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& DISTRICT FLY  
FISHERS INC.**

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## Diary Dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August Fly Casting
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014 Committee Meeting
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Aug Fly Casting
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Aug Fly tying
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Aug Fly Casting
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Aug Fly Tying
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug Fly Casting
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Aug General Meeting
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Fly Casting
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### Wastell Shield 2014

Saturday and Sunday October  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

At locations as per our June newsletter  
and on our website.

### 28<sup>th</sup> August Meeting

Gavin Hurley from Pro Angler will  
be with us – pie and pastie night.  
4.30 - 5.00 pm start to try new rods  
in pool.  
Tea 6-6.30



### August Monthly Outing

August 24<sup>th</sup> – This months outing will  
be to Tullaroop – another of the  
Wastell Shield locations. See  
Committee for details.

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DEPI recreational fishing forum, Bendigo  
6th August 2014 , 7-9pm  
Bendigo Legion Angling Club, 26 High St,  
Kangaroo Flat



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

**Apologies:** J. Singe and R. Garlick.

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

Moved: R. Booth 2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Charles **Carried**

**Business Arising:** To be dealt with in general business.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented his report for the period 01 April to 30 June 2014. It was moved by T. Charles and seconded by A. Chisholm that the report as tabled be accepted.

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Bank statement; and
3. Various business junk mail.

**General Business:**

1. There was some discussion re: proposed Rise Film Festival being held in Bendigo. Greg Hellsten to contact Nick Reygaert to confirm dates. The President thanked Greg for his efforts in trying to organize this event.
2. The issue of stocking Barkers Creek Res. Was discussed with Damian Keegan to reply to relevant authority and info CVFFC.
3. The Wastell Shield will be held on the weekend of the 18/19 October. Jeff Willey to book two cabins at Creswick Caravan Park for the Friday and Saturday nights.
4. Steve Charles reported that Kennington Res. Has been stocked for the school holidays.
5. Roger Booth reported that David Dodds has not got back to him regarding a proposed visit to our club. It was suggested that we hold the event on a Saturday at the Cairn Curran Sailing Club facility and invite the Calder Fly Fishing Club members. Roger Booth to follow up with David Dodds and Jeff Willey to Follow up with availability of Sailing Club venue.
6. Gav Hurley from Pro-Angler will be visiting the club at our August meeting which coincides with the annual Pie & Pastie night. If you want a particular item from Gav, let him know and he will bring it along on the night.
7. The AGM will be conducted on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> July at Brennan Park swimming pool.
8. Jeff Willey to provide file for members name tags.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:40PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## Annual Dinner



President Damian Keegan presenting Greg Hellsten with his Life Membership.  
Citation below.

*Greg joined the Bendigo & District Fly Fishers in 1997. From an early stage he involved himself in all the activities of the Club.*

*Greg has been one of the Club's representatives of the Midlands Angling Association for many years where his input into Central Victorian fishing issues has assisted in achieving various positive outcomes for the local region.*

*Greg has also been the Club's representative to the Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs for a number of years. Again, his input into issues regarding fly fishing has assisted this organisation in maintaining a high profile within the Victorian angling community.*

*Greg has also been one of the Midlands Angling Association's VRFish representatives. In this role he has helped form trout fishing policy and been a strong advocate for fly fishing in general.*

*At a club level, Greg encourages new members to the sport of fly fishing, by assisting them with instruction in the various techniques of our chosen sport.*

*In summary, the Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Club are fortunate to have a member with the ability of Greg and this club has benefited greatly as a result of his efforts over an extended period.*

*Greg Hellsten is most worthy to be recognised as a Life Member.*



President Damian Keegan with 2013/14 Club Champion Tony Jacobs.

# Fishing Report

## **Newlyn**

We had a pretty cold and windy club day at Newlyn on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. There were a few of us that had grabs and didn't connect and some good fish sighted but Roger landed the only fish of the day on his fourth cast. Roger's fish was full of gudgeon and smelt but they weren't smashing them consistently in the shallows for us. A couple of fish were spotted chasing smelt but they were pretty much "oncners". The water level has come right up in the last month and the old road is now too deep to wade along and the weed beds no longer visible.

## **Barkers Creek Res**

Barkers is down to drought levels with the infrastructure works underway. Hopefully we'll see water levels start to rise again in the coming months

## **Hepburn Lagoon**

John Guljas from Calder Fly Fishing Association reported that finding his usual smelting techniques unsuccessful, he began deep nymphing and hooked into a very big trout. He only managed to get it to the surface once (so at least he got to see it) before he was broken off. John estimated that it was over 10 lbs but we'll never know...

## **Lauriston Res**

Damian, Tony and I fished the NW end of Lauriston on the 11<sup>th</sup> July for a few hours in the morning before Coliban Water staff kicked us out. We stayed well away from the 'dangerous' pine tree area but it made no difference; that end of the lake is off limits until the pines are removed. Estimated time for that: 1-5 years!!!

I fished the S end on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and caught a redfin and again on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and caught another Chinook whilst deep nymphing. This one was about 35 cm so they seem to be putting on weight and have dispersed throughout the lake. Let's hope they continue to fatten up quickly!

## **Upper Coliban Res**

Tom and I fished the bays along the SE end on the 6<sup>th</sup> July and whilst I picked up a nice little rainbow of just under a pound early (and dropped another!!), things were pretty quiet for the rest of the day. They seemed to be pretty close in to the bank and took a kiwi damsel aggressively but moved out into deeper waters as the sun got higher.

## **Malmsbury**

Malmsbury remains the colour of milky coffee and has in recent times had the greatest fluctuation in water levels out of all of the Coliban Lakes. Whilst it is a pity to see the conditions here decline, it is having the effect of keeping the levels at the Upper Coliban Res more stable, and that can only be a good thing.

## **Wendouree**

I read a great Wendouree report from during the last week on the FlyStream Blog. Check it out online! In summary two anglers fishing from a boat had a great day fishing mostly the N side, with lots of action from smelters. It was possible to sight-fish to actively feeding trout and they landed plenty and dropped just as many again, most about 40 cm and 1½ pounds, and the biggest fish of the day pushing 4 lbs. The best flies were Magoos with copper or orange beads, and the trusty BMS. The trout ate the flies fished at all speeds but predominantly in the top 2 feet of the water column.

## **Loddon River**

Damian fished the Loddon River on the 14<sup>th</sup> July and netted a beautiful 70cm Cod! He was using a Whistler Deceiver, slowly retrieved with a pause and the cod took it on the drop about a meter from the bank. After a few photos the cod was returned to the water.



*Damian and his Magnificent 70 cm cod*

Steve Charles

## **Bendigo & District Fly Fishers, we want your fishing reports!!**

Let us know each time you go fishing, where did you go, what time, how long, what was the weather like, did you see any fish, how were they behaving, did you catch any, see any insect activity? Even let us know if you didn't catch anything, and saw nothing - it's still valuable data on our waters, and how they're performing!

Just go to the club webpage, find the Contacts tab and click 'email' - dead simple!!  
OR just use the club email address: [BendigoDistrictFlyFishers@gmail.com](mailto:BendigoDistrictFlyFishers@gmail.com)

## TROUT FISHING NEWS

The Tasmanian Inland Fisheries Service and I expect, all Australian trout anglers, are this year celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first hatching of trout in Tasmania. To commemorate the milestone, the IFS are offering a range of one off memorabilia to mark the occasion. All five-year season licence holders have received a commemorative medallion and a bumper sticker. The complete range of memorabilia can be seen and is available from on the website [www.ifs.tas.gov.au](http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au)

Medallion and Bumper Sticker



Joe Singe



## Casting Encounters.

Once again I have arranged for my good friend Rob Roles to attend our Saturday casting clinics, Rob will be in attendance on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1.30 pm. Rob will demonstrate and teach his flick cast [Bow and Arrow cast] if you have missed Rob in the past now is your opportunity to see a master of this technique in action.

On Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> September "The Single and Double haul" will be the next technique on the agenda at the casting clinic. If you have not mastered these techniques, this is an opportunity to learn these valuable means to improve your casting. Cast with power, greater accuracy, in windy conditions and have greater control of all your casting. The ruination of great casting is slack line generated throughout the cast, correct "Hauling" will eliminate most of this problem.



*Rob Roles at a previous Casting Clinic.*

### ***Quote of the Month.***

*Fly fishing reveals character, and the bigger the fish the deeper the revelation."*

*John Gierach. 'The View from Rat Lake.'*

*Roger Aug. 2014.*