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**Diary Dates:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Committee Meeting
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Fly Tying
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Fly Tying
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2014 Committee Meeting
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Jan Fly tying
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Jan Fly Tying
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Fly Tying
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Jan General Meeting
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**The President and Committee wish  
all Members and their families a  
Happy Christmas and a Safe and  
Healthy New Year**

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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

**Apologies:** J. Singe.

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

**Moved:** R. Booth 2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Crimeen **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 S. Charles and seconded by A. Jacobs 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. There are some issues with the current membership list that need to be sorted out.
2. Steve Charles asked if members could send some fly fishing related photos to him via the web site.
3. Greg Hellsten and Al Chisholm attended the Midlands Association meeting and gave a detailed report to the committee.
4. The Library needs to be sorted and a stocktake done. Any member with outstanding items are asked to return them asap.
5. It was moved by Al Choat and seconded by Bob Garlick that Les Crimeen be reimbursed \$100 for the supply of biscuits, tea, coffee and sugar. **Carried.**
6. The Roger Booth quiz night will be conducted at the February meeting.
7. A Come & Trial Day will be conducted in April. Date to be determined.
8. Tony Jacobs currently leads the Club Championship with a brown trout of 1.768kgs.
9. Due to a lack of fish at Harcourt Res, it was decided to hold the last two rounds of the Club Championship at Tullaroop Res. This will be in February and March.

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

Jeff Willey  
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## President's report

I would like to thank Jenny and Joe Singe for an excellent presentation at the last meeting on their trip to England. A lot of work had gone into their slideshow with great photos, video and informative discussion was had with the areas and techniques that they fished.

The Midland Shield has been run again this month at Lake Eppalock. A few members got out there with the fly gear and a special mention must go to Steve Charles who picked up a nice yellow belly which weighed in at 1.5 kg. Steve picked this up fishing along the shore with a brown wooly bugger. After all fish were weighed for the day there were two fish that weighed in at 1.5 kg so those two fished needed to be reweighed. Unfortunately Steve's fish had lost a bit of condition by the second weigh in leaving him only a couple of grams short of first prize. It certainly had a few people from the other clubs scratching their heads with what a WB is.

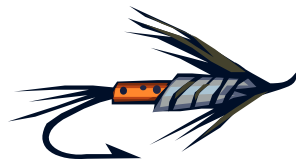
Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November saw 6 members travel over to Thornton for the club trip to the Goulburn to get a bit of practice in before the Saturday fishing. The Goulburn was running at about 8,000 meg which is a tad too high to wade so we travelled up to the pondage. Tony Jacobs on his first cast hooked what he presumed was a fish but it had other thoughts and took off down the pondage. On his second cast landed another rainbow/brown which went to about 3 ½ lb. Yes you read right, Tony has discovered a new breed of fish and we are awaiting official confirmation from fisheries. Wasn't long before we all made it to the same location which saw Tony landing another one, Brent with one and yours truly with three. All fish weighing between 2 ½ to 3 ½ lb.

On Saturday another 5 members made the trek over to fish at the Goulburn Valley Fishing Centre. Good day was had by all with new member Bob picking up a nice rainbow, Tony with a couple as did Roger, and Steve and I landing one each. Latter in the afternoon a few of us went to the Rubicon where Steve picked up a brown and I landed 2 rainbows and a brown on the ever reliable prince nymph. Sunday saw another quick trip to the Rubicon in the morning where Dick was able to land one using the czech nymph method

Our next meeting won't be until the New Year at the end of January. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Take care if you're travelling over this period and if getting out for a fish be mindful of the snakes. A few tiger snakes were seen over at the Goulburn. Also best of luck to those members travelling to Tassie over the next couple of months

Also don't forget the John Crane fly tying. Photos and recipes of the flies are on the website. Get on board and get tying, you don't have to be a world class tier it's about getting in and having a go and improving your tying ability.

Reminder for the new website, [www.bdffc.weebly.com](http://www.bdffc.weebly.com)



Damian

November 13

## FISHING REPORT

Mid November and while there has been some positive news from local reservoirs, all seems to be quiet on our local lakes. Following some infrequent mayfly hatches at Barkers Creek Reservoir in mid to late October, fish activity has slowed. The changeable weather probably has a lot to do with the slowing down of the hatches and the subsequent surface feeding fish. Possibly the best reports in October were from the Wastell Shield weekend when fish to 1.7 kilograms were caught from Tullaroop Reservoir. News from the Ballarat fly fishers was that Lake Wendouree, after almost drying up in the drought, is now producing larger trout than previously. Trout to 1.5 kilograms have been caught with an average size of about 750grams. I did not hear any news of a return of the springtime mayfly hatches at Lake Wendouree but in the past there has always been excellent hatches in spring and again in autumn.

Only one week to go before I head south to Tasmania with Roger, Col, Bob and John (and of course Jenny) for what is becoming our annual trip to the Highlands. Last year we had some excellent mayfly and gum beetle fishing in mid-late November. Hopes are high for a repeat this year. It is amazing how disorganised my fly boxes become on a trip. I have just taken five fly boxes out of my vest to check what I might need in a week or two. I must have left more flies than I thought in trees and bushes. While this explains the need to top up on Red Tags, Iron Blue Duns and other favourites. I really cannot explain how flies that were all stored in the same box (by type) this time last year, are now distributed through ALL my fly boxes!!! Don't laugh – the bonus is when you think you have found them all, another batch of the same flies turns up in a different box. Another advantage is that I can often reduce the number of boxes, when the flies are organised back into groups. Don't ask me how this happens. Perhaps I could write a book on the advantages of being a disorganised fly fisher!!!

Have a great summer/autumn and catch lots of fish.

*Joe Singe*

## **2014 Planner**

Check out all the events planned for 2014 on the  
Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Website:

<http://bdffc.weebly.com/calendar.html>