

**BENDIGO  
& DISTRICT FLY  
FISHERS INC.**

Inc. No. A00 043 73B



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## Diary Dates:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2016 Committee Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016 Fly Tying
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016 Fly Tying
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016 Fly Tying
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2016 General Meeting

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**Clean-up Australia Day  
Barkers Creek Reservoir  
Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>  
3.00pm**

**Followed by BBQ and fishing.**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Bunnings  
Fundraiser see attached for further  
information**

**Contact Jeff Willey if you have an hour  
or so to spare.**

### 3rd Round Club Championships

**Barkers Creek Reservoir  
Sat & Sun 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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**Fly Casting at the pool commences Sat  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Further details next  
month.**



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

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

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

**Apologies:** L. Crimeen.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented a detailed report of the club's financial status.

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

**Correspondence:**

1. Bank statement;
2. Email – CleanUp Australia Day;
3. Email – Sunshine Club; and
4. Email from Bunnings.

**General Business:**

1. Damian Keegan to follow up with Calder Club re: joint stand at the Hunting, Fishing & 4WD Show on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.
2. Holding a joint social day with the Calder Club has been suggested. Damian Keegan to follow up.
3. Come Try the Fly Day on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at Crusoe Res. Jeff Willey to organize gear and bbq.
4. Damian Keegan suggested that at the general meetings we need to create more interest, especially for the newer members. Eg DVDs, photos of trips.
5. Alan Chisholm reported that he attended the Midlands meeting. The Midlands Shield was well attended and \$351 was raised in the raffle. The winning fish was a golden perch weighing 2630gms.
6. Alan also reported that the stocking of trout into Lake Eppalock has been completed and that the bag limit for golden perch is now 5 per day. The closed season for cod is to be changed for some lakes.
7. Greg Hellsten reported that the Talk Wild Trout Conference held in Mansfield in November was positive. If you wish to have a read, contact Greg or Jeff Willey and they will forward one on in softcopy.
8. Steve Charles suggested the club visit the Eildon Trout Farm in Autumn. Steve to follow up.
9. Cleanup Australia Day will be conducted on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Barkers Creek (Harcourt) Res. Meet at the carpark near the toilet block at 3pm. A bbq will follow.
10. The Next round of the Club Championship will be conducted on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March at Barkers Creek Res.
11. Meeting for the planned NZ trip at the end of 2016 to be held in March. Five members have indicated that they are going at this stage. Those interested to contact Jeff Willey.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:30PM.

Jeff Willey  
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## Presidents Report

About a fortnight ago we had our come and try day for the Councils Summer in the Parks. It was a great day with a lot of people venturing down to Crusoe Res to give casting a fly a go. It was in trying conditions with a fair breeze about. I would like to thank those that came down and hope to see a few of the new faces around the club. I would also like to thank those from the Club that attended on the day and gave their time to set up and impart their knowledge onto those that came and had a go.

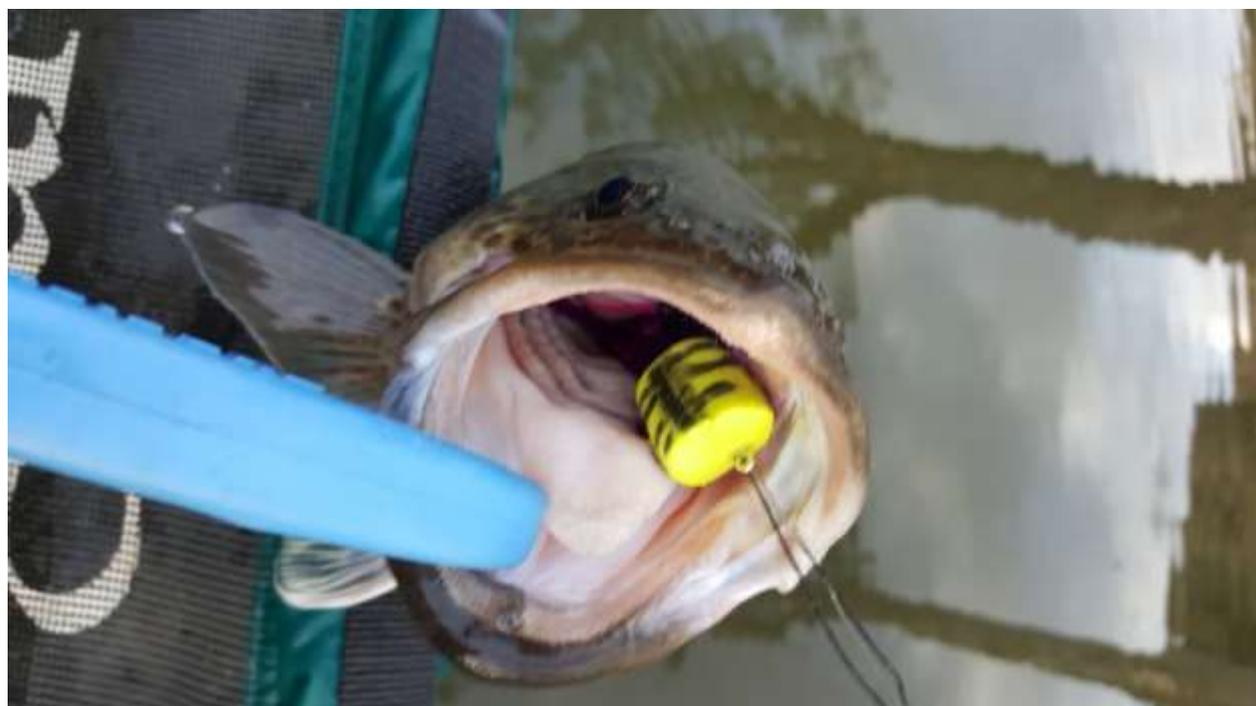
I have just ventured back in the door after an early rise to have a try for natives on the surface. Prepared everything last night and even blew up the float tube to give myself a few extra minutes sleep. After half an hours drive and 10 minute walk I was on the water just before the sun was coming up. Second cast towards the bank near a likely snag saw a boil near the fly but no hook up. Having never landed a native on a surface fly/lure it was enough to keep me keen, especially after the early start. As I drifted no more than 15 meters down stream I saw another likely spot. The cast was to where exactly I wanted it. No more than 10 cm from the bank and between a rock and log both heading out to deeper water. I think I only got one strip in before a big boof was heard with rod bending over and a great fight on my hands. A beautiful fat 50 cm cod was brought to hand. Another drift down stream no further than 20 meters. Another likely spot with weeds and snags and deeper water heading towards me. I cast and commenced stripping back. Half way back turned to look over my shoulder to see what the commotion was on the other side of the bank. Was only carp and as I turned my attention back to the task at hand there was another boil under my fly. I paused and remonstrated with myself about paying attention. Must have worked, as I was just about to retrieve the fly another boof was heard and I was onto another cod. This time it had inhaled it. Another 50 cm cod and photos done was returned to the water. As I drifted and cast, I came to a large submerged tree in the middle of the river. As the sun started to rise over the water and things had slowed down I changed flies to go deeper. Was a good choice as I soon was onto a very fit yella which gave a great account of itself.

Photos taken and released and wanting to get home before the heat of the day, I left the water and headed home.

Its good to see healthy native fish and waterways close to home.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter and website for upcoming events.

Regards  
Damian



# Fishing Report

## Delatite

Damian, Leon and I had a great day and a half on the Delatite over the Australia day weekend. The water was low and clear and running at nearly 20 degrees but there were still plenty of eager takers. The usual suspects did the trick with caddis, stimulators, hoppers, nymphs and killer bugs all successful. There were dozens of dish to hand between us, mostly small stream-size fish but the occasional biggie of up to an estimated 3 lb sighted. It's sometimes like fishing on glass up there on the wet rocks and there were a few falls, reminding us why we don't fish alone on these streams.



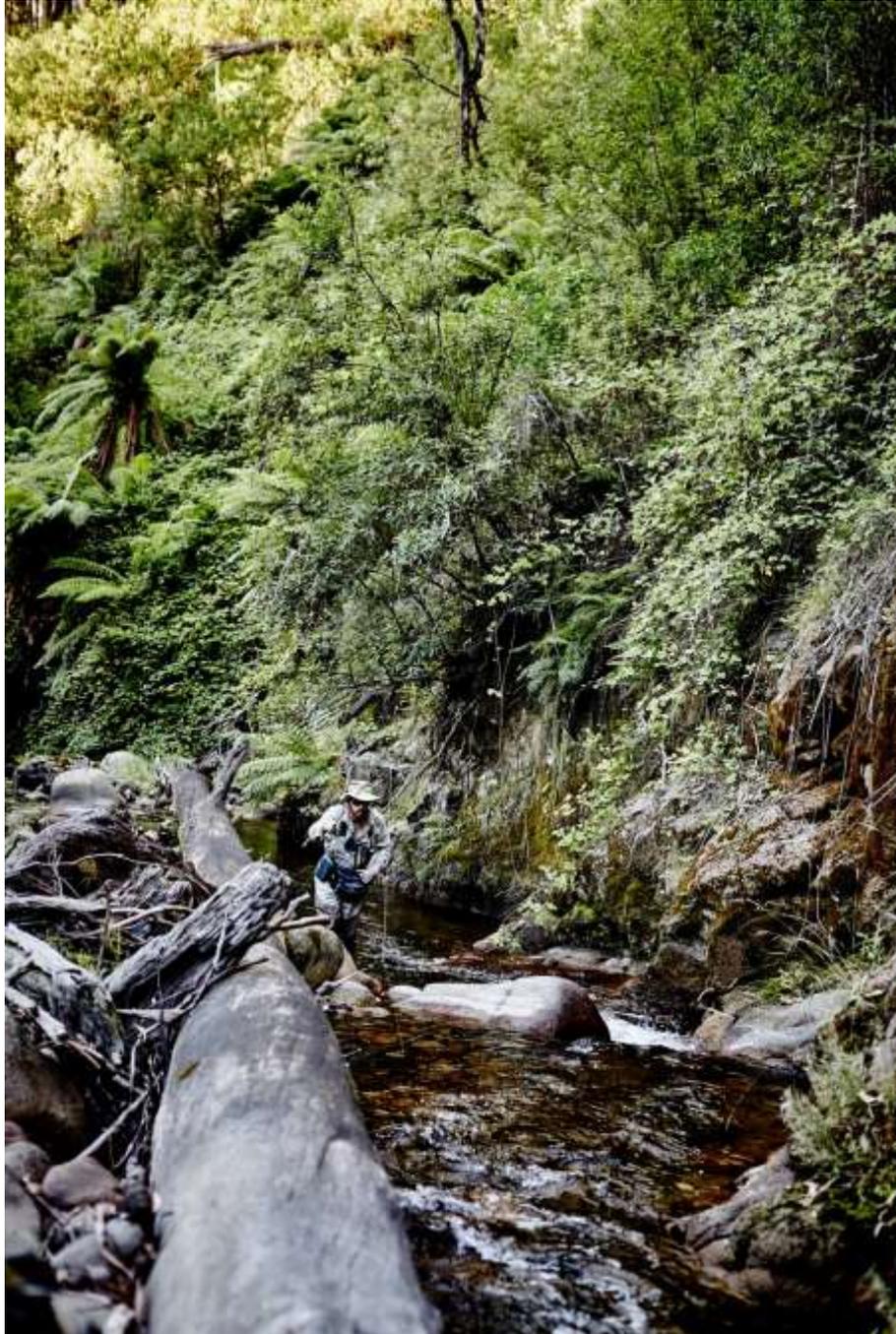
## Goulburn River

Running at a consistent 4000 ML/d the Goulburn is high and clear making backwaters and edges the best bet for success at the moment. We fished around Thornton and Alexandra last weekend and whilst some good fish were spotted, they were very spooky and proved hard to catch! A few good fish were hooked and 'early released' with only a few little ones coming to hand.



## **Barkers**

The water level has continued to rise in Barkers, contrary to all of the other reservoirs in our region! Walking the edges you can feel how warm the water is and it's no surprise that the trout will only venture out of the depths during the cool, dark hours and only then for brief periods. Consequently the fishing has been tough! There is an absolute abundance of food in the water and we have seen schools of redbfin chasing smelt at the edges. I guess the good news is that the trout will be eating well and should put on some good condition for the cooler months to come.



*Steve Charles*



21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015

Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Inc.

Dear Jeff,

Congratulations! Your organisation has been allocated the following fundraising sausage sizzle dates on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.**

Prior to running a fundraising sausage sizzle, all community groups are required to obtain 'Public Liability Insurance' for at least \$10 million and a copy of this (the document entitled 'certificate of currency') is to be emailed or sent to our store **2 weeks before the date of your sausage sizzle (ASAP).**

**All community groups are also required to complete or obtain the "Statement of Trade" as approved by Street trader online through the Bendigo City Council.**

Please forward a copy of your Public Liability Insurance "Certificate of Currency", council's temporary food permit "Statement of Trade" and the completed confirmation form (attached to this letter) to **Bunnings Epsom**, 2 weeks prior to your allocated date.

**Please note: To assist Bunnings with the large number of requests we receive, if we have not received your Insurance, Confirmation form and Street Trader Permit 1 week before your Fundraising Sausage Sizzle your scheduled date will be cancelled and issued to another community group.**

We ask that your sausage sizzle is operational between **9.00am – 4.00pm** as a minimum, throughout the prime selling period.

This is an opportunity for your organisation to generate substantial fundraising therefore it is important that you order and bring adequate supplies to maximize this opportunity

**If your group sells out of sausages/bread prior to 4pm on the day, you will be required to purchase more products, continuing the sausage sizzle offer to customers until 4pm.**

**As a guide, approximate quantities you will require are below.**

Please consider weather conditions, public holidays and long weekends

- <30 – 40kg> sausages (Sausages required to be purchased from reputable food safety accredited supplier)

- <25-30> loaves bread
- <10kg> onions
- <5> litres condiments

**Week day quantity guide**

- <20 – 25kg> sausages (Sausages required to be purchased from reputable food safety accredited supplier)
- <10 - 15> loaves bread
- <5kg> onions
- <3> litres condiments

We wish you all the best with your fundraising endeavors and look forward to the opportunity of supporting your organisation.

Please contact me via email if you have any questions regarding your BBQ

Kind regards

Janelle Purtill  
Activities Organiser

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