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DIARY DATES:

- 4th July Committee Meeting
 - 6th July Fly Casting
 - 9th July Annual Dinner
 - 11th July Fly Tying
 - 13th July Fly Casting
 - 18th July Fly Tying
 - 20nd July Fly Casting
 - 25th July General Meeting
 - 27th July Fly Casting
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August Meeting

Gavin Hurley and the boys from Pro Angler will be at our meeting with a range of new products to try and buy. 4.30 – 5.00pm start to try new rods in the pool.

Pies and pasties for tea
6.00 - 6.30pm



2013 Annual Dinner

Kangaroo Flat Sports Club
Tuesday 9th July 2013 6.30pm for
7.00pm. Numbers to Jeff Willey

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Monthly Sunday Outings

July 21st the venue is Tullaroop
NOT Hepburn as previously
advertised as the guys have had a
fair bit of success in the last few
months.

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 6th June 2013
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

Apologies: R. Garlick, A. Choat, G. Shelton, P. Bowman and J. Singe.

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

Moved: D. Keegan 2nd: L. Crimeen **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: As the Treasurer was absent due to work commitments, no report was tabled.

Correspondence:

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

General Business:

1. Anglers Forum to be conducted at Rotary Park, Kangaroo Flat Thursday 13th June starting at 7:00pm. Al Chisholm, Greg Hellsten, Tony Jacobs and Jeff Willey to attend.
2. June club trip to Newlyn Res on Sunday 23rd. BBQ supplied.
3. Roger Booth reported that Fisheries Victoria have confirmed that the Goulburn River will remain closed for trout fishing during the closed season. He also reported that they will look at having more trophy waters and that a new boat ramp has been installed at Toolondo Res.
4. Damian Keegan reported that he has fixed the problems with the club's website.
5. Greg Hellsten will enquire about the availability of Phil Weigall re: visiting the club.
6. The AGM will be conducted on Thursday the 27th June.
7. The Annual Dinner will be conducted at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Tuesday the 9th July. 6:30pm start for 7:00pm.
8. Some discussion on the poor number of entries for the John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition. Al Chisholm puts in the time to tie the flies and it sad that only three entries were received this year. Canvass members for ideas.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:50PM.

Jeff Willey
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President's Topics

. Tullaroop reservoir has been fishing well on occasion with reports of a 7lb trout caught on a green caddis grub. Steve Charles netted a nice brown that fell to wet tied at flytying on our Thursday tying evening.

The water is still clear and nice trout have been dropped on lures with many follows reported and flyfishers have been spooking and catching a few also, so this reservoir is worth a visit.

Reports from Sundays Newlyn reservoir, outing that was well attended, indicated that the water was down but clear however the fish were not cooperating with any of our flyfishers or the other anglers in attendance. This was quite disappointing as there were good reports in the lead up that Newlyn was fishing well.

Club members have returned from NZ and we look forward to reports and photos from their fishing adventures.

The Fisheries Forum at Kangaroo Flat was attended by representatives from angling Clubs in our region with four executive members from our club Jeff Willey, Greg Hellsten, Alan Chisholm and I asking questions on stocking, access, license monies use, carp eradication and other issues associated with fishing in our local area.

Keep in mind our AGM is on Thursday 27th June at clubrooms at 7.30pm with positions up for nomination and also our 2013 Annual Dinner on Tuesday 9th July at Kangaroo Flat Sports Club.

see you there.
JACO June 2013.

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Casting Encounters.

In praise of 'Wading Wet' when Trouting.

Getting wet when trouting is not always a pleasant experience, especially at twilight or after dark but leak proof waders offer great protection and warmth. The late season fishing on rivers and lakes often involves cool /cold windy days with water temperature to match. However up in the northeast of Victoria from early summer through to late March, temperatures can and do increase too very hot. This time of the year is ideal 'Grasshopper' and 'Willow Grub' fishing and can provide very exciting fly fishing and is ideal for wet wading the creeks and rivers. It can be a wonderful experience to be in the stream with cool running water up to your thighs when the air temperature is in the thirty's, it is what makes the fishing worth the effort. You really feel part of the environment and connected to your surroundings. In waders you feel sweaty and hot in the sun, but getting wet and keeping wet just makes the day so much more enjoyable, you can fish longer sessions and travel so much more in comfort stepping in and out of water as you please. I suppose there is designer gear available to do the wet/wade but, an old pair denim trousers is most suitable, the New Zealand way of thermal tights and shorts is also suitable, and an old pair of boots or sneakers is all you need. A suitable wading staff is also very useful as some currents can be quite swift and they are very handy in getting down and out of steep or scrubby banks. If you are frighten of been bitten by snakes then knee length gaiters can be worn, although over the years I have encounter numerous and found the best way is to leave them in peace and move away. Just remember where you saw them for on your way back. In the car always have a spare pair of trousers, socks, towel and shoes to change into and of course the few coldies for refreshment.

Roger June 2013.



.Rob Roles wet wading the Swampy River.

Want to Cast further/with more Accuracy?

I guess there have been times on the lake when those rising trout were just out of reach of your best cast and you wish you could have cast an extra two or three metres to cover them. Let me say right from the start there will be times when those trout will be out of reach even if you could cast eighty metres. Then again there may be times when you put down that big Brown with your lousy presentation and you just never had another opportunity all day. Over the years I have heard all kind of complaints, "I can't cast in the wind." "I can't cast without the wind." "Gee my timing is all up the putt." "May be I need another rod?" So where does the fault lie? I'll say you don't practise enough, few of us can produce good results in any worthwhile endeavour without sound practise, and the accent is on sound practise, for if you do not have a sound technique then you will find it is difficult to progress even if you do practice often. All the really great casters I have been associated with in the past fifty odd years have been excellent fishermen as well and all achieved their results by sound practice, [Peter Hayes 8 hrs./day] they will all tell you that good casting makes for better fishing. Talk to the boys that have been to 'Tassie' recently and they will tell you how quick and accurate their casting needs to be to put their fly in front of fast moving trout at very short and long distances. Ask Joe and Jenny how accurate their casting needed to be on the crystal clear streams of New Zealand. Read Jim Allen's article on 'Shark' fishing in 'Tassie.' Ask me how gentle the casting had to be when fishing the shallows at Bronte last year.

What is disappointing to me is that some fly fishers think they can buy their casting skills by obtaining better, more expensive rods, reels and lines etc. Well they can't, they may help and they are nice to own and fish with, but you cannot buy skill or correct technique in casting any more than you would shoot better golf score by using Tiger Wood's golf clubs. Now this club is offering you the members the opportunity to master sound casting fundamentals and have your casting scrutinised by the finest casters in the club, they will get you started on the right path with sound basic techniques and then all you need to do is practise. Come along and learn the 'Single' and 'Double Haul,' this single casting technique will definitely improve your casting accuracy, allow you to cast better in any wind, increase your casting speed and give you greater control of all your casting. Are you a pusher or puller? Come along and find out. This opportunity is available to you 1.30pm every Saturday afternoon from now at the Brennan Park swimming complex through to the first Saturday in September. Some of the club's better casters are just waiting to set you on the correct path to make you a better caster. All this is available at no cost to you, so come along and make the most of this opportunity. Hope to see you there.

Roger June 2013.

New Zealand revisited.

North Island New Zealand June 10th-17th.

Now it was some four years since we [Joe Singe, Col Holland, Roger Booth, Bob Evans and John Goulden] had our last trip to New Zealand. We were to fish a few rivers that feed into the mighty Lake Rotorua, none of us had fished these rivers before and we were unaware of their rugged terrain. The Ngongotaha River is they say the most intensively fished river in New Zealand, this river, just some twenty Kilometres from our Bach, saw us fishing this river almost every day. For me it was very hard going with steep over grown [scrub and blackberries] banks and very few access points, we were limited in our movement along a great deal of this stream although it fished very well with some thirty odd trout to four and a half pounds taken mostly by indicator nymphing with Pheasant Tails, Hair and Copper and glow Bugs mainly on size twelve and fourteens, numerous trout were lost even on ten pound Fluro as they were into snags and rocks immediately the trout were hooked, We all had the tale of good trout lost. There were good numbers of trout in the river.

The Ngongotaha River with access points clearly marked.



Now the Waiteti Stream is another famous river that was nearby and it was more difficult to fish than the other and we decided to fish a small lake [Okaro] some twenty minutes away, here we managed to catch some good sized Rainbows on Red Setter and Tom Jones [they think this fly is a joke] The weather was fine throughout the trip and the accommodation was adequate, and the scenery is magnificent but a trip like this is much more than catching fish there is of course the general bantering, joking, food and drinking and jolly good fun. We enjoyed it all, but would we do such a trip back there I doubt it.

Roger June 2013.

Lake Okaro and typical Rainbow.

