

# 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.

School holidays, Easter, Anzac Day, footy, picking grapes — well for me anyway — and trying to get in a little fly fishing. It must be autumn! Well at least day and night has been returned to its proper time!

The Annual Dinner is fast approaching so mark it down as a must in your social calendar.

Remember, it's a chance to gain a few 'brownie points' from your significant other.

And if you have any relations/friends/acquaintances that might be able to make a contribution to the night to make it a raffle to be remembered, give Ian a ring/email so we can start to catalogue for the big night.

Hope to see you on the water, some time soon somewhere.

Regards,

Russ Johnson

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## CLUB REMINDERS

### FLY TYING

2014 Dates & Venue to be advised

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 8th May @ Wranglers Club. 6.30 pm

### CASTING DAY

Sunday 11th May @ Mt Eliza Regional Park (off Two Bays Rd). 10.30 am

**Special Guest—Peter Wilson**

### CLUB TRIP

25th—27th April @ Creswick / Ballarat region

### CLUB MEETING

Thursday 22nd May @ Wranglers. 7.00pm

### AT THE MEETING

News from Creswick Club Trip

Knot Tying night

### FOR YOUR DIARIES

***NO APRIL CLUB MEETING***

### SHOT OF THE MONTH

Fishing Bronte Lagoon—TAS

## LAST MEETING

At our last Club Meeting we welcomed prospective members Carl & Jacqui Wesley and our presenter Jim Baumgurtel from FlyFinz.

We also welcomed back Don Sweatman, David Mead and Ken Tucker.

Fishing reports were received from Alf & Jon who got onto a patch in the Steavenson, and from proud father Phil with his son who caught his first two fish in the Kiewa River whilst on a family holiday at Mt Beauty (Phil's score zero!).

Jim presented a huge range of materials for members to peruse and gave an informative talk highlighting the materials he had on display. Many members expressed interest in Jim's catalogue which is available by emailing Jim—([info@flyfinz.com](mailto:info@flyfinz.com))

A surprise visitor who came to assist Jim was MPFF foundation member and captain of Australian Fly Fishing Team heading to the World Championships in Czech Republic in May and the Commonwealth Championships in the UK in June—Geoff Lay. Jim and Geoff spoke also about Czech Nymphing - the rigs and gear required, and some of the techniques involved. Geoff has indicated his willingness to attend a future meeting to talk about the Championships and also provide further instruction in Czech Nymphing techniques.

***Something to look forward to!!***

## MAY MEETING PROGRAMME

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

Yes, by popular request we are having a 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.***





## *CASTING DAY—MAY 11TH—Mt ELIZA*

***Our next Casting Day is has been shifted from Devilbend to Mt Eliza Regional Park*** which is located off Two Bays Rd near the Moorooduc Coolstores complex.

Your committee felt that a return to this venue will enable some more options to practice roll casting on the pond—which should have water after the recent rains.

The morning will commence around 10.30 am with casting practice on the grounds and pond and will be concluded with a BBQ sausage sizzle and drinks for lunch.



***Peter Wilson, who is well known to many club members, has kindly consented to be our instructor for the day.***



Peter has been fly fishing for more than 50 years. He was heavily involved with tournament casting from 1977 to 1982 and has won at various times Australian championship accuracy events, distance events and a record holder or equal record holder in the dry fly, wet fly, and skish (*casting at a set of targets placed flat on the surface of the water or sometimes on the ground*).

In more recent times he achieved third all round in the *Champion of Champions*. Peter is a member of the Sage Guides Team, a Certified Australian Casting Instructor, author, local Mornington Peninsula resident and all round great guy.

## UPCOMING CRESWICK CLUB TRIP—ANZAC WEEKEND

***Our next Club Trip is set down for Creswick and the Ballarat region - April 25th—27th (Anzac Day weekend).***

There are a large number of options for lake fishing in the immediate area

As usual members should make their own accommodation arrangements at the suggested venue—

### *Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park*

The Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park is set in Creswick, which is centrally located in the Goldfields Region.

Facilities include Deluxe ensuite and Standard cabins as well as shady grassed powered/unpowered sites and a Camp kitchen with tables and chairs and open wood fire.


















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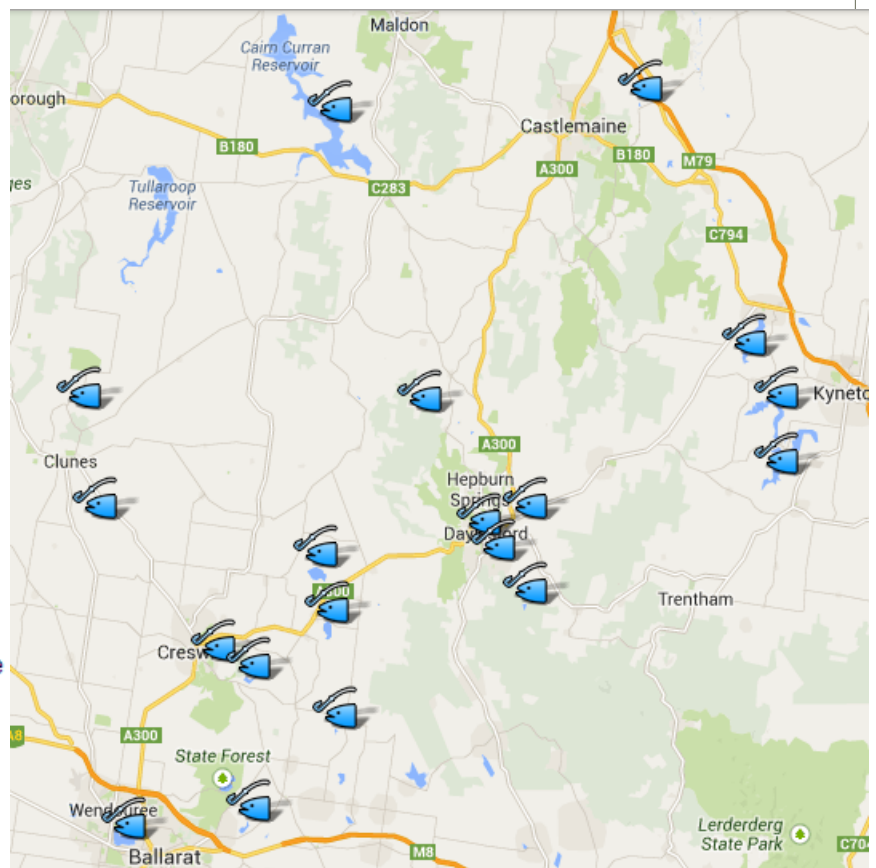


For those unable to stay overnight—the venue is only a 90 min drive from home and is thus suitable for a day trip.

Fishing options include bank fishing, wading and even float tubing at the many locations.

-  Jubilee Lake Daylesford
-  Lake Daylesford
-  Wombat Reservoir Daylesford
-  Hepburn Lagoon
-  Cosgrove Reservoir
-  St Georges Lake
-  Creswick Creek
-  Dean Reservoir
-  Newlyn Reservoir
-  Tullaroop Creek starts near Clunes
-  Jim Crow Creek starts near Daylesford
-  Cairn Curran Reservoir
-  Loddon River starts near Porcupine Ridge
-  Expedition Pass Reservoir Castlemaine
-  Malmsbury Reservoir
-  Lauriston Reservoir
-  Coliban Reservoir

*Why not “google” some of these locations?*





## FOR THE FLY TIERS

**The stimulator** is one of those flies that isn't so much a recipe, but more of a pattern to use to come up with different colour variations. What you see below is my "go to" stimulator. I like to have the contrast of the yellow, and the orange dubbing. I have also seen peacock used in place of the dubbing, and even floss bodies will work. Play around, and see what you can come up with.

- 3xl Dry fly hook or curved dry hook 4 - 16
- Elk or deer hair Yellow superfine dry dubbing
- Brown dry fly hackle Fine copper wire
- Orange dubbing 8/0 Orange fly tying thread



Start by crimping the barb of the hook in the vise jaws, or with a pair of flat pliers. Tie on your tying thread, and bring the thread to the bend of the hook. Select a small clump of deer or elk hair. Stack the hair, trim it, and tie it in as a tail. Take care not to use too much pressure at first. Using too much force, may cause the hair to flair out.



Tie in a piece of copper wire. This will be used to rib the fly. Next start to apply dubbing to the fly. Use wax if you can't get the dubbing to adhere to the thread. Wrap the dubbing forward to create a nice body that tapers forward. You will need to dub just over halfway on the hook shank.



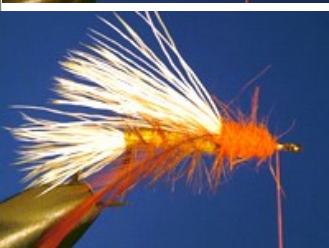
Take a piece of brown dry fly saddle hackle. Prepare the hackle by stripping off a few fibres from the stem. Tie in the hackle where you finished dubbing. I like this fly to sit low in the water, so I use a shorter length fibered feather. You can use longer hackle if you wish.



Wrap the hackle backwards towards the tail of the fly. Once you reach the point where the copper wire is tied in, wrap the copper wire forward in the opposite direction of the hackle. The copper wire will lock the hackle in place, and add durability to your fly. Tie the wire down, and trim the excess. Trim off the excess hackle.



Select, and prepare another clump of deer or elk hair. Using the same technique as above, tie down the wing. Be sure to leave ample space to form the head of the fly.



Take some more brown dry fly hackle, and prepare, and tie it in as above towards the back of the fly. Add some orange dubbing to your thread, and wrap forward, building up a heavily dubbed head. I use a rabbit dubbing for the head to obtain a spiky look to the head of this fly.



Finally, wrap the brown hackle forward, and tie off the excess, and trim. Add a whip finish to the fly, and a dab of head cement to secure it. Be creative in the colour combinations you choose.

*Sourced from CopperFly.net*



*SHOT OF THE MONTH*



*Fishing Bronte Lagoon — Tassie 2014*

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<http://www.hurleysflyfishing.com.au/>



## WHY AUSSIES LOVE FISHING NZ WATERS

*This is an edited transcript of an email from a Kiwi mate of Barry & Sarah Pepper*

Hello Barry

We have a good summer here in Hawke's Bay and the fish stocks are just amazing.

Attached are some local fish from the Tutaekuri. This has a number of tributaries which are all great spawning streams. All less than an hour from home.



Just back from 4 days on the Ruakituri, which we found low and weedy, but we managed fish each day and few other anglers about. Also had 4 or 5 days over on the Whanganui near Taumarunui.

Will also add the club's website ....doesn't get updated enough but there is a bit of info there. (<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/nfac>)

The Mohaka river has been fishing well to, and the only blip on the horizon is a proposed dam on the Makaroro river which is a trib of the

Waipawa, which is a trib of the Tukituki, probably our most prolific fishery.....under stress from mismanagement.

Lake Tutira 40 mins north has a good 3-4 months winter fishing from May onwards. Easy wading and all methods work well. Good eating fish too. We caravan there occasionally which is good.

Trust all is well on your side of the ditch....my fishing mate has a Melbourne angler to look after at the end of this week. Aussies certainly love our fishing waters.

All the best to you and Sarah

Kind regards

Ian



## BBQ FOR SALE (BEST OFFER)

*This was purchased for Jeannie and I to use in the caravan but I have since*



*come across a far smaller one. I used it once to try it out it works perfectly. It has a hot plate and grill.*

*If anyone is interested I will take a fair offer. **Harry Hayes***



## PEOPLE WE NEED TO SUPPORT

