

**BENDIGO  
& DISTRICT FLY  
FISHERS INC.**

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## Diary Dates:

- 1st May 2014 Committee Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May Fly Casting
- 8<sup>th</sup> May Fly Tying
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Fly Casting
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Fly Tying
- 17<sup>th</sup> May Fly Casting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Fly Tying
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Fly Casting
- 24/25 Goldfields Shield
- 29<sup>th</sup> May General Meeting.
- 31<sup>st</sup> May Fly Casting



### John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

Recipes for final flies on website and available at fly tying.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Round of Club Championship

Tullaroop – Sat 24<sup>th</sup>/Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Tony Jacobs currently leads with a brown trout of 1.768kgs.

### Fly Casting Saturdays

At Brennan Park Pool from 1.30 pm  
Come and sharpen your casting skills with Roger.

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24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May Goldfields Shield v.  
Ballarat location TBA.

We need as many members as possible to help return the shield to Bendigo.  
For accommodation please contact Jeff

Willey



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

The Vice President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

**Apologies:** D. Keegan, 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>: S. Charles **Carried**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Tom Charles, presented his report to the committee. It was moved by T. Charles and seconded by G. Hellsten 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. Jim Baumgartel will be at the April meeting selling large range of fly fishing gear. He will be in attendance from 5:00pm. A bbq will be supplied.
2. Damian Keegan to liaise with Ballarat Club re: date and venue for Goldfields Shield.
3. Tom Charles reported that members can now do a direct deposit to the club account for items such as annual subs. Account details to follow.
4. A Come & Try Day will be conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> June from midday to 4:00pm. A bbq will be supplied on the day.
5. Jeff Willey to send a letter of thank you to the Vallarat Club for the running of the Two Fly Competition.
6. The club needs to invite a noted fly tyer to attend the club. Committee to investigate.
7. Roger Booth stated that fly casting has started on Saturdays.
8. Greg Hellsten stated that he is still waiting for a report on the control of carp from Tasmania.

There being no further business the Vice President closed the meeting at 8:45PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## President's report

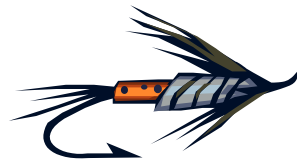
I would like to firstly congratulate the members that attended the Two Fly competition that was held recently held by the Ballarat boys and girls at Lake Wendouree. Greg Hellsten, Steve Charles and Dick Robertson attended the two day event to represent our Club. Although Greg was the only one to catch fish I believe that the boys did the club proud and also a thankyou to the Ballarat Fly Fishers in hosting and looking after our members. Please read Greg's full report located within this newsletter for further details.

A couple of weekends ago Tony, Steve, Tom and myself ventured out to lake Eppalock to have a go at the natives. We spent a great morning out but unfortunately were unable to land any cod or yellas. What was quite interesting to come out of this session at Eppalock was that Tony had a brown trout to a pound and a half follow his fly. It was good to see/hear of trout within the lake. It has been many a year since trout have been stocked into the lake and some suggestion that this fish may have come down the Coliban arm. It would be nice to see Eppalock have diversity of stocking that one sees going into Lake Eildon.

Whilst talking about natives, I have just purchased a new rod specific for chasing cod. It's the Ross Flystik, 10wt 7'11''. It's a nice little rod with plenty of power and on Saturday at casting we ran a few different lines through it. I think it had bit too much power for Rogers finesse casting but for natives I believe it will do the trick. If there is enough interest around the club I'm more than happy to seek out someone more knowledgeable than myself to attend the club and give us a talk on fly fishing for natives.

Fly casting is on again on Saturday afternoons at Brennan Park swimming pool. This is the time if you need to polish up on your casting or have a few mates who want it ago. What better way than to bring them along and have a go under the casting eye of Roger, Les or Al. It's also a good opportunity to try out various other rods and set ups that other members have around the club to see what suits your style of casting. Even to see what various lines can do with your rod.

Don't forget the next Club championship round is this coming weekend at Tullaroop. The last trip out there saw not to pleasant conditions. Hopefully this weekend will see better conditions and with slightly cooler weather may even see better action on the end of the line.



Damian

April 14

## Lake Wendouree Two-Fly Report

Ballarat Fly fishers Club held the second Lake Wendouree Two Fly competition on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This is a “catch and release” event, sponsored by Gavin Hurley’s Fly Fishing World, and which raises funds to enable Ballarat Fly Fishers Club members to represent Australia in overseas fly fishing competitions.

All competitors contribute two flies to a pool from which they draw the only two flies allowed to be used by them in the competition. Forty six fly fishers took part, with twelve representing four clubs other than Ballarat. Dick Robertson, Steve Charles and Greg Hellsten represented Bendigo & District Fly Fishers.

Only twelve anglers caught the twenty four fish landed and recorded, and they were all brown trout. Greg was lucky enough to land two fish to 44cm long on Saturday mid-afternoon in bright conditions using a streamer tied by Doug Kimberley. Although Bendigo fly fishers took risks and fished out nearly all the time available we managed our tackle well and did not lose our allocated flies.

David Bandy of Ballarat landed a brown trout measuring 53cm from tail fork centre to nose tip to win the Jim Thomas Memorial Trophy and one of Gavin’s new “Glide” model rods. David picked up the winning fish on Sunday morning. His win was well received and our congratulations go to him

For the second year in a row the fly which hooked the winning fish was tied by David Watson of Yarra Valley Fly Fishers. Our Jeff Willey donated a crafted wooden barreled pen for the tier of the winning fly and his generosity was highlighted to all at the Saturday night dinner by Chris Doody, President of Ballarat Fly Fishers Club. Good on you Jeff, it was also a pleasure for us attending to submit a nice piece of your quality work as a trophy on your behalf and that of Bendigo.



The Jim Thomas Memorial Trophy commemorates the son of James Thomas who established a business in 1896 which later developed into Thomas Jewellers.

Jim Thomas developed a fly fishing technique on Lake Wendouree of rowing one hand and casting with the other. He was invariably accompanied when fishing by his springer spaniel.

Andrew Borg of AB 3D Designs, Gordon, and also of Ballarat Fly Fishers Club, has faithfully captured this scene in his bronze sculpture, the centre piece of the trophy.

Photos of all the flies allocated during the event were displayed on a screen in the clubrooms before dinner on Saturday, and as the flies were displayed there was plenty of discussion between younger fly fishers over the merits of the flies they and others had been allocated with. Ironically their negative opinions were not reinforced by the performance of some of the flies



Doug Kimberley's  
Streamer

The generosity and friendship offered by the Ballarat Fly Fishers Club is to be commended as it is a pleasure to experience and are some of the reasons why many fly fishers like to visit and fish picturesque Lake Wendouree. As predicted by Ballarat Fly Fishers Club president Chris Doody there were plenty of Ballarat members fishing solo who could accommodate fly fishers without boats and were willing to host visitors. So any concerns about not having a boat should not prevent anyone from fishing the event in the future.

With one boat between us, Ballarat members Doug Kimberley and Dale Flenley enthusiastically hosted Dick and Steve respectively in their boats, a good opportunity to socialize with and gain experience from good fly fishers on their own water.

Many of us who have attended the Wastell shield in the past enjoy the raffle and even more so if we win something of course. This time it was the raffle of items donated by Gavin and it was typically an entertaining and raucous event lead by irrepressible Jim Bainbridge whose joke cracking and banter with Chris Doody was entertaining to say the least. Our Steve manage to snag a prize or two. It is true, like it or not, that competition experience improves your fly fishing. This is due in part to development and practice of techniques and your focus towards performing as best you can. But even if the fishing is difficult there is a lot of fun to be had among friends and in top class facilities where the hosts are keen to serve.

With the benefit of its social aspects the Lake Wendouree Two Fly is an event not to be missed and should be on your calendar, so mark down the last week end in March as one of your trips to Lake Wendouree.