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The Presidents Report

Allan Russell

Fellow flyfishers I trust you're all in good heart and getting excited as the new river season approaches. Pete Suzic, our fabulous trip coordinator has been working hard on planning some great trips so consult the dates in the newsletter and importantly put them in your diaries.

We will be promoting the trips even more this season as it's a wonderful way for members and particularly new members to interact and get to know each other even better and importantly learn new skills-many of the trips will be around skills based learning led by some of the best fly fishers around the club.

An example of this will be an introductory Euro nymphing evening led by Ross Bailey and Garry Mulvay on rigs, beads, fly tying and tactics as a pre cursor to the new season. A separate note will be sent out with details but the session will be run on or around the third week in September.

It will be a session not to be missed so look out for it in the communications.

The Max Keppert Cup will be on the 22nd September and instead of Lake Wendouree we will be going to a new venue for the club - a beautiful venue stocked with hard fighting fish just beyond the Black Spur. This will be a day for families, bring the kids and grandkids for there will be plenty of action and a great BBQ to boot, it should be a cracking day out. There will be a separate communication on this event nearer the time. But for now put the date in your diaries

Southern improved its placing in the casting at the Brunn Shield by one spot finishing third this season under the fantastic leadership of our own Bruce Ratcliffe. A special congratulations to Bruce for finishing so highly in the ACF casting championships too against the best casters in the country, well done Bruce.

We've got some phenomenal casters in the club and it would be fantastic to give the winners of the Brunn shield, Ballarat a real run for their money next year-remember Tuesday night casting with Bruce at the club.

May I also take this opportunity to remind those of you who haven't paid your subs yet to do so via our club treasurer Chris McMahon - this is a very important time of year for Chris so please come with subs to the members nights or directly into the club's account. Thanks to those members who have already paid the fee, it represents amazing value for money and as always one gets out of the club what one puts in. I urge each and everyone of you to input as much of your expertise and enthusiasm and energy into the club as your daily activities allow.

I'd like to recognise the Herculean efforts of Ray Boast and previously Les Pratt in their respective roles as Treasurer to bring those accounts to bear so professionally.

And on a final note to warmly thank those retiring Committee members for their massive contributions - you know who you are and wish the new committee all the very best in their respective dispensations this year. The new committee is equally strong and determined to continue the great work of our predecessors

That's all for now folks.

Tightlines,

Allan

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2019-2020

President	Allan Russell	president@southernflyfishers.org.au	0437 240 323
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Committee	Chris Mastwyck		0419 016 530
Committee	Judie Cameron		0438 982 350
Committee	Dean Gordon		0408 549 005
Committee	Tony Hyett		0418 173 869

Club Caps For Sale

SFF Club Caps for Sale \$ 10.00 ea.

Available for purchase at the regular Wednesday club meetings.



Calendar - Coming Events

	August	
Sat	10 th	Eildon Pondage
Wed	14 th	Members Night
Wed	28 th	General Meeting
	September	
Wed	11 th	Members Night
Sun	22 nd	Max Kepert Cup
Wed	25 th	General Meeting
	November	
Sat-Fri	9 th -15 th	Members Night
Wed	27 th	General Meeting

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.







General Meeting Minutes

DATE: 24th July 2019

Presidents welcome John Mennen

Apologies Ivo Kavelj, Geoffrey Daniels, Graeme Renfrey, Bernard Evans, McMillan, David Parton, John McIntyre, Scott Dragan, Ken Moran

Receive Minutes from previous AGM

Any Business arising from previous minutes

Moved: Peter Gadd Seconder: Chris McMahon

Treasurer's report Ray Boast

Confirmation of and acceptance of financial statements.

Moved: Ray Boast Seconder: Ross Bailey

General Business

Nil

Presidents Report John Mennen

A warm welcome to Life Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to everyone for again making my term as president as warm and welcoming as possible. 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.

A particular key event in the last twelve months was the Women in Fly Fishing initiative that formed our open day for 2019. This event was held on 17th March and was a very well attended event. We had a vast array of members involved on the day with casting tuition, displays, flying tying, and presentations. We had 17 females attend and express some interest in taking up fly fishing. We also raised \$1306 in fundraising on the day which we donated to Cancer Council of Victoria. I would particularly like to thank the organising sub-committee who spent months planning this day. While Tony Hyatt led the team, there was significant contribution from Judy Cameron, Peter Te Heneppe and our marketing expert, Julia Williams. Chris McMahon also pitched in towards the end to help with finishing touches. The work by this group was very much appreciated. It is also important that we continue to be an inclusive club which embraces all who want to enjoy the passion of fly fishing.

On a sadder note, we recently saw the passing of our elder statesman and Life Member of the club, John Worrell OAM. John was kind, friendly, gentle, wise and passionate about fly fishing. For the last 10 years he has donated a special award, that recognises the contribution by a member in supporting the club at meetings, functions and events, as well as representing the club's interests in the best way to others. The committee have decided upon John's passing, that his legacy continues, and that the award be sustained in John's honour. (His great friend Peter Gadd will present the award later).

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.

Ivo Kavelj – Vice President of SFF, and our Australian Trout Federation rep, did a sterling job. Ivo was able to step up when I was unavailable and valiantly supported me when he could. I have really appreciated him being there at the right times. He has had to step down as Vice President due to work commitments but I'm sure he will continue to support the club in any way he can.

Peter Cairns – Peter has provided outstanding support to me over the past two years as secretary and the combined clubs representative. He has also been the secretary for the last five years and also has had a stint as Vice President. More recently, he was very prompt when our facility was threatened by a proposal by the Level Crossing Rail Authority to impact the use of our pool. Peter penned an excellent response objecting to the proposal. We recently received notification that another site was chosen; I like to think this was in part due to Pete's efforts. In his role as Secretary, 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 always been on the front foot.

Ray Boast – Ray has excelled as an outstanding treasurer and has been a great contributor to the club. Ray is extremely active behind the scenes and like Peter, very quick to respond to queries and has also been very active helping out with many other things, including trips, bbqs, and cleaning the pool, and just making sure everything is running smoothly. He also has been excellent support to the committee with his calming and balanced perspective. A special mention to Les Pratt for covering for Ray when he was away. Much appreciated Les.

Then there is Tony Hyett – Jokes aside, Tony has been a fantastic support to me, not only this last two years, 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 there to help. He does have one flaw, he thinks he is funny, but he is passionate about this club like no other.

Peter Tehennepe (Victorian Council Fly Fishers C and VR Fish Delegate) – A big thanks to Peter for continuing to be a proactive delegate at the CVFFC and VR Fish. He also took on the role as secretary of CVFFC. Peter has for several years kept our club informed of developments and identifying ways that we can assist. He is very passionate about the bigger picture and that we have a fishery that will continue long into the future. He was also instrumental in the WIFF committee with his understanding of securing the funding for the event.

Graeme Renfrey - Master Librarian, another sterling job and always a big smile. Many thanks for taking on the role this year.

Bill Jeans – A great support to Graeme in the library and continuing those great book reviews. I hope to see more inspiring and entertaining renditions.

Bruce Quig – Bruce took on the role as our new webmaster and has some great ideas for some IT initiatives. I look forward to some of our IT platforms jumping ahead. I note the significant input on our closed group on Facebook (now 607 members) by the likes of Garry Mulvay and the banter between Ross and Ray Goddard about a Greenpeace boat.

Paul Harris – Another great year by Paul as the Editor of the Fly Fisher and Communications Co-coordinator. 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.

Casting – Again our certified casting instructors in Bruce Ratcliffe and Gary Rapley along with Ross Bailey, Tony Hyatt and John McIntyre, continue to do a fantastic job in not only the casting competitions but just their continuous desire to help others with their technique.

Judy Cameron – Judy has been a fantastic help over the last year and has done a great job organising the raffles and key to the WIFF. Judy is also available to help on any occasion, which I, and the rest of the committee really appreciate it.

Peter Suzic – Peter has continued to put in much effort in organising the trips, which is no easy task but an effort much appreciated by all.

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. Always jovial and there to help anyone who shows a glimmer of interest.

Ross Bailey – Another invaluable year from Ross with fantastic support to me and the club. Always giving a hand and a natural born teacher. You will always find him out at the pool providing tuition to the many new members. He also has organised another great year of guest speakers for our members' nights and again provided an exceptional session himself on lakes fishing.

Julia Williams – I would very much like to acknowledge the hard work Julia put into the WIFF. I didn't realise she had a marketing background, but she took on the project with a passion and zest and could really think outside the square. From media interviews to the Love Fly fishing website to promote women in fly fishing, it was truly inspirational.

Chris McMahon – Chris has been a tremendous support to the club in many ways. He has a wicked sense of humour but can be serious when he needs to be. He has a failing though; if you need anything, ask Chris; he doesn't seem to be able to say no.

Peter Gadd – Always ready to offer something to club and always thinking about what's best. Peter has been a great personal support to me.

Dean Gordon – Dean has for a very long time been 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. His initiative to create a club Captain to look after the club's facilities was incredibly well

appreciated and had an immediate effect with maintaining the rooms, storage and the pool. Dean has been always on hand to help out with preparing the facilities for the increasing casting events at the club and keeping our pool pristine at the right times.

As you can see, there are many 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.

Finally, I have been astounded at the support offered to me, the tireless work by so many. This club has a great feel and all brought together by a common insatiable desire to enjoy the great outdoors through the many adventures offered through fly fishing. However, all good things come to an end and my recent move away from the area has meant it is too far to be as fully committed to the role as President. And so, it is time for a changing of the guard and I am certain your new President will be everything you expect to lead your club.

Thankyou and tight lines.

Club Awards

John Worrell Memorial Award

Peter Tehennepe (Victorian Council Fly Fishers C and VR Fish Delegate) – A big thanks to Peter for continuing to be a proactive delegate at the CVFFC and VR Fish. He also took on the role as secretary of CVFFC. Peter has for several years kept our club informed of developments and identifying ways that we can assist. He is very passionate about the bigger picture and that we have a fishery that will continue long into the future. He was also instrumental in the WIFF committee with his understanding of securing the funding for the event

Awarded to Peter te Hennepe

President's award

As I previously stated, this club is made up of a great many people who all contribute so much. Every individual I have thanked tonight is deserving of an award and for that you should be all congratulated. For good reason, many of the people aforementioned have received Life Memberships, Presidents Awards or other accolades and are usually well recognised.

The President's award recognises a member who over the years has embodied the spirit of the club ensuring that enjoyment and friendship is encouraged to all members. This year I have decided to award the President's award to two people who have constantly worked tirelessly to ensure we can all at the club can enjoy these benefits. One has most recently been my right-hand man and has been the key member in ensuring the club runs as smoothly as it does, Peter Cairns.

Also receiving an award, is a member who has been crucial in ensuring the club is maintained in great shape at all times, Dean Gordon. Dean has been involved in virtually everything the club has done, from keeping our pool clean, maintaining the rooms and organising trips, Dean has constantly worked behind the scenes not only recently but for many years.

Awarded to Dean Gordon & Peter Cairns

Declare all committee positions vacant John Mennen

Announce candidates for vacant positions Peter Cairns

Declare results Peter Cairns

President Elect Acceptance Speech Allan Russell

Ladies Gentlemen and Distinguished guests.

Like to say what a privilege it is to be voted in as President for the coming year.

I must have been otherwise distracted whilst everyone else took a pace backwards.

It will be important to build on the traditions and legacy of past Presidents and Committees of this truly great club.

I will canvass views and ideas from the membership in the not too distant future and work hard with the committee to drive Membership.

That's all for now folks more to come shortly.

Thank you all for your support it means a great deal

Declare meeting closed @ 8:13pm Allan Russell

New Committee 2019/2020

Allan Russell President Executive Officer
Garry Mulvay Vice President Executive Officer
Chris McMahon Treasurer Executive Officer
Grant Dawson Secretary Executive Officer

Dean Gordon General Committee
Bruce Quig General Committee
Graeme Renfrey General Committee
Tony Hyett General Committee
Judy Cameron General Committee
Chris Mastwyck General Committee
Peter Suzic General Committee

ACF 2019 Syllabus

Month	Day	Event	Location	Start Time
Jun-02	Sun	Brunn Shield Sunshine	Fairfield	9:30am
Jun-09	Sat	Vic Chps Fly Distance	Highett	9:30am
Jun-10	Sun	Vic Chps Fly Accuracy	Highett	9:30am
Jun-30	Sun	Sunshine Open	Fairfield	9:30am
Jul-07	Sun	Brunn Shield Southern	Highett	9:30am
Jul-20	Sat	Aust Chps Fly Distance	Highett	9:30am
Jul-21	Sun	Aust Chps Fly Accuracy	Highett	9:30am
Aug-04	Sun	Brunn Shield Final	Highett	9:30am
Aug-17	Sat	Southern Cross Challenge	Highett	9:30am
Aug-25	Sun	Turville Shield	Fairfield	9:30am
Sep-01	Sun	Sunday Fun Day	Highett	10:00am
Sep-08	Sun	Ballarat Open TBD	Ball	10:00am
Oct		Vic & Aus Plug Chps	TBD	
Oct-24	Thur	ACF & PHWFFA meeting	Sun	7:30 PM

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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.

Address:

489 South Road Bentleigh VIC 3204

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

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Р	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25					
С	Concession (Note 1)	\$60	\$15	\$75	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30					
J	Junior (under 18 yrs)	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25					
S	FT student (under 25 yrs)	\$50	\$15	\$65	\$65	\$53	\$40	\$28					
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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

Membership enquiries to: membership@southernflyfishers.org.au

Website: southernflyfishers.org.au

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