-30 pm Competition closes

3-30 to 4-00pm Announcement of results and presentations.

Cost: Competing Angler: \$50 per head covers, lunch and flies. Visitors, partners and children: \$10 to cover catering cost. Children 12 and under no charge.

As with last year we will have exclusive use of the main large lake, which is well stocked and Lee has promised that some large fish will be added.

It is strictly a catch and release day and all hooks will need to be debarbed.

A BBQ lunch will be provided. If a drink is needed please bring your own beer or wine.

Anyone wishing to take home a fish or two please arrange with the office.

The farm also sells a range of smoked trout, pate and local produce.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners on the day and the winners name will be added to the perpetual trophy held at the club.

Rules:

1. The club will supply all flies to be used in the competition.
2. There will be quite a mix of different flies and a draw will be held to select flies. i.e. if you draw number 1 you have first pick of the flies, Two wets and a nymph or midge. Whoever draws number 2 gets the next pick and so on until the last person.
3. The flies you select are those to be used for the competition. Should you manage to lose all three, then you may fish on but any further fish caught do not count in the competition.
4. There will be a "lucky fly" tied by Max and whoever selects that fly will receive a bottle of wine.
5. As there will be quite a few around the lake every half hour or so we would ask everyone to move around clockwise.
6. Prizes: Most fish caught and Heaviest fish
7. Winner of the event will be the angler who catches the most fish. In the event of a tie a fish off will be held and first fish caught is the winner.

It's a great event, great fishing, great company, and terrific competition. So please make every effort to be there.

Enquiries to Les Pratt on 0448 715 205 or treasurer@southernflyfishers.org.au

Casting

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.

VRFish Update

Peter te Hennepe

Since my last update VRFish have been involved in the following items.

- General Manger VRFish Dallas D Silva taking up a senior role at fisheries.
- Ballot papers for the Board Election circulating for new board positions.
- Stock assessments for Corner Inlet and Gippsland Lakes available.
- Draft Fisheries notice for Barramundi in Hazelwood released for comment.
- Australia's first national Gone Fishing Day will be held on Sunday October 16th
- Draft Report from the Productivity Commission review into marine fisheries and aquaculture is available.
- VRFish support Fisheries Victoria for kicking off the \$2000 fishing club grants.
- Fish habitat improvement – past, present and future opportunities - presented by Dr Chris Gillies at recent meeting.
- As a CVFFC delegate I also worked on the VRFish stall at the 4 by 4 show. It was an interesting session watching Fisheries Officers and snobs Creek hatchery staff in action.
- Talk Wild Trout Conference 2016 at Mansfield on November 05, 2016. Conference information can be found at www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/twt **Need to book early**

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.

The AGM was held 24th September 2016 at Snobs Creek hatchery.

Business conducted revolved around election of the new Committee and general house keeping. The president reported on the year's activities with reference to success of the membership drive at the 4X4 fishing show. The number of meetings has been reduced from 6 to 4 and now pre- coincide with VR Fish meetings. Chris Collins stepped down from the treasurer's position after many years of service.

The following Committee was elected.

CVFFC Committee Members:

President: Doug Barham (YVFF)

Vice President City: Dean Gordon (BFFA/SFF)

Vice President Country: Chris Doody (Ballarat FF)

Secretary: Peter te Hennepe (SFF)

Assistant Secretary: Ray Bevis (WFFC)

Treasurer: Maryanne Wallace (Red Tag)

Notices

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.

Christmas Party Notice

Pencil in Sunday 11th December for the date of this years Christmas Party. The proposed venue is Karkarook Park. Further details will be noted in future editions of The FlyFisher.

Calder Fly Fishing Open Day



The Calder Fly Fishing Association is excited to announce this year's Come Try Fly Fishing – Open Day to be held at Buffalo Stadium, Woodend on October 16, 2016 from 10 am until 4pm.

This event will feature some of the best fly fishing guides, tyers, casters and tackle experts in the country.

Special Guest Presenters:

- 11 am Ross Virt from Kaos Cod Flys – Murray cod & natives.
- 12 pm James Laverty Fly Odyssey – Fly fishing travel
- 1 pm Scott Xanthoulakis from Wilderness Fly Fishing – A local Victorian guide will be sharing some local knowledge.
- 2 pm Clint Isaac & Dave Bradley from Australian Flyfishing Outfitters – Queensland saltwater guides will be opening our eyes to the wonders of the tropics.
- 3 pm Bruce Smith from In Nature's Realm – Well known fly fishing identity will be talking trout for beginners.
- 3:30 pm Kristina Royter from She Loves It Outdoors will present and draw the CFFA Raffle – some fantastic prizes from our sponsors for some lucky winners. Tickets \$2 each.

“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 Keper 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**.



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Saturday	9.00am-3.00pm
Sunday	Closed for fishing!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Boast, Les Pratt, Scott Dargan, Judy Cameron, Tony Hyett

CHAIRMAN: Scott Dargan

APOLOGIES: Colin McMillan, Graham Douglas, Robert Gara, Tom Galloway, Dean Gordon, Grant Matthews

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES: From Previous meeting tabled as issued

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:

Trip Committee still exploring some locations for salt water fishing, but recent weather conditions causing delays.

SFF Committee also working on a register for lending club members with equipment for club events.

MINUTES ACCEPTED: Moved: Scott Dargan, Seconded: Tony Hyett

CORRESPONDENCE IN: North Suburban Fly Fishing Club, September, 2016
VFFA Newsletter, September, 2016

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: Moved: Ray Boast, Seconded: Les Pratt

DELEGATES REPORTs:

CVFFC: Nil

ATF: Nil

ACF: Nil

Combined Clubs: Nil

Fly Fisher: Members reminded to submit articles for the next edition

Library: Nil

Web: Nil

NEW MEMBERS:

Approved at September Committee Meeting: Nil

Current Member Numbers: 105 paid, 9 life members, 30 unpaid

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

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



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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/...../.....

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**,

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(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 |

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