

# 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

In the middle of February and early March, fourteen MPFF members visited the Tasmanian Central Highlands. As usual good fish were caught - but not easily. Tasmania, as has Victoria, have not had a summer. Insect life was hardly noticeable and the sight of rising fish to hatches was non-existent!

My highlight of the week was awakening to the sound of excited "children" as we experienced 4" of snow cover at Tiger Hut.

To escape the weather we drove down the mountain in a snowstorm in the hope of finding better conditions at Brumby's Weir. As we left the mountain cloud cover we descended into a beautiful sunny morning and gale force winds. Brumby's was running a banker as the Poatina Power Station was generating power for Victoria! However, the coffee, scones, jam and cream at Longford was great.

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

Regards,

Russ Johnson.



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## **CLUB REMINDERS**

### **FLY TYING**

***No Fly Tying again this month***

*(occurs on Easter Sunday!)*

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

***Thursday 12th March 2015***

### **CLUB MEETING**

***Thursday 26th March @ Wranglers***

### **AT THE MEETING**

***Knot tying***

### **FOR YOUR DIARIES**

***CLUB TRIP-Latrobe River-Noojee:  
March 21st/22nd***

***CLUB TRIP-Tyers River - Erica:  
April 18th/19th***

### **SHOT OF THE MONTH**

***Does this count?***

## **NEXT MEETING**



***If this looks like you, then our next meeting should help sort you out!***

***Yes, by request we are repeating the knot night.***

Plenty of opportunity to practice the old knots and an opportunity to try out some “new” variations.

Many of us rely on the knots we were taught when we first started fishing—so this is an opportunity to check whether we are still tying them correctly.

Also, why not try some others that may even prove to be easier to tie and be more effective in our pursuit of the elusive trout..

***Practice makes perfect!***

***All materials supplied.***

## **VALE KEN TUCKER**

Ken passed away 2nd March, 2015 after a 3 month struggle following a stroke he suffered whilst he was fly fishing in New Zealand. We had known at our Xmas meeting that Ken was being transported back to Melbourne to go into rehab and Paul Swift was regularly visiting him throughout this time.

Ken had been a member of the Club off and on since the Club was founded in 1998. He was a very keen fisherman at all styles, but loved his fly fishing most of all. He regularly travelled to Tasmania and New Zealand in search of that trophy fish.

Our sincere condolences go to his family and to those members who counted Ken as a close friend.



## MARCH CLUB TRIP—NOOJEE AREA

**Following on from last months newsletter article highlighting the fishing opportunities in the six rivers around Noojee—this month's Club Trip (next weekend March 21st/22nd) is set down for this area.**

**Club members intending to make it a weekend away and camp are setting up at the free camp area at:**

### Toorongo Falls Campground

Last Updated Oct 2014



Situated at the head of an attractive, narrow valley are three grassed clearings by the bubbling Toorongo River and surrounded by lush wet sclerophyll forest.



The first, by the entry gate, is a small, grassed flat with little shade and no facilities.

The second is a large grassed hillside with few level or shaded sites.

The third, accessed by a road below the toilet block, is a creek flat enclosed by steep slopes with some level, shaded riverside sites and a second toilet.

All sites are exposed to day trippers and show signs of popularity - they are a little scruffy.

Rated 3.5/5

Shade is provided by steep mountains, mature Mountain Ash and scattered Blackwood wattles. Kookaburras and rosellas are common.

The access road continues on a few hundred metres around the hill side to end at the day park, with an information board and tracks to the tumbling falls.

**Number of sites:** 20

**Camping Fees:** Free Camping

**Toilets:** Long drop or composting

Non-potable water may be available. Boil all water for at least 10 minutes before drinking.

Wood barbeques are available. Bring firewood and check fire bans.

There are fishing spots at or near this campsite.

#### **Access**

This site is accessible by caravans in good weather.

#### **Getting there**

***From Melbourne, head east along the Princes Freeway turning left at the Drouin exit towards Noojee. From Noojee east 4k on the Mount Baw Baw Tourist Rd [C426], left (north) 5.2k up the Toorongo Falls Rd (1.5k sealed) to its end.***



## NEW ZEALAND TRIP PROPOSAL



Peter Wilson has offered six places on a trip to the North Island with him and a local guide.

Arrive Sunday November 22nd

Leave Saturday November 28th

All transport included. License costs TBA

Lodge accommodation (meals included) at River Birches Turangi. (<http://www.riverbirches.co.nz/>)

**Cost: \$2500 approx. plus airfares (\$350-400).**

Peter has been doing this trip with a group for a number of years and has extended the offer to club members.

He and his guide are experienced in the local rivers and guarantee a wide variety of options including Tongariro, Taurangu-Taupo, Whangunui Rivers, Lake Otamangakau, and the option of rafting the Rangitikei River (additional cost).



**LAST CHANCE - BOOKINGS  
CLOSE END OF MONTH OR  
WHEN SIX ARE PAID!**

## LAKE WENDOUREE TWO FLY

**28th & 29th March 2015**

***Fish Lake Wendouree for your chance to win the***

***Jim Thomas Memorial trophy***

***And***



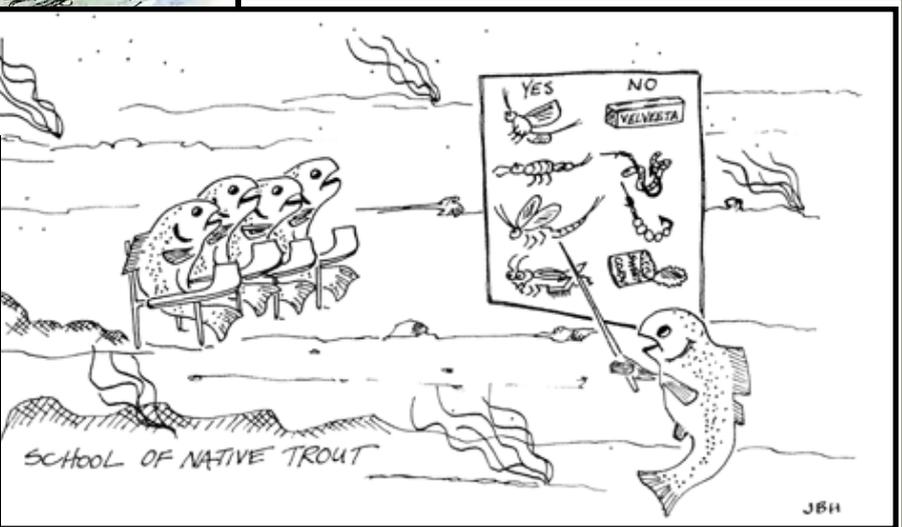
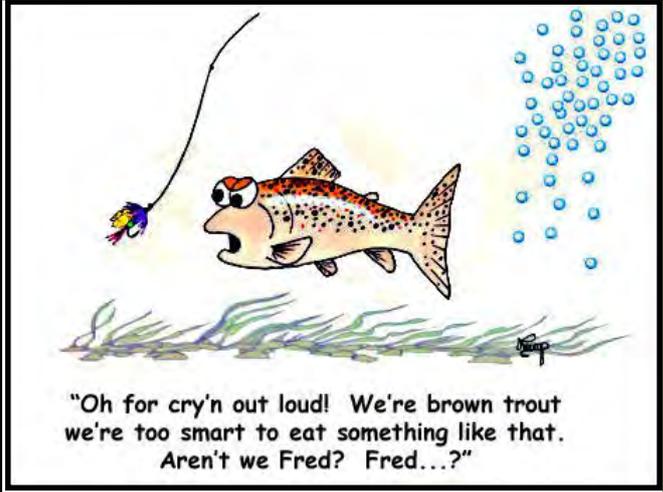
**GLIDE 6wt Fly Rod**



***Entry fee is \$50 per fly fisher, which includes 2 days of great fly fishing on Lake Wendouree, a fully catered two course dinner on Saturday night & breakfast on Sunday morning. All competitors will also be able to purchase a quality range of fly fishing gear from Gavin Hurley's Fly Fishing World at special discounted prices.***

***Contact Chris Doody on 0428304004 or via email [chriskoody@bigpond.com](mailto:chriskoody@bigpond.com) to register for the event***

# CARTOONS



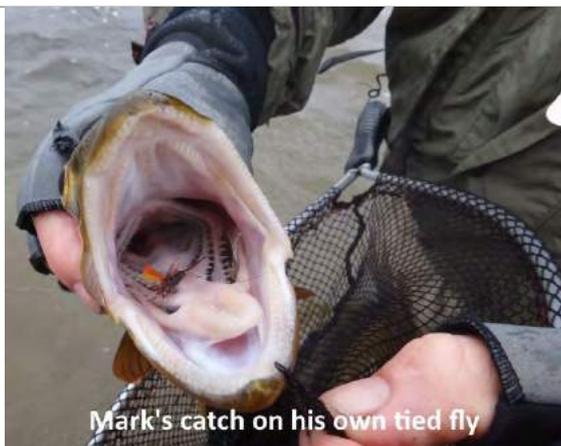
## APRIL CLUB TRIP - TYERS RIVER



Next month's Club Trip we are offering another chance to try fishing in the Gippsland area. In addition we have booked accommodation at Caringal Scout Camp which is about 10 km from Erica and 35 km north of Moe. Members will have the option of staying in the hut (\$20 / night) or bringing their own tent/camper (\$12 / night) . A relatively inexpensive weekend in a beautiful bush setting approx. 2 hrs from Frankston. More details and directions next newsletter as well as a summary of where to try for that elusive trout.

## TASMANIA REPORT

From the outset there were high hopes for the annual onslaught of members to Tiger Hut in Tassie. Members gathered at the bar after boarding the ferry with eager excitement looking forward to the week ahead. Licences were purchased and we all headed off to the dining area. This years award for the best stacked plate went to Jon who managed to layer the whole of the plate with chicken wings, followed by sliced roast meat, topped of with fish fillets, some vegetables, anchovies and bread rolls—clearly a long time Tetris player as his stacking skills were unmatched by any of the rest of us.



Mark's catch on his own tied fly

On adjournment to the bar for after dinner drinks Sandy put himself forward as the fisherman most likely to take the biggest bag—a challenge appropriately recorded and responded to by others in the party.

A smooth crossing and relatively quick exit from the ferry and the party reassembled for provisioning and an early breakfast at Deloraine. Members then proceeded up the mountain to Tiger Hut at Liawenee where vehicles were quickly unpacked, fridges loaded, accommodation sorted and it was off to the fish.



Andrew lands his first

That evening first to have success was Andrew with a take from Lake Kay. Others reported mixed reactions with the group covering a lot of

ground in pursuit of the elusive trout. Our group went to the top of Arthurs and were blown off the boat ramp. The wind proved to be a major obstacle to successful casting and it remained so over the entire week.



The Trout Slayer

Members certainly tried every lake in an area from Brumby's Creek, Arthurs, Gunn's, Penstock, Little Pine, Bronte, Bradys Chain of Lakes, Kay, Botsworth, etc.

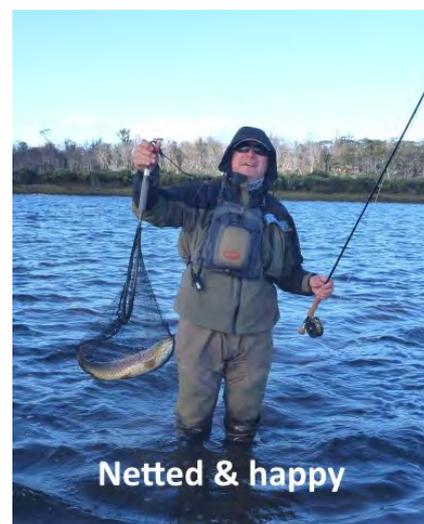


He's on!

As mentioned elsewhere some good fish were caught, but it was hard fishing everywhere. Reports shared with other anglers confirmed that it had not been a good year and catches

had been poor all round.

Nevertheless, the camaraderie and good times shared over a glass of red and a fine meal remained the highlight of the week. Although there were some who were most excited by the overnight snowfall on the Wednesday night. We had previously received notice of snow being expected down to 800m (we were at 1000m) but I guess we never expected the amount that eventuated. Some of the crew were out taking photos in the dark whilst the wiser heads were prepared to wait for daybreak to capture their photo - in fact the snow was even thicker than with quite a dump whilst we were having breakfast. A dusting has been experienced before on other club trips but this was the real thing!



Netted & happy

## RAFTING THE RANGITIKEI-Peter Wilson

At the end of the week cars were reloaded and we headed down off the mountain to reconvene at the ferry for the return trip. Some groups hit the Meander and Mersey rivers, whilst others went sightseeing and shopping. That evening on board all agreed that they would return next year and the booking has already been made.



How about over there?



Arthur's brown



Part of the MPFF flotilla



2015 - the year the snow fell

## FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK—ADAMS



**1** With the hook fixed in the vise, run the tying thread a short distance down the shank. Select two grizzle hackle points and remove the base fibers so the tips are the same length as the hook.



**2** Place the hackles together so that the tips are level. Catch the hackle in place by the bare sections of stem, a short distance from the eye.



**3** Part the hackle points, using the tip of a needle if necessary. Pull the bare stems through the gap and secure with thread along the shank. This ensures the tips remain apart.



**4** Remove any excess hackle stem, then run the tying thread down the shank. Take a few fibers of brown and grizzle hackle and catch them in place.



**5** Offer a pinch of gray muskrat or rabbit underfur up to the thread. Dub it on to form a slim rope and wind up to the base of the wings to form the body.



**6** Take two cock hackles, one brown, one grizzle, with fibers of equal length. Prepare them, leaving a short length of bare stem, and catch in behind the wing. Wind on four turns up to the eye. Secure with thread and remove the excess.

## CASTING

**Still time to get along to this evening with Simon Gawesworth & Peter Morse—**

“Red Tag” night is a \$70 /head dinner on Friday March 20th. In addition “Red Tag” has issued an invitation to their Fairfield casting pool on Saturday March 21st between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided by VFFA.



S I M O N G A W E S W O R T H

*World Class Casting Champion*

B I O G R A P H Y - S I M O N G A W E S W O R T H

**JM GILLIES** IN CONJUNCTION WITH **RIO** AND **SAGE** ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE BRINGING **SIMON GAWESWORTH** OUT FROM THE US FOR A TOUR OF VICTORIA, NSW AND TASMANIA.

SIMON WILL BE CONDUCTING CASTING CLINICS, TALKS AND HOSTING SOME SPECIAL NIGHTS OVER A 2 WEEK PERIOD AND HIS HIGHLY ENTERTAINING PROMOTION OF FLY FISHING IS A MUST FOR ALL KEEN FLY FISHERS.

SIMON IS WELL KNOWN IN THE FLY FISHING CIRCLES AND IS RESPECTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF **FLY LINE DESIGNS** AS WELL AS A WORLD CLASS CASTING CHAMPION.

SIMON, ALONG WITH PETER MORSE WILL BE HOSTING A DINNER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VICTORIAN FLY FISHING ASSOCIATION AT “THE CELTIC CLUB” FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 6.30 FOR 7PM. COST \$70 P.P. (DRINKS AT BAR PRICES).

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SIMON AND PETER AND HEAR SIMON TALK ABOUT ALL THINGS FLY FISHING.

A DAYS CASTING TUITION AND DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AT “THE RED TAG POOL”, YARRA PARK, FAIRFIELD ON SATURDAY THE 21ST MARCH. BBQ LUNCH SUPPLIED BY VFFA.

SIMON LEARNT TO FISH AT THE AGE OF 6 AND TOOK UP FLY FISHING WHEN AGED 8, BEING TRAINED BY HIS FATHER - WELL KNOWN FLY FISHING INSTRUCTOR AND AUTHOR, JOHN GAWESWORTH. BY THE TIME HE LEFT SCHOOL AT 16 TO TEACH FLY FISHING SIMON HAD BECOME THE BRITISH JUNIOR CASTING CHAMPION, REPEATING THE FEAT THE NEXT YEAR. IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS SIMON BROKE SEVEN BRITISH CASTING RECORDS AND WON THE ADULT CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, REPRESENTING ENGLAND IN TWO EUROPEAN AND ONE WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH CASTING AUTHORITY AND THE TOURNAMENT CASTING SCENE IN THE UK, SIMON TURNED HIS HAND TO COMPETITIVE FLY FISHING. OVER THE FOLLOWING YEARS SIMON REPRESENTED ENGLAND IN THREE HOME INTERNATIONALS (AGAINST IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES), TWO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FIVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, CULMINATING IN THE PRESTIGE OF BECOMING THE ENGLAND TEAM CAPTAIN AND MANAGER FOR THE 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SPAIN.

DURING HIS CAREER SIMON HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES FOR THE FISHING PRESS, PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS ON SPEY CASTING, PRESENTED FIVE INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AND DVD'S, APPEARED ON NUMEROUS TELEVISION AND RADIO SHOWS, DEMONSTRATED CASTING AT FLY FISHING SHOWS AROUND THE WORLD AND IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE LEADING AUTHORITIES ON FLY CASTING AND FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION.

HE IS A FFF MASTER AND THCI (TWO HANDED CASTING INSTRUCTOR) CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR AND ALSO HOLDS THE APGAI AND STANIC DIPLOMAS FOR FLY FISHING INSTRUCTION IN THE UK.

SIMON LIVES IN SW WASHINGTON AND WORKS FOR RIO PRODUCTS, WHERE HE DESIGNS AND TESTS FLY LINES, AS WELL AS BEING THE BRAND MANAGER FOR RIO. HE CONDUCTS FLY CASTING CLASSES AND SEMINARS AROUND THE WORLD.

SIMON IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

**Gillies**

**SAGE**

**RIO**  
PRODUCTS

## SHOT OF THE MONTH



Does this count??

## OUR MAJOR SPONSOR



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- Our prices are 30-50% less than retail for similar quality products, and within reach of the person who it matters most to....you!
- The difference is ours don't come with the same high price tag



## 'The Fly Club'

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