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**Diary Dates:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 Comm Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> May Fly Casting
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Fly Tying
- 12<sup>th</sup> May Fly Casting
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Fly Tying
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Fly Casting
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Fly Tying
- 26/27<sup>th</sup> Round 4 club Champ
- 31<sup>st</sup> Gen Meeting

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**Club Championship  
4<sup>th</sup> Round**

26/27<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Venue to be advised



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the Secretary opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

**Present:** J. Willey, A. Chisholm, G. Hellsten, R. Garlick, T. Charles and R. Booth.

**Apologies:** D. Keegan and A. Jacobs.

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

Moved: T. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>; A. Chisholm. **Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented the third quarter financial report.

Moved: T. Charles 2<sup>nd</sup>; R. Booth **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

1. Bank statement;
2. E-mail: Barkers Creek Res Survey Draft report, Greg Hellsten.
3. Ballarat 2 Fly; and
4. FISH magazine.

**General Business:**

1. Greg Hellsten spoke on the draft report from the ARI. The major issues to be discussed further are fish ratios, stocking, habitat and not to support native fish stocking. Jeff Willey to arrange eight copies of the draft report to be printed by Mulqueen Printers. The Chair thanked Greg for his continued involvement with this project.
2. Greg also reported that the returns from the angling logs at Barkers Creek Res is encouraging which included one 67cm brown trout being caught.
3. The Clean Up Australia Day event at Barkers Creek Res was attended by 15 club members. Rubbish collected was slightly up on last year.
4. Roger Booth reported that at this stage there will be no fishing report for the Bendigo Weekly for the foreseeable future.
5. The John Crane Fly Tying competition is underway. There are only eight flies to tie and members are encouraged to enter the competition.
6. Tom Charles reported that the President the cod trip with the Calder Club is in hold until issues with a suitable date can be sorted out.
7. The next round of the Club Championship will be held at Barkers Creek Res on the 28/29 April. The last round will be held on the 26/27 May at a venue to be decided. Following the Goldfields Shield competition, Jeff Willey leads the competition with a 1150gm brown trout.
8. As the President has relocated to Mansfield with work, the club is looking for a new President. This is a chance for a member to have input into issues concerning the club.
9. The club has received an invitation to fish two private dams at Lockwood to ascertain how the fish population from a private stocking.
10. Tom Charles reported that the fly tying and casting can be advertised on Facebook. All agreed that this is a good idea to encourage new and existing members.
11. The visit to Flowerdale is still to be arranged. Jeff Willey to contact.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Jeff Willey  
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## Goldfields Shield Report

Disappointingly, only four Bendigo Club members participated in the Goldfields Shield competition at Lake Wendouree on the weekend of the 21/22 April. Not to be deterred, the four members set about trying to wrest the "Hubcap" from the Ballarat Club.

Tony, Al and I arrived on Friday afternoon to check out the conditions. I was able to observe that a lot of the high weed had been cut since the 2 Fly competition last month. With the sunny skies and the absence of any wind, Tony stated that he thought we may have made a wrong turn somewhere as this weather was not normal for Ballarat. Greg arrived early evening.

We stayed at the Windmill Caravan Park again and dined at the Ballarat Golf Club on Friday night after enjoying a drink during the happy hour with Ballarat club members at their clubrooms.

We were on the water and fishing by 0730hrs on Saturday morning. Tony and Al were in Al's boat, Greg fished with Doug Kimberley from Ballarat and I fished with Steve Lock from Ballarat. The morning session was a blank except for some good sized reddies being landed. The clear skies and not a breath of wind during the morning were not the ideal weather conditions conducive to fly fishing for trout. About 1400 hrs the cloud cover arrived being pushed along by a medium breeze. Competitors started to land trout with the change and by 1700hrs most anglers returned to report their success or otherwise. Alan Townshend had a great sessions landing three good size brown trout the largest being 57cm, which ended up as the winner of the Goldfields Shield.

Sunday morning was "groundhog day" again with clear skies and no wind. Tony and Al fished together again, Greg fished from his boat and I fished with Jeff Baldock from the Ballarat Club. Al managed to get on the board with a nice rainbow, but other than a number of takes by competitors and dropping one myself, it was not a fruitful session.

In all there were 19 fish landed by 12 anglers. There were a couple of reported long distance releases (including one by myself) and some takes which failed to connect. There were 15 browns and four rainbows caught. This was a better return than last year when there were no fish landed by anyone at Lake Fyans. The biggest from our members was caught by myself measuring 475mm and weighing 1150gm. As the Goldfields Shield competition counts towards our Club Championship, this fish leads the competition. Members now have only two weekends to catch a heavier trout to claim the title.

In summary, other than the weather conditions on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, it was a successful trip and it was great to mix with the members of the Ballarat Club. The challenge for our Club members is to regroup and start planning to wrest the 'Hubcap' from Ballarat next year.

Jeff Willey



Al Townshend with the winning fish



Jeff with his 1150gm brown



Al Townshend being presented with the “Hubcap” by Shane Stevens



## *A week on the "Monaro."*

*The week before Easter I was in the Monaro area with Roles and two other fly fishers, fishing a fly only no trout limit water. The fishing was tough. Strong wild winds very clear water and spooky big trout. However, over the seven days, we managed to capture thirteen large trout [up to six pounds] they averaged close to four pounds. Some on a small Black Spinner when the winds abated, and in the wild winds, Woolly Buggers sized from 10's to 8's pulled very fast through the rough water. Many large trout were dropped, parted or early released. Some just turned off when they ran out of water at the*



*edge.*

*Roles, caught one with his pants down.*



*My biggest, four pounds twelve oz.*

*Roger April 18.*

10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Subject: Resignation from Committee**

To the committee Bendigo & District Fly Fishers & Membership

Members

Unfortunately due to my recent transfer with work and the current requirements with the transfer I am time poor for external commitments.

I was hoping to see out my duties as the president to the next AGM.

Unfortunately I do not see myself in the position to be able to fulfill my role as I would wish.

For the greater benefit of the club and the membership I feel that I need to step aside as president of the Bendigo & District Fly Fishers.

I have enjoyed my some 9 yrs as committee member and 5 yrs as president and hope that I have aided in the running and progress of the club.

I will continue as a member and provide support where required but unfortunately will not be able to do that as part of the executive or committee.

Regards

Damian Keegan



## John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition 2018

### James Hopper

Hook size: 8 B170 Kasman

Thread: Black

Body: Yellow closed cell

Head: Deer hair bullet style

Legs: Knotted yellow



### Goulburn Caddis Dry

Hook size: Dry 14 Black Magic B14

Thread: Black

Body: Brown or Olive

Rib: Fine silver wire

Hackle: Red / Fiery brown palmered

Wing: Light elk hair



### Caddis Nymph

Hook size: 12 grub G12 Black Magic

Thread: Black

Body: Green dubbing

Rib: Fine copper wire

Thorax: Peacock herl

Head: Black tying thread



### Woolly Bugger

Hook size: 8 long shank

Thread: Black

Body: Medium olive chenille

Hackle: Black cock

Rib: Copper wire

Tail: Black marabou & hot orange side flash

