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The Presidents Report

Allan Russell

Hi fellow fly fishers,

Well the weather is improving although there is still a fair bit of rain about and the new season is finally here after a long winter.

I know many of you have already ventured forth, especially up to the Goulburn where opening day was like Flinders street at rush hour. Reports of huge brood fish being hauled out on power bait and the fish taken in their dozens is very demotivating for the fly fishing fraternity, and for myself personally.

I was lucky enough to fish the Goulburn with Ray Goddard and David Reid mid-week but not a take for any of us, but saw some huge swirls in one pool, that was all.

The season is being carefully mapped out for trips by Pete Suzic on a basis of best venue, best time of year to go, so do come along and support the trips. Get the dates locked in to those diaries, but I do recognise that family and business commitments prevail.

The committee has begun its work and I am excited by some of the initiatives being thought through currently. I will report on their findings as we move through this season

One date for the diary I will especially mention in this report is our speakers night on the 9th of October at 7:30pm. Ross Bailey has secured the services of the one and only Craig Coltman, former captain of the Australian Fly Fishing team who now guides in Tasmania as well as at Millbrook and other areas of Victoria.

He undoubtedly possesses one of the finest fly fishing minds probably on the planet and his exploits and innovative tactics are second to none.

Craig will be speaking on fishing not only in Tasmania, but also of all places Kashmir on the Indian Pakistani border. I'd like to see the room full to standing room only on the night, we might even shift to the big hall in the clubhouse if necessary. This will be a great night, please support it as only the Southern Flyfishers can. More to follow.

Dean Gordon, our club Captain will be leading remedial work to the casting pool which is leaking in some places and a team of volunteers will be sought again more on that to follow.

Remember too that the lakes which are now mainly full are coming into their own fishing-wise at this wonderful time of year so there are plenty of fishing opportunities across this great state

Finally just to wish you all tight lines and many wonderful fishing days. Remember if you can to fish with a companion for all the obvious reasons, carry a snake bandage and a PLB (personal locator beacon. Gavin has them at an excellent price) and of course take some photos for the Flyfisher newsletter.

Tight lines everyone, see you all at Gavin's shop on 25 September at 6.30 pm (note the early start) for the General meeting night, should be a cracker.

Allan

Committee – Officers and Delegates 2019-2020

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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

	September	
Sun	22 nd	Max Kepert Cup
Wed	25 th	General Meeting
	October	
Sun	6 th	Gerri Bolt –Eildon Pondage
Wed	9 th	Members Night
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	
Sat-Sat	7-14 th	Julians Lake (Tas) 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.

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General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday 28th August 2019

CHAIRMAN: Allan Russell

APOLOGIES: David Parton, Peter Cairns, John Mennan, Colin McMillan, Peter Golding

PAST MINUTES:

Business Arising out of Minutes: None

Moved: Ray Goddard

Seconded: Jim Johnston

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Judy Golding's funeral was held this morning with a huge turnout for an amazing lady. Condolences to Peter and family.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Rob Casamento – Proposed trip to the Julians Lakes on the Central Plateau in Tasmania for members this December. Hike in takes about 3 hours over reasonable ground.
- Melanie Daignault – Invitation for members to consider the South Island of New Zealand for their next fly fishing trip. "Located in the quaint village of Lumsden, which is only an hour away from either Queenstown's international or Invercargill's domestic airports. Situated at the crossroads to 35 crystal clear trout and salmon fishing rivers, streams and lakes. There are 8 rooms offering various configurations including both ensuite and shared bathrooms."
- VR Fish – Invitation for people to join as members
- Update from the CVFFC meeting held at Ballarat Fly fishing Club on the 20th July 2019
- Hastings Fly Fisher (Port Macquarie Hastings region) - August

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: None

Moved: Dean Gordon

Seconded: Tony Hyett

TREASURERS REPORT:

Submitted by: Chris McMahon

Seconded: Andrew McKie

DELEGATES REPORTS:

Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs

Chris McMahon volunteered to act as a SFF delegate to CVFFC.

Dean Gordon advised members on 3 subjects for members' action:

- i. GVFFC have requested fishers advise them of any parts of rivers that they are prevented from using, either by fences or other barriers OR local property owners claiming the area is not for public access. This will then be advised to the State Government for clarification.
- ii. The State Government is reviewing the fishing licence rules and one proposal is to remove the exemption for fishers under 16 or over 70 years of age. Any members

affected are advised to make their opinion known to Peter Hennessey or the SFF committee, so that the club can make a submission to the review.

iii. Members should advise the committee of any lakes or impoundments they would like to be stocked with trout or current stocking levels increased. The committee can then submit a request on behalf of the club.

Library

Dean is reviewing all VHS tapes in the library and any in good quality will be copied onto a current format.

ATF

No Report

Combined Clubs

No Report.

John McIntyre volunteered to continue as SFF delegate and Grant Dawson to act as secretary.

Australian Fly Casting

The President expressed thanks to all who assisted with the championships held at SFF this year, with special thanks to John McIntyre for all he did to make the season a great success. Tony Hyett and Chris McMahon encouraged members to try casting next winter as the practice sessions are great fun and everyone is made very welcome.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Raffle prize from AGM

The President presented a 3-4# Nymphing rod to Adrian Hughes, who thanked the committee for running the raffle.

TRIP REPORTS

Millbrook - Allan Russell and Chris Mastwyk fished during the week without success.

Moorabool – Paul Dunham reported the lake is rising and has lots of crickets on the edges however he had a disappointing day with the rod.

Tasmania – Tony Hyett and Peter Van Oosterom fished northern Tassie 10 days ago. The Mersey River near Sheffield was looking good however yielded no fish. They went onto Currawong Lakes Fly Fishing and Game Reserve (1204 Long Marsh Road Lake Leake. 2 hours from Hobart and 1 1/2 hours from Launceston) and Tony spoke of the wonderful facilities. Accommodation is \$100 per night and a day's fishing \$150. Tony claims to have caught 10 and Peter around 4.

KEN BALLS

Dave Egan would have won \$20 tonight. Bad luck Dave!

SPEAKERS

Wed 11th Sept. Members Night

Brenda Galey of Galey MsGuided Fly Fishing

Backcountry Trip - Central Plateau Tasmania

Rob Casamento

The purpose of this article is to encourage members to participate in a backcountry fly fishing trip into Julians Lakes Central Plateau, Tasmania this December.

The Central Plateau is a world famous location for sight fly fishing. This pristine World Heritage area contains literally thousands of lakes ranging from mere puddles to huge bodies of water. Many of these, particularly those on the western side of the Plateau, are shallow and crystal clear.

In the summer months there is nothing better than wandering along the shores of these lakes and casting flies for brown trout.



Walking access to the Julians Lakes is along a very rough 4wd track. This is usually closed to all vehicles including ATVs until Christmas. The Parks and Wildlife service monitor the track and permit vehicle access once it has dried out sufficiently. Backpacking into this area enables you to fish water that has experienced very little fishing pressure

Pre-Christmas trips involve parking at that gate which is located at the head of the track at Lake Augusta. With a pack on your back it takes about three hours to walk 10 km into Julians

Lake. A base camp is then established for day trips out to the surrounding waters. This allows for fishing to be as easy or adventurous as you choose. At this time of year it is rare to see anybody else.

The central plateau is over 1200m in altitude so it is important to have a good tent, sleeping bag and clothing to cope with the weather. While there can be lovely sunny days in December it can also very quickly deteriorate into driving wind and snow that lends itself to a day in the tent reading a book. Over the years I have noticed that bad weather can often mean very productive fishing as soon as it clears.



Days start early to chase tailing fish in the shallow bays. Then it's back to camp for breakfast. After sorting daypacks with lunch it's time to head off for the day as close to or as far from camp as you choose depending on the action.

Typically Mayfly patterns are used but other flies can include cicadas, blowflies and beetle. I've had reasonable success with rubber leg stimulators but have no idea what insects these represent. Using light nymphs without an indicator is also a very effective and exciting way to fish.

A group of up to six members will leave early on the day on the 7th December to fly to Launceston returning on the following Saturday. A car is hired and driven to the head of the track stopping on the way to pick up supplies.



Mid-week there is the opportunity move base camp further west to Lake Gwendy. This walk also takes about three hours and is often well worth the effort as it receives even less fishing pressure than Julians.

Members who have not experienced a back-packing fly fishing trip before are encouraged to come along. Good gear can be hired from Outsports on Nepean way in Moorabbin and I would be happy to help with purchasing. Some fitness training prior to leaving can make the adventure more enjoyable.

If you are interested give me a ring on 0458970433 or email me on robertcasamento12@icloud.com .

Trip Report – Noojee September 15

Ray Goddard

At 9:00am on a coolish Sunday, we saw nine hardy Southern Flyfishing members and a wife congregate at the Noojee Picnic Ground for president/trip leader Allan's pre-session briefing, distribution of excellent regional maps (with access points marked) and allocation of beats for the morning. The plan was to fish for the session and re-assemble for lunch at 1:00pm.

With much anticipation the various groups headed off to their respective beats and preferred river stretches. The weather was kind, interrupted only by a short, very light period of rain - though nothing to deter these hardy souls.

Beats and fishers included: Tanjil River - West Branch (Paul D. & Rob C.), Latrobe and Loch Rivers (Tony H & Dean G), upper Toorongo River (Chris O. & Chad S.), lower Toorongo River (Allan R., John Mcl. & Ray G.).

A lunch time re-assembly was hampered by a fairly large congregation of local and not so local police and SES workers who unfortunately for us, filled the picnic ground to overflowing. Some of us moved a little further downstream to another corner of the river. The remainder of us, I think, became 'lost'.

Lunch being consumed and the reports of the morning came in.

- The Tanjil was as 'washout' - high, fast and coloured - virtually impossible to fish or wade. No fish.
- Upper Toorongo a number of fish taken on both dries and droppers - Chad being highly successful there.
- Lower Toorongo produced two fish - one to conventional nymphing and one to the European/Czech style.
- Latrobe and Loch rivers performed well where Dean reported having great success, four fish (all sighted), to stimulator type patterns. Good work Dean.

Lunch consumed and the conversation turned to wine. Before you knew it, a bottle of red appeared and it was 'on'. The meagre supply was consumed eagerly and thoroughly enjoyed by those present - the smiles say it all.

The afternoon session saw members head off to the upper Toorongo, lower Toorongo and the Latrobe for a repeat of the morning's action. In reality, it was a little better for all. Fish were beginning to 'look up' and were also captured via the various nymphing methods.

All in all, a reasonably good result for the day with 23 reported catches with Chad the champion of the day with 12 of these.

At the end of the day, some of us retired to the Toolshed Bar & Tavern, where a quick catch-up was made with Ross B. and Stuart, our mate from Hurley's Flyfishing. They had been providing instruction to newcomers to the 'game' at the nearby trout farm.

An excellent day!



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

“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: _____

Second: _____ 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 **

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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 |

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