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**Diary Dates:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 Fly Casting
  - 6<sup>th</sup> April Committee Meeting
  - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Fly Casting
  - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Fly Tying
  - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Fly Casting
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Fly Tying
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 Fly Casting
  - 27<sup>th</sup> April General Meeting
  - 29<sup>th</sup> April Fly Casting
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**Fly Casting 2017**

**27<sup>th</sup> April General Meeting**

**Jim Baumgartel from Flyfinz will be coming with his range of his fly fishing clothing and equipment.**



**Club Championship for 2016/2017  
4<sup>th</sup> Round**

**And Sat/Sun 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April at  
Barkers Creek**

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**Goldfields Shield v. Ballarat**

**To be held at Lake Fyans  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Please contact Jeff Willey for  
accommodation details.**



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

**Present:** J. Willey, A. Chisholm, S. Charles, A. Jacobs, D. Keegan, R. Garlick, R. Booth, and T. Charles. N. Frankling guest.

**Apologies:** G. Hellsten.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no report for this month.

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

**Correspondence:**

1. Bank statement;
2. Flyer – Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival;
3. Sports Focus; and
4. Australia Post – PO Box renewal.

**General Business:**

1. Tom Charles reported that he has paid the \$50 club membership to the Australian Trout Foundation.
2. The auction of Les Crimeen's and Tony Elliot's fly gear will be held at the next GM on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. The President added that at the next two fly tying nights all the gear will need to be catalogued.
3. Jeff Willey reported that the Clean Up Australia Day package has arrived.
4. The President thanked all those members who assisted with the Come Try the Fly Day last Sunday. While there was good interest from the public, the numbers were slightly down on last year.
5. Tom Charles moved that the club purchase the dvd Pure Fly Fishing NZ for about \$40. Seconded by Roger Booth. **Carried.**
6. The Goldfields Shield will be conducted on the weekend of the 22/23 April at Lake Fyans. Members are encouraged to attend, as this event forms part of the annual club championship.
7. The next round of the club championship is on the weekend of the 18/19 March at Barkers Creek Res. The final round at Barkers Creek will be on the weekend of the 29/30 April.
8. Jim Baumgartel's planned visit to the club on the 27<sup>th</sup> April is to be confirmed. Watch the club's website for details.. He has a wide range of fly fishing items for sale. This will be a 6:00pm start with a bbq supplied until 7:00pm.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 7:57pm.

Jeff Willey  
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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, we held our come and try day at Crusoe Reservoir as part of the Summer in the Parks Activities. I would like to thank all those that attended and assisted in the day. It was a great day held by all with both young and old attending to learn about fly fishing. It was great to see several young people attend and they could pick up casting very quickly.

Unfortunately, I was unable to make the Clean Up day but would like to thank those that attended. From reports, I have received there wasn't as much rubbish collected as in previous years. This shows a couple of things, that hopefully people are changing their ways and remembering to take what they bring when going fishing and that little bit of work once a year is removing all the rubbish that collects in our waterways and surrounds.

A reminder that fly casting begins once again from April. Casting is held at the pool on Saturday afternoons from 1.30 pm. If you want to hone your skills or practice different methods of casting without the pressure of casting to a rising fish, I suggest you get along on the Saturday afternoons. If you know of anyone who has considered fly fishing these are the perfect afternoons to introduce them to casting in a relaxed atmosphere.

There are several members heading towards Ballarat this weekend for the Two Fly. I wish those heading across all the best and tight lines. Remember you only have two flies to fish with so may pay to up the poundage of your tippet.

At the next General Meeting, I'm hoping that Jim from Flyfinz will be back with all his tying and fishing gear. So, if you're after some equipment at great pieces I recommend you get along. I always look forward to see what new stuff Jim has either in tying gear or equipment.

Tight lines

Damian, March 17

# Fishing Report

Joe Singe had some fantastic luck on a recent trip to New Zealand! Fishing with a guide on the Glenroy River in the south island Joe picked up a fish of a lifetime: a ten pound brown using a size 14 black nymph. Well done Joe! Awesome fish!!!



Joe and Jenny fished the Murchison area at the North end of the South island and both picked up some lovely browns in the 1-2 pound range and a few in the 3-4 pound range. It sounds like a great trip with good weather and not much wind for the South island.

A Little closer to home I've heard reports that Col Holland caught a nice 2 pound rainbow down at Hepburn Lagoon and there was word through Bob Evans that a lure fisher had caught a 15 pound trout down there as well.

Some of the streams close to home are now running low and are warming up. There is a good chance of rain in the coming week so the streams of NE Vic should be getting a nice little freshen up.

*Steve Charles*