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I would like to welcome you all back to an exciting year ahead. I hope you have all had a very enjoyable festive season and for those who had a break, managed to get in some great fishing. The weather has certainly been up and down, with some good rainfalls and hot weather thrown in. I'm certain those who ventured out on some of those warm evenings would have seen some action and looking forward to hearing all the great reports on Wednesday 14th, our first members night for the year.

At Christmas, I did slip in a quick stop at Moorabool Reservoir after visiting my parents in Ballarat. I managed catching three nice browns between ¾ and a pound before the heavens broke. I thought that in the space of an hour, that was pretty good, especially after our efforts a couple of months earlier.

We have already had our first club trip which was a tremendous success. You can read about it in Ray's trip report but it's great to have the club trips off to a good start.

The mid-week trips are something you will see more often in 2018. There has been good interest in these ventures, which provide a great alternative to combating the hordes of fishers on weekends. However, with more trips per month, we will need some trip leaders to put their hands up, so it would be great to get a few volunteers. Then it wouldn't be too onerous on the ones who do it every time; if we can get enough you will probably only do one per year.

Tony Hyatt has done some reconnaissance on some locations for some weekenders, so I'm looking forward to his briefing at the meetings.

At our first committee meeting we confirmed our first new member for the year, Wayne Pollard. Please make Wayne feel welcome when you meet him. I have also had some enquiries in recent weeks, so the club's reputation continues to shine.

We have some great speakers lined up for the next few meetings commencing on 14 Feb with Tom Jarman, one of Australia's top competition fly fishermen, so I am looking forward to hearing some of his stories and what he has to share with us.

We will be continuing the fly-fishing tips, tricks and pointers on General Meeting nights (4th Wednesdays) organised by our resident guru, Ross Bailey.

All in all, I think 2018 is shaping up already to be a great year.





## Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

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## Calendar – Coming Events

### February

Wed	14th	<b>Members Night</b> (FIRST FOR 2018) with Speaker
Thu	15th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	18th	Rubicon River Trip. <i>Leader: Tony Hyett</i>
Thu	22nd	Rubicon River Trip. <i>Leader: Ray Boast</i>
Wed	28th	<b>General Meeting &amp; Casting Demo Night</b>

### MARCH

Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	Steavenson River. <i>Leader: TBA</i>
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Members Meeting</b> with Speaker
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	Steavenson River, <i>Leader: TBA</i>
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fly Tying.</b> Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Fri - Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pineapple Flat Camping Weekend. <i>Leader: Tony Hyett</i>
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting &amp; Eddie Fraker Talk</b>

### April/May

Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Members Meeting</b> – Fast Eddies Social Night
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	Noojee River. <i>Leader Tony Hyett</i>
Thu	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fly Tying.</b> Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b>
Fri - Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Millbrook Lakes

## Accommodation Offer

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.

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The opening club trip for the year went off very successfully with a large number of members attending and good fishing found on all of the rivers around Noojee.

Sixteen members arrived and headed to several beats along the Toorongo, Latrobe and the Tanjil rivers in perfect conditions with help from a little cloud cover in the morning. It was great to see a couple of newer faces on a club trip with the return of Michael Creelman and Neil McDonald, along with Bernard Schindler.

Those who fished shorter distances away from Noojee all returned for the lunch time gathering to report generally good results during the morning session. I failed to check the water temperature on the Latrobe but Jim Chernikeef assured me, after taking an unfortunate dunking and filling his waders, that the water was cold (and wet) – Jim had the last laugh though after he managed to pick up a small brown trout as he continued perfecting the Czech nymphing technique – well done!

Other notable reports included a 1-2 lb fish netted by Jeff Allan, many fish rising to dry flies as well as a few on nymphs, Bernard landing a nice brown on a dry fly along an easily accessed section of the Latrobe (near the pub if you need a break from fishing), Tony Hyett and Allan Russell finding a few each on the Latrobe above the trout farm, an encounter with a black snake sitting on a log I was crossing over the Latrobe and the generally good fishing conditions of the rivers in terms of depth, speed and water clarity.

Reports from the afternoon session in sunnier conditions continued to be positive with Ross Bailey and Peter te Hennepe finding some very good catches mostly on dry flies in the upper sections of the Toorongo, Rob Casamento and Bruce Quig spending an enjoyable time on the Tanjil landing 6-8 fish each, Les Pratt hooking 3 fish on the Toorongo below the first bridge and brown trout being taken along the Latrobe adjacent to the picnic area, all on dry flies.

It was a very pleasant day out on rivers somewhere around Noojee – thanks to all those who attended and make a note of the next club trip for some more fun fishing.





Lunchtime break at Noojee after a successful morning session – with Ray Goddard sharing the joy with Alan Russell and Tony Hyett over a nice cold glass of white wine.







Rob Casamento targeting a brown trout in tight locations on the Tanjil River



A lovely Tanjil brown trout in the net by Bruce Quig.



## *“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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Sunday	Closed for fishing!



## Member Photos

### Photos of Members fishing exploits.

Please send your photos along with a short caption to [editor@southernflyfishers.org.au](mailto:editor@southernflyfishers.org.au).



*Chris Ormerod caught a couple of lovely trout on the Tongariro River in New Zealand during November 2017*





*Graeme Renfrey nets a nice little brown in the Tanjil early in Jan 2018*



*John Mennen shows a couple of nice fish pulled from Moorabool Reservoir.*



# 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	<b>\$90</b>	\$90	\$70	\$50	\$30
P	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$10	<b>\$50</b>	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
C	Concession <b>(Note 1)</b>	\$60	\$10	<b>\$70</b>	\$70	\$55	\$40	\$25
J	Junior (under 18 yrs)	\$40	\$10	<b>\$50</b>	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
S	FT student (under 25 yrs)	\$50	\$10	<b>\$60</b>	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
CT	Country <b>(Note 2)</b>	\$50	\$10	<b>\$60</b>	\$60	\$48	\$35	\$23
F	Family Special <b>(Note 3)</b>	\$120	\$10	<b>\$120*</b>	\$120*	\$100*	\$70*	\$40*
L	Life Member	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$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 \*\***

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**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](mailto:membership@southernflyfishers.org.au)

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