

# THE EVENING RISE

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## MPFF Mission Statement

To promote, foster and encourage the art of fly fishing in all its aspects.

To promote, foster and encourage the art of fly tying.

To promote, foster and encourage the sport of fly casting.

To increase the pleasure derived by members from their sport by social intercourse, interchange of ideas and by collective or mutually assistive action generally.

To promote and assist in the stocking with trout and other sporting fish, of local and other waters.

To foster and promote the conservation of the environment on which the sport of fly fishing is practised and to assist scientific and practical research in all matters pertaining to the sport.

To do all such other things that are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of these purposes and for the exercise of the power of the club.



## PRESIDENTS LINE

Greetings fellow fly flickers.

The start of a new Club year and your new committee looks forward to working out a program of interesting trips and speakers for 2015.

The reports from the Howqua and other streams—our usual fishing haunts don't appear to be promising. We'll all have to hope that the other streams can take the extra pressure as we try and find a fish or two.

The One-Fly event is coming soon and we can be sure that there is a fish in the water for that! It will be up to our skills to remove them—watch for the coming notices as this will be a very special event in a very special setting.

Hope to catch up with you on the water somewhere, some time soon.

Regards,

Russ Johnson



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## CLUB REMINDERS

### FLY TYING

Date & Venue to be confirmed

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 11th September @ Wranglers Club. 6.30 pm

### DEVILBEND WEEDING DAY

Saturday 30th August—9.30am-12.30pm  
*Devilbend Reservoir*

### CLUB TRIP

**Sunday 17th August**  
**Saltwater Fly *Inverloch***

### CLUB MEETING

Thursday 28th August @ Wranglers. 7.30pm

### AT THE MEETING

***2015 Calendar***

***Web-site Expo***

### FOR YOUR DIARIES

***MERRIJIG—21st/23rd November***

### SHOT OF THE MONTH

***Phil—West Tarwin River***

## RISE

Proudly presented by [The Flyfisher](#), RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival, the world's most extensive fishing film festival, hits theatres on the Australian and New Zealand leg of its 2014 worldwide tour.



In its 9th year, RISE is on a mission to celebrate the diverse world of fly fishing, to connect anglers through shared experience, and to create public awareness of fly fishing's new dynamic emergence. It's the biggest kick-off to the fishing season there is!

Presented by Gin-Clear Media, RISE will screen as a limited release stopping in Melbourne at

**PALACE ELSTERNWICK CINEMA**

**Date : 7.15-9.15pm, 15th Sept 2014**

Gin-Clear Media's *Backcountry – North Island* is the feature film of the festival. The film follows six fly fishermen, from different places and different walks of life, as they each explore a treasured corner of the North Island. This land of active volcanoes, rugged gorges and dense forests provides an epic backdrop for some of the best trout fishing on the planet. As each story weaves into the fabric of the film it becomes evident that, despite their differences, the characters are all bound together by their passion for the backcountry.

## ANNUAL DINNER

**Forty members were present at Frankston International for the 16th Annual Dinner of MPFF Inc.**

In the traditions of the Cub a huge array of prizes were displayed and ticket sales were brisk for the monster raffle. President Russ welcomed our guests including Gavin Hurley and his wife and all present enjoyed a delightful buffet meal and good company.

***The John McKay Memorial Award 2014 Club Member of the Year was presented to Ian Herron*** who took on the office of Secretary at the last AGM and has ensured all members are kept up to date via email, website and monthly newsletters.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the night was the granting on the ***Club's first Life Membership to David Johnston***. David is a foundation member who served as President for 5 years and has been a committee member for almost all of the past sixteen years. Well deserved recognition of all the outstanding service given to the Club. ***Congratulations Dave!***



## CLUB TRIP—INVERLOCH

### *This month's Club Trip is set down as Saltwater Fly at Inverloch*

Why not journey down the South Gippsland Highway approx. 1 hour from Tooradin and try your luck in the shallows of Anderson's Inlet.

We will rendezvous in the *Angling Club Carpark* at the *end of Cuttriss St* adjacent to *Esplanade* and from there it is a short walk to ideal water for wading.

Recent reports show that fish are about including plenty of Salmon



The tides are right with low tide at the pier at 10.34 am rising to high tide at 5.06 pm

Weather report is for overcast conditions with a possibility of showers.

For those who may wish to extend the weekend there are plenty of accommodation options—including a Big4 Holiday Park right at our rendezvous point.



## GOULBURN FISHING FESTIVAL 2014



Fisheries Victoria and the Eildon community will again host the Goulburn Fishing Festival on 5 and 6 September, coinciding with the opening of the riverine trout season.

There will be fishing workshops, trade displays, local food tastings, accommodation prizes along with professional cooking demonstrations.

For the kids, free entertainment all weekend including a jumping castle, face painting and lots of fishy activities.

The festival also aims to highlight the terrific trout fishing on offer in Eildon's rivers, pondage and giant lake.

Alternatively, learn more about Lake Eildon's increasingly popular native fishery, which is based on stocked golden perch and Murray cod.



## *SPECIAL EFFORT RAFFLE*

### **Special Club Raffle**



*Stalker Aire Limited box edition.*

**Tickets \$5.00 ea Drawn Xmas**

## *MPFF ONE FLY 2015*

This is the proposed venue for the 2015 MPFF One Fly.

The actual location will be confirmed prior to the event but I can tell you it is a Mornington Peninsula private property about 30 min from Frankston and stocked with approx. 100 trophy fish for the event. We will be providing a BBQ lunch and drinks (BYO alcohol). Ample parking. Cost to be finalized next committee meeting.



Fish from the bank or boardwalk and the fly will be provided.

This will be a great day's fishing and a fitting start to the season.

Definitely not to be missed by any member.

## DEVILBEND WEEDING DAY

*Yes- Its on again!!!~*

## Devilbend Natural Features Reserve Community Weeding Day

Another great chance for the club to make an impact with other Devil Bend supporters and Parks personnel by demonstrating our commitment to the reserve and its development.

So let's all "badge-up" in our MPFF shirts and turn –up on the day and thus *make a statement!*



**When: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm**

**What to bring:** Leather gloves, loppers or pruning handsaw and sunglasses or clear protective glasses.

**BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE** after the weeding

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

*You are reminded that your Annual Membership renewal is due!!!*

Membership Fees are levied per financial year and are due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> July and payment must be made no later than the 30th September 2014.

*Membership Fees from 1st July 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 remain unchanged and are:*

**Single: \$70.00 (including insurance)**

**Family: \$85.00 (including insurance)**

Your subscription may be paid in the following ways:

- Direct to the Treasurer at a club meeting (with a completed renewal form)

**OR**

- Via Internet transfer to our account Mornington Peninsula Fly Fishers Inc :

BSB: 083 922

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**Please include your full name as the reference.**

**OR**

- Post a cheque, and completed renewal form, to: **The Treasurer, MPFF Inc, PO Box 848, Frankston. 3199**

**Mornington Peninsula Fly Fishing Club**  
**Membership Renewal Form**

Memberships are due July each year

If returning this renewal application via mail - please mail to: MPFF - P.O. Box 848 - Frankston, Victoria 3199

Primary Member (Full Name)	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	Type of Membership
		Qu/Family --- \$110.00 per year
		Qu/Single --- \$70.00 per year
		<b>Student/Child 1/2 --- \$35.00</b>
Have you changed your address in the past 12 months?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	If so - what is your new address - (omit block #)
Have you changed your internet address in the past 12 months?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	If so - what is your new e-mail address - (omit block #)
Have you changed your home phone number in the past 12 months?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	If so - what is your new address - (omit block #)
Have you changed your mobile telephone number in the past 12 months?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	If so - what is your new address - (omit block #)
Have you changed your emergency contact number in the past 12 months?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	If so - what is your new address - (omit block #)
Do you have a current recreational fishing license?	Qu/Yes/Qu/No	Other details (if needed)
		Renewal cannot be completed until this question is answered in the affirmative
		Over 70 years (Decision Card) - License not required

\* All completed forms to be sent to: The Treasurer, MPFF Inc, PO Box 848, Frankston, Victoria 3199

## *FROM THE PAPERS- Weekly Times (July 23rd)*

Most anglers have blamed Victorian Government environmental policies for ruining the state's iconic trout fisheries in the high country. Anglers say the past season was disastrous in terms of lost brown and rainbow trout populations, and fear famous trout rivers are now years from recovery.

Many blame the widespread removal of non-native willows and poplars on public land under government environmental policy as the chief cause. The loss of habitat and food, plus a rise in stream temperatures from the loss of shade, has been identified by experts as the likely killer of trout. The Government is developing a response plan and has established a trout reference group to tackle the problem.

Anglers in some of Tasmania's famous trout streams also say they saw more cormorants than fish in the past season. Some anglers point to a once-in-a-lifetime waterbird breeding frenzy from the flooding of Lake Eyre in the centre of Australia which peaked in 2010 as the cause. After three years of flooding and an explosion of waterbird populations, the lake is now dry and the cormorants have taken flight along with the rest looking for water and food.

Mick Hall said "no one is 100 per cent sure what is wrong" but the blitz on willows "seemed the most likely". Mr Hall said he had been given estimates ranging from three to 30 years before the rivers and streams would have "catchable" trout populations again.



Albury fly fishing club president Mr Walters said some of the most famous trout rivers throughout Victoria's high country and Gippsland "seemed to have nothing left".

"Millions will be lost in tourism," Mr Walters said. He said authorities were now identifying the best species of native trees to be replanted to suit the fisheries. "They've got this the wrong way around, that research should have been done before the trees were taken out," Mr Walters said. He said his club has organised four fishing trips for members in the past season "and no one got a fish".

Benalla MP Bill Sykes, parliamentary secretary for primary industries, said the trout reference group has recommended annual monitoring of 11 wild trout fisheries in the Jamieson, Howqua, Kiewa, Ovens and King rivers. Also on the list are rivers throughout Gippsland and the Alpine district including the Upper Mitta Mitta, Upper Yarra, Dargo, Aire and Torongo rivers and the Nariel Creek.

"Key issues identified in the draft plan include whether summer water temperature adversely impacts river trout fisheries, a decline in wild trout breeding, fishing pressure impacting trout populations and whether current regulations are adequate enough to protect or sustain river trout fisheries," Dr Sykes said.

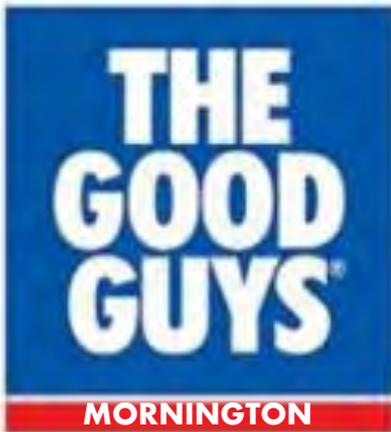
Mansfield and District Fly Fishers president Graham Godber said the willow removal program "had been very badly handled". "It would make sense to most people to do it over a period of time to let the habitat adjust but this has been very unprofessional ... it has been disastrous," Mr Godber said. He said cormorants and overfishing has also hit fisheries and said the solution had to include increased minimum size and lower bag limits.

Former Fisheries Victoria recreational fishing manager, Ross Winstanley, blamed climate change "exacerbated by the removal of willows" for the loss of high country trout.

"We are fighting against nature," he said. "The best we can do is hold off the impact of climate change, reduce it or slow the impact." He said temperature records showed a pattern of rising stream temperatures "for a long time".

Mansfield fisherman Rick Formica said most anglers blamed the loss of the tree cover for the disastrous season but said other factors including a large population of cormorants could share the blame. "There has been a lot of overfishing as well," Mr Formica said.

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## Woolly Bugger – Streamer

- Hook:** 3X-long streamer hook, #8  
**Thread:** Black 6/0 (140 denier)  
**Weight:** Non-toxic wire to cover hook shank  
**Tail:** Black marabou  
**Ribbing:** Red copper wire, small  
**Body:** Black chenille, small  
**Hackle:** Black or brown very webby rooster hackle

**1** Wrap bare hook shank with non-toxic wire and cover with a thread base.



**2** Tie in a full marabou feather as a tail at a point above the hook barb. Lash the butt ends of marabou to the hook shank and return thread to the tail.



**3** Tie in, in order, the wire ribbing, hackle feather (mounted by its tip), and chenille.



**4** Wrap the chenille in touching turns to behind the hook eye. Tie off and trim the waste.



**5** Wind the hacking forward in even, open turns to behind the hook eye. Tie off and trim the waste.



**6** Counter wrap the wire through the hackle, wiggling the wire side to side to avoid binding down hackle barbs. Tie off, trim waste, and whip finish..



## SHOT OF THE MONTH



*Phil—West Tarwin River*

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