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The Presidents Report

Allan Russell

Hi Fellow Fly fishers,

Trust my report finds you and your families all well and going great guns.

Spring weather is well and truly here and that means it's a lot more pleasant to be out and about on our wonderful streams and rivers.

It occurred to me that a number of our senior members particularly feel a bit less confident on busy roads driving especially at night. I would encourage you all to give me a call if you would like to have a day out on the river for example - it is possible to arrange door to water transportation no problem at all so please ringwe can always find a lift for you.

Whilst I was in New Zealand the Max Keper Cup was held at a new venue this year. Weather was perfect both for fishing and socialising and the day was a brilliant success from the feedback I've had. Special thanks to those who helped in its organisation (you know who you are 😊😊) and to all who participated in this iconic annual event within the club.

With Christmas approaching my thoughts turn to the Club Christmas BBQ to be held at the Brighton Scout Hall (same venue as last year) on Sunday the 8th December. Please pop this date in your diaries ASAP so that other Christmas commitments don't clash. The function is a week earlier this year so hopefully as many of you as possible can attend for this family day. I will be sending out a separate RSVP invite to you all in the next week or so in order to gauge participation numbers for drink and catering purposes. But for now please mark off the date in your calendars and thank you all.

Another date for the diaries is the ACF casting day to be held at the club casting pool on Sunday 27 October. This is an event for 5 wt casting prowess and our own Bruce Ratcliffe (Vice President of the ACF) is organising the day. There is a 5 wt rod available on the day for those of us who don't have one but would still love a cast. It's tremendous fun with some wonderful Fisher folk from all over Australia eager to share their expertise in casting. There will be a bbq laid on so please, if you're interested let Bruce know on 0437-824-959 and there is no fee for participation.

There's a tremendous amount happening at the committee level currently and over the weeks ahead I will send out specifics of some great initiatives- we've got a superb committee with a ton of energy to get stuff done. This bodes well for the club moving forward.

There is renewed focus on trips this season with a 'right venue right time of year' philosophy to them. So please study the trip calendar and get those dates in the diary. The fishing should be excellent.

That's all for now folks so enjoy the great Australian outdoors and remember to fish with a buddy if at all possible and carry a good snake bandage and pocket sized personal locator beacon at all times in the fishing vest.

Tightlines

Allan

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2019-2020

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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

	October	
Wed	9 th	Members Night – Craig Coltman
Sun	13 th	Steavenson River Trip
Wed	23 rd	General Meeting
	November	
Sat-Fri	13 th	Members Night
Sat-Sun	23-24 th	Big River Trip
Wed	27 th	General Meeting
	December	
	6-8 th	Mt Beauty
Sat-Sat	7-14 th	Tasmania Central Highlands –Julians Lake (Tas) Trip
Sun	8 th 12- 6pm	Christmas Party Scout Hall at Brighton Beach
Tues-Thurs	10 th – 12 th	Mitta Mitta Region
Sat- Thurs	21 st -26 th	Western Snowies Discovery Trip

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: Wednesday 25th September 2019

CHAIRMAN: Allan Russell

VENUE: Meeting held at Hurley's Fly Fishing shop, 489 South Road

Members arrived at Hurley's from 6.00pm and enjoyed hot food with cold drinks supplied by our generous hosts, together with fine conversation and the opportunity to view the outstanding array of fishing gear in stock. The formal meeting commenced at 7.30pm, focused on upcoming trips as well as General Business, as noted below.

USUAL BUSINESS

Not conducted at this meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers are holding a raffle to fund restocking of their dams, as many dried out during the recent very dry conditions. Tickets are \$5 each and the raffle will be drawn at the AGM on 2nd October.

CLUB CALENDAR

OCTOBER

6 th Gerri Bolt	Eildon Pondage	
13 th	Steavenson River	Allan Russell

NOVEMBER

23rd - 24th	Big River	Dean Gordon
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DECEMBER

6 th - 8 th	Mount Beauty	Peter Suzic
7th to 14th	Tasmania Central Highlands – Julian's Lakes	Rob Casamento
8 th 12.00 to 6.00pm	Christmas Party	Scout Hall at Brighton Beach
10 th – 12 th	Mitta Mitta Region	Chris McMahon
21 st -26 th	Western Snowies Discovery Trip	Peter Suzic

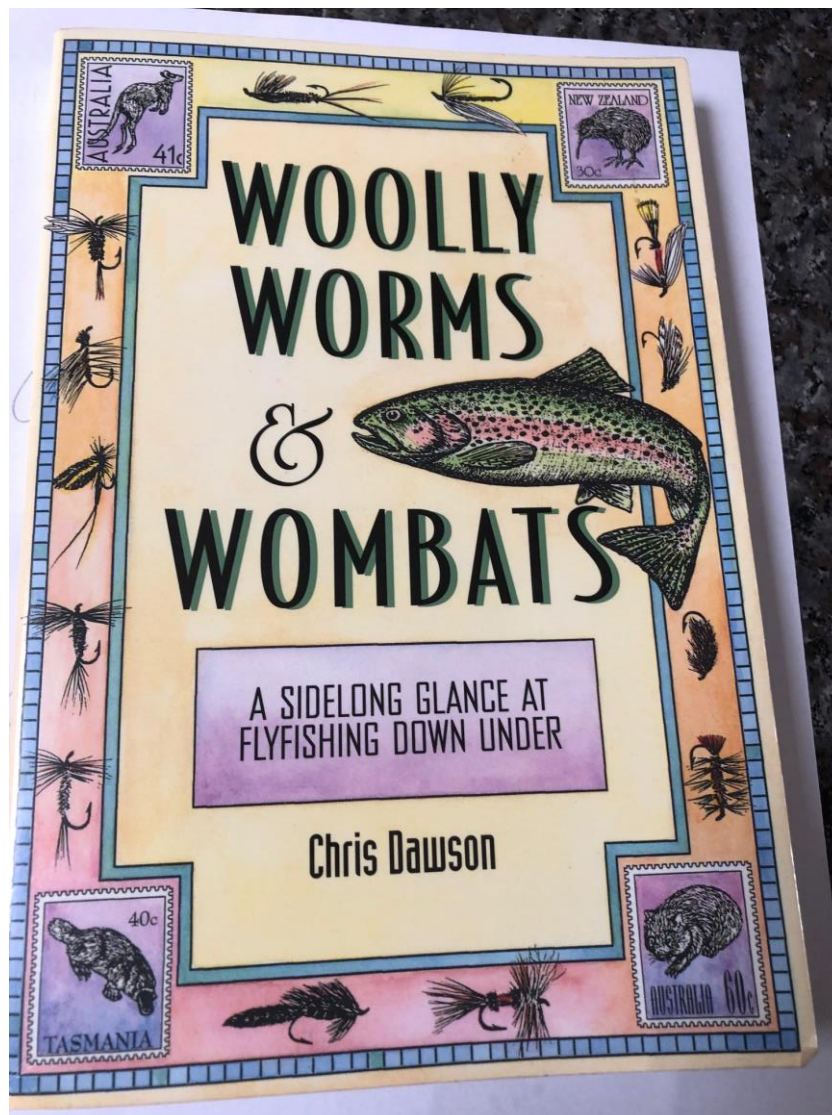
Bill's Book Notes

Bill Jeans

Review by Gordon Graham of Antiquarian Angler

www.antiquarianangler.com

Chris Dawson wrote the book *Woolly Worms and Wombats: A sidelong look at fishing down under*. The story of an American's experiences flyfishing in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania and in the North and South islands of New Zealand. The author, when a senior writer with the Calgary Herald, had ten months to spend as he wished and decided to "Come down under" to flyfish the lands of kookaburra's, kiwis and twenty four inch trout. Dawson took a backwoods approach to his trip and tells his story in an interesting but with a "bit of tongue in his cheek" humour. "Dawson understands that there's more to a long fishing trip than fish. There are people, places, customs, beers and in this case Kangeroos."- John Gierach. Published by Johnson Books Boulder USA in 1994. It has a card cover and 163 pages. Catalogue number 2090.



Euro Nymphing Workshop - Thurs 19 September 2019

Ray Goddard

At 7:00pm on Thursday 19 September 2019, 16 Southern Flyfishing members assembled at the clubrooms for what turned out to be a very informative and useful session on European/Czech nymphing.

It was the first of a two (2) part instructional process. Part one being an introduction and part two being a practical application of the principles learned in the first session.

Joint session presenters, **Garry Mulvay** and **Ross Bailey** - both experienced competition flyfishers delivered a program including . . .

- Why? (would we adopt a European/Czech style nymphing technique)
- The type and purpose of equipment employed Leader set-up and its function
- Various flies and styles of flies used

The range of questions and commentary, indicated that the lively presentation was well appreciated by those present. Eager participation in the practical aspects of leader constructs were another indication of a valuable information night.

A date is not confirmed as yet, but during October, a follow-up practical demonstration and participation day will be held on a yet to be determined water course. All members are invited to attend. Look for advice in coming communications.

Max Kept Cup Report

Dean Gordon

Approximately thirty members and children fished in this year's MK Cup held at a new venue and the feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive.

Thanks to Tony Hyett and Alan Russell for sourcing and organising the new venue as our options since the closing of the old Eildon venue looked very average. Thanks also to Les the owner for allowing us exclusive access for the entire day.

The venue had several large ponds and lakes with most of the action taking place on the large upper lake. The weather was overcast but the trout were hungry and willing to take flies all day.

The kids started 30 mins prior to the adults to give them a chance to succeed before the trout became wary. This year the first fish was landed in minutes and it was on!! The competition was fierce and exciting with the Suzic girls and Thompson boys going fish for fish on opposite sides of the lake and it didn't stop all day.

The official competition started at 9.30 after Tony briefed members on the rules and flies were allocated. Bill Tilley found a few new friends at lunch after winning a bottle of premium Pinot Gris for drawing the secret Max K. fly at the briefing.

Large numbers of fish up to 13.5 lb. were landed and released. Highlight of the morning being Tony taking a brief swim up to the neck when the bank collapsed while attempting to net a fish. No sympathy extended.

Thanks to Tony Hyett, Heather and Peter Suzic for helping organise the BBQ, drinks, salads and Patsy for also organising prizes for the kids.

Consistently good fishing continued in the afternoon. Patches of sun and breeze to dry Tony out. It was great to see young Liam McGillivray's casting improve as the day went on. Hopefully Les will soon have his grandson down to Hurleys and fitted out with the full kit ready for the streams!!

Our final competition winners in both categories for the M.K. Cup were David Reid

for largest at 13.5 lb. and Paul Dunham for most fish caught (17) on the two flies allocated. Thanks to Colin McMillan for preparing the prizes of a framed set of Max's flies. I think Colin also won the award for the fastest loss of both MK flies closely followed by Les Pratt. All in the same tree apparently.

Great fun day had by all at a well organised event in memory of Max Kepert.













“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





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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: _____

Seconder: _____ Signature: _____

**** Membership category and applicable fee for 2019-2020**

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	\$15	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$55	\$35
P	Members spouse/Partner	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25
C	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
CT	Country (Note 2)	\$50	\$15	\$65	\$65	\$53	\$40	\$28
F	Family Special (Note 3)	\$120	\$15	\$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 **

☐

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

Website: southernflyfishers.org.au

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