



THE FLY FISHER

Newsletter of The Southern Fly Fishers Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Twelve Members attended the "Make every cast count" day run by John Waters a few weeks ago. An enjoyable day of intense coaching for all who attended and it was great to see so many participants approach John at the end of the day, expressing their appreciation for his time and effort. The great news is we will be welcoming John as a new Member as soon as his application is processed. Thanks also to Patsy for helping organise a great morning tea and lunch for everyone. Combined with the Tuesday casting sessions run by Bruce, Bob and others the overall improvement in members' casting is impressive.

The results at the first round of the Brunn shield have Southern sitting in second place to Ballarat by a narrow margin. Our Members who are new to competition casting are already turning in impressive scores of a level well beyond their experience. It would be great to see them continue on to the Victorian and Australian Championships to be held at our club in a few months' time.

Over the Easter break Patsy and I made the time to head up to Big River and camp at the Taponga campsite, venue of this month's club fishing trip. The campsite and facilities were in excellent order and we had a couple of productive fishing sessions at various locations close by – see the photos elsewhere in this newsletter. All reports indicate the season is running a month late this year, the hoppers are only just surfacing in numbers and the river runs a couple of degrees warmer than usual for this time of year so we may have the timing right for a fun club trip later this month. If any Members are short on camping gear, please contact Peter Suzic or myself to see if we can organise a tent or swag for the weekend.

Members usually set up a fairly comfortable camp with Gazebos and waterproof sleeping areas even in marginal conditions. In the past we have organised dinners for all Members on Saturday nights if we have the numbers but we need to see your interest well in advance to make these plans happen – so let us know if you are coming along.

After last year's AGM I asked Ross Bailey to help plan the club fishing venues for the next year to ensure we were planning productive trips at the right venue for the time of season. Ross now guides occasionally and travels hundreds of kilometres to find the right location for his clients so his knowledge and input on locations was invaluable and our club fishing trip program and results reflects this.

If for some reason the location we have chosen in advance is not favourable we will shift venues at short notice so be sure to register your attendance with trip leaders and watch your email for last minute changes in plans.

When the reports for our Warburton trip were negative the decision was made to switch the venue to Noojee to make the day more interesting and productive for Members and it paid off. The recent Purrumbete trip was a great example of when we get the timing for club trips perfect with multiple numbers of large smelting fish caught over all days. In addition to

exceptional fishing, the learning experience from these trips will be brought in to the fly-tying course underway at the moment with patterns that work in practice. Again, please see the photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our club is still coming up short on volunteers for leading trips and your committee is looking for newer members to step up and help out. Please contact Peter Suzic if you can help. There are several tasks to organise when planning trips and you can start with assisting on a trip you want to attend rather than being burdened with the whole job. You will find its great fun.

Cheers.

Dean Gordon.

COMMITTEE – OFFICERS & DELEGATES 2021 - 2022

The Committee Officers and Delegates for 2021 – 2022 are:

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the General Meeting of Members held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 have been circulated to all Members.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 25 May 2022.

Club Caps for Sale



SFF Club caps are available for purchase at \$10 each at the regular Wednesday club meetings.

IMPORTANT – COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Victorian Covid restrictions have been significantly eased and Club operations are now largely back to normal but the virus remains a serious health threat, particularly now we are in the colder months.

All Members visiting the Club Rooms must be fully vaccinated and may be required to provide proof of vaccination.

To safeguard fellow-members, any Member who is unwell or showing flu-like symptoms should not attend the Club Rooms or Club functions.

In addition, if you are diagnosed with Covid after visiting the Club Rooms, please contact the President or Club Secretary and let them know – they in turn will contact other attendees and notify them.

CLUB NIGHTS

Name tags are available for all Members and can be found in the wooden tray at the entrance to the Club Room. Members are requested to wear them at meetings. If you cannot find your name tag, please speak to the Secretary, Grant Dawson, who will arrange a replacement.

For meetings, Members are asked to bring along small denomination notes and coins for the purchase of drinks, raffle tickets and flies as the Club does not keep a lot of cash on site and providing change for large denomination notes can present problems.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – INS & OUTS

The Club continues to grow its membership numbers and the Committee was pleased to confirm the memberships of John Waters and Bill Fary. We extend a warm welcome to them and look forward to seeing them at the Club and on trips.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

“The best money any Southern fly fisher will ever spend is their \$95 Membership Subscription” – Editor.

Membership subscriptions should be paid directly into the Club’s bank account.

When making payment, Members are asked to use their names as the reference to facilitate the tracking of receipts.

Annual Membership fees are as follows:

Cat	Membership Type	Annual Subs	Insurance per person	Total p.a.
M	Member	\$80	\$15	\$95
P	Member’s spouse/partner	\$40	\$15	\$55
C	Concession – note 1	\$60	\$15	\$75
J	Junior (under 18 yrs)	\$40	\$15	\$55
S	FT Student (under 25 yrs)	\$50	\$15	\$65
CT	Country – note 2	\$50	\$15	\$65
F	Family Special – note 3	\$120	\$15	\$120*
L	Life Member	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note 1 Govt. Pensions and Seniors Card holders

Note 2 Permanently residing over 60km from Club

Note 3 At least 3adults, junior and students, of the same immediate family ***(+ insurance each person)**

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS & CONFIDENTIALITY

The Membership List detailing the names and contact phone numbers of all active Club Members has been updated and the list is now accurate and up to date.

Please check your details and make sure they are correct.

If your name does not appear on the list or your contact details are not correct, please e-mail both secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au and editor@southernflyfishers.org.au so that your details can be updated.

If, for privacy reasons, you do not wish your name and/or phone number to be reflected on the Membership List please e-mail the Secretary and your details shall be removed.

CASTING

Bruce Ratcliffe and Bob Martin continue to hold their valuable Tuesday night casting and coaching sessions. The sessions commence between 18.30 and 19.00 and all Members are invited down – whether you wish to practice or get some expert tuition or advice.

If you are going to be there on a Tuesday evening, please let Bruce or Bob know by sending them a text message – their numbers are listed in the Membership List in this newsletter.

The pool also remains open at any time should Members wish to go along and spend some time practising on their own.

Competition casting is a great way to improve your casting skills and accuracy. If any Member would like to try their hand at competition casting or get a better understanding of what is involved, please contact Bruce Ratcliffe or Bob Martin or chat to them on a Tuesday evening.



CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

The Club has a number of planned trips and events as you can see from the calendar below. Please note that more information on these events (starting times etc) is available on the Club's website www.southernflyfishers.org.au under Club Activities/Club Calendar.

Also, if any Member would like to have company on a self-arranged trip, wishes to arrange shared accommodation or wants to car pool, they are welcome and encouraged to do so through the Club's Team App. It is a great way to contact other Members and organize a trip of your own.

Finally, the shortage of Members prepared to act as Trip Leaders is limiting activities – if you are willing to lead a trip, please let Peter Suzic know.

Date	Event/Location	Leader	
Member Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.			
General Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.			
Committee Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.			
Club Casting is held on each Tuesday evening.			
May	1st	ACF casting - Fairfield	
	2nd	Mainstream Fly Tying Course – week 1	
	9th	Mainstream Fly Tying Course – week 2 at 7.30pm	
	11th	Club Members meeting – Lines & leaders presentation	Pete Suzic
	14th – 15th	Big River	Pete Suzic
	16th	Mainstream Fly Tying Course – week 3 at 7.30pm	
	22nd – 23rd	Flyfish Australia Victorian champs - Goulburn	
	23rd	Mainstream Fly Tying Course – week 4	
	27th – 30th	Millbrook	Tony Hyett
June	11th – 13th	Goulburn River	
July	9th	Hepburn	
	27th	Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm	All
August	14th	Max Keppert Cup	
	28th	Bellarine Inshore	
September	2nd – 4th	Elidon Pondage - Goulburn	

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The Club has membership of and participates in the activities of a number of Associations involved in fishing, fly fishing and the health and wellbeing of trout in Victorian waters. These memberships ensure the Club participates in decision making and lobbying associated with matters considered to be in the best interests of fly fishers.

The memberships provide for the Club to appoint members or delegates to the various managing Committees. If any Club member is interested in representing the Club on these Committees and would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact Allan Russell.

LUCKY NUMBER DRAW

A reminder to all Members that the Ken's Balls lucky number draw is back in operation at the Members' General Meetings.

On 27 April, number 10 was drawn and Geoff Churcher was on hand to claim his \$50 prize – well done Geoff.

The prize money reverts to \$30 for the draw on 25 May 2022 – make sure you are there on the night to claim your prize if your number is drawn.

Good luck to you all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - EARLY WARNING

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Club Rooms on Wednesday, 27 July at 7.30pm. More details will follow as we get nearer the date.

OSSIE GRIFFITHS TROPHY

Rumour has it that after a successful outing to Purrumbete, the Club President "Has it in the bag – no one will get near him".

The following photo of his catch on Sunday, 24 April and witnessed by a crowd of thousands has been used to support the rumour – but the progressive scores recorded below indicate that the race remains very close and no engraving will be done on the trophy just yet!



Progressive scores after two rounds

Member	Fish Size		Points
Dean Gordon	42cm		940
Ross Bailey	30cm		650
Nigel Lacey	18cm		410
David Becconsall			50
Archie Lambrianides			50
Bob Martin			50
Chris Schmidt			50

The Big River Trip on 14th and 15th May and the Goulburn trip on Queen’s birthday closing of the season 11th -13th June, will both be nominated trips for the Ossie Griffiths Trophy.

(Grant Dawson has secured a number of fish rulers and they are available in the Club Rooms, free to Members)

BRUNN SHIELD REPORT

Seven members from Southern attended the first round of the Brunn Shield at Fairfield on Sunday, 1st May. The group included Chris Evans who cast in competition for the first time. All members of the team with the exception of the president performed admirably and demonstrated that the persistence, hard work and intense training on Tuesday nights is paying off. An exceptional performance by John McIntyre in all three events had competitors inquiring “what is he on?”. He joins the ranks of others currently at the top of their game namely Bruce Ratcliffe and Richard Scrivener in cementing a solid score and placing Southern in second place to Ballarat by the narrowest of margins. With the total score of the top four casters being counted our remaining team members Bob Martin, Chris

Mastwyk, Chris Evans and the president will only need to lift their game a little to secure top billing after the next round. No pressure fellas!

The second round is on Sunday 5th June at the SFF Casting pool where we will enjoy home pool advantage - with 9.00am registration.

Volunteers are needed to turn and sell a few sausages from about 11.00 am on the day.

FORTHCOMING BIG RIVER TRIP

The Club has a trip planned for the Big River area on the 14th and 15th May (or longer should Members choose) with Pete Suzic as trip leader.

Dean Gordon scouted the area over Easter and took these photographs of the river at the Toponga campsite the Club will use. As you can see, conditions are looking terrific.





FLIES FOR SALE

The Club has a great selection of good quality flies available for purchase by members. The Club managed to secure the flies at a preferential rate and they are on sale at \$2.00 - \$2.50 each. Please see Tony Hyett for purchases and payment on the night.

TROUTFEST 2022

The Australian Trout Foundation and Victorian Fisheries Authority have initiated TroutFest 2022 to showcase and highlight the vast freshwater fishing opportunities around Eildon and all over Victoria. The event is on Saturday, 14 May at the Eildon Community Centre and full details are available at www.vic.gov.au/troutfest

FREE
EVENT!

MAY 14
10AM-4PM

TROUT FEST

Fishing clinics

Casting demos

Trade stalls

Info sessions

Food Trucks

Kids activities

Hatchery tours

Fish stocking



EILDON

Come and celebrate all things trout and the great freshwater fishing opportunities around Victoria. Based at the Eildon Community Centre, there will be fun activities for the whole family.



To register for the kids fishing clinics and for more information about the event, check out www.vic.gov.au/troutfest



Go Fishing Victoria
More people fishing, more often.

JOHN WATERS – MAKE EVERY CAST COUNT



A good turnout of Members at the Club Rooms enjoyed the presentation by John Waters

ARMCHAIR FISHING

The Scandinavian countries hold an enviable reputation as salmon fishing destinations but their place in the trout fishing world is less well known – and there are some hidden gems!

Norway in particular has some wonderful waters.





Go the <https://fishspot.no/en/fiskeopplevelser/fly-fishing/> to see for yourself just how good it is.

Members are invited to submit their dream destinations for inclusion in future newsletters.

HUMOUR



FLY ROD BUILDING - Part 3

Gerard Carmody

Holding out for the editor to make good on his promise of beer for articles is like waiting for Godot, or the likelihood of the trip coordinator finding an Okuma reel. (*The humor section appears above – Editor*)

So, without any further delay, here is Part 3 - the final part on building a fly rod.

"The whole idea of custom rod building is to build a better rod than you can buy." - Tom Kirkman

Finishing the Rod - acquiring components and getting it together

Which fly rod blank? Your choice of graphite, glass or even bamboo, available from many different makers. Do your research, check reviews, try out different club members' rods. The first consideration is determining the purpose of the fly rod, the target species, the flies and setup you intend to cast and the fly line weight needed to cast it.

Secondly, consider the style of fishing, your preference of rod length, and taper (fast, medium, slow action)

How much do you want to spend on a rod blank? Personally, I don't see it being worthwhile to go to all the effort to make a rod with a cheap blank unless it's for practicing your rod building skills. If you are going to use high quality components, it makes more sense to go for reasonable quality and find rod blanks from reputable makers who provide information about expected performance, rather than buying 'blind' from a re-seller or marketer. Alternatively, you could possibly buy a bargain quality second-hand rod and customise it by stripping it down and re-building it.

At the premium end, USA fly rod makers Sage, T&T, Winston, Burkheimer, McFarlane, and MAXIA (Spain) will sell blanks at roughly half the price of their factory built finished rods.

This can be an expensive option and may not be your first choice – the latest Sage offering, the Core R8, is currently selling at nearly \$1600.

Closer to home, CTS offers excellent Auckland, New Zealand made rod blanks at a quarter of the factory-built price and allows for customisation and options. CTS has a huge international following and make rod blanks for many brands. There's also Composite Developments & EPIC (NZ) who source from South Korea (some say their marketing is truly Epic). Sadly, Australia no longer has any graphite or fibreglass fly rod blank makers (but quite a few bamboo makers).

The companies that provide the premium composite raw materials for the rod blank makers such as Sage, make most of their money in aerospace where strength and weight saving mean greater aircraft fuel economy (i.e., replacing steel with carbon fibre composites). Gradually their technology has transitioned to things such as wind turbine blades and recreational uses such as golf club shafts, tennis rackets and fishing rods.

It is no coincidence that some of the great fly rod makers (e.g., G Loomis, Sage) started out in Washington USA, close to Boeing's headquarters and the supply chains of the aerospace industry. They had access to the best carbon fibre composite technology and developed it for fly rods. For a while they were way ahead of the field and in time the competition caught up. Then the cycle continued, they innovated again to get ahead (such as the brand new R8). Good composite technology options are relatively open to most fly rod manufacturers, however market leading companies such as Sage will develop their own competitive advantage through innovation and have exclusive access to the best technology due to their market size.

Below is a list of things you need to consider buying when making a fly rod:

IMPORTANT ITEMS	Purpose	Remarks
Fly Rod Blank	To cast and fish.	Spend as many \$'s as you're comfortable with.
Guides and tip top	Connect fly line to rod.	Double foot, single foot traditional versus new technology.
Cork Grip	Cork from Portugal. Make your own grip or buy a ready-made one.	Try to make or buy a right size custom grip for comfort.
Reel Seat	Keeps the reel attached to the rod.	Add personal touch to the rod - can buy local (Harfin).
Thread, and thread colour preserver	Threadwork and fix the guides in place.	As above, add personality and colour to the rod.
Hand Rod Wrapper	Device to wrap guides with thread.	DIY or buy.

Rod Drying System	Maintain even uniform coating, operate until coating hardens sufficiently (4-6 hours).	Motor operated system needed for epoxy coating.
Thread coating Epoxy or Marine Spar varnish	Durable coating to protect the threadwork and fix the guides in place. Repackaged from international suppliers.	Single coat 2-part epoxy or multiple coats of varnish.
Colour Preserver	Maintain thread colour after epoxy coating.	Optional – use for effect.
Disposable plastic syringes	Accurately measure 2-part epoxy components.	1ml. Need to accurately measure issues with epoxy.
Araldite 2-part epoxy	Glue reel seat, cork grip, fighting butt and winding check to rod blank.	Use high strength.
Hot Melt Adhesive Glue	Glue tip top to tip of blank using a match to heat the guide.	Allows tip top to be repaired / replaced with a heat gun.
Cork Grip (optional fighting butt)	FB typically used on higher weight rods	FB prevents ‘gravel rash’ of reels.
Cork Reamer	Modify grip ID to rod blank butt OD.	Use carefully by hand or drill.
Magnifying Glasses	See working details.	Use your fly tying pair.
Digital Callipers	Measure stuff.	Measure everything.
Thread burnishing tools, razor blade, rubber bands, matches	Tools for the job. Rubber bands hold guides whilst thread-working.	Find a use for them.
China marker	Mark spline and guide spacing.	Cleans up with metho.
Stainless Steel Spatula	For application of epoxy 2-part coating.	Apply glue and epoxy to cover threadwork.
Aluminium Foil	Use to mix glues and epoxy	Use non shiny side up, flat surface allows for

		heating and de-gassing of epoxy.
Masking Tape	Use as reel seat arbour, and protect rod parts from coating over spill.	Use everywhere needed.

Fly Rod - aesthetics and function

There is some expectation amongst fly rod buyers that when they go into store, the fly rods should look and feel like a traditional fly rod. For trout fishing, the fly rod should be painted in some camo-like colour, typically black or sage green or olive, with standard shape thin cork grips and shiny double foot snake guides. If not, it may not be purchased. However, not everyone feels comfortable with rods made with modern grips, fly guides and popping thread work in outlandish colours - but building your own rod allows you to experiment and create something individual.

Can you do better than factory components and build quality? Yes, it's definitely possible. Chrome plated double foot guides haven't changed much in design for over a century. There's a big difference though in quality between premium brands such as H&H, Snake brand and the cheaper stuff. The negative on these is chrome plated steel weighs a lot more than newer titanium alloys from REC and Fuji. Double foot guides also add significant weight due to the doubled quantity of thread wraps and epoxy coating needed. This extra weight (a few grams) may not seem much, however it will appreciably reduce the responsiveness of the rod, particularly to the top 1/3 of the rod (as too will paint). A rod designer will look at all this plus the weight of guides, coatings, and cost, and consider what the market wants and select accordingly. I've weighed and compared many different types of guides, strippers, and tip tops to take this into consideration when I build for myself. I'm not worried about traditional looking guides unless they are the best choice for the job. For freshwater trout fly rods, my preferences are for lightness, stealthy dark colour guides (I reckon chrome flashes sometimes scare fish) and colourful threadwork colours of my choosing.

Putting it all together - take your time.

Determine the spine location and use it if this is your plan. Not all fly rod makers use spine in the typical way. For instance, Burkheimer produces a rod with the spine offset by 180 degrees to impart a particularly softer feel on the backcast. Sage offset one rod series by 90 degrees to turn the rods into cannons. Mark out guide spacing to manufacturer's recommendation or use your own method. Practice and experiment with threadwork and epoxy on the rod butt section which will later be covered by the reel seat and cork grip. There are plenty of instructional videos out there to help you set guides and use creative

threadwork. Tie guides in place with rubber bands, use minimal thread wraps and as little epoxy as possible. Glue reel seat to blank, then attach and glue grip. Allow time to cure at each step.

Remember, you can undo everything and try again. You will get better and better the more rods you make. And catching that first fish on a rod you built is an awesome feeling.

Fly Rod Build Suggestions: Some suggested builds to expand your quiver and compliment your workhorse 9' 5wt



As above: CTS (NZ) Affinity X, Fast action 10' 5wt

Extremely versatile blank, almost one rod to rule them all. Awesome for nymph under NZ indicator, dry-dropper, capable of euro-nymphing and dry flies in a pinch. Excellent @ line management; mending, roll casting, and management of long leaders. Variations to consider 10' 4wt, 9'6" 3wt.

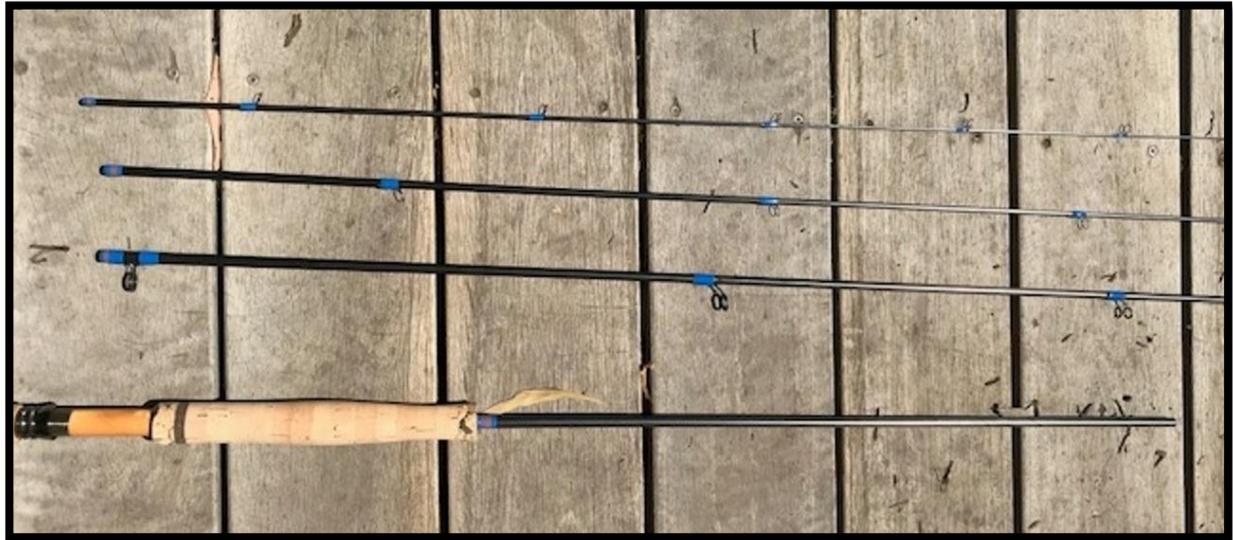
REC (USA) black titanium single foot guides & tip top, REC Cerecoil stripper guide, reel seat (red mallee), custom cork grip.



As above: CTS (NZ) Affinity MX, fast / medium action 8'6" 3wt

Dry fly, dry dropper small stream twig rod. Excellent @ accurate dry fly presentation, bow & arrow casting specialist, a joy to cast. Variations to consider 8'6" 4wt and 8' & 7'6" 3wt lengths.

REC (USA) silver titanium single foot guides & tip top, Fuji Torzite stripper guide, REC reel seat, custom cork grip with inlay



As above: MAXIA (Spain) SX 10.5' 3wt

Euro nymphing specialist rod. Outstanding performer in credible 2021 reviews. Variation to consider 10' 2wt

REC black titanium single foot guides & tip top, Cerecoil stripper guide, blue thread on unpainted matt black blank. Harfin (AUS) reel seat (Huon Pine), custom cork grip with burl cork inlay

References:

Fly rod components: Australian rod building supplies <https://therodworks.com.au>

Florida based rod building supplies <https://mudhole.com/>

If you want a custom or customised fly rod but are unable to make it yourself, talk to someone like Ian Musto <https://www.mustoflyrods.com.au/>

How generic factory rods are made <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5JCDs6NnK8>

BALLARAT TWO FLY COMPETITION

Three of Southern's finest, Tony Hyett, Allan Russell and Chris Mastwyk, (or at least two - you can decide who of the three are Southern's finest!) took off early Saturday morning in

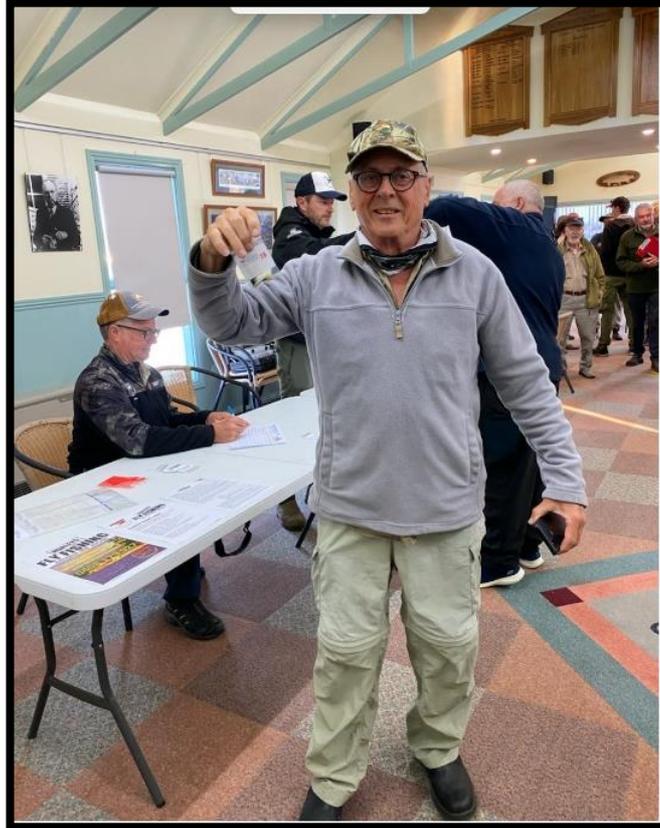
Chris's car followed very closely by his new 4.4 mt fly fishing vessel. The vessel is powered by a Yamaha 60 hp outboard and the latest Minn kota electric motor. (His car has a motor as well). Plenty of b.....it was bandied around during the one and a half hour trip to Ballarat and, come to think of it, the whole weekend. We were venturing off for a weekend of frivolity and competition fly fishing on Lake Wendouree in the heart of Ballarat for the annual Two Fly competition run by Ballarat Fly Fishing Club on Sat 26th and 27th March. Allan Russell was contacted by Steve Lock, a member of BFC a few weeks prior to the competition to see if he could gather together a crew of Southern's finest for this event and hence the attendance of Chris and myself. Upon arriving we launched the boat and Chris navigated the 50 metres to the floating jetty outside the club rooms using his GPS! We entered the fantastic BFC rooms - what a great set up, very clean and tidy, like a large house boat on stumps with a bar, toilet and kitchen. Steve met us at the club rooms and looked after us like you would not believe, never leaving us alone for the whole competition and shouting the three of us a sea food dinner at a restaurant almost next door to the club rooms. We all had to tie 3 flies for the competition - two go in the draw to be drawn at random with the other fly put into a container for a \$10 one fly purchase if you lost your two. This would keep you in the competition. After registering, flies where drawn, boats and crew sorted and off we went, two per boat. Allan with Steve and Chris and I in his boat. There were about 20 boats with 40 fishermen in the event. Boats did not seem to get into each other's way, even though there were small yachts blowing around, rowers and a few large canoes filled with about 12 women paddling with gusto. Weather was not all that good for fly fishing for the weekend with Saturday a little blowy but sunny, Sunday no wind, sunny and hot. The lake is not deep maybe 4 to 6 feet and clear. By Sunday early afternoon none of us four had caught anything but for few non - counting redfin. Fishing the gaps in the weed banks was the go and I cast over a gap and whacked a nice 34cm rainbow which was landed and noted for the competition. It was caught on an olive Magoo and the biggest fish so far - or so I thought. I was a hero for 30 seconds but while I was measuring my fish a boat 60 feet away landed a 58cm and earlier a 36cm trout. I was shattered. 58cm was the winning fish caught by Jim Williams who was boat chauffeured by Vern Barby. At the presentation Jim was showered with prizes from Gavin Hurley's shop - their main sponsor for the competition.

Over the duration of the competition there were only about 10 trout caught, not many for such a wonderful venue. As expected, we were told by many participants that we should have fished the week before! Where and when have we heard that before? Breakfast and lunch were supplied by BFC and was included in the \$50 entry fee. Pretty good value. All the BF members were great to us, making us very welcome, so thanks heaps to you all especially Steve Lock. Wendouree is a venue we should fish by boat more often as there are plenty of

good fish within the waters – we just did not catch them! Dunn hatches when they are on are spectacular.

If anyone wants to fish Wendouree, a call to BFC would be prudent for lake availability because the lake gets booked out at times by rowing, sailing and water sports activities. I am sure if you do not have a boat someone would look after you. Fishing with Chris and Allan is always heaps of fun especially when I out-fish both of them. That's it,

Tony Hyett.





PURRUMBETE - APRIL 2022

Some views of Lake Purrumbete during the Club's trip and the fly to be tied during the Club's fly tying sessions this month.





MEMBERS' MARKETPLACE

The newsletter provides Members and other readers with the opportunity to buy and sell fishing gear. If you have something to sell (new or used) or you are looking to purchase an item, send the details through to editor@southernflyfishers.org.au, together with your mobile number and e-mail address.



If you are a seller, a photograph of your item will be a big help. The advertisement will be put together and this will enable buyers and sellers to make contact and provides a useful marketplace.

Competition Casting Rod for Sale

Temple Fork TICR 9Ft. 10 Wt Rod.

Reel with two spare spools & comes with 10 Wt line & leader.

\$ 200 the lot

Owned by **World Champion Ted Whittam** - see Dean Gordon to view.

Mobile: 0408 549005

(Most things in this advertisement are true)

Wanted to buy

Pete Suzic is on the lookout to buy an **Okuma** Integrity 7/8 reel

He can be contacted at psuzic@hotmail.com

SFF CLUB MOBILE APP

The club has a mobile app based on the Team App platform which is proving valuable for Member communication. This smartphone app allows easy and immediate access to club information on your phone. Amongst the initial features are chat rooms, trip information and rsvp's, newsletters and a calendar of events/trips.

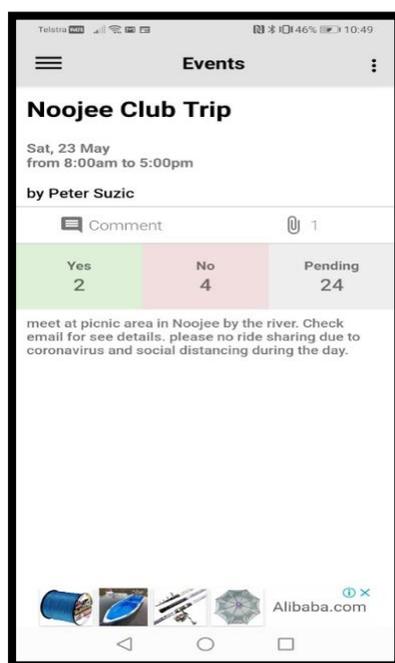
The club recognises that not all Members may have smart phones or make use of the app. The information provided by the app is therefore in addition to all of the existing communication channels so that no-one is disadvantaged.

To use the SFF App you need to download Team App onto your smartphone. Download Team App here (<http://teamapp.com/app>).

Launch Team App.

Then:

1. Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
2. Log in. Then search for Southern Fly Fishers and request access to join the members group that apply to you.



New Club members should contact Bruce Quig or Peter Suzic who will ensure they are registered as members on the system and can use the app.

Bruce and Peter can also assist with any problems or training that a Member may need help with.

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Message from Jim Baumgurtel of Flyfinz Tackle & Books

Hi Everyone,

You may be aware that I have finally released my new web site.

If you haven't viewed the site recently, please do so at www.flyfinz.com. And I hope you like it.

I have added a separate section called "What's New" and as I load new items, I will list them under this section so you don't need to troll through the entire site to find the new items. I think this will prove to be more convenient for all. There is lots more to add so stay tuned.

Southern Fly Fishing Club members have supported me over many years and as a measure of my appreciation, I would like to offer all members a Club Discount of 10% on sales through the web site. Please enter the coupon code **sffcmember** at the checkout page and the discount will be automatically applied. (Sale items are however excluded)

Of course, you can always contact me if you can't find something in particular - info@flyfinz.com or 0410423430.

Best regards, Keep Safe - and hope to see you soon.

Jim.



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PO Box 388, Moorabbin 3192

Applicant to Complete

Nominee's Name:	
Street Address:	
Suburb & Post Code:	
Mobile Number:	
E mail address (please print):	
Proposer (if applicable):	
Secunder (if applicable):	
Where did you hear about the Club?	
Previous flyfishing experience:	

Club Use Only

Membership Category:	
Date submitted to Committee:	
Approved:	Y/N
Notification to:	Secretary
	Editor
	Treasurer
	Applicant

Membership is subject to confirmation by the Committee of Southern Fly Fishers Aust. Inc. and payment of the applicable subscription fees as detailed below.

Completed forms should be e mailed to secretary@southernflyfishers.org.au

Southern Fly Fishers Australia Inc.

Membership subscriptions payable

Membership category and applicable fees (refer also to the notes below)

Code	Membership Types	Existing Members			New members incl insurance (pro rata from date of joining)			
		Annual Subs	Ins. per person	Total PA	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun
M	Member	\$80	\$15	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$55	\$35
P	Member's spouse / partner	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25
C	Concession (Note 1)	\$60	\$15	\$75	\$75	\$60	\$45	\$30
J	Junior (under 18 years)	\$40	\$15	\$55	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25
S	FT student (under 25)	\$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 Pensioners 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 *(family fee + insurance each person)

Please deposit membership fees direct to the Southern Fly Fishers bank account **with Bendigo Bank: BSB 633 - 000 / Account No 172 683 468 and include your name as reference.**

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

For the information of members, the Club's bank account details are as follows:

The Southern Flyfishers Aust. Inc.

Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000

Acc No. 172 683 468

Please make sure your records are correct.

Useful Information and Contact Details

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^o 33 Turner Road)

Membership Benefits:

- Beginners' & advanced casting tuition
- Competitive casting & fishing events
- Beginners' and advanced fly tying classes
- Discounts from sponsors' retail outlets.
- Stream craft & 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

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