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Even though the summer is well and truly over, we have had quite a pleasant autumn so far. There has been quite a fair bit of fishing by some members and we have heard some great reports at the club nights and on Facebook. There have been some great catches and members have clearly made the most of this late season mild weather; but it won't last too much longer. We have a couple of trips listed in the next two months for river fishing, including a couple of weekenders at Pineapple Flat and Big River, and a day trip to the Goulburn River. Then we move into the lakes during the closed season to most of our favourites. Also, please remember that you don't have to be on the Committee to run a trip, and if you are interested in assisting with trip planning then please contact Tony Hyett.

The tree planting on the Stevenson on Saturday 5th May was very well attended by SFF. Overall, there was just under 50 people with around 15 from SFF. There were six different clubs in attendance as well as some locals. The overwhelming number meant that we planted the 600 trees in well under two hours. Quite a few members took advantage of the trip to Marysville and managed to fish both before the tree planting, and afterwards. It was great to hear several trout caught during the day. I would like to particularly thank Ivo, our Australian Trout Foundation Representative, for promoting the benefits of this initiative. It was a tremendous success and a great day for socialising with other keen fly fishers and industry people. After the BBQ lunch, I even spotted some members seizing the opportunity to receive some casting pointers from Ross Bailey, the man who never stops teaching others the craft of fly fishing. It was a great day all round and one that I'm sure we will support going forward.

With the colder months closing in, it is also a great opportunity to borrow books or DVD's from the library. I know that Graeme has been doing a great job keeping all our material up to date and purchasing a couple of new additions. The Library is such a great resource for all members. I also particularly enjoyed Bill Jeans' segment last meeting where he gave a plug on some of the interesting books contained in the library.

The casting season has also kicked off and our club rooms will be hosting many of the events over the next few months. If you are new to the club, I encourage you to come along and have a go. This is a great way to hone your casting accuracy skills using a range of techniques. You can then apply these skills in both competitions and out on the river, lake or in a boat. One day you will be casting to a nice size trout under an overhanging branch or even a barramundi amongst the mangroves. Casting accuracy will play an important part in that moment being great or frustrating. If you want to know more about the casting competitions (which do have grades for beginners), speak to Tom Galloway or John McIntyre about coming along and seeing what it's all about.

And many thanks to the 10 members who turned out two weekends ago at short notice to clean the pool. With the many hands (like the tree planting) the job was done very quickly.

Last month we welcomed new member Chris Mastwyk to the club. I'm sure you will all make Chris feel welcome and I'm sure he has his own stories to share.

If you are interested in joining the committee for the 2018 / 2019 period, then please consider nominating when the notification comes out. The Executive position of Vice-President has been vacant for this year and I am keen for someone to fill this position. Please come and see me, or one of the committee members, for information on the roles. The roles are not time consuming, nor demanding, but are a great way to meet new members and help this great club continue to grow. Our recent inductees into the Committee, Ivo Kavelj and Peter Suzic, have launched straight in with Ivo representing the club at the Australian Trout Foundation, and Peter in the process of taking on the Trip Coordinator from Tony Hyatt as of 1st July.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

President	John Mennen	president@southernflyfishers.org.au	0408 145 463
Treasurer	Ray Boast	treasurer@southernflyfishers.org.au	0437 870 066
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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
General Committee	John McIntyre		0418 320 173

Calendar – Coming Events

	May	
Sat	5th	Steavenson River Tree Planting Day
Wed	9th	Members Meeting – Fast Eddies Social Night
Thu	17th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Fri-Sun	18th – 20th	Pineapple Flat Trip. Leader: Tony Hyett
Sun	27th	Goulburn River Trip. Leader: Tony Hyett
Wed	23rd	General Meeting
	June	
Sat/Sun	2nd – 3rd	Big River Camping Trip. Leader: Peter Suzic
Sun	24th	Moorabool Reservoir. Leader: TBA

Accommodation Offer

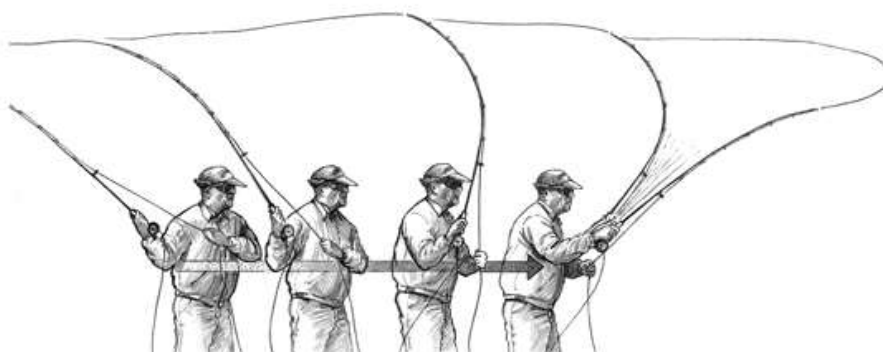
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Australian Casting Federation Syllabus

	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 December 2017

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DATE: Wednesday 25th April 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Mennen, Ray Boast, Peter Cairns, Tony Hyett, Dean Gordon

CHAIRMAN: John Mennen

APOLOGIES: Peter Suzic, John McIntyre

GUEST : Michael Lewandowski

MINUTES:

BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:

Moved: Ross Bailey Seconded : Dean Gordon

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

DELEGATES REPORT:

CVFFC	Minutes Reported
Library	Bill Jeans Book Review
ATF	Tree Planting Day May 5 th
Combined Clubs	Electricity Audit underway

NEW MEMBERS NOMINATION: NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

Reminder of Tree Planting Day - Steavenson River May 5th, register with Peter Cairns

TRIP REPORTS

Mixed bag of reports – no standouts reports

Mitta Mitta and surrounds produced a few fish.

The club trip to Noojee was rain out with Tony and John Mc attending only to end up at Warragul hospital with wasp stings

SPEAKERS

May TBA

CLUB CALENDER

APRIL

15 th	Noojee	Peter C
27 th - 28 th	Millbrook	

MAY

5 th	Tree Planting Stevo River	
18 th - 20 th	Pineapple Flat	Tony H
27 th	Goulburn River	Tony H

JUNE

2 nd - 3 rd	Big River at Eildon	Peter S
24 th	Lake Moorabool	TBA

Stan Norton from Mountain City, Tennessee, was a guest speaker at the club in March, and gave a most interesting talk on Cane Rods.

Stan has corresponded with Ray Boast to provide a report from Mountain City:

The weather here has been up and down with us actually getting a trace of snow today. So I just stayed inside and worked on getting some of my gear ready. And the most important task was to mount my SFF pin on my new "old" Akubra hat (see photo). I think it looks pretty sweet and I'm planning to wear it proudly to the Bamboo Bash the end of the month.

I only made it out fishing once since our return to the US. Weather was warmer but the streams were up and very cloudy because of rains (see photo). I'm hoping to get out again by the end of this week.

Cheers, Stan



PS: Also give my best to the guys at the club and let them know, "I will return"!



Eleven of Southern Fly Fishers finest booked themselves into the annual Millbrook trip to try their best to pick up a trophy trout of which there are plenty in these pristine private property farmer's dams set in very scenic locations about 20ks Melbourne side of Ballarat.

Hilland waters is a recent addition to Millbrooks group of dams being a close set of four waters all within walking distance of each other and is mostly protected from any strong winds. This being a massive advantage for new casters and fly fisher people.

A few of the boys couldn't get to the cabin lake at 3pm to fish late Friday so met us at 7pm at the Wallace Hotel for a scrumptious meal and much frivolity. After much consummation of many varieties of alcohol, except for the drivers, we returned to our accommodation, two well set up log cabins and hit the hay.



Phil Magness arrived at 8am the next morning and joined us with the guides to decide who would get which guide and who would fish with who. This process repeated itself for the Sunday activities. Millbrook provides very good lunches each day at the cabin lake at about 1.30pm then it was off to another lake till dark.

Well the weekend produced some pretty good fish, as in photos. Garry Mulvay brought his Son James who stared for the weekend, it was great to have a young gun amongst us. David Reid was also a star amongst us picking up some good size fish one weighing in at 7.5lbs. and together with his Scottish accent and happy manner provided plenty of entertainment.





The guides, myself for Saturday, Jim Jackman, Phil Weigall and another Jim for Sunday were pleased to get approx. 40 fish all up for our enthusiastic group.

Flies used varied from Olive Magoos, Stick Caddis and nymphs to streamer patterns and Woolly Buggers, most getting results. There were a number of rising fish and a few porposing making sure we saw their backs before they disappeared into the abyss to elude us. I was able to pick up a 2.5lbr on an Adams emerger and a few others on my Cane Toad streamer pattern. Garry Mulvay snared one of his on a large adult Cadis proving that it is worth trying a number of different flies. Allan Russell unfortunately dropped 5 fish, a couple of thumpers included using Phil Weigalls Stick Caddis, frustrating day for Allan but that's fishing.



While fishing Sunday afternoon I experienced a MASSIVE splash, feeling sure it was the fish of a lifetime “the Pterodactyl Brown Trout I loaded up the rod and cast to what turned out to be a platypus. Thank the Lord I didn’t hook it. This proves these mostly spring fed dams are in very good condition sporting an abundance of fish fodder allowing them to grow fast and big. The dam levels on this trip were a little low but didn’t seem to put the fish off.

Wallace Hotel again for dinner found us consuming another great meal. On these trips I try to book one night at the Wallace and one night at the Gordon pub to spread our patronage but the Gordon had a function happening.

This trip proved to be a wonderful success and I thank all that sent me a thank you email for running the trip. It seems that such a popular trip will be staying on the agenda for a few years to come. I have already booked for the same time next year.

Hope we can fill it again.



The Noojee Trip was preceded by Peter Cairns, Wayne Pollard and Paul Harris exploring some 4WD Tracks for Camping/Fishing spots along the Tanjil river. While some interesting spots were found, and worth further investigation, the afternoon turned rather wet just as camp for the night was being set up. It was so wet, even the firelighters wouldn't take.

The following morning, Peter, Wayne and Paul arrived at the Noojee BBQ area (our meeting place) to find Phil Magness and family already there. Phil had been up at Noojee with the family for the weekend. Not long after, Tony Hyett and John McIntyre arrived.

Phil generously invited us all to come back to their cabin/house for a cuppa, where we discussed the fishing plans for the day.

Peter, Wayne and Paul decided to head back to Melbourne to clean/dry their gear, while Tony and John headed off to fish the Toorongu.

The Toorongu fished poorly, with Tony catching one for the morning. Lunchtime Tony and John were accompanied by Ross B, who was coaching, casting and fishing at the Noojee Trout Farm.

It was decided to look at the Tarago river inlet for spawning runners when John M accidentally trod on a wasp's nest and was bitten many times about the head and hands. Not to be outdone by Tony who checked out the degree of virility of these European monsters.

Two lame fishermen checked into the Neerim hospital – no doctor – directed to Warrigal ED for ice packs and antihistamine. The experience is highly recommended to your enemies and hope they have anaphylactic shock.

Ps. Accidentally lost the GPS co-ordinates of the exact location of the nest

The Steavenson River Tree Planting was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout. While SFF had the largest number of people, there were many others from a variety of groups and organisations represented.



The crew from SFF on the tree planting day



Group shot of everyone who attended the activity

With so many people in attendance, the quota of 600 trees was completed before 12 noon, leaving the rest of the day free.

There were a variety of tree species planted out along the banks of the Steavenson upstream of Maryton Lane.



After the tree planting was completed, there were the customary speech and a raffle prize.



“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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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 **

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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^o 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 |

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