





#### **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

Well it was another great weekend at the Caringal Scout camp. No rain, a little sunshine, water looking good, fish caught, and a few nearly caught; all in a great stretch of water. To make the trip even better was the fact that we had the company of master chef Graham Hay who treated us mere mortals to a dinner spread fit for kings, followed by sweets to die for. And on Sunday morning as the sun rose in the sky, breakfast chef Jon had the oven's glowing again and cooked up a big Aussie breakfast. To Graham and Jon goes a big thank you; and from



all that attended the question asked was: "Are you taking bookings for next year?" Also notable on the trip was young Harry with still a bit of growing to do to fill out the waders but that didn't stop him netting his first fish on a fly . Don't know if dad's smile was as big as Harry's but it came pretty close. Thanks again to Jon for his guiding skills being able to literally point young Harry to the right spot at the right time. Great to see Jon's skills being passed on to the next generation of fly fishers

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 June 4th @ Bob Fisher's

Tying the nine flys from last meeting

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday 8th June - 6.30 pm

#### **CLUB MEETING**

Thursday 25th May @ Wranglers

**AT THE MEETING** 

Jim Baumgurtel—FLYFINZ

#### FOR YOUR DIARIES

Eildon Caravan Park May 26/29th

Tranquil Rises - Sunday June 25th

#### **SHOT OF THE MONTH**

Harry's first fish on the fly

# DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT

Following our success in obtaining a \$2000 grant under the State governments "Target One Million" initiative and our completion of this project, the Club has been nominated to apply for a grant to provide a defibrillator.

This is a new initiative under the Stronger Fishing Clubs administered by Fisheries Victoria. We will be required to verify installation, training and report items funded by the grant.

Purchase, service and training of members in the use of the defibrillator will be covered by the grant.

What a great initiative and something which will hopefully never need to be used, but will be a useful asset to take on club trips—especially to some of the more remote sites we fish.

## **MERRIJIG 2016**

The Club's November Merrijig weekend is back on the Club Calendar and is set down for the weekend Friday / Saturday / Sunday November 24th - 26h.

We are asking all those who intend to be there to make a deposit of \$30 (which represents one night's accommodation) before August 1st.

Each deposit will secure a booking so make sure you remember to sign up early for this traditional end to our yearly calendar.

Accommodation is at the Victoria Police Alpine Centre - check out their website for further info!

## MAY MEETING - FLYFINZ PRESENTATION



Once again we welcome Jim Baumgurtel of Flyfinz who will be bringing a selection of his fly tying material, tackle and other gear to our next meeting.

Jim always has something new to show us so this is a meeting not to be missed.

Make sure you bring your plastic card or wallet and get on to some bargains!

## CARINGAL CLUB TRIP REPORT

This year, fourteen members travelled the 2 hours through Moe to Caringal Scout Camp for a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship - and a little bit of fishing.

The weather was great, fish were caught and the camaraderie outstanding.

As we once again had access to the large commercial kitchen and dining room, a new initiative this year was catering for both Saturday evening meal and Sunday morning breakfast.

This made the trip so much easier for all as there was no need for each individual to pack their own provisions for the weekend.

A fabulous venue, good company, picturesque water - and this year we even caught fish!





My Kitchen Rules - Master Chef - Graeme Hay prepares the meal and then proudly displays the final product.

## MAY CLUB TRIP - EILDON

The May club Trip (May 27th - 29th) was originally set down for Ovens River but has now been changed to Eildon staying at Eildon Caravan Park.

Accommodation is available both in cabins or camping.





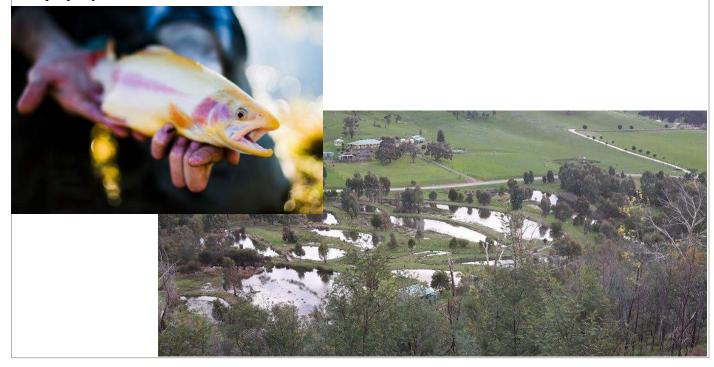
# LOOKING AHEAD - JUNE CLUB TRIP

We propose a day trip to Tranquil Rises Flowerdale on Sunday June 25th.

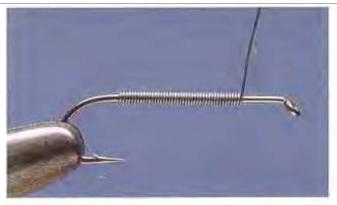
Those who wish to make it a weekend trip can also camp. Cost approx. \$30 / head

This is a catch and release facility catering for fly fishers and currently stocked with Rainbow Trout, Golden Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Yellowbelly (Golden Perch) and Siler Perch.

The property is about 1.5 hours via Yarra Glen and turn at Glenburn. Detailed directions next newsletter.



## FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK - WOOLY BUGGER



1 Secure the hook in the vise. Starting just after the bend, wind on close turns of lead wire to form the weighted underbody. Apply a coat of strong glue, then remove the hook from the vise and leave to dry, securing the hook upright in a piece of foam.



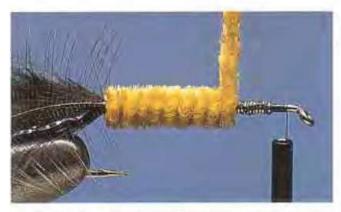
2 Replace the hook in the vise. Run the tying thread on at the eye and carry it down to the bend, past the end of the lead. Catch in a short bunch of black turkey marabou.



3 Secure the marabou with tight thread wraps, allowing the waste ends to fill the gap left at the rear of the lead wire. Take a strand of pearl Crystal Hair twice the length of the tail. Fold it in half and catch in at the tail base.



Prepare a black saddle hackle by stroking the fibers back from the tip, then catch it in at the base of the tail. Take 3 inches (7.5cm) of olive chenille and remove a section to leave a bare core. Use this core to catch the chenille in at the tail base.



5 Take the tying thread to the eye and wind the chenille on in touching turns to a point just short of the eye.



6 Secure the loose end of the chenille with tying thread and remove the excess. Wind the hackle up to the eye in evenly spaced turns. At the eye, make three close turns to form a collar. Secure and remove the excess. Cast off the thread.

#### SHOT OF THE MONTH



# Harry's first catch on the fly!!

New member Andy and Harry's Dad wrote this post on our Facebook site:

Well what can I say, my son and I went away with the MPFF crew to Caringal last weekend on the club trip (our first). Everybody who attended made us both feel so welcome it was amazing and truly appreciated!

Jon guided us on our first morning and put Harry and myself onto our first wild trout, he showed us how it was done first.... I think we were busy untangling leader or unhooking from a tree: I think Harry has been converted to fly!

Can't wait till the next trip we can get along to.

Cheers Andv

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