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Well here we are almost at the end of the year once again and it seems true that the older you get the faster the years seem to pass. Someone also told me the other day that the older you get the more fish you catch, which makes me think that life can only get more exciting. Speaking of excitement I am pleased to see some very positive fishing reports coming in with good numbers and quality fish being caught in some of our more regularly fished rivers and streams.

October was again an active month with the Millbrook trip proving quite successful and the Max Kepert Cup being a very successful event once again. It was great to see so many people there including some new members, and quite a few younger fisher folk who demonstrated some good catch rates. I would like to specifically thank Les Pratt for organising the event with the great assistance of Dean Gordon, who also provided some excellent mentoring on the day. Thanks also to Tony Hyett and the others who assisted with various tasks to support Les on the day.

I was absent from the club for most of October due to illness in my family and I want to thank all the Committee Members for stepping up to organise and run events and meetings. It was also great to see Erhan Cinar stepping up to fill in for me as President, and I have had some great feedback around his abilities and the fact that he was not wearing thongs. Peter Cairns also made a grand re-entry (Somewhat like a NASA Space Shuttle) back into the club after a seven week sabbatical in Europe – great to see you back Pete. I would also like to thank Ray Boast for stepping in as Secretary, and I can inform him that he passed the test for potential full time appointment in 2017 with flying colours.

Our Committee Meeting last week saw a packed agenda and we are focusing on a number of things including some updating of the Clubrooms (Utilising a \$2k Government Grant), along with planning for our 50th Anniversary celebrations in May next year. Colin McMillan also brought an interesting idea to the table that would see us adding significant value to those in the community who may need some positive focus and activity in their lives. After all Fly Fishing is quite therapeutic (At times) and can be a great escape from the day to day running mill and is good for the mind.

In terms of membership our numbers remain relatively strong and at this stage only around 15 members from last year have not paid their fees. As we have reached the end of October their membership will now be cancelled, and if they wish to continue they will need to rejoin. The Committee also discussed the need to continue our strong focus on membership growth and we will be discussing a number of initiatives around this at our December Committee Meeting. If you have any ideas to contribute please let us know.

November is shaping up as another active month with quite a few trips on the calendar, so as the weather improves get out there and get into the action. A couple of trout that I know recently e-mailed me asking when the Southern Fly Fishers are coming.

The Christmas party venue has now been confirmed and John McIntyre has secured us a wonderful venue at the Brighton Sea Scouts Hall. This is a unique opportunity as they do not usually allow external use of the facility, and it is right on the beachfront for those who want to try some salt-water fishing.

Our member's night this week will be quite casual with no formal activity scheduled, and as it will be good weather we will be putting on a BBQ. I look forward to catching up with many of you then.

Calendar – Coming Events

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. Social Night with BBQ
Sun	13 th	Marysville Golf Day. Leader: <i>Ray Boast</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 Moorabool Reservoir. 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	4 th /10 th	Eucumbene Trip. Leader: <i>Adam Cox</i>
Sun	11 th	Christmas Party.
Wed	14 th	Members Night. Social Night
Thu	15 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm

January

Sun	22 nd	Goulburn River Trip. Leader: <i>Erhan Cinar & Adam Cox</i>
Sat/Sun	28 th /29 th	Bay Trip. Leader: <i>Scott Dargan</i> (Day dependant on weather, TBA)

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2016-17

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Millbrook Lakes Trip Report

Tony Hyett

Reprobate Attendees: Laurant Depramont, Julian Hart, Jeff Allan, Phil Magness, Allan Russell, Keith Whitford and Tony Hyett.

A number of fish caught Friday evening at Cabin Lake made for a good start to the weekend. A red blood worm was working well for Julian with his patience being a virtue. Phil was on heat all weekend and despite this handicap was able to catch a number of good fish. It was a little tough for the rest of us with me dropping about eight good size slippery fish.

Jeff Allan was able to snare a 5lbr & a 3lbr and two smaller ones a good catch by a beginner for the weekend, he sported a massive smile for the balance of the trip.

I kept up my standard of dropping fish until Sunday afternoon with extreme expertise was able to roll cast 50 to 60 feet with a 120km wind behind me.

I think this wind excited the fish and coupled with the mite of my red marabou streamer pattern, affectionately labelled the fire engine, I was able to land a 4lbr and a 3lbr on Siberia dam. It was a difficult task to even stand up on the banks of Siberia; I nearly blew into the dam many times.

Things were heating up at Siberia when Doddie, one of the guides phone rang, after a few minutes conversation with a distressed Jim, the other guide at Cabin Lake we were informed we had to return to Cabin Lake straight away.

A tree had been blown over on to a couple of our cars. So leaving a firing dam we took off to peruse the damage.



Phil Magness with a beautiful Rainbow

A very large pine had come down and wrote of Julian's car and damaged Allan Russell's. This massive tree trunk missed my car by a narrow six feet.

I was a lucky boy.

With no one close and no damage to the cabins we all breathed a sigh of relief except Julian and Allan; at least their cars were driveable.

To the land owners credit the area was made safe the next day.

In these blustery conditions fishing is usually quite difficult so many retrieving techniques were performed with a number of fly changes taking place to try to snare a few fish.

Over all we did quite well with about twenty fish taken in very picturesque conditions.

Millbrook Lakes Trip Report (cont.)

Tony Hyett

Dinner at The Gordon and Wallace pubs Friday and Saturday nights was most enjoyable. Overall a wonderful trip was experienced by us all with plenty of reds consumed coupled with many laughs.



Jeff Allan showing us what cabin lake can produce.



Phil with another Rainbow
"the other one was bigger"

Pictures courtesy of Jeff Allan and Phil Magness

Max Kepert Cup Trip Report

Les Pratt

Great weather was provided courtesy of John McDonald, long time organiser of this and previous Wunderfly events, whose memory we all shared on the day.

We commenced the day with a fish for juniors who, with the expert help of Dean and other members, enthusiastically brought the fish to the surface and set a precedent for the seniors to follow.

26 members fished on the day with a further 9 kids and partners cheering from the sidelines as many fine well fed trout breached the surface of the lake to add to individual tallies.

When the whistle blew to commence the competition and prime positions were secured, a lull fell across the lake as the fish recovered from the juniors' onslaught. Soon after however the action began again.

First fish caught for the day was a contested outcome with both Ken and Steve claiming the honour. With a prize of 2 flies on offer it appeared that a duel, the selected weapons being

5wts, was the only means to solve this gentleman's argument. The trip leader however proposed a face saving sharing of the prize, one fly each and although there was some disagreement about who should be the first to choose, it was eventually resolved to the satisfaction of both parties.

Most landed fish were 1.5-2lb, but more than 12 were over that in the 2 to 5lb range. Most productive areas were near the entrance at the water inflow pipe and on the opposite side reed beds. Some 80 fish were landed in total for the day with probably a similar number not quite making it to the net.

As usual age played a large part in the end result with Nicky Edwards recording an impressive 20 landed fish, the largest being 5.5lb, just edging out Ross Bailey with a 4.5lb fish to win both the largest number and heaviest fish caught.

Our newest member, Chris Moore, won the secret Max Keper tied fly in the fly draw, going on to catch his first trout on a fly with this fly, winning the coveted bottle of red.

A BBQ lunch was provided and included several salads one of which was prepared by a member from Geelong, whose name cannot be revealed, and which received rave reviews. The small remains were last seen accompanying Max home in a doggie bag.

Thanks must go to all those members who helped with witnessing and weighing fish landed with special thanks to Dean, Tony and Colin for much of the organisation, transport of tables, marquee and other essentials and supply of prizes.

Max, as usual presented the prizes at the end of the day. The main prizes for most fish and largest fish caught, framed flies supplied by Colin McMillan, going to Nicky Edwards. Max ended the event with a speech focussing on the great camaraderie within the club. Thanks Max for adding your name and wisdom to the event.

The lake, although containing plenty of fish, is heavily weeded, prime locations are limited and although fishers were rotated during the day, some found it difficult to land fish. I understand the Eildon Trout Farm intends to drain, clean and deepen the lake. We will



review the location for next year's event based on a review of this and other locations.



Pictures
courtesy
of Dean
Gordon

Myrica Cottage...Just Excellent!

Ken Moran

Had an opportunity to stay at Allan Roberts cottage at Bellbrae near Anglesea and he has a great setup for a relaxing and peaceful break from the "rat race" we often have to endure.

The cottage has everything you need and Allan had even stoked the fire before we arrived.

It's in an ideal location, it only took us 1.5 hours from Melbourne, with a short trip to a great pub & shops in Anglesea and a 20 minute trip to Torquay with it's many cafes and shops for the other half.

The resident wild life is abundant with the Kangaroos & Cockies calling in for daily visits and plenty of other birds to enjoy in the adjoining forest.

If you promise to keep it a secret....take your fly rod, some Red Tag & Royal Wulfs and be patient.

At dusk the action can be very exciting. Remember catch & release please.

The cottage is ideal for couples or a family and the fencing around the cottage allows plenty of space for the kids to play safely. The adjoining forest (100m) offers great walking and exploring opportunities and don't forget the fly rod.

Allan is a great host and we are already checking our calendar for a return visit so if you need a break we can highly recommend Myrica Cottage.

Ken & Patricia Moran

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.

Christmas Party Notice

The date for the Christmas Party is confirmed for **Sunday 11th December**, and it will be held at the **2nd/11th Brighton Sea Scouts, off the Esplanade in Brighton**. The whole family are welcome from 12:30 onwards for a BBQ lunch and lots of laughs. Food and drink are supplied by the club.

Please ensure you note your name and numbers attending on the trip sheet in the clubrooms for catering purposes.

“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 meets 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**.



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Saturday	9.00am-3.00pm
Sunday	Closed for fishing!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Les Pratt, Peter Cairns, Judy Cameron, Tony Hyett, Dean Gordon and Tom Galloway.

CHAIRMAN: Scott Dargan

APOLOGIES: Erhan Cinar, Phil Magness, Steve Clements, Scott Dargan, Julia C

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES: From Previous meeting tabled as issued

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES: Nil.

MINUTES ACCEPTED: Moved: Dean Gordon, Seconded: Tony Hyett

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Email from John McIntyre re: Liquor Licence

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: Moved: Ross Bailey, Seconded: Max Kepert

DELEGATES REPORTS:

CVFFC: Peter Te Hennepe Secretary

Dean Gordon Vice President Metro

ATF: Erhan Cinar, Adam Cox & Martin Lampit Committee Members
Colin McMillan SFFA Delegate

ACF: Nil

Combined Clubs: Nil

Fly Fisher: LP to give MKCup Report

Library: Nil

Web: Nil

NEW MEMBERS: Approved at September Committee Meeting: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Thank You to Peter Golding for donations of Fly Tying materials from Tassie.

Please download all photos of clubs activities to our Dropbox.

FISHING REPORTS:

Max Kerpet Cup was a great success with 36 attendees of which 27 fished, Nicky Edwards won both prizes with most fish caught (20) and largest fish (5.5lb). Chris Moore caught his first trout and Steve Clements and Ken Moran are still arguing about who caught the first fish! Big thanks to all those that organized the event.

Peter T fished Lake Fyans shortly after the Fly In Comp = nil fish caught.

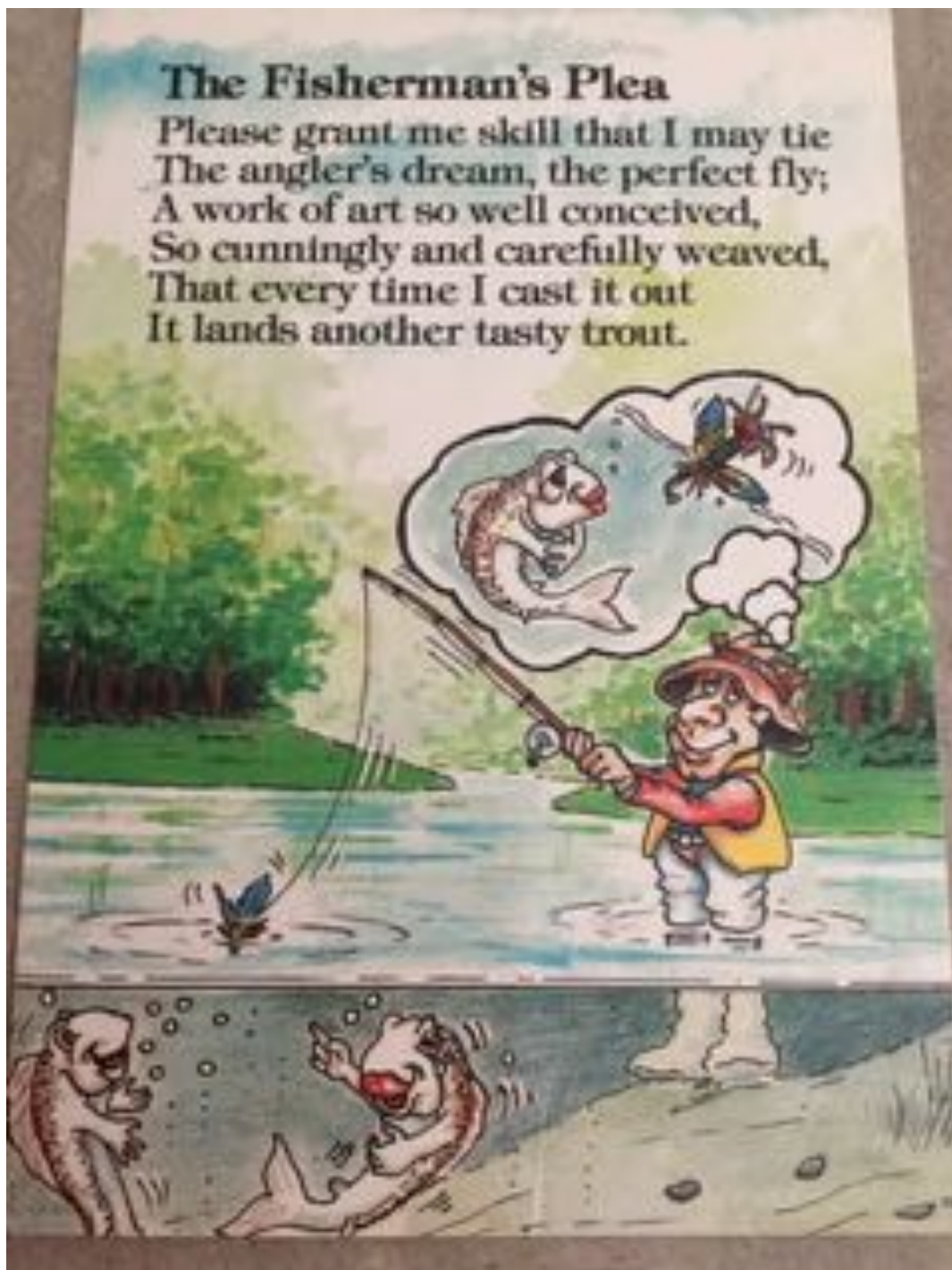
Tony H, Judy C and Max K fished Thorpdale for a few fish caught.

Gary Rapley fished Lake Wendouree with great success; reports are that the duns are back and that the possum emerger fly worked well.

Bellarine Peninsula has salmon working along the beaches, particularly at the mouth of any inlet.

Goulburn river is "on Fire" as reported by Erhan with the old Caenid phenomenon continuing to deliver results.

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.

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Little River Cottage - Maydena



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Membership Nomination Form

Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.

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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)

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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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| - 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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