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Well footy is over and unfortunately out of the last four teams with three of them Melbourne teams, the westerners took the chocolates...so now there is no excuse but to get out there and catch some fish. I know quite a few members have been taking advantage of the great conditions lately as we are certainly enjoying some fine spring weather; the rivers are flowing, and it is shaping up to be a good season.

Last members' night was held at Hurley's Fly Fishing and once again Gavin's team put on a great night of entertainment, informative discussions, great discounts and plenty of pies and drinks to consume. As always, the team provided their normal exceptional hospitality.

At the time of writing there will be a crew from Southern at the Gerri Bolt / Tri Clubs competition at Moorabool Reservoir and I am looking forward to hearing that a few more fish are caught than last year. We also have the Max Keperter Cup coming up towards the end of October so hopefully the weather is kind again to us for a great club and family day. This is our premier event for the year, so I hope to see great numbers. As this is a catered event, please put your names on the board this Wednesday.

We have had some new members join us recently so make sure you say hello to Don Robbie and Kelvin Hutchinson.

We have some good trips fast approaching including Tasmania, Eucumbene, Upper Goulburn, Big River and a couple of day trips so check out the calendar in this edition and make sure you put your name on the board at the club.

As I mentioned in the last Fly Fisher, we were successful in receiving a grant from Vic Fisheries and on our last general meeting night, our defibrillator had arrived. You will see it placed prominently next to the club door. This is an excellent addition to our first aid equipment as Defibs are known to significantly increase the chance of life more than relying on CPR alone. We had twelve of our members receive a familiarisation with the device and undertook some basic CPR training. We will aim to be taking the Defib along with the first aid kit on our club trips.

Members night this month will be a quiz night hosted by our resident fly-fishing expert, Ross Bailey. Bring your thinking caps and an empty stomach as it will also be casserole night. With day-light savings kicked in, why not come down at 6.30 and practice some casting. Should be a great night.

## Committee – Officers and Delegates 2017-18

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## Club Caps For Sale

**SFF Club Caps for Sale**

**\$ 10.00 ea.**

**Available for purchase at the  
regular Wednesday club  
meetings.**



## Calendar – Coming Events

October		
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup>	Member's Night
Fri-Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jamieson River – Trip Leader: Peter Suzic
Wed	24 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	Max K Cup – Trip Leader: John Mennen
November		
Sat-Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Eucumbene – Trip Leader: Tony Hyett
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	Member's Night
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	Marysville Golf Day – Trip Leader: Ray Boast
Sun-Wed	25 <sup>th</sup> - 5/12	Tassie Trip – Trip Leader: Tony Hyett
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
December		
Sat-Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Big River – Trip Leader: Peter Suzic
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	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.

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# General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**CHAIRMAN:** John Mennen

**COMMITTEE PRESENT** John Mennen, Ivo Kavelj, Ray Boast, Dean Gordon, Tony Hyett, Ross Bailey, John McIntyre, Peter Cairns, Chris McMahon, Peter Suzic

**APOLOGIES:** Judy Cameron. Allan Russell, Les Pratt

**GUEST :** Don Robbie, Greg Mansfield

**MINUTES:**

**BUSINESS ARISING out of MINUTES:**

Moved: Dean Gordon

Seconded : Chris McMahon

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

1. KCC volunteer appreciation evening
2. KCC Draft Lease & Licence Policy
3. Event notification to KCC re Women in Fly Fishing Open Day
4. Grant Application to VFA re Women in Fly Fishing Open Day
5. MCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Invoice
6. Various Communications with Sporting Club Assist re : Apparel

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

1. KCC Respond to clarification questions re WIFF Open Day
2. VFA Respond to clarification questions re WIFF Open Day

Moved: Jim Cherikeeff

Seconded: Tony Hyett

**DELEGATES REPORT:**

**CVFFC** Next meeting at Snobs Creek 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Library** Nil

**ATF** Habitat Workshop – members encouraged to register to attend

**Combined Clubs** Nil

**NEW MEMBER:**

Welcome Brad French – new member approved @ Sept Committee meeting

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Thank you to Victorian Fisheries Authority for the clubs new Defibrillator. Twelve members participated in First Aid and Defibrillator training prior to tonight's meeting.
- New Club Apparel was presented and approved and tonight's meeting. Ordering details will be circulated to financial members in the coming weeks.

- The Committee will undertake a review of **First Aider Training** requirements for all members to voluntarily participate in

\*\*\*\*Members please remember to **SIGN IN** at all meetings please\*\*\*\*

## TRIP REPORTS

Nine members ventured to the Wonnangatta River last weekend for a few days of walking the rivers holding on to a fly fishing rod. Great comradery and great camp fires accompanied by outstanding food and wine and even better damper. But alas, no fish. Every fly known to mankind was cast, even the Rainbow Warrior, but no success.

Members have been having success on the Steavenson, mostly on nymph, the Toorongoo also producing some solid fish. One good size Brook was captured on nymph

Toorongoo around Noojee is producing a good number of decent size fish, good results late afternoon.

**KEN BALLS**                      Shane Bennett - not present 😞. Jackpot now is \$60

## SPEAKERS

October                      Casserole & Quiz Night

November                      Bruce Ratcliffe – World Fly Casting Championship talk

## CLUB CALENDER - OCTOBER

7 <sup>th</sup>	Gerri Bolt Tri Club	Tony Hyett
	Lake Moorabool	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Members Night	John McIntyre/Ross Bailey
	Casserole & Quiz Night	
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Upper Goulburn/Jamieson	Peter Suzic
28 <sup>th</sup>	Max Kepert Cup	John Mennen

## NOVEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eucumbene	Tony Hyett
12 <sup>th</sup>	Members Night	Bruce Ratcliffe
	World Fly Casting Championship Talk	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Marysville Golf	Ray Boast
25 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tassie Trip	Tony Hyett

## DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Big River	Dean Gordon
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	John Mennen

Bruce Ratcliffe was inspired by the windy conditions at the World Fly Casting Championships in England. Bruce will be giving a talk on the championships at the member's nigh on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.



I FEAR NO WIND, FOR I HAVE CAST IN CUMBRIA

# A Gourmet Campfire in the Vic High Country

Brad French

where thoughts of Queen's and Sir Laurence Olivier meet Deer Hunters and 4WD's....



The florescent pink “Woolley bugger” and “Rainbow worrier” sound more like costumes from “Pricilla Queen of the Desert”, rather than the appropriate fly for a trout at the opening of the season. But the Goulburn River had been stocked with farmed Rainbows who will only rise up to such colourful glittering objects.

This weekend, as my swag was strapped onto the tarpaulin of a pumped up 4WD heading into the high country with a group known as “The Southern Fly Fishers”, a Parachute Adams with a black beaded Nymph tied underneath was the order of the day and the only Drag I was expecting was from my Sage reel as a big wild Brown takes off into a bubbling stream to be dispatched and cooked over a red gum fire that night...

Devoid of fish on our first day, my attention was drawn to others on our campsite by the Wonnangatta River, and to my delight there was a bacchanalian feast emerging from the esky's and car fridges of the assembled fishermen. Our first night entrée included Wagyu pastrami, Spanish spiced sausage, French brie, Kalamata olives, King Island blue with quince paste and Barossa Valley Pheasant Farm pate that sat quite nicely with my Mersey Valley Cheddar and 10-year-old pickled walnuts from my tree in Launceston, all washed down with a James Boags Premium.



I was told my host had “rather a good bottle of red saved for the occasion” and steak was planned for the evening, so a quick trip to the Prahran Market secured two 28 day dry aged on the bone Angus rib eye steaks, yellow waxy kipfler potatoes from the organic veg shop and Mr Pike “The Mushroom Man” provided us with the last of the seasons fresh wild local Morels that would prove to be a perfect accompaniment cooked in cream, onions and garlic for the 1998 Lakes Folly Cabernet Sauvignon from the Hunter Valley. Later, when the coals had settled, a Rum and raisin damper (1/3 of a bottle of Bundy... I’m reliably told by the maker) was baked in a Dutch Oven and a bottle of Jameson’s Whisky, slightly creamy in

taste from being matured in old Stout Barrels was shared with coffee and banter before hitting the sack feeling no pain and looking forward to the next day on the water.

A beautiful day unfolded in the Valley and a breakfast of fried bacon and eggs on campfire toast fortified the system for the bumpy ride on a 4WD only track to the Moroka River. I saw another side to my accountant friend on that track as he pulled out a chainsaw to remove a tree from our path, slipped the 4WD into low gear up almost vertical rocky, muddy mountainside whilst dressed in camouflage gear and later covered my face in something called a "Buff" that one would normally see on grainy footage from the Middle East. I was in his domain now and this is where years of staring at spread sheets trying to make the numbers add up would finally be reconciled, I was in safe hands...

Our traveling companion on this occasion was the wife of the damper chef who was wearing a bright Hi Vis Orange T-shirt (more about that later...) who enjoyed a hike up the mountain, swam in the river, encountered a water monitor and a deer's foreleg in the bushes while we fished up river from where the road ended abruptly. We spent 4 hours in the most pristine, crystal clear water imaginable, with deep pools, stony outcrops, pebbly wooded sections with mayfly's dancing in the light like fairies in a glen and still no fish. We stopped by a campsite with a pit toilet (Luxury...) and walked over a wooden wire suspension bridge looking for a "bridge trout" as I'm told by our leader "every bridge has a trout", but to no avail. That night by the campfire started as a solemn occasion with no talk of "the one that got away" but there was light on the horizon....

We consoled ourselves with a chilled tin of Captain Morgan and Coke followed by a spicy Malaysian Chicken Curry and Rice in "Sous Vide" plastic pouches served with buttered broccolini and a bottle of Devils Lair Chardonnay from the Margaret River WA. For us, it was as Queen Victoria remarked on the conclusion of her meal at a remote Scottish Inn "no Pudding and no fun" until my friends' mates who had driven up for the night produced a cooking implement more like something bought by Darth Vader from the Death Star to cook on, but its multiple level black metal plates swung into positions on the fire inaccessible before. In a shot, out came mixed grills, potatoes cooked in their jackets, field mushrooms sizzled in butter, peas cooked in their freshly opened tin (oxymoron I know...) and 2 heavily marbled Sirloin steaks as big as the grill itself rekindled our evening. Their passion for dessert bought a pot of river water onto the fire to cook the individual sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce, spaceman like squeeze tube of custard and Western Wagon Wheel biscuit crumbled over the top that replicates the chocolate "soil" you see on molecular dining plates in modern restaurants these days... Queen Victoria would be pleased.

The silence of the valley was shattered for a time by the sounds of a small group of young deer hunters from Maffra in an adjoining campsite who's pulsating techno sound system, circle work in the paddock with their spotlights cutting the blackness of the night sky and firing off the occasional 308 was quickly silenced by a flask of Gentleman Jack and a comfy swag to dream the night away under the stars.

The next morning, after the obligatory eggs and bacon, we packed up camp, bid farewell to old friends and new, then headed down the road via the shortcut (it's actual name) to the famous Dargo Hotel which is a real Alpine Pub that last time my accountant friend stopped

by was ringing to the sound of a stockwhip and cattle being herded down the main street. Now 11am on a Sunday morning may sound early to have a beer but this seemed a totally appropriate time to toast a great weekend had by all, even if we did not catch any fish....



I will leave this story with my top 5 little known High-Country facts, if you wish to follow in my footsteps –

1. Accountants are not all “boring bean counters” but can be serious gastronomes which under their innocent façade hide a Rambo or Bear Grills waiting to come out.
2. Sporting Clubs can be real fun with wise men and women who are happy to share their knowledge of their craft, cheese and whisky if you are lucky.
3. Hi Vis Orange is the best colour to wear if you are planning to walk in the bush where deer are being hunted, as deer cannot see orange and hunters wear a more matted version, so they can see each other and hopefully not shoot you... it is also the colour worn by the last Bkie of a group in convoy
4. Beware of wild dogs in the highlands, deer hunters’ dogs must wear a GPS collar and there is a depot to bring any lost domesticated dogs next door to the Dargo General Store, do not go near the wild dogs in the bush, no matter how cute they look, especially if they have or are puppies
5. In camping grounds with no above ground or pit toilets, apply Sir Laurence Olivier’s immortal words “if a man wonders off into the desert with a shovel in his hand... do not ask him where he is going.

## *“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.

## 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](mailto:secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au)





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#### Trading Hours

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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 2018-2019**

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° 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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