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I trust quite a few of you have been out there fishing in this pleasant weather we have had the last few weeks. The heavy rains in January have been replaced with absolutely none at all in February. Only a couple of months of stream and river fishing to go, so we have a few trips organised that you can make the most of before the winter lake fishing sets in. I encourage you all to consider attending as many of the trips as possible. Please make sure you put your names on the board as early as possible, so trip leaders can get a good sense of numbers. Check out all the dates in this edition of the SFF.

The major trip this month will be at Pineapple Flat which is up on the King River near Mt Stirling. It will be held on the weekend of 23 – 25th March so put your names on the board as soon as you can. If you can't get to the club, just give Tony Hyatt a ring and let him know. We will also be organising a special trip up to the Stevenson on the 5th May to help out with tree planting. We are going to plant 600 trees so many hands make light work. We will be looking for a hand with pool cleaning on Sunday 8th April - hopefully we get some rain in the tanks so we can refill it.

At the February meeting, we had the privilege of a special guest in Tom Jarman. Tom has represented Australia on many occasions including last year's World Championships in Slovenia where he was placed 17th individually. He has placed in the top 3 for most Australian competitions over the last few years and has been selected again for the Australian Team to compete in the World Championships in Tasmania next year, a bit closer to home. Tom gave us a presentation on his trip to Slovenia and provided us with his take on fishing with light leaders and tippets, and rods other than our typical 9 footers. He also showed us, and spoke of, a large array of flies, which were all beautifully tied by himself, and with which he had had his tremendous success. I think all who were present were totally captivated by his knowledge of the craft, his enthusiasm and passion. Fly fishing is well and truly alive with the younger generation. Many thanks to Ross Bailey for arranging for Tom to visit.

We also welcome Gerard Carmody to the club. Please make him feel the normal welcome. I am sure he has many stories to share as do you all.

Finally, the AGM is only a few months away and we have carried a vacant position of Vice President this year. I encourage anyone who would like to step up and join the committee to contact either Peter Cairns or myself.

## Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

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<b>General Committee</b>	Ross Bailey		0417 338 324
<b>General Committee</b>	John McIntyre		0418 320 173

## Calendar – Coming Events

	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
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>General Meeting</b> & Eddie Fraker Talk
	April	
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>	General Meeting
Fri - Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Millbrook Lakes
	May	
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	Steavenson River Tree Planting Day
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Members Meeting</b> – Fast Eddies Social Night
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fly Tying.</b> Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	General Meeting

## Accommodation Offer

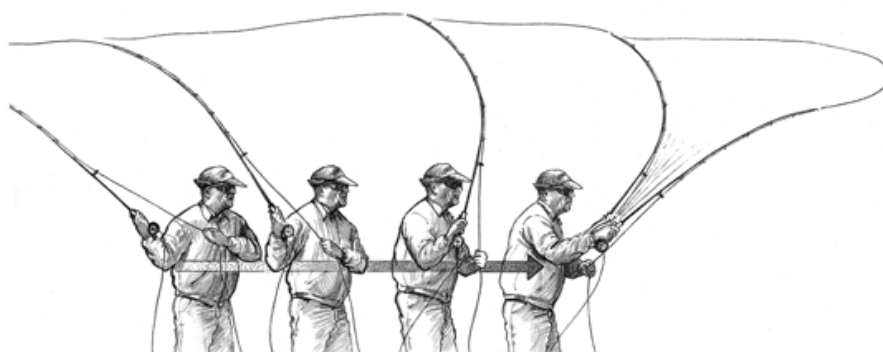
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# Australian Casting Federation Syllabus

	<b>Apr</b>			
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Cross Challenge	Highett	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	ACF Members Training Day	Highett	NEW
	<b>May</b>			
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	Brunn Shield	Fairfield	
		General Meeting as per Agenda		
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	ACF Casting Academy Day	Highett	NEW
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	ACF Casting Academy day	Highett	NEW
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	Cock of Walk	Fairfield	
	<b>Jun</b>			
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brunn Shield	Highett	
		General Meeting as per Agenda		
		Closure date for Vic and Aus Cps entries		
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Vic Fly Chps Distance	Highett	
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	Vic Fly Chps Accuracy	Highett	
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunshine Open	Fairfield	
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	ACF Casting Clinic for members	TBA	NEW
	<b>July</b>			
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brunn Shield	Fairfield	
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	Red Tag Open	Fairfield	
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Southern Open	Highett	
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Aust Distance Chps	Highett	
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	Aus Accuracy Chps	Highett	
	<b>Aug</b>			
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	Brunn Shield	Highett	
		Gen Meeting as per Agenda		
Sun		Project Healing Waters Casting Clinic	TBA	NEW
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	Turville Shield	Fairfield	
	<b>Sept</b>			
		Casting for Recovery	TBA	NEW
	<b>Oct</b>			
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Wastell Shield		
	<b>Nov</b>			
		ACF Meeting	TBA	



# General Meeting Minutes

December 2017

**DATE:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ray Boast, Judy Cameron, Tom Galloway, Ross Bailey,  
John McIntyre, Peter Cairns

**CHAIRMAN:** Peter Cairns

**APOLOGIES:** John Mennen, Tony Hyett, Graeme Renfrey, Bruce Quigg

**GUEST :**

**MINUTES:**

## **BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:**

Moved: Julia Williams

Seconded: Tom Galloway

## **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Liquor Licence 2018

ATF Strategy Workshop Invite

Aust Post Annual PO Invoice

## **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

Objection to Rubicon Hydro Scheme

Moved: John McIntyre

Seconded: Paul Harris

## **DELEGATES REPORT:**

**CVFFC:** Feb Meeting Update

**ACF.** AGM Report

**Combined Clubs.** Nil

**Fly Fisher.** Need a lot more photos – only need small caption

**Library.** Nil

**Web** Nil

## **NEW MEMBERS NOMINATION:**

Moved: NIL

Seconded:



## GENERAL BUSINESS

Introduction of an **AUCTION/SELLER TABLE** at each General Meeting. Two members can request a table allocation per General Meeting by emailing the secretary.

Southern Lights will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm. BBQA volunteers are needed – contact Tony Hyett

ATF Strategy Day – Call for attendees, see the SFFA Secretary for further details. Ivo K is attending as the SFFA delegate attending but more welcome

## TRIP REPORTS

Rubicon was fished, mainly dry successful, near Snobs Creek was also good for dry flies. Tumbling Waters also proved good above bridge

Ross B fished the Tyers river up near Tanjil Creek Rd., suggested the area for a possible day or overnight trip soon.

Steavenson was fished with moderate success using dry flies.

## SPEAKERS

March                      General Casting Night

April                      Fast Eddies Social Night

## CLUB CALENDER

### MARCH

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### APRIL/MAY

Sun	15th	Noojee (TH)
Fri – Sun	27th – 29th	Millbrook

### MAY

Sun	20th	Goulburn River
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## KEN'S BALLS

Frankie J - WINNNER WINNER \$180 !!!!!

Meeting Close 9:10pm

The CVFFC held a meeting at Ballarat Flyfishing Club on the 17th February 2018. The following details cover some of the areas discussed:-

- *Update on submission to GMW regarding Hydro scheme on Rubicon River.* Rubicon Hydro Scheme made a new application to Goulburn Murray Water just before Xmas. CVFFC made a submission to GMW regarding our position on the Scheme. CVFFC position is that we are opposed and reject the proposal. Still waiting for feedback from GMW.
- *Update on regulation of boats on the Goulburn River.* Some members have noted plenty of boats doing much higher speeds, especially coming back up the river creating a range of issues. A draft letter is to be developed for CVFFC Executive for approval.
- *Feedback on ATF's involvement with the Scotty-Jordan box stocking in the North East.* Eggs were loaded into the red devices, known as "Scotty Jordan" incubators, and then placed strategically into freezing cold streams back in winter. When the incubators were removed some weeks later, the empty compartments indicated a high egg hatch-rate! Like VFA and ATF Facebook to keep up with the status of this exciting scientific development.
- *Impact of proposed logging in Snobs Creek catchment. VicForests Submission.* Some CVFFC members have indicated concerns regarding the large amount of coupes proposed for the Snobs Creek catchment area and the impact on Snobs Creek Hatchery. CVFFC have placed a Submission with VicForests raising our concerns.
- *Concerns about awareness of current trout/salmonoid regulations were raised.* CVFFC noted the possible confusion produced from the new regulations..
- Clubs were also requested to submit any items to CVFFC to be considered to be submitted to be included on VRFish's next Agenda (14th April).
- Next meeting Saturday **21th April 10.00am - Marysville Caravan Park.**

All items were included for general interest. Details minutes of the meeting have supplied to the club to place on notice board. If you require any further information or background please contact SFF secretary.

Feedback from Peter te Hennepe (CVFFC delegate).



The Rubicon River is rated highly by many at Southern FF and so the two trips during February were hoped to provide some rewarding dry fly fishing. Did the river live up to expectations and/or were those fishing up to the task?

In preparation for these trips Les Pratt and Ray Boast did some reconnaissance and found variable conditions and results – certainly above the first power station the river was warm (20C), slow and low (and no fish) but down around Tumbling Waters Les managed two nice browns on dry flies in quick succession. Downstream from Christies Lane was also checked but again the river was slow and no fish were spotted – more time in this location might be useful.

The Sunday trip led by Tony was attended by 8 members but the only real success recorded was by Ray Goddard on the Goulburn. Ray hooked a 4lb trout only to be broken off at the net but he went on to land 3 other good fish to 2lb using Czech nymphing and of course the “rainbow warrior” fly.

Tony Hyett headed to the willow trees along the Goulburn upstream from the Breakaway but despite spotting a few fish he was unable to land one. It seems the only other highlight from this trip was the disappearance of Alan Russell’s car keys at Thornton – only to be discovered later by Tony still sitting on the back of his bumper bar when he arrived at the Breakaway!

The mid-week trip was also attended by 9 members and the results were mixed but an improvement – Peter te Hennepe went off to the Snob’s creek and caught 6 trout on dry flies while Ross Bailey and Geoff Churcher landed 3 and 6 fish respectively on the upper reaches of the Rubicon in fairly tough rocky conditions. Other members fished without success below the first power station in reasonable water flows while the remainder of us tried our luck around Tumbling Waters with a few fish caught on dry fly and nymphs in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Ray Goddard conducted a successful Czech nymphing master class with Jim Chernikeef working hard to eventually pick up a small redfin!

Overall the Rubicon won the day and given the variable river conditions at the usual entry points it is important to move along the river to find rising fish. Despite the limited catch rate, it was a most enjoyable day of fishing and socialising with fellow SFF members.



Jim Chernikeef showing his casting style in a nice run at Tumbling Waters.



Julia Williams taking a well-earned break from casting to those absent trout.



## Member Photos

### Photos of Member's fishing exploits.

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



*Paul Harris nets a nice Brown on the Steavenson mid-February*



*Graeme Renfrey picks up a nice 1 pound brown in Noojee*



## *“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 \$1.50 each. Please see Judy Cameron 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**.

## Member's Bargain Table

At each General Meeting Night (4th Wednesday) commencing in March, there will be a table set up for Members to offer items for sale/auction.

Only 2 people at a time will be allocated space on the Member's Bargain Table, so if you are interested in selling your goods you need to be allocated a date, and must register your interest and items with the Secretary, Peter Cairns prior to the night on 0413 420 044 or email [secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au](mailto:secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au)





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## 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!



# 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 \*\***

☐

**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<sup>o</sup> 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)

Website: [southernflyfishers.org.au](http://southernflyfishers.org.au)

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