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The Presidents Report

John Mennen

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of our eldest statesman Max Kepert on 24 July 2018. He has left an indelible mark on the club and touched so many members. He truly was a gentleman, with a sharp wit and an insatiable passion for the past time we all share. Life Member of Southern Fly Fishers, he will never be forgotten at this club.

With the Annual General Meeting complete, we now have a full committee which is a great sign that members are keen to get involved. A full committee will enable some sharing of jobs, tasks and responsibilities by creating some additional roles. I am very grateful for your confidence in me to continue with the Presidency of this incredibly great club and I look forward to a year packed with all the usual activities you have come to expect. With Ivo Kavelj now as Vice President, I am sure his passion for fly fishing will be one in which we will all benefit. Those at the AGM will recall his impromptu speech where his passion was clearly obvious. I was also very pleased that Peter Cairns and Ray Boast stayed on as Secretary and Treasurer: these guys have been invaluable support and I look forward to another year with them. All committee members signed up for another year and we welcomed two additional members with Allan Russell and Chris McMahon. This takes us to a total of 15 on the committee who are all very passionate and capable to take the club forward. I would also like to acknowledge Ray Boast for taking out the John Worrell Award. John didn't need too many words: all knew Ray was a worthy recipient. I would also like to acknowledge Paul Harris for the President's Award for his outstanding contribution as Flyfisher editor and fly-tying coordinator.

The casting competitions are just about completed, and SFF hosted a number of these in July and early August. Many thanks to Tony Hyatt and John McIntyre for organising these and to all those who helped out with cooking the BBQs.

The winter fly-tying course is underway and is fully booked which is great to see. Paul Harris has led this year's program and managed to ensure a star-studded team of Fly tying experts; Peter Gadd, Ivo Kavelj, Gary Rapley, Ross Bailey, Peter Suzic, Dean Gordon and Gary Mulvay.

This members' night, Tony Hyatt and Allan Russell will be talking about their UK trip. Should be a fascinating night. And if you want a practice cast, come over before 7.30pm and have a go under the lights.

It is pleasing to note that around 79% of our members have already paid their membership fees for 2017-18. For those of you who are still to pay please see Treasurer Ray as soon as possible with cash or personal cheque. You can also make payment by electronic banking. See the bottom half of the Membership Nomination Form page at the rear of this edition of the Flyfisher for BSB and account details, as well as member types and amounts. If you wish to attend trips you will need to be financial otherwise you will not be covered by the club's insurance and unable to participate.

We have quite a few trips coming up and would be hoping to see good turn outs for the Eildon Pondage on the 19th August and the Stevo on the 9th September. And for the more adventurous, Crooked River on the weekend of the 21st-23rd September. The Max Kepert Cup will have a special significance this year. It would be great to see a great turn out to remember the great man. It will be held on 28th October 2018 at Eildon Trout farm so make sure you put your name on the board.

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

President	John Mennen	president@southernflyfishers.org.au	0408 145 463
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Calendar – Coming Events

August

Fri-Sun 3rd – 5th Lake Wartook Sun 19th Eildon Pondage

September

Sun 9th Steavenson River Fri-Sun 21st – 23rd Crooked River

October

Sun 28th Max K Cup Fri-Sun 19th – 21st Jamieson River

November

Sat-Sun 3rd – 11th Eucumbene

Sun 18th Marysville Golf Day Sun-Wed 25th - 5/12 Tassie Trip No 1

December

Sat-Sat 1st – 8th Tassie Trip No 2

Sat-Sun $1^{st} - 2^{nd}$ Big River

Sun 9th Christmas Party

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.

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.

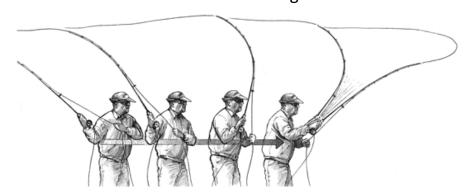






Australian Casting Federation Syllabus

	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	



Vale Max Kepert

Southern Fly Fishers mourn the loss of our highly esteemed and respected life member whose 82 year passion for fly fishing, skills at fly tying and wise counsel brought great admiration from all at the club. Max was an inspiration and will be sadly missed but his legacy will live on.

Sincere condolences to Steve and Anne.

Tight lines Max.



Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Presidents welcome

John Mennen

A warm welcome to Life Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Before we start, it is with deep sadness that I have the unfortunate duty to report that our beloved eldest statesman Max Kepert, Life Member of Southern Fly Fishers, passed away yesterday afternoon. I'm sure there will be much said about his life in the coming days and weeks, but one thing is for sure, he will never be forgotten at this club. He has left and indelible mark on the club and touched so many members. I'm sure all of us will have fond memories of Max and will cherish them always. He truly was a gentleman, with a sharp wit and an insatiable passion for the past time we all share.

2. Apologies: Julia Williams, Jim Chemikeef, Chris McMahon, Peter Golding, Ian Sambell, Les Pratt, Graham Seeger, Bill Jeans, Bernard Schindler

3. Receive Minutes from previous AGM

Any Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Moved: Peter Gadd Seconder: Dean Gordon

4. Treasurer's report

Ray Boast

Confirmation of and acceptance of financial statements.

Copies available at Club Rooms post AGM – refer Treasurer

Moved: Ray Boast Seconder: Ken Moran

5. General Business: Nil

6. Presidents Report

John Mennen

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to everyone for making my first year as club president as easy as possible. Not having been on the committee as a warm up to see what happens behind the scenes was a bit of a daunting task and the fact that you are all still here probably means I didn't wreck it too much. I have been buoyed by the level of support and encouragement given to me over the last twelve months. It really has been sincerely appreciated.

We have maintained our membership numbers with some moving on, and new people joining, or re-joining in some cases. I have no doubt that this is due to the number of events, trips, casting competitions, fly tying sessions, and informative member nights packed with great variety.

None of this would be possible without the significant contribution of some key members within the club to give you all the best experience in practicing and learning the art of fly fishing in all its forms. We are extremely fortunate to have the depth of talent and expertise within the club and continue to build on the great tradition of the club in ensuring a family friendly, inclusive club who aims to have fun.

I am going to thank several people individually for their contributions now, however I would first like to thank all members for being the great membership you all are. It makes it a pleasure

to come to every meeting and event. I would also like to thank every committee member for the individual contributions that they make.

So, in no particular order but I'll start with my executive;

Peter Cairns – Peter has provided outstanding support to me over the past twelve months as secretary, combined clubs representative and looking after the maintenance side of the club, particularly ensuring that the casting pool remains clean and in order. Peter has also contributed the meat for the BBQ's and food for other occasions. It is in his role as Secretary where he not only embodies the spirit of the club but works tirelessly to ensure everything is in order and readiness for meetings, functions, agendas, minutes, and coordinating correspondence, whether they be letters, emails phone calls or texts. Peter has truly been my right-hand man. And one very inexperienced president has been extremely grateful.

Ray Boast – Ray has excelled as an outstanding treasurer and has been a great contributor to the committee. Ray is extremely active behind the scenes and like Peter, very quick to respond to queries. He is always available to call on for support and assistance. Ray has grasped the role of treasurer and has looked after the books in an outstanding way. He has also been very active helping out with many other things, including trips, the golf day, bbqs, and cleaning the pool, and just making sure everything is running smoothly. I have been blessed to have both Peter and Ray on the Executive.

Peter te Hennepe (Victorian Council Fly Fishing Clubs and VR Fish Delegate) – A big thanks to Peter for continuing to be a proactive delegate at the CVFFC and VR Fish. Peter is always keeping our club informed of developments and identifying ways that we can assist.

Casting – Tom Galloway, although he has been away recently, his work with the Australian Casting Federation is greatly appreciated. Together with our certified casting instructors in Bruce Ratcliffe and Gary Rapley along with Ross Bailey, Tony Hyett and John McIntyre and increasingly many others, continue to do a fantastic job in not only the casting competitions but just their continuous desire to help others with their technique. This is what makes the difference between those who stick to fly fishing and those who don't.

Ivo Kavelj – Ivo signed up as the Australian Trout Federation rep and did a sterling job. We managed to convince him to join the committee through the year and I was very impressed with his passion.

Graeme Renfrey - Master Librarian, well you know what I mean... Many thanks for taking on the role this year.

Bill Jeans – A great support to Graeme, particularly for sharing those wonderful book reviews at some of our meeting nights of late. I look forward to his inspiring and entertaining renditions of some of the locked secrets within our library.

Dean Gordon – Dean is a great and valued member of the committee. He has substantial knowledge of the club's recent history and his contribution in supporting the club is much appreciated.

John McIntyre – John continues to provide support to the club in so many ways. John is in everything and his commitment to the Casting competitions is second to none. He has also sourced some great raffle prizes that I think will tempt you at meeting nights. Always jovial and there to help anyone who shows a glimmer of interest.

Phil Magness – I don't think I saw Phil this year due to his new work commitments, but Phil worked behind the scenes and again fulfilled the role as Webmaster, and what a great web site we have. He has passed the baton on now and I thank him for his great contribution over the

years. And I thank Bruce Quigg for stepping up to the plate as the new Webmaster. I look forward to some of the initiatives Bruce is thinking of in the world wide web.

Paul Harris – Paul has done an outstanding job as the Editor of the Fly Fisher and Communications Co-coordinator over the past twelve months. He hasn't missed a beat and has been very diplomatic with his requests for the Presidents report for the monthly Fly Fisher the weekend before members night. He is always on hand when there is an IT issue to sort out at short notice. On top of that he, without any qualms, took on the role of organising the Winter Fly tying this year. Paul does this without any fanfare or recognition. You won't find his name in the Fly Fisher or the emails sent out to members, just a simple "Tight Lines" and his email link editor@southernflyfishers.org.au. He is the quiet achiever that just gets on with the job.

Judy Cameron – Judy has been a fantastic help over the last year and has done a great job organising the raffles and organising one of our great guest speakers this year in Karen Brooks, a true inspiration for women in fly fishing - both of them. Judy is also available to help on any occasion, which I, and the rest of the committee really appreciate. Her support to Max over this year, and pervious years, has been outstanding, and I am sure Max appreciated it and so too his family.

John Worrell – I would just like to say that I appreciate his wise council when I need some advice. I look forward to his continued support and hopefully bring some of his ideas to fruition. I want to also acknowledge John for presenting his annual award and we await the announcement tonight with great anticipation.

Tony Hyett – Believe it or not, Tony has been a fantastic support to me, not only this last year, but ever since I joined the club. Support for which I am truly grateful. He has been instrumental in all facets of the club and is always, and I mean always, there to help. Although he is handing the reins as Trip Coordinator to Peter Suzic, I trust he will always be part of the club, after all, he is a Life Member now, just ask him. He can be a character but is passionate about this club like no other.

Peter Suzic – Peter has been working with Tony over the last six months and has taken over as Trip Coordinator – if Tony will let him. Peter has come up with some great ideas and I look forward to some future trips.

Ross Bailey – What can I say about Ross that hasn't been already said. Ross was president when I joined around 10 years ago. What Ross doesn't know about fly fishing I don't think has been written yet - Life member, Victorian and Australian team representative both here in Australia and internationally. In particular, this year he has provided great guest speakers for our members' nights and done equally as good a job as them in delivering sessions on a variety of topics drawn from his wealth of knowledge.

There are many others who have made this club what it is. A great place to be, to be social, to learn new things, to teach others, all with likeminded people who love fly fishing. I think it is amazing that so many people actively contribute to making the club great.

Thank You

7. Club Awards

- John Worrell award presented to Ray Boast John Worrell
- President's award presented to <u>Paul Harris</u> John Mennen

8. Declare all committee positions vacant

John Mennen

9. Announce candidates for vacant positions

Peter Cairns

10. Declare results

Peter Cairns

John Mennen	President	Executive Officer
Ivo Kavelj	Vice President	Executive Officer
Ray Boast	Treasurer	Executive Officer
Peter Cairns	Secretary	Executive Officer

Dean Gordon **General Committee General Committee** Bruce Quig **Graeme Renfrey General Committee** John McIntyre **General Committee** Ross Bailey **General Committee General Committee** Tony Hyett **General Committee Judy Cameron** Tom Galloway General Committee Peter Suzic **General Committee** Chris McMahon **General Committee** Allan Russell **General Committee**

11. President Elect Acceptance Speech

John Mennen

I would like to thank everyone for your confidence in me to continue for another year as president. I feel that with a full committee including a Vice President, that we can work together to grow this club even more. Not necessarily in numbers but in who we are. I never want to lose sight that we are a fishing club and are here collectively for the fun and enjoyment of this great pass time. Part of that enjoyment is making sure members can achieve what they want to achieve.

Next year will consider:

- Investing in members' experience, capabilities and activities
- Ensuring succession planning across roles and responsibilities
- Maintaining our high level of activity and ensuring that all members at all skills levels are being well engaged (I pinched that from Scott)
- Exploring future interests of the club
- Increasing our activity and input with all relevant fishing bodies.
- Exploring and developing the new technologies including Facebook.

Thanks again

12. Declare meeting closed

at 8:14pm

John Mennen

Thursday the 12th July saw 5 members of SFF brave the rather cool weather in search of the illusive trout. We headed to Bostock Reservoir arriving to relatively calm conditions, to see a few small rises to the left of the reservoir. Expectations rose, only to be dashed when after numerous attempts, our Tony hooked what could only be described as a very (very) small fish.

Not to be put off, we headed to the north west side of the reservoir....nothing.

Lunch time came around and after a discussion with the Parks authority, we decided to take his advice and head south to Stony Creek Reservoir. Apparently the stockies released there where of a far better size. But unfortunately we cannot attest to that as nothing of any size was landed.

But once again our Tony showed us how it was done. According to him and his co-conspirator, Jim they got amongst them and hooked at least 30 fish EACH.

As there were no witnesses, we can only believe the story to be true...and as we all know, Tony never exaggerates his fishing exploits.

Book Reviews Bill Jeans

First book discussed was" Rod, Gun and Lyne: The Story of Reg Lyne,"

The book was produced by Tom Edwards in 2009

Issued as a soft cover and a leather bound limited edition

The book paints a detailed picture of Reg Lyne, his family, his life, his achievements, his sporting skills and prowess. Of all the great flyfishers few have left such an indelible mark on our sport in Victoria as Reg Lyne. Not many people can claim to have understood trout entomology as Reg has and then gone about creating some fifty speciality patterns.one of the most important aspects of this book is the collation of Lyne's fly patterns. He worked at Hartley's sports store for many years, set up a camp on Montague Island and was instrumental in bringing Zane Grey to Australia which helped launch our big game fishing industry. Reg won many fly casting championships in the era, often on Ringwood lake and the book is an interesting read.

Second book was "fly-fishing in Australia and New Zealand" by M.E. McCausland. There were three editions of this book(first in 1949,then 1958 &1967).

The first two have a chapter "casting in theory and practice" by Reg Lyne.

Both these books are in our wonderful library so do yourself a favour and have a look......it's FREE.

SOUTHERN OPEN 22 July 2018

СНАМР	OF CHAMPS	DRY FLY	ACA SKISH	ICF SKISH	WET FLY	TOTAL
1	L ANDROPOF	50	96	98	37	281
2	R SCRIVENS	43	93	93	40	269
3	P WEST	43	88	85	40	256
3	R HEATH	40	91	85	40	256
4	T WHITTAM	46	90	87	27	250
5	T PHELAN	38	77	93	41	249
6	J McINTYRE	44	90	78	34	246
7	J WATERS	48	45	94	43	230
8	T HYETT	34	86	76	33	229
9	A O'CONNER	40	77	69	33	219
10	A RUSSELL	29	50	76	25	180

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3	T PHELAN	93	
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"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 Kepert fly.

The flies are for sale at \$1.50 each. Please see Judy Cameron for payment on the night.

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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10% Discount for Members

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

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489 South Road Bentleigh VIC 3204

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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

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М	Member	\$80	\$10	\$90	\$90	\$70	\$50	\$30
Р	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
С	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*
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^{***} 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 Nº 33 Turner Road)

Membership Benefits:

- Beginners'& advanced casting tuition
- Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes
- Streamcraft & fly fishing techniques
- Monthly fly fishing discussion group
- Annual interstate & overseas fishing trips
- Regular newsletter

- Competitive casting & fishing events
- Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets.
- Specialist guest speakers
- Regular day & weekend fishing trips
- Saltwater fly fishing activities
- Public liability insurance for club activities

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