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## Diary Dates:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 Committee Meeting
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Fly Tying
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Fly Tying
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Gen Meeting
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Clean – Up Australia Day

1st March 2015

3.30 PM at Barker's Creek

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### John Crane Memorial Fly Tying Competition

Fly Recipes and the actual flies to be tied  
available at our fly tying nights. See Alan  
Chisholm for details.

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**Reminder: Fees are now due.**

Family \$45.00 Seniors \$40.00 Juniors \$15.00



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**Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014**  
**At Brennan Park Clubrooms**

The President opened the meeting at 7:40pm.

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

**Apologies:** A. Choat, L. Crimeen, J. Singe, R. Garlick, A. Jacobs and R. Booth.

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

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

**Business Arising:** To be dealt with in general business.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that the finances are strong.

**Correspondence:**

1. Various club newsletters;
2. Bank statement; and
3. Various flyers from fishing related companies.

**General Business:**

1. As no fish were caught at the last championship weekend, Al Chisholm still leads the field with a .852kg brown. The next round will be the 28/29 March followed by the 25/26 April.
2. The club will try to organize another day at the Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Centre for the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. More details to follow.
3. To be confirmed but another visit from Jim Baumgartel selling his fly fishing items is penciled in for the 30<sup>th</sup> April.
4. The Treasurer's report is tabled at the committee meeting every three months and the annual report at the AGM.
5. The President expressed a thank you to Al Chisholm for providing his boat to release the trout into Barkers Creek Res in November. Also to Jeff Willey and his grandson Kyle for their assistance.
6. After the resounding success of the Rise Film Festival in October, plans are underway for another one in 2015.
7. Steve Charles reported that on a recent trip to the Delatite River he caught and released 67 trout. They were caught on both wet and dry flies with about an even split between the two.
8. The club is to investigate the purchasing of an EPIRB, hopefully through a grant.
9. The President thanked the committee members for a job well done throughout the year and wished all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:20PM.

Jeff Willey  
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# Fishing Report

## Loddon River

Damian and I have fished the Loddon at Newbridge for cod a few times over the summer and had mixed results. Whilst there were plenty of follows and occasional short-takes by yellow belly, there was also the occasional catch to keep things interesting. I caught a nice 40 cm yellow belly and managed to catch my first cod. Only a little fella by cod standards but even at 38 cm they pull hard!



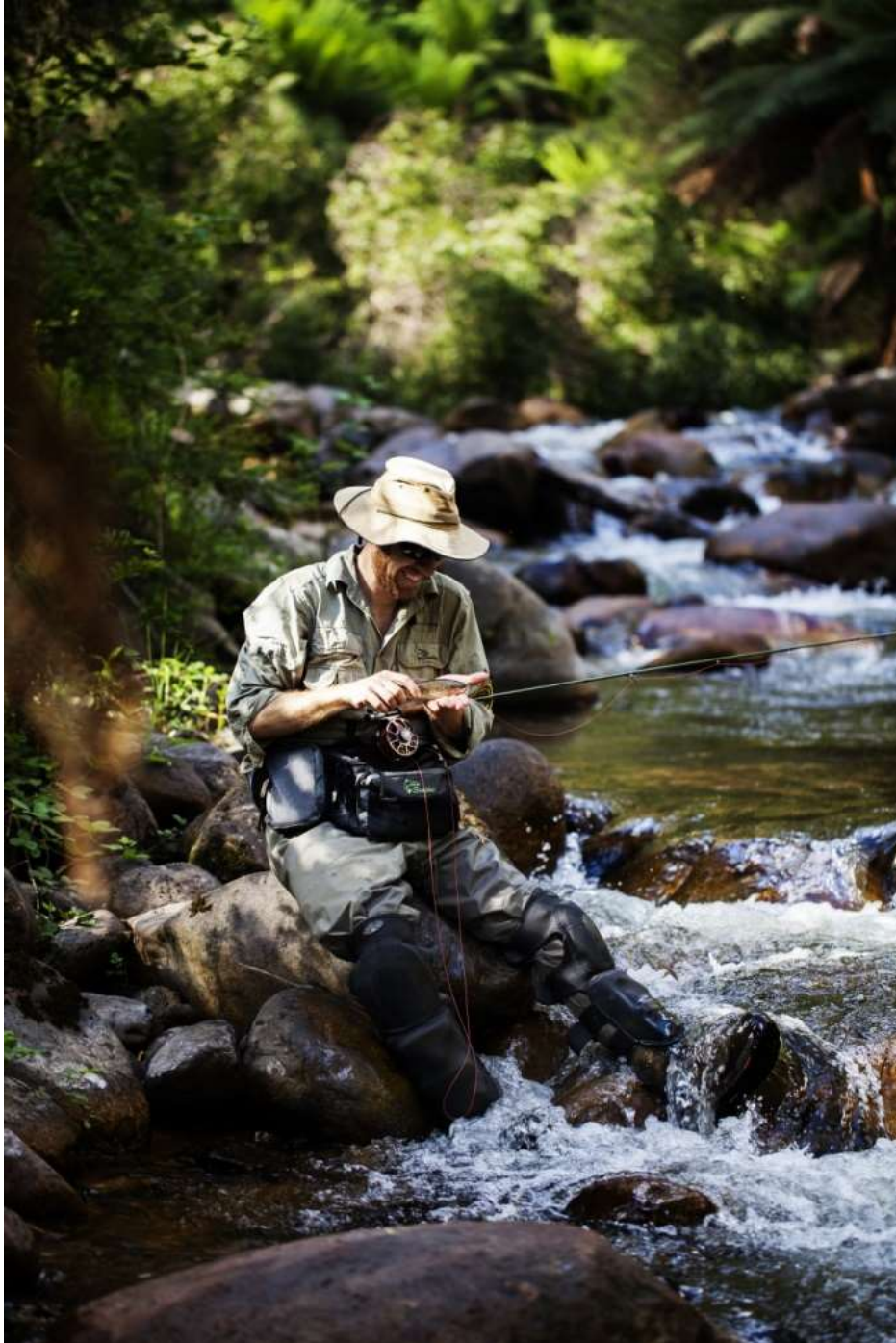
## King Parrot Creek

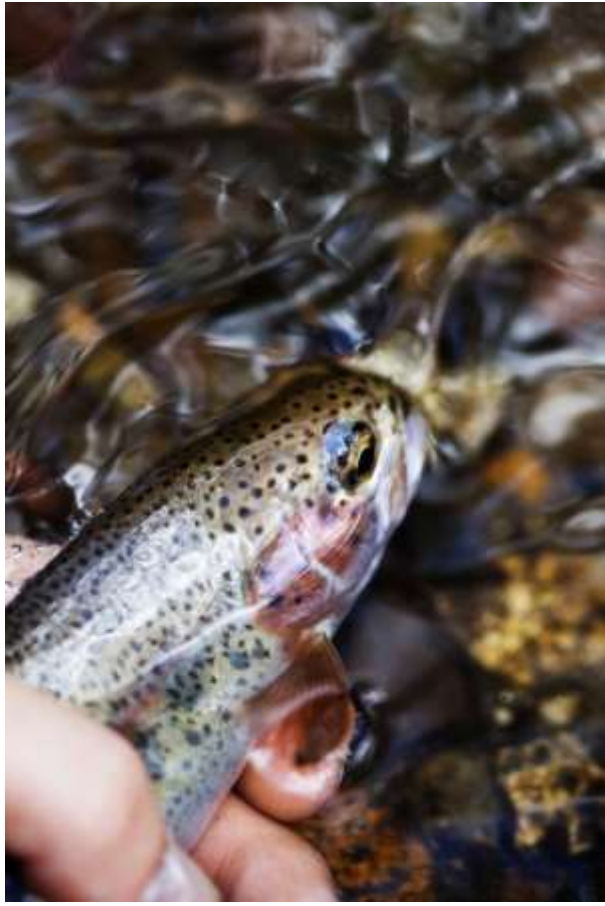
I fished the King Parrot mid Jan up towards it's headwaters, south of Flowerdale. It was bright and sunny and the water was low and crystal clear. With the water temperature at around 17 degrees the trout were still fairly active and the sight fishing was superb! I spooked way more than I caught but still managed to hook up with 5 nice little browns, most of which were 'distance releases' in the tight confines of the stream. Caddis on the surface and small nymphs were successful.

The best fish I saw for the day was jealously guarding his pool, chasing away all competition that wandered down stream. I worked on him for over an hour, watching him assess and reject everything I drifted past him, before casually returning to his lie and sipping more insignificant nothings off the surface. Conceding defeat I had some lunch and headed a few km downstream where the flow was wider and faster with the influence of some of the feeder-creeks. Unfortunately the clarity was nowhere near as good and the water temp was over 20 degrees – a fact that would have had me moving on had I checked the temperature when I arrived rather than fishing first...

## **Delatite**

Leon and I fished the Delatite in early December and had a great weekend! Not counting the many 'early releases' we totalled 67 trout to hand for the trip. It was great sport. The further upstream that we travelled the better the fishing, with a good mix of healthy browns and rainbows eager to take stimulators and nymphs. I'll let Leon's fantastic photography tell the story:







Steve Charles

## Casting Encounters.

The recent trip to 'Tassie' at "Highland Waters" [Joe Singe, Roger Booth, Col Holland and Bob Evans] was the best Trouting we have experienced in the past five years, big trout in close, never had to cast more than thirty five feet, small dry flies [Emergers, Orange Spinner, Caenid, and Red Tag,] Many trout either early releases, dropped, broken off or just plain missed, I think we all had the 'yipps' with so many big trout in so close, in shallow clear water feeding and looking up and all in day light. The evenings just didn't produce, except for Col who bagged a nice one late one evening on his 'Deer Hair Emerger.' We only had three days of the hot fishing; bad weather bugged the other days. We managed some twelve big trout [2 to 5 ½lb.] all Browns in great condition and all released for next time, only Rainbows may be kept. We wanted a Rainbow for dinner but we just couldn't manage one. Unfortunately 'Pentstock' decided to turn windy as we began to fish and was rather dirty, and 'Bronte,' that had been very good in previous visits, just did not produce, but the home water more than made up for it, and they are still there.



*Gee, I sure would love those three days again.*

*Roger Jan. 10.*





## THE FLY FISHING YIPS

I don't think it will surprise anyone, when I say that season 2013/2014, was one of the worst I have experienced (in terms of catching trout). Fishing magazines, On line reports, other anglers and friends, all told me that the trout fishing was poor all down the East Coast and in Tasmania. There were of course many reasons to explain the low catch rates at almost all fly-fishing destinations.

I had trouble just finding a fish, and when I did, I failed to catch it . I managed to spook the fish with a poor cast, or let it know I was there, in a variety of ways. When I did have a fish take the fly, I missed it on the strike, or if I did hook the fish it didn't stay on. Throwing the fly, or worse still, breaking the leader (some I'm sure could undo knots !!). Then there were the fish that wrapped the line around a tree root or clump of weeds before escaping. I also became very good at catching branches and shrubs on my back cast. How do flies find thorny bushes to hook into??

So it was with some trepidation and excitement I looked forward to the 2014/2015 season. On my first outing, I was off to a bad start when the first fly I tied on, slipped off when I tested the knot. I retied the knot and thankfully the fly stayed attached when I tested it. In the early morning stillness, a fish rose. I cast to where I thought it was. I was right, only problem was it was under where my line landed. A splash, and the fish was on its way to the centre of the lake. Not very well done, I thought, and decided to head home for breakfast. But at least I had found a fish. The TV was on and the Australian Open golf being reviewed. The commentator said that one of the champion Aussie golfers had a bad case of the putting yips. "That's It"!! I said to my friends. "I think I might have the trout catching YIPS". I'm pleased to report, an unlucky trout helped me overcome "THE YIPS" about an hour later.

*Joe Singe*

