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Welcome back to the club for what is lining up to be a very active and successful year in 2017. The action has already started, with our club Editor Steve Clements and his lovely wife Maureen welcoming their new son Sebastian into the world on the 6th of February. Sebastian has already completed his membership form (Very talented boy!) and received a badge for his blanket.



In relation to club activity the year started out with a couple of trips, one being the saltwater boat trip on Port Phillip Bay that saw a few flathead caught (Using some non traditional and creative methods.) A Goulburn River trip was also held in January and I received a mixed number of reports from those who went along. Some said there were no fish, others caught quite a few fish and others remained silent. I have to start to wonder whether it is more about skill than the environment, or whether the trip leader was telling tallish tales. Anyway all those who went along said that they had a nice day out (Except for the silent ones).

It was great to start February with a working bee at the casting pool and Peter has made mention of those who assisted later in the newsletter. I want to also pass on my thanks to those helpers and a special mention to Matthew Ruffin for bringing his drain clearer along.

The first Committee meeting of the year covered quite a bit of business with major focus being placed on the organisation of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations that will occur this year. It has been decided that a Dinner Function will be held on Saturday the 17th of June with the venue being confirmed, however it will be local and easy to get to. Trips and

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Scott Dargan

speakers for the next six months were also on the agenda and activity is again starting to increase with quite a few river trips on the calendar.

A sub committee has been formed to assist with the organisation of the 50th Anniversary function, and the people who you can contact for information or to pass on your ideas for the night are:

Scott Dargan

Collin McMillan

Judy Cameron

John McIntyre

John Worrell

Peter Cairns

The other agenda item that received significant attention was the replacement of the current carpet tiles in the Clubrooms. Colin and Jill McMillan and Ray Boast have been working away on developing a range of floor covering options. A decision has been made to replace the carpet tiles with new and different carpet tiles, which will certainly brighten up the environment. Especially with the chosen colour being Electric Orange. It is also pleasing to note that Ray Boast has been successful in gaining a \$2,000 government grant to go towards this work, well done Ray.

In closing I look forward to another productive and enjoyable year for our Club and it is great to see some new and potential members coming along to see what we are all about.

Enjoy your fishing while the weather is good and I hope that those people going to Noojee this coming Sunday the 19th have a great time.

Working Bee – Thank You

Peter Cairns

Thanks to Matt Ruffin, Paul Harris, Ray Boast, Bill Tilley, Bruce Ratcliffe, Judy Cameron, Tony Hyett and Scott Dargan for attending the working bee to help prepare the casting pool for the coming year. Pool looks great but will probably need a recoat of membrane next year. Special mention to Matt for using his tradie skills to unblock the main drain from the pool.

BBQ Assistants

The club will be hosting the **Southern Lights Competition on Saturday 4th March at 6pm.** We are looking for some BBQ volunteers to help out on the night. If you are able to assist please contact **Tom Galloway on 0438 461 353.**

Calendar – Coming Events

February

Wed	1 st	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Wed	8 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Sean McCarthy - Snake Handler</i>
Sat/Sun	11 th /12 th	Inverloch Saltwater Trip. Leader: <i>Scott Dargan</i>
Thu	16 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sat	18 th	Casting Competition. <i>Northern Lights</i> at Yarrambat pool
Sun	19 th	Noojee Trip. Leader: <i>Les Pratt</i>
Wed	22 nd	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm
Sat/Sun	25 th /26 th	Big River Trip. Leader: <i>Dean Gordon</i>

March

Wed	1 st	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Sat	4 th	Casting Competition. <i>Southern Lights</i> at Southern Pool
Sat/Sun	4 th /5 th	Inverloch Saltwater Weekend Trip. Leader: <i>Scott Dargan</i>
Wed	8 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Catherine Cini – CEO, GriefLine</i>
Thu	9 th	Steavenson River Trip. Leader: <i>Ray Boast</i>
Thu	16 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	19 th	Steavenson River Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>
Wed	22 nd	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm
Sun	26 th	Casting Competition. <i>Jack Joyner/Ron Mason Trophy</i> at Yarra Bend Pool

April

Sun	2 nd	Casting Competition. <i>Jack Myles (Distance)</i> at Yarra Bend Pool
Wed	5 th	Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Sun	9 th	Yarra River, Warburton Trip. Leader: <i>Scott Dargan</i>
Wed	12 th	Members Night. Speaker: <i>Lance Lloyd, Chairperson, Translocation Evaluation Panel, Fisheries Victoria</i>
Thu	20 th	Fly Tying. Casual fly tying at the clubrooms 7.30pm
Sun	23 rd	Casting Competition. <i>Northern Open Fly Casting Championship</i> at Yarrambat Pool
Wed	26 th	Casting 6.30pm, General Meeting 7.30pm
Sun	30 th	Moorabool Reservoir Trip. Leader: <i>Tony Hyett</i>

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2016-17

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A special group of Southern Fly Fishers trout hunters gathered together at Thornton Beach Parking area just over the Thornton Bridge at 9am.

The group consisted of about eight reprobates eager to drag multiple fish numbers from the loins of this wonderful river.

The river was flowing at about 3 thousand Megs of crystal clear cold water, about 12 deg. This size flow allows some of the backwaters to have flow through allowing fish to come into them and feed in the shallows.

The willow grubs where at the beginning of their season but as usual at this time not having a large number of fish feeding on these little yellow fellows.

The cicadas were not around or as prolific as they were about three weeks earlier.

A number of fish were caught using a variety of small floating flies and a few on small brown nymphs.

The Irish contingency sported, as usual, a unique ability to catch fish. By lunch Nicky and Conner had approx. six fish each and a few more in the afternoon up to 2 lb. Well done boys. John McIntyre snagged 3 for the day, as did Geoff Allan who was over the moon, Les caught one and dropped a large fish.

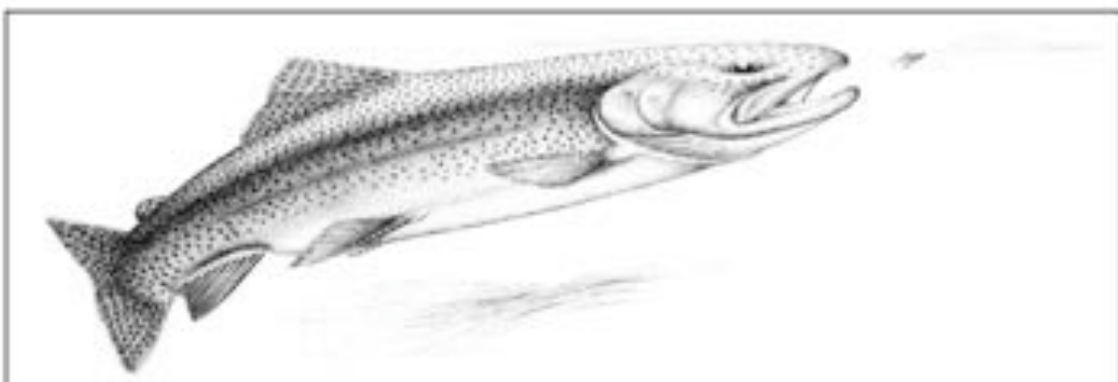
I maintain all dropped fish are large. There was the odd other fish caught but to my dismay not a touch myself after a section of casting to feeding fish in a very clear watered shallow backwater to two easily spooked species.

Plenty of fish were sighted in tight spots sheltering under the willows, some quite large being reported as 3 to 5 lb. I have no doubt this river holds a large quantity of fish with more than its share of large suckers, it is up to us to catch them.

The weather supplied us with a sunny day with a slight breeze making the 27 degree temperature feel like about 35.

Most fished areas, both sides up stream of Thornton bridge and both sides downstream and both sides of the river upstream of the breakaway caravan park.

The Goulburn River on this day was an absolute picture and all had a good day.



Casting

General casting practice sessions are held each second and fourth Wednesday from 6.30 to 7.30, under floodlights, (weather permitting). Come and learn from the experts, improve your accuracy and method.

Anyone wishing to take part in or learn more about the competition casting is encouraged to contact our **ACF delegate Tom Galloway on 0438 461 353**. Otherwise the competition **casting practice sessions** are on **Tuesday nights at 7.00 pm**, run by **Bruce Ratcliffe**, so if you are interested in competition casting please come along, have some fun and develop your casting skills.

Date	Activity	Host Club	Venue	Location	Time
16 February 2017	Australian Casting Federation AGM	Sunshine FFC	Sunshine Clubrooms		7.30 pm
18 February 2017	Northern Lights	Northern FF	Yarrambat Pool	Yarrambat	6.00 pm
4 March 2017	Southern Lights	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	6.00 pm
26 March 2017	Jack Joyner Trophy/Ron Mason Trophy	Sunshine FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
2 April 2017	Jack Myles (Distance Casting)	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
23 April 2017	Northern Open Fly Casting Championship	Northern FF	Yarrambat Pool	Yarrambat	9.30 am
7 May 2017	Brunn Shield 1 Teams Event (ACA Skish)	Sunshine FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
7 May 2017	Entries for Cock of Walk	ACF			
7 May 2017	General Meeting as per Agenda	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	
13-14 May 2017	NSW Fly Casting Championships	Lakeside FF	Sydney	NSW	
21 May 2017	Red Tag Open Championship	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
28 May 2017	Cock of Walk Knockout Competition	ACF	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
4 June 2017	Brunn Shield 2 (ICF Skish)	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
4 June 2017	General Meeting as per Agenda	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	
11 June 2017	Southern Cross Challenge of 5wgt Rods	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
18 June 2017	Sunshine Open Fly Casting Championship	Sunshine FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am
25 June 2017	Victorian Plug Casting Championships	ACF	Bullengarook		9.30 am
25 June 2017	Close date for entries for Vic and Aus Chps	ACF			
2 July 2017	Brunn Shield 3 (ACA Skish)	Northern FF	Yarrambat Pool	Yarrambat	9.30 am
2 July 2017	General Meeting as per Agenda	ACF	Yarrambat Pool	Yarrambat	
16 July 2017	Ron Callaghan Trophy & Anti Cancer	Northern FF	Yarrambat Pool	Yarrambat	9.30 am
23 July 2017	Southern Open Fly Casting Championship	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
29 July 2017	Victorian Fly Casting Championships (Distance)	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
30 July 2017	Victorian Fly Casting Championships (Accuracy)	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
6 August 2017	Brunn Shield 4 (ICF Skish)	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
6 August 2017	General Meeting as per Agenda	ACF	Highett	Highett	
12 August 2017	Australian Fly Casting Championships (Distance)	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
13 August 2017	Australian Fly Casting Championships (Accuracy)	Southern FF	Southern Pool	Highett	9.30 am
19 August 2017	Australian Plug Casting Championships	ACF	Bullengarook		9.30 am
27 August 2017	Turville Shield Accuracy Teams Event	Red Tag FFC	Yarra Bend Pool	Fairfield	9.30 am

“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 a price of \$1.50 each. Please see Steven Clements or Paul Harris 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**.



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The advertisement displays a variety of fishing equipment including a pair of waders, a fishing rod, a hat, a backpack, a fishing vest, a pair of boots, a fishing net, a fishing reel, a fishing lure, a fishing box, and a fishing hat. The website address www.hurleysflyfishing.com.au is visible at the bottom.

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Trading Hours

Monday	9.00am-5.00pm
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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!

Accommodation Offers

Little River Cottage is located in Maydena, that is situated on the Tyenna River, 12 kilometres from Mount Field National Park. It offers spectacular mountain scenery and is close to the Styx Forest of Big Trees and the Styx River. The famous Tyenna River is just minutes down the road and is one of the top fly fishing rivers in Tasmania.

For those keen fisherman we can also arrange a guide who will take you to some hidden fishing spots that contain large brown and rainbow trout.

SFF Rate: From \$120 per night (Two people).
For more information contact Scott Dargan on 0420 909 449.

Little River Cottage - Maydena



Myrica Cottage at Bellbrae



Myrica Cottage, self-contained with beautiful décor and all amenities, is located in Bellbrae, Victoria 5.5 Kms 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 flyfishery (catch-and-release only) and walks on over 200 acres of natural bushland it is perfect for flyfishermen, 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.



Membership Nomination Form

Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.

PO Box 388 Moorabbin 3192

Nomination date/...../.....

Nominee's Name.....Signature.....

Address..... Post Code.....

Phone contact(s) Home.....Mob.....

Email (Please print).....

Occupation

ProposerSignature.....

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**** Membership category and applicable fee for 2014 -2015-2016**

Cat **	Membership Types	Existing Members			New members pro rata			
		Annual Subs+	Ins per person	Total PA	Jul to Sep	Oct to Dec	Jan to Mar	Apr to 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 years)	\$40	\$10	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
S	FT student (under 25)	\$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 members, adults, juniors 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:

- 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

Membership enquiries to: membership@southernflyfishers.org.au

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