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After a fairly cold winter, trout season is back. We will have to wait and see if there is any more decent rain this spring but the long-range forecasters are saying we are likely to have average rainfall with slighter warmer temperatures. The bumper snow falls in the last couple of weeks will certainly provide some extra melted water into the steam flows. This season also commences with some new regulations for trout fishing. As of Saturday 2nd September 2017, coinciding with the reopening of trout season, the following changes occurred:

1. Introduction of a 25 cm minimum size for trout and reduced bag limit from 5 to 3 trout for the following waters:
 - Ovens River (upstream of Porepunkah Bridge),
 - Mitta Mitta River (upstream of Lake Dartmouth),
 - Nariel Creek (upstream of Colac Colac bridge),
 - Rubicon River.
2. Introduction of a 45cm minimum size for brown trout and 30cm minimum size for rainbow trout in Toolondo Reservoir with a reduced bag limit from 5 to 3 trout per day.
3. Introduction of a 45 cm minimum size for trout in Hepburn Lagoon with a reduced bag limit from 5 to 3 trout per day.
4. Removal of the trout closed season for the Hopkins and Merri rivers.

On the opening weekend, and last weekend, members made the most of some good weather and I look forward to hearing all the fishing reports on Wednesday's members' night. You can check out Garry's post on Southern Flyfishers' Facebook page who wasted no time getting out there with James and catching some nice Browns.

The winter fly tying course is proving to be a success with much support from Ross Bailey, Peter Gadd, Peter Golding and Paul Harris. And then of course, you can drop in on Paul Harris's fly tying nights every third Thursday of the month.

The Max Kepert Cup is fast approaching - Sunday 22nd October. This is our premier fishing day event for the year. This is a great fun day with always plenty of fish to be caught and enjoy a BBQ and for a lucky few, win a few great prizes. If you are new to the sport, there is no better day than this to put your casting practice to the test and catch a fish or two, or three. There will be plenty of experienced members to give you a few tips and tricks. This is the must-not-miss event of the year. With a little luck, hopefully Max can be there.

This members' night we have Doug Phillips from Tonic Eyewear coming, and as any fly fisher worth their salt knows, good eyewear is probably one of the most important pieces of kit you can possess. I'm sure Doug's presentation will be very informative. In October, we have Mike Burgess from VR Fish, Ben Le Vagueresse from Calder Fly fishing on Murray Cod & Natives in November, and we will finish the year off with Jim Baumgurtel from Fly Finz. I must thank the team for the guests we have had this year, they've been excellent.

We have quite a few trips happening over the next few months. These range from mixing them with golf at the Marysville Golf Day on the 8th October. Check them out, put your name down and put them in your calendar. There are a couple of weekenders in there which is double the fun.

And finally, lock in the date of Sunday 10th December for our Christmas function. We are looking to hold this again at the Brighton Sea Scouts, right on Port Phillip Bay. There will be lots of food and drinks and will be a great day to have a yarn and stretch the truth about your catches this year.

Calendar – Coming Events

September

Wed	13 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Tonic Glasses</i>
Sun	17 th	Rubicon River Trip. Leader: <i>John McIntyre</i>
Thu	21 st	Rubicon River Trip. Leader: <i>TBA</i>
Thu	21 st	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	27 th	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm

October

Wed	4 th	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Sun	8 th	Marysville Golf Day. Leader: <i>Ray Boast</i>
Wed	11 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>VR Fish</i>
Thu	19 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	22 nd	Max Kepert Cup. Leader: <i>Ray Boast</i>
Wed	25 th	General Meeting 7.30pm at Hurley's Fly Fishing

November

Wed	1 st	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Wed	8 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Calder Fly Fishing</i>
Sun	12 th	Gerri Bolt/Tri Club Comp. Leader: <i>John McIntyre</i>
Fri/Sun	17 th – 20 th	4WD Licola Trip. Leader: <i>Peter Cairns</i>
Wed	22 nd	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm
Sat/Sun	25 th – 26 th	Big River Trip. Leader: <i>Dean Gordon</i>
Sun-Sat	26 th – 2 nd	Tassie Trip No. 1. Leader <i>Tony Hyett</i>

December

Sun-Sat	2 nd – 9 th	Tassie Trip No. 2. Leader <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Sun	10 th	SFFA Christmas Party

April/May

TBA	NT Adventure Trip. Leader <i>Graeme Forrester</i>
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Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

President	John Mennen	president@southernflyfishers.org.au	0408 145 463
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General Committee	Judie Cameron		0438 982 350
General Committee	Bruce Quig		0402 141 460
General Committee	Ross Bailey		0417 338 324
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Four travellers ventured to Licola and beyond on the Friday before Trout Opening to set up camp and explore the surrounds, collect firewood and prepare for the Opening Day.

Saturday came around, Ray went off with Peter to fish a location on the Wellington further up river. Paul along with Malcolm travelled below the camp site. The plan was to return around midday for lunch and change location. No activity in the morning session so we all returned to the camp site for lunch. Upon arrival, we were greeted by two smiling Fisheries Inspectors. After a quick chat with Fisheries who informed us there had been little caught in the region (which came as no surprise) and showing our licences, we had lunch and were off again. The afternoon session presented little more than one small rainbow caught by Malcolm.

So, we sat down to some cheese, beer and nibbles. Dinner was then cooked on the camp fire. After dinner, we stocked up the camp fire and the ritual story telling began fuelled with red wine and laughter

Paul made a beautiful "rum and raisin" damper on both nights. The damper had to be consumed at a safe distance from the fire as the alcohol content was quite high and the fear of an explosion was real!!



Saturday night and early Sunday morning the wind blew up very strongly and the sound of tree branches rattling kept us awake all night. We packed up Sunday morning as fishing was impossible due to the winds.

Although the fishing was disappointing the whole weekend was great fun and we all agreed to do it again next year !



“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**.



10% Discount for Members

Visit the **Bentleigh** Fly Fishing Store to receive some great advice and a **10% discount** for SFF members.

Address:

489 South Road
Bentleigh VIC 3204

Phone: (03) 9532 1583

Trading Hours

Monday	9.00am-5.00pm
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!

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.

Casting Results

John McIntyre

Victorian Fly Casting Championships 2017

Our Tom Galloway won Champion of Champions !!!

Champion of Champions	1 st	Tom Galloway	SFF
	2 nd	Tracey Phelan	Sunshine
	3 rd	Cory Heath	Bellerine
Accuracy Titles	B Grade	Tracey Phelan	Sunshine
	C Grade	Phil Smith	Ballarat
	D Grade	Keith Howden	Sunshine

Our Tom Galloway had exceptional scores for the Fisherman Accuracy Distance (FAD) , Single Handed Distance (SHD), Double Handed Distance (DHD) & Accuracy events

FAD	2 nd	85.24,
SHD	2 nd	38.04 mts,
DHD	4 th	50.87 mts,
Dry	= 1 st	45 pts
ICF Skish	= 1 st	94 pts,
Wet	6 th	40 pts

On this performance we can stop nicknaming Tom "Little Bruce " but nickname Bruce "Little Tom" .

The day saw exceptional personal bests assisted by the wind but also equipment failures

Our John McIntyre got a PB of 54.1 mts in the DHD.

Australian Fly Casting Championships 2017

Our John McIntyre was C Grade Champion !!!

Champion of Champions	1st	John Waters	Calder FF
	2nd	Mark Cuthbert	Ballarat
	3rd	Cory Heath	Bellerine
Accuracy Titles	B Grade	Brian Cocks	Sunshine
	C Grade	John McIntyre	SFF
	D Grade	Keith Howden	Sunshine



We had a larger turn up and competition was fierce . Tom achieved a 2nd in the FAD. What was magnificent to see was John Waters cast a 75 mts in the DHD. We nearly ran out of course for the standard of the cast.

It must be said, thanks to all the SFF mmebers who assisted with the BBQ on both event days. Your friendly service was noted and recorded by all of the ACF attendees.

You make Southern stand out as a venue to attend.

General Meeting Minutes

24th August 2017

DATE: WEDNESDAY 24th August 2017

CHAIRMAN: John Mennen

VISITORS:

APOLOGIES: Ross Bailey, Tony Hyett, Colin McMillan, Bill Tilley, Ken Moran, Judy Cameron, Bill Jeans, Allan Russell

MINUTES: From Previous meeting tabled

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:

Minutes moved as accepted : Julia Williams Seconded: John Worrell

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Graeme Forrester – NT Trip
- Red Tag August Newsletter
- FRDC Newsletter
- Lake Fyans Fly In Fishing Competition

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Consumer Affairs Victoria – Financial Upload

Correspondence Moved : Peter Golding Seconded: Tom Galloway

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC: Nil Report

ATF: Erhan Cinar remains as SFFA delegate

ACF. ACF thanked SFFA for their continual support, Tom Galloway and John McIntyre both Champions !! Tom thanked all the BBQ helpers.

Combined Clubs. Nil Report

Fly Fisher. Nil Report

Library. Nil Report

Web Nil Report

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- SFFA wished **Bill Tilley** a Happy 82nd Birthday in his absence
- **Graeme Forrester – NT Trip** – Information to emailed out to members
- **“Adopt A River” Suggestion** – Loch River, Toorongu and West Tanjil were a few areas mentioned. General consensus was that SFFA should actively pursue this and will be tabled at the next Committee meeting
- Tree Planting at **Jamieson Habitat Project** September 22 -23
The more members the better !
Contact Erhan Cinar or Peter Cairns for more info

FISHING REPORTS

Couple of members fished Tranquil Waters – good size fished caught with Woolly Buggers and Damsels

Ian Sambel fished NFQ – tough conditions but a few permit caught , one weighing 20lbs

KENS BALLS

August \$20.00 - Winner John Worrell

NEW BUSINESS

John Worrell raised the possibly of the club offering a “scholarship” to a worthy member/person. Suggestion was to form a subcommittee to explore the scope and process. This matter will be raised at the next Committee meeting

SPEAKERS

September	Doug Phillips	Tonic Eyewear
October	Mike Burgess	VRFish
November	Ben Le Vagueresse	Calder Fly Fishing (Murray Cod & Natives).
December	Jim Baumgurtel	Fly Finz
January	NO MEETING	

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

CLUB CALENDER

SEPTEMBER

Fri-Sun	1 st - 3 rd	Wellington River Licola	Peter Cairns
Sun	17 th	Rubicon	TBA
Thurs	21 st	Rubicon	TBA/CM)

OCTOBER

Sun	8 th	Marysville Golf	Ray Boast
Sun	22 nd	Max Kepert Cup	Ray Boast

NOVEMBER

Sun	12 th	Gerri Bolt/Tri Club	John McIntyre
Fri-Mon	17 th – 20 th	4wd Trip	Peter Cairns
Sat-Sun	25 th – 26 th	Big River	Dean G
Sun-Sat	26 th - 2 nd	Tassie No.1 Trip	TH

DECEMBER

Sun – Sat	2 nd - 9 th	Tassie No. 2 Trip	TH
Sun	10 th	SFFA Christmas Party	

APRIL/MAY

TBA	NT Adventure Trip	GF
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MEETING CLOSED AT 8:20PM

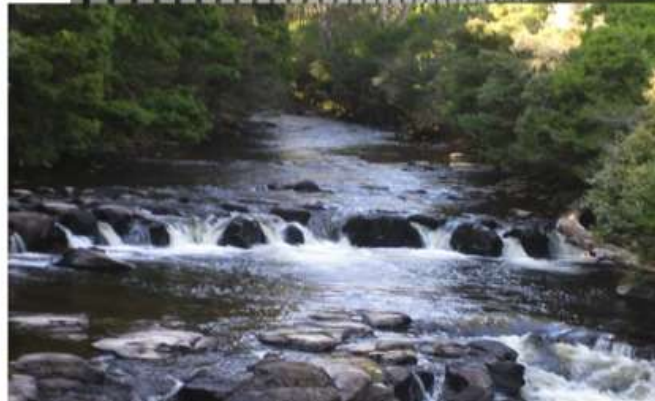
Accommodation Offers

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 km 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 fly fishery (catch-and-release only) and walks on over 200 acres of natural bushland it is perfect for fly fishermen, 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: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone Contact(s) Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email (Please Print): _____

Occupation: _____

Proposer: _____ Signature: _____

Second: _____ Signature: _____

**** Membership category and applicable fee for 2017-2018**

Cat **	Membership Types	Existing Members			New Members Joining (pro rata)			
		Annual Subs+	Ins per person	Total p.a.	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-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 yrs)	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
S	FT student (under 25 yrs)	\$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 adults, junior 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**,

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

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