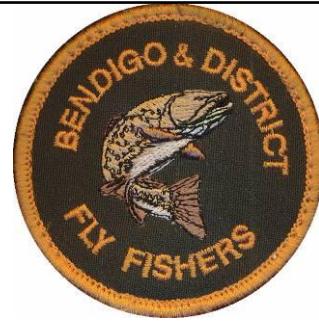


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## DIARY DATES:

- 4<sup>th</sup> April Committee Meeting
  - 11<sup>th</sup> April Fly Tying
  - 18<sup>th</sup> April Fly Tying
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April Fly Casting
  - 25<sup>th</sup> April General Meeting
  - 27<sup>th</sup> April Fly Casting
  - 27/28<sup>th</sup> April Club Champ
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Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April  
Fourth Round Club Championships at  
Barkers Creek

Alan Chisholm leads with a 1.3kg fish  
For Further Details: Contact Tony Jacobs or  
Committee Members



### John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

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Fly casting will commence at the pool  
on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013



### Fly Casting

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20<sup>th</sup> April at Brennan Park Pool  
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Come and sharpen your casting skills with  
Roger.

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26<sup>th</sup> May Goldfields Shield v.  
Ballarat at Ballarat – fishing on  
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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

**Present:** R. Garlick, J. Willey, T. Jacobs, L. Crimeen, R. Booth, G. Hellsten, A. Choat, A. Chisholm and P. Bowman.

**Apologies:** D. Keegan, J. Singe and G. Shelton.

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

Moved: G. Hellsten 2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Choat **Carried**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer table his current report to the committee. P. Bowman moved that the report as tabled be accepted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Crimeen carried.

**Correspondence:**

1. Various FF Club newsletters;
2. Bank Statement;
3. Emials to/from Cleanup Australia Day; and
4. Various flyers from fishing related companies.

**General Business:**

1. Jeff Willey to book two cabins for the Goldfields Shield to be conducted on the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May. Members wishing to attend to ring Jeff Willey by the April meeting at the latest.
2. Again the Mentoring Day at Barkers Creek Res on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb was a success. Three new members were in attendance and they were given tutorial on casting and insect life. The President thanked all who helped for the two days this event was held.
3. The Club booking for the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March has been cancelled by the company due to the extended hot weather.
4. Jeff Willey reported that the sports camera the club purchased worked well in Tassie. Unfortunately no fish captures were recorded.
5. Jeff Willey reported that the failure of the Clean Up Australia Day package was due to the AustPost notice being either placed in the wrong letter box or being mixed up in junk mail and thrown out.
6. Roger Booth reported that the casting tuition will commence at Brennan Park swimming pool on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> April.
7. Peter Bowman stated that he will not be standing for the Treasurers position again and therefore we are looking for a member who would be willing to step up and take this important roll on. Are you interested? Contact Jeff Willey if you would like to be nominated for this roll.
8. Bob Garlick reported that the portable carport has been sold for \$50.
9. Sunday outing venues for June, July August and September can be found in the calendar.
10. Al Chisholm reported that he informed Barry Crombie from the Midlands Association of the changes requested to the stocking program by our club.

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

Jeff Willey Sec

## **President's Topics**

A big thank you to those members that helped clean up Barkers Creek Reservoir surrounds on March 3rd. And I believe Steve Charles caught a brown of about 1 lb afterwards on a cruddler. Well done Steve!

The 3rd round of Club Championships is at Barkers Creek Reservoir on March 30/31st and a fish in excess of 1.3 kg is needed to take the lead from Alan Chisholm.

The Goulburn Valley Flyfishers Weekend at Thornton has been called off due to conditions however I can see the Club heading there at a later date thanks to Roger Booth's enquires.

I would encourage members to enter The John Crane Fly tying competition with all flies to be tied now available with examples and recipes organised by Alan Chisholm.

Speaking of Alan, he and I attended TAFE recently with other stakeholders where there was a meeting about Land and On Water Management Plans for Lake Eppalock and also Cairn Curran. A copy of each draft will be available for those interested at the Clubrooms.

A group of Bendigo members have entered Ballarat Flyfishers Lake Wendouree Two Fly competition on 23/24th March. We wish them well and look forward to a report on their return and hopefully get a few tips for the upcoming Goldfields Shield trip in May.

Whilst on trips we have members having been to or going to Tassie, NZ and Chile and I am looking forward to reading reports on those trips from our travelling Flyfishers.

Locally, Hepburn Lagoon has nice browns and rainbows still to be caught so is definitely worth a visit.

See you on the water.  
Jaco. .March 2013.

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## **Fly Fishing Report**

I have just returned from a trip to the Tasmanian highlands where, as expected, the weather was cooler than at home. Although we did not have any torrential downpours of rain, as has been the case closer to home. We had a combination of hot, 30 degrees weather with high winds for the first few days. Others from Bendigo had been experiencing the hot and windy conditions for the first week of their two-week trip. The weather settled after our first few days with cooler nights flowed by lovely autumnal days of sunshine and lower winds. Access to weather reports and forecasts via the internet certainly puts the focus on the weather, as well as what is hatching, and which lake or bank to go to for the next fishing session.

A highlight of our trip was Steve Charles catching his first trout on a fly. After a couple of "early releases" when the combination of strong Tasmanian trout and a powerful rod broke the line, Steve landed a Rainbow of 56cm. The fly was a Cruddler. On his return Steve used the Cruddler at Barkers Ck Res for a trout of about a pound on the Cleanup Day. With one of the best casts to a feeding fish I have seen, Col Holland caught a Brown trout of 56 cm. on a small dark bodied Iron Blue Dun at Highland Waters. Col also landed (and released) a number of other fish at Bronte Lagoon and Highland Waters over the week.

Locally we can expect the lakes such as Barkers Creek Reservoir, Newlyn Reservoir, (where Alan Chisholm recently caught a One Kilogram trout on a fly called a Pink Yeti), Malmsbury Reservoir and Hepburn Lagoon to provide some action. Remember also, that Fisheries have stocked all of these reservoirs in the past twelve months.

*Joe Singe*



## Clean-up Day.

*It was very encouraging to see the excellent turn up of members and friends at Barkers Creek Reservoir for our annual clean up. Some fifteen were in attendance, and in fine weather about ten bags of the usual rubbish were collected. It was noted that the rubbish was not as prolific as in other years. A thanks must go to the organisers and a special thank you to Alan Choate for the excellent bar-be-que he provided for all those in attendance. Some six or so members decided to fish for the evening with a nil return, the water was just too warm for any trout activity and things fishing wise will take some time to provide any sort of sport.*

## Casting Encounters.

*Just recently I returned from a very hot camping fishing week at Corryong with long-time friend Rob Roles, we opened our account on a very hot day one at the Nariel Creek and after about an hour's fishing and not a sign of a trout we decided to check the water temperature, a horrific 24 degrees showed us why there were no trout in sight. We moved to the Thougla Creek running at 19 degrees and caught two fine well-conditioned "Browns" up to 14 inches on a size 14 'Parachute Adams'. Things looked more promising and we moved to the Swampy Plains River which was running very fast and a cool 16 degrees. Some fifteen "Browns" up to 2 ½ lbs. all taken on Keam's Autumn Hoppers even though there were very few hoppers about, the trout were still programmed to take them as they were all caught 3 – 4 feet from the edge in very fast flowing water. Surprisingly there was an absence of the "Willow Grubs" that were prolific in previous years and there were few rising trout on the river. Let me say that the fishing was difficult being out in a baking hot sun blind searching each pool and run along the river and I felt it was exhausting, cooler weather would have made it more enjoyable. We met up with 'Stormy Tempest' at the local Chinese restaurant on the Thurs evening and had a good time.*

# Casting Encounters.

*This casting season I intend to run a series of specific casting clinics. These casts and techniques are designed to help you improve your chances at targeting trout. They are all about giving you better opportunities to present your flies to fool those trout.*

*It is not tournament casting.*

*Outlined below are the dates for the casts and techniques that will be covered.*

*The pool will be open from 1.30pm.*

*These sessions will commence at 2pm* on the nominated Saturdays at the pool.

*Session 1. Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> April. Lifting line of water with The Water Fall and The Snake Roll. Simple Change of Direction Cast. Casting in windy conditions. [Les Crimeen]*

*Session 2. Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April. The standard Roll cast. Plus the Peter Hayes so called Roll Cast, [Shooting cast.] This is a must technique to have, and Peter regards this cast as his most advantageous. [Joe Singe.] Watch Joe fling his cast across the pool.*

*Session 3. Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May. The Single Haul and The Double Haul, this cast is an essential technique for you to cast into wind, cast with power and accuracy and have greater control of all your casts.*

*Session 4. Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Bow and Arrow/Flick cast.*

*With Rob Roles. [The Master.] A cast for really tight confined spaces.*

*Session 5. Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May. My Swish and Flick casts. Casts for confined spaces.*

*Session 6. Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> May. Steeple Cast. A rarely used cast, but is it can be useful.*

*These clinics may be run again throughout the casting season, if there is a demand.*

*Roger March 2013.*

## Quote of The Month.

*"There is only one theory about fly fishing in which I have perfect confidence, and this is the two words least appropriate to any statement the words 'always' and 'never'."*

*Lord Grey. "Fly Fishing 1899."*

*Roger March 2013.*