

**BENDIGO
& DISTRICT FLY
FISHERS INC.**

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June 2016

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Diary Dates:

- 2nd July 2016 Fly Casting
- 7th July 2016 Committee Meeting
- 9th July 2016 Casting
- 14th July 2016 Fly Tying
- 16th July 2016 Casting
- 21st July 2016 Fly Tying
- 23rd July 2016 Casting
- 28th July 2016 AGM
- 30th July 2016 Casting

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Annual Dinner

Tuesday July 5th

At Kangaroo Flat Sports Club

6.30 for 7pm start

Numbers to Jeff Willey ASAP

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Saturday/Sunday July 30th/31st

Trip to Eildon – Sat- fish local rivers.

Sunday - visit and fish at Eildon Trout Farm - \$40 per head - BBQ supplied

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Rise Film Festival

Wednesday 24th August at Eaglehawk Theatre – Full details next month



2016 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo District Fly Fishers Inc. is to be held at the clubrooms – Brennan Park Pool – Thursday 28th July 2016 at 7.30pm
Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter

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25th August General Meeting

Pie night- with Gavin Hurley bringing his range of products to our club

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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 2nd June 2016
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

Apologies: D. Keegan, A. Jacobs, R. Garlick 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 reported that the finances are in good shape as compared to last year. Moved: T. Charles 2nd: A. Chisholm **Carried**

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement x 2;
2. Email – T. Hunt re: fishing data for Barkers Res.
3. Email - G. Hellsten re: Rise film Festival 2016.

General Business:

1. There was some discussion on the ARI report from Barkers Creek Res. It was agreed that the trout detected at Barkers Creek Res (14 recently released fingerlings), indicated that there is something happening there that needs further investigation. The issue of setlines being detected by a group from the Sunshine Flycasters Club suggests that we need to be more vigilant during our visits.
2. If all members who have been issued with the angler diary for Barkers Creek, could please return any information they have recorded and send it to Jeff Willey by either email or post it will assist us in determining what needs to be done to improve this once great trout fishery.
3. Gre Hellsten reported that Coliban Water is happy with our club and the endeavours taken in Barkers Creek Res. Steve Charles added that he has received positive feedback from Coliban Water as well.
4. Members are reminded that the Peter Morse casting day will be held on Sunday 3rd July at a venue to be decided. Cost is \$150 and limited to 10 personnel.
5. Jeff Willey reported that the Goldfields Trophy was won by Gordan Wately from the Ballarat Club, with a brown weighing 1032gms. There were only 4 trout caught by 28 anglers. It is hoped to continue at Lake Fyans but earlier in the year when insect activity is still around.
6. The proposed trip on the weekend of the 30/31 July with to visit the Eildon Trout Farm and fish the pondage is confirmed. Cost for the farm visit is \$40 per person and the club will supply a bbq lunch. Those wishing to attend please contact a committee member.
7. The Rise Film Festival is confirmed for Wednesday 24th August. Members are encouraged to buy tickets and sell tickets to friends and family.
8. Gav Hurley and crew will have their annual visit on Thursday 25th August at the Pie & Pastie night. This is a chance for members to stack up for the coming season.
9. Tom Charles is applying for a grant for the club. This grant is being allocated from the Vic Government as part of the One Million Anglers Program.
10. Jeff Willey reported that he is waiting for a reply from Bunnings Epsom regarding another bbq.
11. Jeff Willey is to contact Gav Hurley and purchase up to \$200 of items for the annual dinner. At the same time ask him if he can throw a few items in for the Rise Film Festival raffle.
12. Our Club will be hosting the scouts from Castlemaine on Saturday 25th June.

13. Annual dinner at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club will be held on Tuesday 5th July. Meals order from the board. Timings 6:30 for 7:00. Names to Jeff Willey by the June GM.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:40PM.

Jeff Willey
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Late last month 7 members headed to Lake Fyans for the weekend to retain the Goldfields Shield from Ballarat Fly fishers. Once again it was a great weekend but unfortunately the fishing was a little quite with the onset of the cold weather. Ballarat managed to have 21 one fishers and weighed in 3 fish with one weighed in from our club. Unfortunately, Ballarat piped us by about 100 grams and took back the trophy.

Next year it will be back to us to host the event and we will be seeking a change in the dates to bring it forward in the year which will hopefully see better fishing conditions.

There is still a couple of spots for this weekend for a day of casting tuition with Peter Morse which is being held on the 3rd of July. The cost for the day is \$150 to receive casting tuition from one of the best in the country and to have it locally is also a great opportunity for club members. Please see me if interested.

A reminder for club day on Sunday 31st of July to attend the Eildon trout farm. This will be a great day for our new members to put some of that casting practice to use and make the next step to landing and playing some good quality trout. There will be a number of members heading over for the full weekend if you want to join in and fish some other areas and gather further knowledge and experience. Costing for the day is \$40 which includes lunch.

We are again hosting the Rise Film Festival on the 24th of August at 7 pm at the Star Cinema at Eaglehawk. This will be the third year of hosting this event locally and it will be good to see a great turnout again for this event. I ask all members to attend this event and be sure to invite others who are interested in fishing along.

I don't normally like putting this out there but it needs to be done. The AGM will be held at the July monthly meeting. We need as many members as possible to attend on this night. I understand that it is usually a cold night but it is your opportunity to vote on your committee and have your say in the direction that you want your club to head in. In saying this there is always positions open for new people on the committee. Even if you don't want to go on the committee I would love to see you there and hear what direction you want the club to go. The committee is unable to progress the club without the ideas and support from the membership.

Also start putting those pennies away for the August meeting when we see one of our long-time supporters Gav from Hurley's Fly Fishing Adventures attending with all his fly gear including rods to try.

Regards

Damian
June 2016

Introduction to Fly Fishing for 1st Eaglehawk Scouts

Saturday 25th June 2016

First Eaglehawk Scouts brought their enthusiasm, and humour, to Brennan Park last Saturday including a curiosity to learn how to fish for flies according to one wag. Yes, we have heard that one before.

Scout leaders are always looking for interesting activities to educate and grow their young charges and Bendigo and District Fly Fishers' committee lead by Damian Keegan, eagerly took up the challenge when First Eaglehawk Scouts' leader Mike Fisher gave us an opportunity to extend ourselves, share our knowledge and grow our club.

After enjoying a sausage and salad lunch well prepared by Jeff Willey, seven scouts were introduced to fly rod and line set up, the basics of how the fly line delivers the fly, and the impressive variety of fish from all waters which have been caught on a fly. The Gillies/Peter Morse video did ably demonstrate knots, freshwater invertebrates and insects, and the segment on flies and their method of retrieve became a good primer on how to fish in still water and handle fish.

Roger Booth's' Saturday casting session was an intense forty minutes as the scouts and their leader Mike took up the rods. All managed to layout a nice straight line on more than a few occasions. As Roger says, the budding fly fisher does not complicate the action of casting with expectations and preconceptions; they just do it and again they did it. A lot of one on one coaching did help, too.

Returning to the club rooms from the pool, Jeff gave a brief run through of fish sensory systems and Alan Chisholm demonstrated the tying of a brown nymph. Time ran out before Alan could tie a wooly bugger, a fly whose name fascinated our guests if the giggling was an indication, but on video shown earlier in the day its effectiveness was well demonstrated.

The scouts and their parents who attended will each take different things away from the event and we know that they appreciated the opportunity we have given them. Feedback confirms they will tell others of their positive experience with us.

Bendigo & District Fly Fishers' engagement with the community continues to strengthen, thanks to all for a good team effort.

Greg Hellsten
June 2016



AUSTRALIAN FLY FISHING NEWS

The latest issue of Flylife magazine(issue 84 Winter 2016) has some exciting news for Australian Fly Fishers:

- The 2019 World Fly Fishing Championships will be held in Tasmania in early December 2019.
- Malcolm Crosse, of Fly Fish Australia, has also announced that a new edition of "*Australia's Best Trout Flies*" to be edited by Rick Keam is to be released in September. Many members no doubt have a copy of the first edition. As I think, does the Club.

Whilst I understand that many fly fishers are not interested in "formal" competition fly-fishing I was once in this camp, in the main due to moral and ethical reasons. (But, *who amongst us doesn't want to catch more than their mates on a trip??*) As one who has been to the "**Darkside**" I can recommend participation in competitions organised by Fly Fish Australia. In my experience, the camaraderie, friendship and sportsmanship amongst fellow fly fishers peaks in Competitions. Be they local or international. The www.flyfishaustralia.com.au website has information about where and when the state competitions are held. First of all you must join Fly Fish Australia, then qualify at state level competitions to fish in the annual Australian National competition to qualify for International selection. The website has full details of how this works. The website also has a YouTube video of the FFA presentation that helped bring the World Championships to Tasmania. It is well worth a look.

Qualifying for, and then being selected, to represent Australia, is an enormous thrill. With the opportunity to represent Australia in Tasmania the local competition will be hot. There are many experienced Tasmanian fly fishers, who no doubt will be willing to share their local knowledge and competition tactics. Hopefully we will have another Australian World Champion. Ross Stewart of Northern Fly Fishers was World Champion in 1997. At the World Championships in The Snowy Mountains.

Anyone interested in finding out more information can call me on 0418323220.

Joe Singe



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