

**BENDIGO
& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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August 2013

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Diary Dates:

- 5th Sept Committee Meeting
- 12th Sept Fly Tying
- 19th Sept Fly Tying
- 22nd Sept Sunday Outing
Tullaroop
- 26th Sept General Meeting

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September Meeting

Jim Baumgartel (FINZ) Flyfishing
Equipment



September Outing

Sunday 22nd September is to Tullaroop.
10am at the main carpark
BBQ Supplied.



Wastell Shield to be held at Cairn
Curran, Tullaroop & Harcourt on
Sat/Sun 19th/20th October

John Crane Memorial Fly Tying competition

Fly recipes and the actual flies to be
tied available at our flytying nights.

See Alan Chisholm for details

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Our Annual Fees are now due

Junior Fees \$15.00

Senior Fees \$40.00

Family Fees \$45.00

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 1st August 2013
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Present: J. Willey, T. Jacobs, D. Keegan, L. Crimeen, R. Booth, A. Chisholm. R. Garlick, A. Choat, S. Charles, G. Hellsten and T. Charles and J. Singe

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

Moved: T. Jacobs 2nd: T. Charles **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: The newly appointed Treasurer, Tom Charles, presented his report to the committee. It was moved by T. Charles and seconded by R. Booth that the report as tabled be accepted. **Carried.**

Correspondence:

1. Various FF Club newsletters;
2. Bank Statement; and
3. Various flyers from fishing related companies.

General Business:

1. The investigation into the website is ongoing. Steve Charles gave a report on the progress and it was moved by J. Willey and seconded by S. Charles that an amount up to \$500.00 be allocated to develop the website. **Carried.**
2. The monthly outing will be to Cairn Curran Res on Sunday the 25th August.
3. Tony Jacobe and Al Chisholm reported that fish had been stocked into Harcourt Res.
4. Jeff Willey to order 2 dozen pies and Pasties for the August general meeting for the Annual P&P Night.
5. Annual subs are now due. Only 12 members are financial at this stage.
6. Greg Hellsten reported that the Midlands Shield will be held on the 10th November at a venue yet to be decided.
7. Al Chisholm reported that the Midlands Association received grants from VRFish to install signage to indicate what fish species have been stocked in local waters.
8. Roger Booth suggested that when we host a guest speaker, members should wear a name tag so guests will be able to identify members easily.
9. Milestone badges e.g. 5 & 10 year membership, will only be presented at official meetings.
10. A book titled "Trout of the World" was donated to the club by a local man named Paul.
11. Steve Charles suggested that the club bulk by common hooks and sell them to members to reduce the cost. All thought this is a good idea.
12. The Wastell Shield will be conducted on the weekend of the 19/20th October based at Cairn Curran Res and including Tullaroop, Harcourt and one kilometer of the Loddon River downstream of the dam wall at Cairn Curran.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9:00PM.

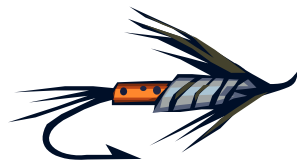
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President's report

With the trout opening less than a week away I would like to take the opportunity to thank both Roger Booth and Les Crimeen. Over the winter months both Roger and Les have given up their time on Saturdays to mentor others in the art of fly casting. There is just one more casting day this Saturday so get along and pick up a couple of tips that may just help having that little bit more success during the upcoming season. Sunday saw about 8 members and Murphy, head out to Cairn Curran for the club outing. Fishing commenced in the bays around the yacht club with a bit of movement in the water and Tony Jacobs picking up a recent stocked fish. After lunch there was a move around to Treloars Bay where a few swirls from moving fish were seen. Les hooked up one but unable to bring it to hand.

In the last month Fisheries Victoria has stocked nearly 63,000 trout into 12 waters to improve freshwater fishing opportunities for anglers. Some of those lakes that are local to us are Tullaroop (7,545 browns), Lake Fyans (2,800 browns and 3,000 rainbows and Deans Reservoir (9450 browns and 500 rainbows). For more info on stocking, go to their website.

While I'm on websites, Steve Charles has been doing some great work on designing a new website for the club. If you go to, www.bdffc.weebly.com you can see the new plan for the website. Go and have a look and by all means get back in contact with Steve or myself with anything that's been missed and you think should be included. Steve is also looking for photos to be included on the site. So if you have any that you want to put up can you email them to Steve at bendigodistrictflyfishers@gmail.com for inclusion in the on-line gallery. Any photos sent in **must** be no larger than 500KB.



Damian
August 13

FISHING REPORT August 2013

In case anyone missed last weeks (9/8/13) Bendigo Weekly. On page 29 there is a report of a 106 cm (estimated weight of 30Kg) Murray Cod, caught on a fly in the Loddon River between Laanecoorie and Bridgewater). There is a photo of Ross Vert with the giant fish. According to the fisher, Ross Vert, winter is an ideal time to chase cod on the surface. The fly was a large white fly tied by Ross. A look at the photo shows a large fly reel with a sturdy looking rod. I would guess it to be a twelve or at least an eight-weight rod. The report says the cod was caught at 2.00am. A bit early in the morning for most I suspect. If you are interested in some early morning cod chasing, you can visit Kaos Cod Flys Facebook page to see more of Ross's recent successes and his range of flies suitable for native freshwater fish.

The local trout scene is still quiet. But I did hear from Tom Charles of a recent trip to Cairn Curran Reservoir. Steve Charles had finished his retrieve and was "Hanging" the fly when he thought he hit a snag. However after about 30 seconds of "line organising" Steve noticed the "snag" start to move along the bank. What was probably a very large fish kept going in the opposite direction as Steve tried to tighten up on the unexpected hook-up, giving a brief burst of acceleration before spitting the fly. Tom also told me that He, Steve and Tony Jacobs all saw and cast to fish which they assumed to be trout, rising in Treloar's Bay on the day they were there. Hopefully they were surface feeding trout and we will see more of this surface feeding activity as the weather warms in Springtime.

Les Crimeen told me a few weeks ago that he heard of a seven pound trout being caught in Hepburn (aka Anderson's) Lagoon. Les thinks the fish was caught on a smelt pattern (possibly a Tom Jones). Another report to hand is of a similar sized seven pounder being caught on a very quickly retrieved spinning lure. Steve Charles had another trout follow his green Woolly Bugger at Tullaroop. Until it saw him and turned away. *Joe Singe*

Casting Encounters.

Saturday will be our last casting session for this year and I intend to demonstrate the Peter Hayes 'Dynamic Roll Cast'. This cast was shown earlier in the year and those that tried this cast were amazed at how it is such a versatile and powerful casting technique. This is a **must technique** to have as part of your casting skills.

Over the casting season I have noticed what I believe to be some casting errors or faults showing up with some casters.

1. Casters fail to **commence** with a **very low rod tip**. [This restricts the casting stroke]
2. Casters waiting **too long** after the stop on the back cast. [Line loses power and falls]
3. Casters casting down and **not out**. [Causes splash downs and line in a heap.]
4. Caster not stopping the rod high and hard enough on the forward cast.
[Must let the line flow to target area, especially on longer casts]
5. Casters casting with slack line throughout the stroke.
[This makes for sloppy casting.] Get your left hand working.
6. Casters **ripping line** of the water. [This spooks Trout a no no on calm water.]

To become a good proficient caster you must **practise**.

But make sure you practise **sound techniques**.

Hope to see you at the pool for the Peter Hayes Dynamic Roll Cast.



Roger August 2013.