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Diary Dates:

- 5th Nov Committee Meeting
 - 8th Nov Midland Shield
 - 12th Nov Fly Tying
 - 27th Nov Christmas Dinner
 - 19th Nov Fly Tying
 - 26th Nov General Meeting
 - 28th/29th Club Championships
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2nd Round Club Championships

**Barkers Creek Reservoir
Sat & Sun 28th & 29th Nov**

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**Midland Shield
Sunday 8th November
At Cairn Curran
Details attached**



Annual Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 17th November at Kangaroo
Flat Sports Club
6.30 for 7.00pm start**

***Please note change of date*:**



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 1st October 2015
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

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

Apologies: G. Hellsten, L. Crimeen and R. Booth.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented a detailed report to the committee for the last three months.

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

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement;
2. Package from Trout on Fly; and
3. Fishing Lines magazine.

General Business:

1. Greg Hellsten in hospital with complications from shoulder surgery.
2. Still waiting for a response from Bunnings re; bbq.
3. Al Chisholm is making a board for members club name tags.
4. Midland Shield on 8th November at Cairn Curran, meet at the Yacht Club.
5. Steve Charles received a package from Jamie Penny (Trout on Fly), with a sample of flies and business cards.
6. Jeff Willey to acquire fishing log books for creel survey at Barkers Creek Res.
7. Eight members have indicated they wish to travel to the Eskdale area on the Melbourne Cup weekend. Any member wishing to attend can contact Steve Charles.
8. There is a change of date for the annual Christmas dinner. It will now be held on Thursday the 19th November at the Kangaroo Flat Sports Club.
9. After talking to a number of experienced fly fishers, it has been decided to conduct a trip to the South Island of NZ in November 2016. The trip is in the planning stages and will include 12 full days fishing. The cut off time for indicating your intention to go on this trip is the end of March 2016. Any member wishing to attend can contact Jeff Willey.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:10PM.

Jeff Willey
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Fishing Report

Sorry – short report this month. Packing to move house and preparing for our Eskdale trip has kept me very busy of late...

Barkers Creek Res

Barkers has been at it's frustrating best in the last month. There have been plenty of trout rising, swirling and chasing dragon flies but it's very difficult to get them to take a fly (or seemingly a bait or lure according to other anglers down there). I've seen very few caught, but Alan Chisholm has had some success with three in the net last Friday evening. Tony Jacobs caught a nice little brown on Saturday last week that had been feasting on snails and I picked up a nice 650gm reddie on a neon damsal.

Lots of caddis about on cloudless evenings. Wet flies still seem to be performing better than dry flies.

Don't forget to record your trips to Barkers! Log books should be arriving soon!

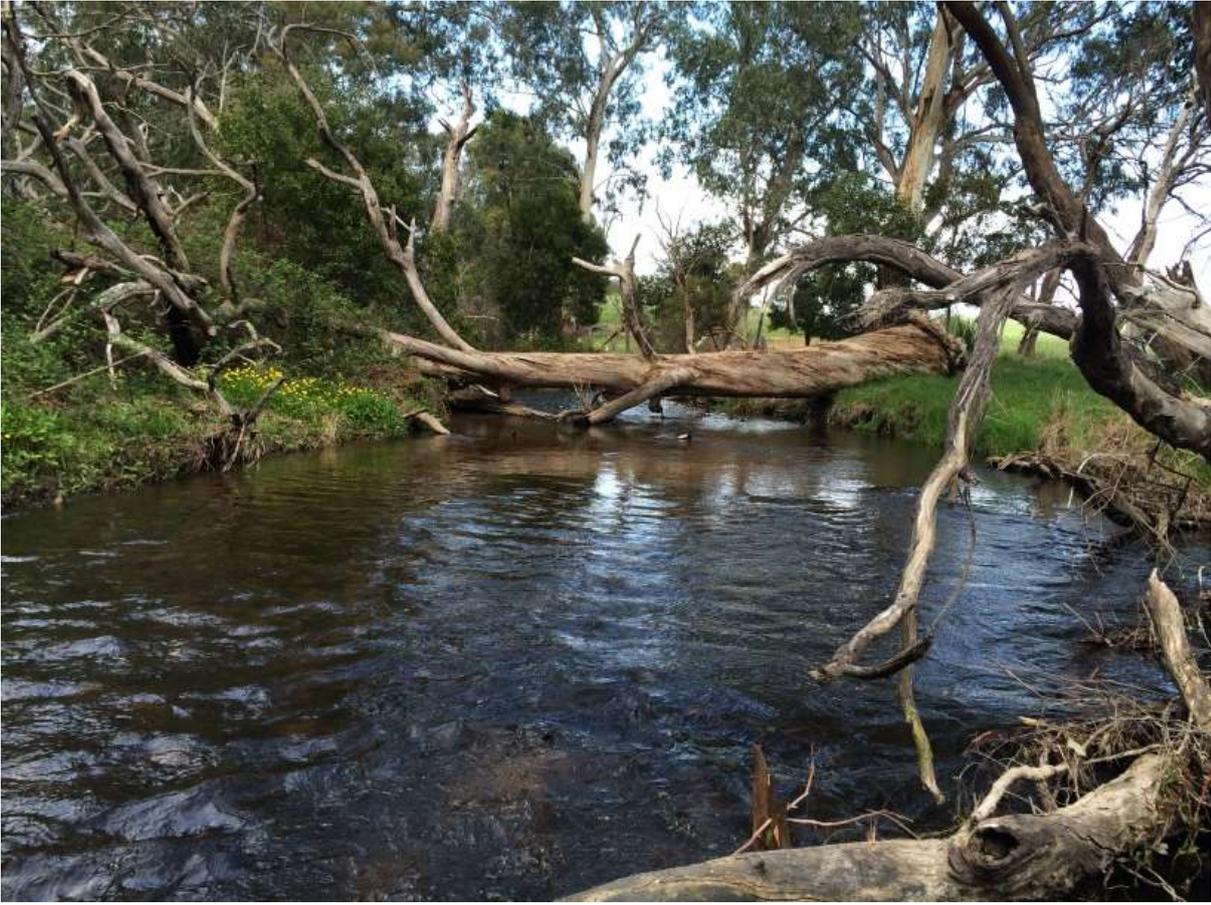
Streams

With the Goulburn running hard and fast the smaller streams in the area have been getting hammered in the last month. The Rubicon is the prime target for many anglers it seems! Leon and I fished there at the start of October and areas that usually would be productive seemed pretty barren. I picked up a nice brownie eventually but only by deep-nymphing a pool with overhanging timber. We decided to move to other waters and headed down to Snobs Creek. The mouth was turbid with the Goulburn smashing past at 8-9000 MLD but a little upstream it was clear and more productive. I picked up another 6 and Leon wasn't far off the same.

The Goulburn is now down to 5000 MLD which is far easier to fish. If you're up that way the edges and backwaters have been productive for experienced anglers.

I've heard some good reports from the Acheron recently so that might be worth a look too.

I explored the lower reaches of the Murrindindi a few weeks back and had a fun day. It was a great morning with sunny skies and clear flowing water. I caught 14 browns in the morning session, about half on the dry. It was great to see them coming up to the surface to check out the Monkey Bum and then smash it! I think it was my 6th fish before I caught one on the nymph... The afternoon was much quieter with a storm brewing or the heat of the day making them less active. I don't know which but only picked up another 3 for the arvo. Still, a 17 trout day is a really fun day in my book!



A lovely pool on the Murrindindi – Clear water, over-hanging timber, bubble-line, grassy edges... Perfect!

Steve Charles