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August 2016

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Diary Dates:

- 1st Sept 2016 Committee Meeting
- 8th Sept 2016 Fly Tying
- 15th Sept 2016 Fly Tying
- 22nd Sep 2016 Fly Tying
- 29th Sept 2016 Gen Meeting

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Club Championship for 2016/2017

1st Round

15th/16th October at Wastell Shield
And Sat/Sun 29th/30th October at
Barkers Creek



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2016 Wastell Shield

To be held Sat/Sun 15th/16th
October.

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 4th August 2016
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

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

Present: J. Willey, A. Chisholm, S. Charles, A. Jacobs, R. Garlick, R. Booth, G. Hellsten and T. Charles. S. Morris (visitor).

Apologies: D. Keegan and L. Crimeen.

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

Moved: R. Booth 2nd: T. Charles **Carried**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented a detailed financial report for the previous three months and financial year.

Moved: T. Charles 2nd: A. Chisholm **Carried**

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement;
2. Email – Sports Focus;
3. Rise tickets and posters;
4. Email – Wastell Shield; and
5. Email - Melbourne 4x4 fishing and boat show.

General Business:

1. Greg Hellsten reported that the ticket sales for the Rise Film Festival is going slow. Members need to get behind the sale of tickets. Jeff Willey to do an interview on KLFM and offer one ticket for a ring in competition. The tickets for the raffle will be \$1 each.
2. Jeff Willey reported that the catering has been organized for the Pie & Pastie Night on the 25th. He is also to contact Chris Garlick to organize the pie warmer. Gav Hurley will be in attendance from 4:30pm.
3. Tom Charles reported that the club received a grant of \$1998. The VP thanked Tom for his efforts in gaining the grant for the club.
4. Jeff Willey to contact the Ballarat Club regarding dates for the Goldfields Shield.
5. Greg Hellsten reported that the day of the scouts visit was a success. The Club received a certificate of appreciation from the group.
6. Steve Charles reported the annual Fishing Forum will be held on the 7th November.
7. Greg Hellsten reported that an excel file with the data collated by Renae Ayers is available.
8. Al Chisholm reported that the stocking request from the MDAA has been forwarded. This included 10,000 for Barkers Creek.
9. Al Chisholm also reported that the Midlands Shield will be conducted on the 13th November and our club is the host.
10. Roger Booth reported that the day visit to the Eildon Trout Farm was a success. Steve Morris added that his friends from Melbourne asked him to pass on their thanks for the manner in which the club members welcomed the family.
11. Roger Booth reported that Bob Rohls wrote an article on the removal of willows from the streams in the Corryong area.

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

Jeff Willey
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The AGM was held last meeting and all spots have been filled. I would like to thank those that are part of the committee again this year and lets all work together to see if we can take the club forward.

The recent rains have seen an abundance of water flow into most impoundments and streams the well-deserved flush that they need. Hopefully this will see some great fishing prospects ahead of us and hope that the appropriate stockings go to those waters that need it.

At the time of reading this we will have had the Rise film Festival and hope that you were able to make it and enjoyed the night. Also hope you have made it to the club rooms for the pie night with Gavin Hurley from Hurley's Fly Fishing Adventures which are always great nights.

At the end of last month, we had our club trip across to the Eildon Trout Farm. It was great to see some of the newer members make the trip over. Everyone landed fish with some able to tick off some additional species off their bucket list. Some of the waters and fish still proved challenging to test even the most experienced of anglers with Barry being the only one to land a salmon. If you do head over that way be sure to drop in and see Lee and mention you are from the club and he will set you up with a great deal for catch and release on the fly.

Reminder for all that the trout streams open up on the first weekend in September. Your best bet at this early in the season will be nymphs fished deep but don't rule out some dry action if we start to get some warm weather. Best bet will probably be the larger rivers such as the Goulburn and Mitta with the smaller streams possibly still being discoloured as a result of the rain.

The lakes are still looking good with most of them now at full capacity as was seen in recent trip to Newlyn's and Dean Reservoirs. Hepburn is still rising but has some big fish up to 12 lb pulled out in recent weeks as has Tullaroop.

Next weekend is the last weekend for fly casting at the pool. I would like to thank Roger, Tom and Greg for their time this casting season to ensure tuition, opening and safety for all those that attended over the winter weekends.

Last year was disappointing with no John Crane Memorial Fly Tying trophy presented. I would really like to get this back up and running this year. If anyone in the club has ideas or views on how we can get members involved, please let me know.

Don't forget that the Wastell Shield will be held in October. Names to Jeff for accommodation booking.

Damian
August '16

Fishing Report

Barkers Creek Res

Whilst there have been anecdotal reports of the odd trout still coming out of Barkers, it seems pretty quiet down there. The res is full and currently spilling over which is great to see. There are a few nymphs to be found on submerged timber and rocks as well as plenty of shrimp, the occasional stick caddis, and yabby.

Hepburn Lagoon

Looking good at around 75% full. We didn't catch any fish on a visit there a few weeks back but saw a bait angler with a brown trout that would have been 4-5 lb

Newlyn & Dean Res

Newlyn was about to spill over and Dean was just trickling over so there will be plenty of water this spring for the start of what is hopefully a good season

Eildon Pondage

It was low and quite rain affected a few weeks back when we visited, resulting in very discoloured water. Best we could do was a follow by a nice big brown but he unfortunately just nosed my pink woolly bugger on the surface before turning away.

Club Trip: Eildon Trout Farm

We had a fantastic day at the Eildon Trout Farm last month with fish caught by everyone, beautiful weather and a tasty bbq lunch (thanks Jeff!). Here are some highlights:



Tony and Robert with rainbow and brookie respectively



The bizarre Golden Trout and a thumping brown from Damian



Steve with the fish of the day – a spectacular 5 lb brown



Roger got to finally tick the Brookie of his hit list.

Steve Charles

Some shots from our day at Eildon Trout Farm.

