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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

Just when I thought I had grown up — a short note from Mr Wilson arrived and a reminder that it was only forty-one sleeps until I was on a big bird and off to New Zealand to spend a week trying to catch a fish or two on the mighty Tongariro River.

After talking to the rest of the group following casting practice last weekend it seems that I 'm not the only one who's getting excited!

It's a little bit like Christmas wondering whether ~~Santa~~ i.e. Mr Wilson has plenty of surprises. It's great that one trip with a group of friends can bring childlike expectations to the fore and still be grown-up enough to enjoy being a kid again.

Maybe I'll see you at the Wastell this weekend, otherwise see you all at Wrangler's on the 22nd.

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

Regards, Russ Johnson.



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Not this month!!

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 12th November 2015

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 22nd October @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Nymphing night

Fly-in & Wastell reports

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wastell Trophy October 17-18th

Wild Trout Conference November 21st

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Alf at Noojee—last week

LAST MEETING

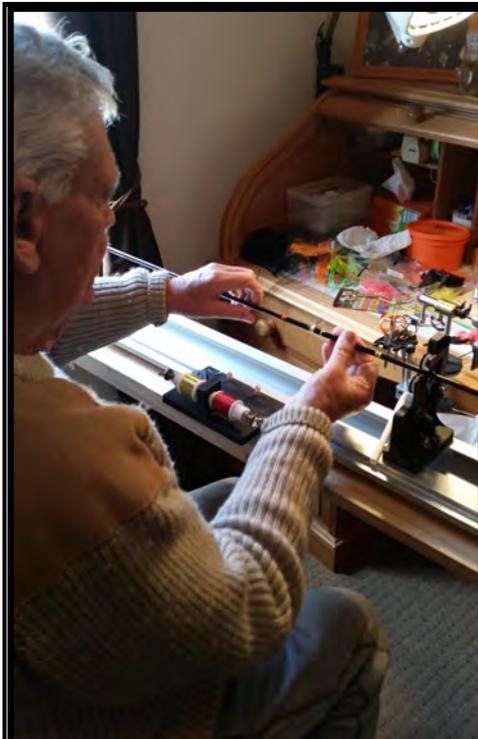
Thanks Gavin!!!

Twenty-five members joined in the annual visit to Hurley's Fly Fishing Shop night.

Gavin and his team have altered the layout of the shop and have certainly increased their stock - there was lots of gear on display and many members availed themselves of the outstanding prices on offer.



ROD BUILDING



The Rod building group has commenced their projects.

The group met together first and our tutor Doug outlined the process. He then supervised as we all found the spines on our rods, and then glued our handles and reel seats on the butt.

The next step is locating guide spacing's and then binding them to the rod.

Once this is complete they will then be epoxy finished.

So far three members have completed their rods with three others part completed.

Special thanks to Doug for his advice and assistance to us all.

Based on the look of the completed projects — the outcome is great rods at a great price!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE "WILD TROUT CONFERENCE"

Talk Wild Trout 2015

Freshwater anglers can learn more about Victoria's wild trout fisheries at a **free one day** conference to be held in November at Mansfield.

Fisheries Victoria Executive Director, Travis Dowling, said the conference was funded by fishing licence fees and the State Government's *Target One Million* plan for recreational fishing, which aims to get more Victorians fishing more often by increasing participation to one million by 2020.

"The conference will assemble fisheries scientists and recreational anglers to share the findings of research conducted on riverine trout populations over the last 12 months, Mr Dowling said.

"In 2013, trout anglers told us that High Country streams had not fished well so we embarked on a substantial three year research project to investigate further.

"This conference is all about sharing the results from the first year of field work so that anglers, and angling dependent businesses, build an understanding of our trout fisheries and their key drivers.

"Amongst the presentations will be topics ranging from spawning success in 12 wild trout rivers, trout movement in the Delatite River from the acoustic tracking project, and measuring the contribution stocked trout have made to anglers' catches in two rivers.

"The conference will also feature a key note address from Dr Dan Dauwalter of Trout Unlimited, which is an American group committed to better trout and salmon fisheries.

Mr Dowling said the conference would be held at the Mansfield Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 21 November 2015, between 9.30am and 5pm, and that interested anglers should register online for free by visiting www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au/twt

"People unable to attend the conference will be able to watch presentations online a few weeks later on the Department of Economic Development's YouTube channel.

"For those anglers making a weekend of the conference and staying over the Saturday night, the Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club has organised a Film Festival from 7.30pm featuring a series of short films about trout fishing. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, and bookings can be made when registering online for the free conference."

To obtain a conference program visit www.vic.gov.au/talkwildtrout

Why not consider making it for the weekend as a replacement for the usual Merrijig trip traditionally held on this date!!!

INVITATION TO A LOCAL FORUM

2015 Fishing Forum

An update on various issues of interest for
Mornington Peninsula Recreational Fishers

Date: 7:00pm, October 27th 2015

Venue: Sorrento/Portsea RSL, 1 Hurley St, Sorrento VIC 3943 (03) 5984 5138

Cost: Free Admission, Drinks and Nibbles provided at bar prices

Door Prizes: 3 x Snapper combos - Shimano Aerplus Snapper Rods with Jarvis Walker TRS Reels compliments of Compleat Angler Rosebud

Panel Speakers

- **Travis Dowling Executive Director Fisheries Victoria:** The current regulatory environment and plans for the future
- **Tania Treasure Manager Economic Development & Tourism, Virginia Brook, Strategic Planner - Coastal:** Update on the Mornington Peninsula Marine Precincts strategy, Rye Master Plan and future access to the water
- **Paul Hamer (Snapper Guru) Fisheries Victoria:** Snapper stocks and general fishery science
- **Dallas D'Silva & Franz Grasser - VR Fish:** Ernst & Young Study - value of recreational fishing to the local economy, Snapper Survival project, fishing super trawler.
- **Dan Lee – Compleat Angler Rosebud:** Tricks, trends and gizmo's with door prize giveaways



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Question and Answer

All Panel guests will participate in a Question and Answer session with:

Martin Dixon MP Member for Nepean, and

Matthew Harrington, Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group

For Further Information contact Russell Joseph 0414 398 586, Office of Martin Dixon MP

FLY FISHING HACKS



Stripping guides on fly rods are often lined with a carbide ring to reduce friction on the fly line. When transporting a rigged rod, never hook a fly directly onto this ring, but instead secure it to the foot of the guide. A hook stored in the ring can chip the carbide, resulting in reduced performance and rapid wear on expensive fly line.

Increase your casting distance by stretching out your fly line before heading to the stream. Line stored in tight coils on a reel for extended periods will retain the 'memory' of that shape.

Before fishing, spool line off the reel and stretch it out either between your hands or by passing it around a fixed object. Stretching the line will remove its memory and allow it to shoot farther with greater ease.



Fly-rod sections can get stuck together and become difficult to pull apart. If you have trouble breaking down a rod, first dry your hands and the rod shaft; often, the problem is an angler's inability to get an adequate grip on the rod, not a stuck ferrule (a connection joint). If that doesn't help, try to warm the stuck ferrule between your hands. If that too fails, place the rod behind your knees with the stuck ferrule centred, grasp the shaft on either side of the ferrule, and brace your wrists and forearms against your knees. Then push your knees outward, using your leg muscles to leverage the rod sections apart with steady pressure.

Don't Be a Catch-and-Release Killer

Five tips you should always follow if you want to catch and release trout properly:

- 1) Always wet your hands before handling trout, so you don't rub the protective slime off their bodies.
- 2) Keep the fish wet... you want to see the water dripping off the fish when you take the shot... a dry fish makes a bad photo.
- 3) Keep the fish no more than two feet above the water... bend down for the shot, don't hold the fish at eye level.
- 4) If a fish eats the fly deep, cut it off... performing surgery will kill the trout, and cutting off the fly gives them a chance.
- 5) Hold your breath as you photograph a fish out of water... as you feel uncomfortable, odds are, the fish does also.



FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK — ROYAL WULFF



1 Run the tying thread on at the eye, building a short section of close thread turns. Secure a bunch of white calf tail so that the tips project over the eye. Remove the waste ends, then divide the bunch with figure-of-eight thread wraps.



2 Wind the thread down the shank in touching turns, stopping at a point opposite the hook barb. Catch in a few fibers of brown bucktail as the tail allowing the waste ends to lie along the shank.



3 Secure the waste ends of the hair with open turns of thread. Then, at the base of the tail catch in two fibers of peacock herl. Wind them in close turns so that they cover one-third of the distance between the tail and the wing.



4 Secure the loose ends of the peacock herl and remove them. At the base of the first body section, catch in 2 inches (5cm) of red floss and wind it along the hook to form a section slightly longer than the one of peacock herl.



5 Add a second section of peacock herl between the red floss and the wing. Select a brown cock hackle with fibers approximately twice as long as the hook gape. Catch it in by its base to the rear of the wing.



6 Gripping the hackle tip with pliers, wind on three or four full turns to create a dense collar. Make a further two hackle turns in front of the wing, securing the tip and removing the excess. Build a neat head and cast off the thread.

DON'T FORGET THE WASTELL THIS WEEKEND!!



Ballarat Fly Fishers Club

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P.O.Box 1138, Ballarat mail Centre, Victoria, 3354
www.ballaratflyfishers.org

**Victor H. Wastell Trophy
2015**

Dates- 17th & 18th October 2015

Venues- Cairn Curran, Moorabool, Tullaroop, Andersons, Newlyn, Dean & Wendouree

Accommodation- Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park

12 Cushing Avenue, Creswick, 3363, Ph 53452411
creswickcaravanpark.com.au

Note:- for a 10% discount on accommodation, please indicate, when booking that you're participating in the Ballarat Fly Fishing Club's competition

Competitor Registration- Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park BFFC site

Major Prizes for the winning Trout:-

Replica of the V. H. Wastell trophy

Innovator Velocity Fly Rod, Ross Fly Reel, Scientific Anglers Fly line (Approx \$1000 value)

Roast Dinner and raffle provided on Saturday night

Event Sponsor- **Mayfly Tackle**

We are taking the Club Trailer and will have the marquee set up. Please contact President Russ if you intend going!!

FOR SALE

Mystic Fly rod: length 9', #6wt line.

Cost \$200 selling for \$100 ono – only used twice!!

Contact Darren Anson 0425 758 405



SPECIAL EFFORT CLUB RAFFLE

1st Prize:

9' 4wt rod with 1' extension including reel and 4WF line.



2nd Prize:

Landing Net



3rd Prize:

Fly Tying Kit



TICKETS \$5.00

**RAFFLE DRAWN
XMAS BREAK-UP**

Prizes may vary from pictures!!!

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Alf at Noojee



OUR MAJOR SPONSOR



- Our goal is to bring you top quality fly fishing tackle at the very best prices.
- 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.



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