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Well many of the club's members have been busy fishing lately, which is great to hear. The members nights and general meetings are a great way to get the latest information on where fishing is going well. It was unfortunate that the weekend for the trip to Pineapple Flat was called off due to inclement weather (although it didn't stop some people) but there was keen interest to do it before winter, so we are going to squeeze it in. There are couple of changes to our trips so check out the new dates in the calendar in this edition.

We are also looking forward to doing our bit for enhancing the fishing habitat along one of our favourites, the Steavenson. It would be great to get as many club members as possible to this event be organised for the 5th May to help with tree planting. We are going to plant 600 trees so many hands make light work. We will also be looking for a hand with cleaning the casting pool on Saturday 14th April around 8.00 am.

At the March General meeting we had guest speaker in Eddie Fraker of Fly South Guiding. Most members would know Eddie from Gavin Hurley's. As well as being adept at the fly fishing, he also presented some of the benefits of spending a little extra time on taking photographs of the catch or even other aspects of your outing with a few shots to remember the experience for longer.

At the March members night we had a very impromptu talk from Stan Norton from Tennessee. Stan, an avid bamboo rod fly fisherman, just happened to be doing one of his many visits to Australia but ventured into Southern Fly Fishers. He recanted how he obtained his interest in fly fishing and his passion for bamboo and fibreglass rods, of which he has collected a substantial collection, along with as many antique reels. His talk captivated members for a good hour and he followed it up with a trip to the Stevenson the next day. We look forward to hopefully catching up with Stan next year if he visits again.

Our committee meeting had quite a few things on the agenda and so it was great to welcome both Ivo Kavelj and Peter Suzic to the committee. We look forward to their great contribution to the club. Ivo gave a update on his recent workshop with the Australian Trout Federation and the committee was supportive of ATF's focus, particularly about enhancing fishing habitats and better communications. Peter will be taking over from Tony as Trip Coordinator in July, and Peter is already thinking of a few ideas of different places to fish which will be great. I'm sure Peter won't mind anyone giving him ideas. He certainly has big shoes to fill. Bruce Q also discussed a way members could have the ability to register for trips on-line. More info to follow on this but we are keen to trial a way that gives greater access for members to register for trips, particularly for those who cannot get to meeting nights and place their names on the trip sheet.

This Wednesday, instead of meeting at the club for members' night, we are providing a social evening. We are meeting at the Tudor at 6.00pm for dinner and then meeting at Fast Eddies at 7.30pm in Chesterville Road for a social pool night. Should be great fun to catch up and chat – about fishing of course...A Flyer was emailed on the 5th April with all the details. If you are going, please rsvp so John McIntyre knows numbers...I won't be wearing gumboots.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

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General Committee	Bruce Quig		0402 141 460
General Committee	Ross Bailey		0417 338 324
General Committee	John McIntyre		0418 320 173

Calendar – Coming Events

	April	
Wed	11 th	Members Meeting – Fast Eddies Social Night
Sun	15 th	Noojee River. <i>Leader Peter Cairns</i>
Thu	19 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Wed	25 th	General Meeting
Fri - Sun	27 th – 29 th	Millbrook Lakes
	May	
Sat	5 th	Steavenson River Tree Planting Day
Wed	9 th	Members Meeting –
Thu	17 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Fri-Sun	18 th – 20 th	Pineapple Flat Trip. <i>Leader: Tony Hyett</i>
Sun	27 th	Goulburn River Trip. <i>Leader: Tony Hyett</i>
Wed	23 rd	General Meeting
	June	
Sat/Sun	2 nd – 3 rd	Big River Camping Trip. <i>Leader: Peter Suzic</i>
Sun	17 th	Moorabool Reservoir. <i>Leader: TBA</i>

Accommodation Offer

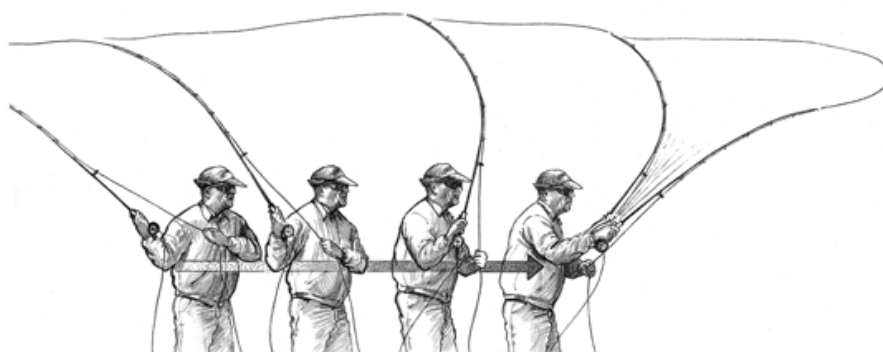
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Australian Casting Federation Syllabus

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



General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday 28th March 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Mennen, John McIntyre, Ross Bailey, Judy Cameron,
Bruce Quigg, Peter Cairns

CHAIRMAN: John Mennen

APOLOGIES: Tony Hyett, Ray Boast, Graeme Renfrey,

GUEST :

MINUTES:

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:

Moved: John McIntyre Seconded : Ross Bailey

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

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DELEGATES REPORT:

ATF Strategy Workshop Overview by Ivo Kavelj

Below is a very short summary of what occurred during the day:

- Reminder of what the ATF is about, what they have been doing in the last 12 months and what's still to come
- Got to know a little about each other in the room and why we were all there; this was done by way of answering 4 questions with someone and having that person share your answers with the entire room
- 4 Groups were then organised to brainstorm and compile a list of 4-6 priorities for the ATF, which was then to be presented back to the room
 - Everyone seemed to be on a similar page with the priorities, with consistent themes being ATF numbers, Communication, Habitat, Education, Partners, Sustainability, Regulations/Enforcement
 - Approximately 6 points were agreed on by the room; a handful of ATF delegates then determined the priorities and cut this down to 4 key areas to focus on for the afternoon
 - The four areas identified were:
 - Increase ATF Resources
 - Partnerships
 - Habitat
 - Communication & Education (I was in this group)

- Each table was assigned one of these areas to determine:
 - Specific actions
 - Who was responsible for these
 - Timeline
 - KPI's (How do we measure success)
- Final summaries were then presented to the rest of the room and then open for questions, comments, etc.

The greatest challenge I see here is the lack of manpower the ATF currently have and being able to realistically tackle all these areas. If we look at what the ATF is about, which is essentially ensuring a protected and sustainable fishery for ALL trout anglers, then it should be in everyone's best interest to lend a helping hand to ensure this is achieved. No doubt, a lot easier said than done, but nonetheless achievable I would like to think, especially given the number of clubs and associations out there.

One aspect of the "Communication & Education" objective will be about increasing manpower with the ATF, i.e. having delegates that are Club representatives, but who also assist with helping get these initiatives off the ground.

I genuinely believe that what has been set out as goals to achieve over the coming 12-24 months can only make a positive difference to our trout fisheries, not only within Victoria, but Australia wide.

NEW MEMBERS NOMINATION:

Nil

GEBNERAL BUSINESS

Nil

TRIP REPORTS

SPEAKERS

April Fast Eddies Social Night

CLUB CALENDER

APRIL

Sun 15th Noojee Trip Leader Peter Cairns

Fri – Sun 27th – 29th Millbrook

MAY

Sat 5th Tree Planting Day

Four SFF members met at the Healesville bakery for the customary coffee (and donuts for Les Pratt) before heading up to the Steavenson in slightly overcast conditions.

The trip took on a special dimension as we also welcomed Stan Norton from Mountain City, Tennessee as a guest for the day. Stan approached the club eager to meet up with some local fly fishers during his visit to Melbourne. By chance, not only did he attend our members night he also became the guest speaker and generated considerable interest describing his passion for fly fishing and in particular collecting and using older split can and fibre glass rods, and vintage reels.

Equipped with some borrowed gear including size 14 boots, gaiters and an old cane fishing rod Stan settled into some wet wading in gently flowing water at 15C in the Steavenson along with Adrian Hughes and myself; Les and Jeff Allan fished downstream at the same beat.

The morning session realised just three fish, two by Les and one by Adrian and so a we headed to the Taggerty after lunch. It was here that the action improved significantly with several strikes and fish landed in pocket flows amongst the rocks and logs that the river is known for.

Adrian led the way and put Stan onto a lovely run that produced a nice rainbow on a size 16 Stimulator – it was a great reward in the difficult wading conditions and capped off a “day to remember” for Stan on his first outing in Victorian rivers and he is even more committed to returning to SFF in early 2019.

Good fishing continued into the afternoon with several rainbow trout caught by Les, Adrian and Allan – an enjoyable mid-week trip on clear rivers running at generally low flow rates following the recent dry conditions.



Les Pratt and Jeff Allan resplendent and ready for session on the Steavenson.



Ray Boast failing to find a fish in the quite bubble line on the Steavenson



Adrian Hughes guiding me to favourable runs amongst the boulders on the Taggerty.



That “day to remember” moment for our guest from the USA, Stan Norton with a vintage Allcock of Reddich cane rod successfully hooking a rainbow on the Taggerty.

“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), 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





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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!

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)

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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**,

Cnr Chesterville and Turner Roads, Highett. Melways 77 J 9

(Look for the "Combined Clubrooms" entrance at N° 33 Turner Road)

Membership Benefits:

- | | |
|--|--|
| - 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

Website: southernflyfishers.org.au

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