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Diary Dates:

- 6th Nov 2014 Committee Meeting
- 9th Nov 2014 Midland Shield
- 13th Nov 2014 Xmas Dinner
- 20th Nov 2014 Fly Tying
- 22/23rd Nov 2014 Club Champs
- 27th Nov 2014 Gen Meeting

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Annual Christmas Dinner

At Kangaroo Flat Sports Club Thursday

13th Nov 2014 – 6.30 for 7pm meal



John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

Fly Recipes and the actual flies to be tied available at our fly tying nights. See Alan Chisholm for details.

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Reminder: Fees are now due.

Family \$45.00 Seniors \$40.00 Juniors \$15.00



November Monthly Outing

Saturday/Sunday November 22nd/23rd
– Barkers Creek Reservoir

2st round of club Championships

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Midland Shield

Sunday 9th November at Lauriston
Reservoir



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 2nd October 2014
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The Secretary opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Present: L. Crimeen, A. Chisholm, J. Willey, R. Booth, G. Hellsten and R. Garlick.

Apologies: J. Singe, A. Jacobs, S. Charles, T. Charles, A. Choat and D. Keegan.

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

Moved: R. Booth 2nd: R. Garlick **Carried**

Business Arising: To be dealt with in general business.

Treasurer's Report: As the Treasurer was absent, there was no report.

Correspondence:

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Bank statement;
3. Various business junk mail; and
4. Cod Classic flyer.

General Business:

1. Greg Hellsten reported that the Rise Film Festival night was a resounding success with 76 tickets being sold. The Chair thanked Greg for his tireless work in arranging this night and his wife Jane and Christine Charles for providing snacks.
2. Wastell Shield to be conducted on the weekend of the 18/19 Oct. At this stage 8 members indicated their intention to participate.
3. The issue of the pool risk assessment is still ongoing, but indications are that we should be ok.
4. Club Championship round at Barkers Creek Res on the weekend of the 25/26 Oct.
5. If you are interested in acting as controllers for the National Fly Fishing Championship in late November, contact Jeff Willey. Your accommodation is provided.
6. Greg Hellsten reported that he is hopeful of Barkers Creek Res receiving a stocking sometime in November.
7. Al Chisholm, Damian Keegan and Jeff Willey are to represent the club at the Maiden Gulley Community Day being held on Sunday the 12th October.
8. The club is looking to conducting a day fishing the Loddon River for natives.
9. A reminder to all members that it is the start of snake season, so keep one eye on the water and the other on the ground.
10. Christmas dinner at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Thursday the 13th November. A 6:30 start and meals to be ordered off the main board. Contact Jeff Willey if you intend going.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:30PM.

Jeff Willey
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President's report

Well it's been a busy couple of months. In September we hosted the Flyfisher Rise Film Festival at the Star Cinema in Eaglehawk. It was one of the largest gatherings I have seen whilst at the club. I would have to say though it would not have been the success that it was if not for the tireless work that Greg Helsten had put into securing the festival stopping at Bendigo. I would also like to thank the other members that assisted and to all those that attended.

Also whilst I'm thanking people it would be remiss of me to not also thank a couple of our sponsors. Gavin Hurley from Hurleys Fly fishing (www.hurleysflyfishing.com.au) and Jim Baumgurtel from Flyfinz (info@flyfinz.com). Once again both Gav and Jim assisted greatly with our raffle with donations of their products. I would advise anyone looking for new gear to always give either Gav or Jim a call for good Australian service.

On Sunday the 12th of October, the club was invited to attend the Maiden Gully Community Festival to promote the club. Thanks to Steve and Tom Charles, Jeff Willey, Al Chisholm, Al Choat and Tony Jacobs for attending and putting on fly tying demonstrations and assisting attendees with casting.

On the 18th and 19th of October, 6 members headed to Creswick to represent the Club in the Wastell Shield. Steve and I went and tried Hepburn on the Friday with Steve landing a little stocky and poor angling by myself resulted in a dropped fish which took a stick caddis. On the way to the caravan park to meet up with others and register we went via Deans Res. Once again poor angling by myself I missed the rise on my Adams as I was looking around admiring what a nice res it is. For me that was as much of enticing the fish I was going to have for the weekend.

On the Saturday Al Chisholm picked up a nice brown to 850gms. I believe Jeff Willey landed a smaller one at Wendouree. A total of 12 fish were weighed in with the winner being Geoff Lay from Peninsula FFC with a very nice brown of 2.7 kg from Tullaroop. Interesting is that the next largest was a 2.46kg fish also from Tullaroop. I called in there on the way home on Sunday and I couldn't get over how many midge were on the wing and on the surface. It is also worth noting that the surface was just littered with insects, beetles and the like. Plenty of feed around will only see the trout get bigger.

Reminder that Steve is also looking for photos to be included on the web site. So if you have any that you want to put up can you email them to Steve at bendigodistrictflyfishers@gmail.com for inclusion in the on-line gallery. Any photos sent in **must** be no larger than 500KB.



Damian
October 14

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**TO: NORTH WEST REGION
BENDIGO**

FISH RELEASE NOTIFICATION

Date: **21st October 2014**

Number: **372/2014**

ACTION UPON RECEIPT:

Please transfer immediately upon receipt by hand to addressees in order of listing until one of the addressees is in possession of this notification.

1. **GREG BRODIE**
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- 4.
- 5.

WATER TO BE STOCKED: BARKERS CREEK RESERVOIR

LOCATION/S: HARCOURT

RELEASE DATE: 5th November 2014

SPECIES:

Salmonids:

Brown Trout: Number: **5000**

Chinook Salmon: Number:

Rainbow Trout: Number:

Native Fish:

Golden Perch: Number:

Catfish: Number:

Murray Cod: Number:

Trout Cod: Number:

Silver Perch: Number:

CONTACT TIME: 10:30

CONTACT LOCATION: Meet at Barkers Creek Reservoir

BOAT REQUIRED TO ASSIST THE RELEASE: YES

SPECIAL RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Lib Officer Nathan O'Mahony 0407 987 008 100 of these Brown trout will be 2YO's around the 1Kg mark

Ewan C McLean – Farm Supervisor (Fish Liberations)

Should any variation to this planned release become necessary or desirable, including diversion or cancellation, you will be advised by Snobs Creek or the Releasing Officer. Vehicles carrying the fish can be contacted on either **0407 987 008 (Trunk Radio 673)** or **0407 987 016 (Trunk Radio 671)**

Casting Encounters.

Back in August club members Joe Singe, Col Holland, Bob Evans, John Goulden and I spent just 5 days at Turangi New Zealand chasing the Rainbows that run up the rivers from Lake Taupo; it was amusing to me to hear the different reasons from other anglers, some locals, why they thought the Rainbows had not yet moved into the rivers. Very strange as we caught some twenty seven up to 4 ½ lb. in 3 days of fishing.

The water is too cold at the moment.

The hens are still back in the lake

The water is too high at the moment.

We are waiting for a new flush.

The levels have to drop a lot more.

Only the bucks are in the river at the moment.

It will be another two weeks.

All the hens are at the river mouth.

The water has to clear a lot more.

They have not moved into the pools yet.

Quote of the Month.

*“Now all rivers make their own peculiar sound, and this one sucks.”
John Gierach. “Sex, Death and Fly Fishing.”*

Fishing Report

Remember, folks, if we don't collect the data on how our local fisheries are performing then we won't have a voice in trying to improve them. Between club outings, Wastell Shield, club championships and casual fishing trips, there were plenty of members who hit the water in the last month. You know how many reports came in? **None.**

If reporting by email doesn't work for you, let myself or another committee member know what would be better. Help us to make it as easy as possible to gather this important info!

Newlyn

Water levels are very high and very clear. I've had reports of dun hatches on good days and trout seen smelting and jumping after dragonflies. The NE corner has been performing well and a couple of good fish were taken from Newlyn during the Wastell Shield

Hepburn Lagoon

Hepburn is also very full and clear and in the right conditions is fishing very well! The calm water has loads of dragons and damsels and clouds of orange spinners, and the little trout at least have been feeding on the surface. I caught a small brown on an Adams pattern on



our warm-up for the Wastell. Al Chisholm was the only club member to get one on the board for the Wastell with a beautiful 852 gm brown, and he caught it on a slowly retrieved Neon Damsel wet. Other success at Hepburn has been on Stick Caddis, Brown Nymphs and an early morning Mudeye pattern. Duns can be seen hatching through the middle of the day and the trout are starting to look upwards for a feed as things warm up.

Dean Res

Dean is looking great with high water levels, deep drop-offs and excellent visibility. We fished here for the Wastell and saw fish on the move but didn't have any luck.

Barkers Creek Res

Water levels are steadily rising at Barkers and there are plenty of fish on the move. How many of them are trout is difficult to determine as the water is still somewhat murky and the feeding has been largely sub-surface. The vast majority of heads I've seen poking out of the water have been of the carp variety. The Reddies have been fishing well with lure and bait fishermen catching good size specimens and we even saw a rare double hook-up a few weeks back. I caught three Reddies last Sunday morning on an LPS pattern and all of them had smelt in their bellies.

Lauriston Res

Reportedly quite low at the moment but I haven't verified that in the last month. I'd encourage all club members to have a go at the Midlands Shield at Lauriston on the 9th Nov.

Tullaroop

Tullaroop is looking fantastic with good water levels and clarity. The best fish of the Wastell were caught here with 2.7 kg and 2.4 kg browns weighed in.

Rivers

The Goulburn has been running extremely high with releases of up to 10,000 MLD!! For those willing to put in the time the backwaters and edges around Thornton are performing well but the safer option is now the Rubicon which is flowing at a more comfortable level. I've also heard good reports from the Steavenson between Marysville and Buxton with a dozen fish caught in one afternoon between two anglers.

WASTELL 2014				
NAME	CLUB	WEIGHT	FISH	NAME
MICK MCKAY	BFFC	886	BT Hepburn	
GEOFF LAY	Peninsula	2700	BT TULLAROOD	
CHRIS DODDY	BFFC	930	BT WEND	
David Johnson	MPFF	2460	BT TULLAROOD	
Sham Herbertson	BFFC	704	BT Andersons	
PETER HADLEY	UVFFC	792	BT L. WEND	
DRIAN HUGHES	BFFC	1766	BT L. WEND	
SCOTT X	BFFC	1488	BT NEWLYN	
BLAN GIBSON	BEN FR	852	BT HEPBURN	
GORDON WHITLEY	UVFFC	770	BT NEWLYN	
STEVE LOCK	BFFC	976	BT Hepburn	
PETER FRASER	DP	1202	BT WEND	

Keep sending in your fishing reports! Now that the weather is picking up get out there and let us know how you go!

Steve Charles