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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

Last month's Club Trip emphasised what a great fraternity exists among fly fishers.

The waters around Ballarat were all very low and no fish were caught by any of the group. However, the venue gave some of us the opportunity to join the Ballarat Fly Fishers "happy hour" in their clubrooms on Lake Wendouree.

A great venue and we were warmly welcomed for a few drinks and suggestions about where the fish might be.

On the local front, Devilbend has been providing some action for a number of members chasing the estuary perch that I helped put in last year. They are still small but provided great sport for those who have ventured out on the recent calm nights.

Keep up with all the latest on the Club's Facebook page thanks to Jon.

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

Regards, Russ Johnson.



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Sunday April 3rd @ Bob Fisher's

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 14th April 6.30 pm

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 25th March @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Members Reports &

Devilbend update

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Club Trip Caringal Scout Camp -

Friday April 29th / Sunday May 1st

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Sunset at Devilbend

NO CLUB TRIP THIS WEEKEND

There is no Club Trip this weekend as it clashes with Easter.

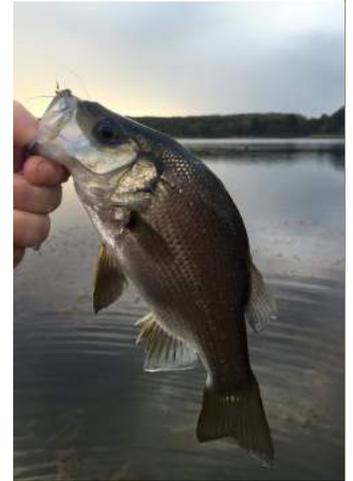
However a number of members will be at Devilbend on the next Saturday April 2nd for casting practice and a fish from around 3pm.

Why not join us and enjoy a drink and sausage sizzle after—further details at February meeting.

LAST MEETING

Post Xmas break fishing reports were received from members.

Jon & Alf reported on Devilbend action with the estuary perch that were released last year now taking fly's. Although small in size they are providing great fun for members. Best times appear to be early morning and evening and the best spot is between the two fishing platforms adjacent to the quarry. Peter Crouch has fished the opposite banks but reports that you need to be careful when wading as he had to help Frank when he was trapped in clay up to his knee and unable to release himself.



FLY TYING



Fly tying takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The venue is confirmed in each monthly newsletter.

The Club has a wide selection of material and vises available for loan or use on the day.

Why not consider coming along, joining the group, and enjoying a "pleasant Sunday afternoon"

APRIL CLUB TRIP— TYERS RIVER



- ***Following last year's very successful trip the April Club Trip (weekend April 29th/May1st) is once again set down for Tyers River and Erica.***
- ***Accommodation will be at Caringal Scout Camp LOT 4E Telbit Road, Caringal VIC 3825.***
- ***We have booked bunkhouse accommodation and the large mess hall this year.***
- ***Cost \$25 / head / night.***
- ***Unlimited camping sites available.***
- ***Walk to fishing sites—no need to use your car unless you wish to fish other nearby rivers.***

Caringal Scout Camp is set on 14ha Bushland and located Tyers Junction, just 9km from Erica and 37km from Moe. The camp is positioned on the junction of the Eastern, Middle and Western Tyers Rivers.

Facilities

The Bunk House accommodates 26 people with 4 bunk rooms sleeping 6 per room and 1 smaller bunk room sleeping 2. Mattresses are provided but users are to supply their own sheets, pillows and blankets or sleeping bags. It is booked in conjunction with the mess hall which has large kitchen and seating.

Lounge

The lounge offers a place to gather and relax, it has a wood heater and a box of wood is supplied for each night you stay.

Please note the Bunk House does not have a shower or toilet, please use the main toilet and shower block.



Toilet and Showers—Toilet paper is supplied, but you have to supply your own soap, shampoo, conditioner and other personal items such as towels etc.

Fly Rod Holder for the Car

Transporting your rod between venues whilst on fishing weekend has always been problematical - often resulting in tangled lines.

Whilst searching the internet for ideas - I came up with this simply constructed solution. It was "road-tested" on the Tassie trip and held three rods up to 10' in length.

It needs to be placed just above seat back height to enable longer rods to sit above the dashboard.



Constructed using rod holder from tackle shop (\$15 approx.), timber, threaded nut and bolts, and two tile holders. I drilled a slotted hole to allow the suction cup to move along the wood and then to be tightened after adhering to the rear window.



Front rod holder is mounted by drilling two holes aligned to headrest holes and held in place by the headrests.



Rear rod holder is supported by two tile holders suctioned to rear windows at about rear seat height.

Proposed changes to Recreational Fishery Licence

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (Fisheries Victoria) is now consulting the community on proposed changes to the Recreational Fishery Licence (RFL).

The proposed changes are scheduled to take effect from 1 July 2016 and relate to:

- price increases for RFLs
- discounts for 1 year and 3 year RFLs purchased online
- offences and penalties associated with the administration and issuing of RFLs by authorised persons.

All licence revenue will continue to be paid into the RFL Trust Account to fund [projects that improve recreational fishing opportunities](#).

The last increase in the price of a RFL was in 2008.

Overview of proposed RFL price changes

Current RFL prices	2 day	28 day	1-year	3-year
Price (over the counter and online)	\$6	\$12	\$24.50	\$66
From 1 July 2016	3 day	28 day	1-year	3-year
Price (over the counter)	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$95
Price (online)	\$10	\$20	\$33 (plastic card)	\$90 (plastic card)
From 1 July 2017*	3 day	28 day	1-year	3-year
Price (over the counter)	1 fee unit	1.43 fee units	2.51 fee units	6.80 fee units
Price (online)	1 fee unit	1.43 fee units	2.36 fee units (plastic card)	6.44 fee units (plastic card)

Note that 1 fee unit in 2015-16 is \$13.60. The *Monetary Units Act 2004* governs the automatic indexation of fees through 'annual rate' adjustments, which are applied from 1 July each year. The value of the fee is set by the Treasurer and published in the Government Gazette and major newspapers.

In addition to the above proposed changes, the application fee for a group RFL issued under section 46 of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, is proposed to increase from \$24.50 to \$35 from 1 July 2016, and convert to 2.51 fee units from 1 July 2017.

What else is proposed for change?

Two offences and associated penalties, related to persons authorised by the Secretary to issue RFLs, are also proposed to be introduced to the Fisheries Regulations 2009. It will be an offence for authorised persons to fail to return unissued RFLs to the Secretary, and it will be an offence to issue an RFL with a date and time that is prior to the date and time the licence was issued.

Will my current Victorian fishing licence still be valid after 1 July 2016?

Yes, licences purchased prior to 1 July 2016 will be valid until they expire.

FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK — MUDEYE



1 Fix the hook and run the tying thread to opposite the barb. Take 2 inches (5cm) of thick lead wire and fold it so the bend is a little way short of the first thread wraps. Secure with thread so the ends lie along either side of the shank.



2 Remove the waste ends of lead at the bend. Applying the lead wire in this way creates a wide, weighted underbody. Cover the lead wire with thickly dubbed olive rabbit fur.



3 Take two slips of olive feather fiber, each containing three strands. Knot each slip once to suggest a joint and catch in on both sides of the body to form the rear legs.



4 Take another pinch of olive rabbit fur, dub it on, and wind on to form the first section of the thorax. Catch in two more legs, formed in the same way as the first pair, before adding another dubbed thorax section.



5 Wind the thread to the eye and catch in two glass beads attached to thick nylon monofilament. Catch in a slip of olive cock pheasant tail so that the butts project forward over the eye.



6 Remove the nylon ends and add the final thorax section. Pull the pheasant tail back between the eyes and secure with thread. Cast off. Reapply the thread behind the rear legs and fix the feather fibers. Cast off again and trim the fibers.

SHOT OF THE MONTH

Sunset at Devilbend chasing estuary perch



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- The difference is ours don't come with the same high price tag.



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