Rise Film Festival
Will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2017
At the Theatre Royal Castlemaine
$20 per ticket for Adults
U18 - $15 per ticket
We urge all members to attend and bring as many interested parties as possible.
This is a major promotion for our club and promises to be a great night. Car pooling is available
Contact Greg Hellsten for tickets.

Diary Dates:

- 3rd August 2017 Committee Meeting
- 5th August 2017 Fly Casting
- 10th August 2017 Fly Tying
- 12th August 2017 Fly Casting
- 17th August 2017 Fly Tying
- 19th August 2017 Fly Casting
- 24th August 2017 Fly Tying
- 26th August 2017 Fly Casting
- 31st August General Meeting

2017 Wastell Shield to be held Saturday 21/Sun 22nd October Details to be advised

August 31st General Meeting
Pie night with Gavin Hurley from Pro Angler showing all new products to our club.
4.30 – 5.00pm start to try new rods in the pool.

Tea: 6.00 – 6.30pm

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 6th July 2017
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:38pm.


Apologies: A. Chisholm.

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

Moved: A. Jacobs 2nd: R. Booth Carried

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer presented a detailed quarterly and annual report. The annual report will be presented at the AGM in July.

Moved: T. Charles 2nd: A. Jacobs Carried

Correspondence:
1. Bank statement;
2. Emails Greg Hellsten re:Barkers Creek Res, R. Ayers;
3. Emails Greg Hellsten re: Rise Film Festival; and
4. M&NCAA.

General Business:

1. Greg Hellsten reported that the second fish survey at Barkers Creek reservoir was conducted on Monday the 26th June. The final report should be completed by the end of August. A date needs to be set for feedback after full report has been presented.
2. The club trip to the Eildon Trout Farm will be on Sunday the 30th July contact a committee member if you wish to attend.
3. It is proposed to conduct a native fishing day in conjunction with members of the Calder Club in either December or January at a location to be decided.
4. The annual Pie & Pastie night with Gavin Hurley in attendance will be conducted at the August general meeting. The meeting will start about 5:00pm so members can try a selection of rods.
5. Tom Charles suggested that the club’s UHF radios should be signed out. Jeff Willey to produce a loan book for all club equipment separate from the library loans.
6. The Rise Film Festival will be conducted at the Theatre Royal in Castlemaine on Wednesday the 6th September. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for under 18yo. Members are encouraged to bring a friend along and think about carpooling.
7. The annual Wastell Shield will be conducted on the weekend of the 21/22 October.
8. Greg Hellsten reported that VRFish are concerned about the habitat of the Snowy Creek.
9. Greg Also reported that there is a survey re: Trout regulations.
10. Those interested in a trip to NZ should contact the President. Tentative dates are 29th January to 10th February. There will be a meeting at one of the flytying nights in August.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Jeff Willey
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Annual Dinner

The club held the annual dinner at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club on Thursday the 13th July. There were 32 members and partners in attendance. The notable presentations on the evening below.

Tom Charles 5 years
Steve Charles 5 years
Neil Frankling 10 years
Bob Garlick 20 years
Damian Keegan 10 years
Greg Hellsten 20 years

Greg Hellsten Club Champion

Jeff Willey receiving Life Membership
PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another financial year has come and gone. I would like to thank the committee for all they have done over the last 12 months. I would like to thank Steve Charles for the work he has put into the reports for the Bendigo Weekly and time on the committee. Steve will be standing down from the committee and handing over the writing of the report for the Weekly. (looking for someone to take on this role)

We have seen a continuation of trips to NE waters, Eskdale area and for the first time a club trip to New Zealand. Once again there has been great support for the Rise Film Festival and I must say it was pleasing to see some 32 people attend the recent Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner is a time to recognise the achievements of not only the club but the individuals that make up the club. If it wasn’t for the commitment of the membership we would not have a club so I thank you all.

The following members were presented with the following awards;

- 5 year badge – Tom Charles, Steve Charles
- 10 year badge – Neil Franklin, Damian Keegan
- 20 year badge – Greg Hellsten, Bob Garlick
- Club Champion – Greg Hellsten
- Life Membership – Jeff Willey

Don’t forget this Sunday we have our family day at Eildon Trout Farm on the back Eildon Road. The cost of the day is $35 which covers a day of catch and release and BBQ. If you are going numbers to either myself or Tom Charles for catering.

Don’t forget that Gav Hurley from Hurley’s Fly Fishing Adventures (Pro Angler) will be at the August meeting. Please put in your calendar and come and support Gav as he has supported the club over the years. We will again be having a pie night and will be starting early to enable you to try his rods and have a look over his gear and have a good feed as well.

The dates have been set for another New Zealand trip which will be from 29th Jan to 9th Feb 2018. If you are interested in going please let me know as numbers are required to be confirmed to assist in the planning.

Damian
July ’17
So What is it about fly fishing??

I don’t know about you, but more often than not, when I tell people that I enjoy (or am addicted to) fly fishing for trout, they tend to give me a quizzical look, that usually means “why?” Sometimes, I take it as the next question might be: “do you enjoy torturing fish?” Fortunately most people don’t follow up with the “torturing question!!

Recently, a couple of quotes in the VFFA newsletter made me think, “Yes- that explains some of it”.

1) “There are days when the fishing is better than one’s most optimistic forecast, others when it is worse. Either is a gain over just staying home.” From Roderick Haig Brown.

2) “The great charm of fly fishing is that we are always learning.” Theodore Gordon.

Roderick Haig Brown was a Canadian fly fishing author in the 19th century he wrote fly fishing books, including the classic: “A River Never Sleeps”. If you haven’t read it, put it on your bucket list.

Theodore Gordon was an American fly fisher about the same vintage. I am not sure if he wrote any books. But he is renowned as the father of American fly fishing. The “Quill Gordon” being one of his famous fly patterns.

I think these thoughts express some of the philosophies as to why I enjoy chasing trout with a fly.

Last Saturday, the Melbourne Age had an article about the benefits of exercise in our lives. The article essentially noted that the latest research on exercise, encourages us to exercise outdoors, instead of in gymnasiums. Outdoors exercise being far better for us. Aha I thought: What better way to exercise outside, than a walk along the bank of a river or lake with a fly rod at the ready. I can almost feel the “Happy Hormones”??

So, there you have it, No wonder I enjoy fly fishing – it makes me feel good in all sorts of ways. I must admit that fly fishing outings that result in the capture of a fish (perhaps even a rise to my fly) are the best.

Cheers, good fishing to all,

Joe Singe
Jeff joined the Bendigo & District Fly Fishers on the 27th April 2000. From an early stage, he involved himself in all activities of the club.
Jeff has served as the Club Secretary for 12 consecutive years and has been the longest serving executive member in the club’s history.
Jeff has been the Club Fly Fishing Champion on three occasions and represented the club in various fishing tournaments and on occasions winning these tournaments whilst representing the club.
At a club level, Jeff encourages both new and old members to the sport of fly fishing. He is always giving of his time and knowledge to mentor and develop others fishing abilities.
Jeff is instrumental when it comes to club functions or in participating in trips. He continues to take on the role in ensuring that members are represented at both formal and social events.
In summary, the Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Club Inc. are fortunate to have a member with the ability and commitment of Jeff and this club has benefited greatly because of his efforts over an extended period.
Jeff Willey is most worthy to be recognised as a Life Member.

Bendigo – 13th July 2017

Damian Keegan – President