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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

As I was confined to barracks the other day the CEO suggested that a clean-up of the office would be in order, and as reams of paper were being removed to the out-basket a crumpled paper bag turned up - and it had to be important as it had Hunting & Fishing New Zealand stamped on it. Scribbled on the back was some words of wisdom I'd found in a magazine whilst in NZ and it had taken my fancy.

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn!

So as I pondered over these few words I realised that after a few weeks at a casting pool with a group of competition casters I had suddenly improved my casting. Thus re-involvement with something I had taken for granted for so long was paying benefits.

So when you hear the Pres muttering about casting days it might be worth a flick or two!

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 this month

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 12th May - 6.30 pm

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 28th April @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Members Reports

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Club Trip Caringal Scout Camp -

Friday April 29th / Sunday May 1st

SHOT OF THE MONTH

\$2000 GRANT

Your committee has just completed a submission for this grant which is a government initiative under the **target one million anglers by 2020**.

We propose to use the grant for membership drives, introductory fishing and casting days, and marketing the club with flyers, signage and website development.

Included in our application is funding for the update of club rods and reels for use by learners and improvements to signage on the club trailer.

DEVILBEND CASTING

Twenty members were at Devilbend on the Saturday April 2nd for casting practice and a fish from around 3pm.

Unfortunately the weather proved to be very windy - so most members spent the afternoon on their casting,

All present enjoyed a drink and sausage sizzle late in the afternoon.

A couple of members then went on to try fishing the evening rise hoping for a drop in the wind speed.

It was a great afternoon and a fantastic roll-up of members for what was a last-minute inclusion to the club calendar. It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our newer members who received excellent tuition from our "older" members.

DEVILBEND CASTING DAY PHOTOS



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.

- **How to get there**

If you have a GPS you can simply put the address: ***Telbit Road (intersection Black Spur Rd), Caringal***

The camp is accessed via the Princes Freeway (M1) to Moe and then north on the Moe-Walhalla Road (C466). Once you leave the freeway at Moe it's only a further 40 minutes' drive, initially passing through pastoral properties before you hit the "twisties" and the sea of trees through the Moondarra State Forest and further north. It's a beautiful route. About 3km before Erica, keep an eye out for ***Telbit Road on the left***. There's a sign on the right-hand side of the road pointing ***left to Caringal Scout Camp***. Turn left here. If you miss the turn you'll arrive in Erica. There's a pub on the left and a caravan park on the right. Do an about turn and travel back 3km. ***From the turnoff it's 6km*** of unsealed access which for the most part is smooth and easy going. Stick to the main road and take it easy as there are plenty of corners with limited visibility and the road is shared by other residents. Turn right at the T-intersection (bridge) and before long you are entering the Scout camp.



APRIL CLUB TRIP— TYERS RIVER

Facilities

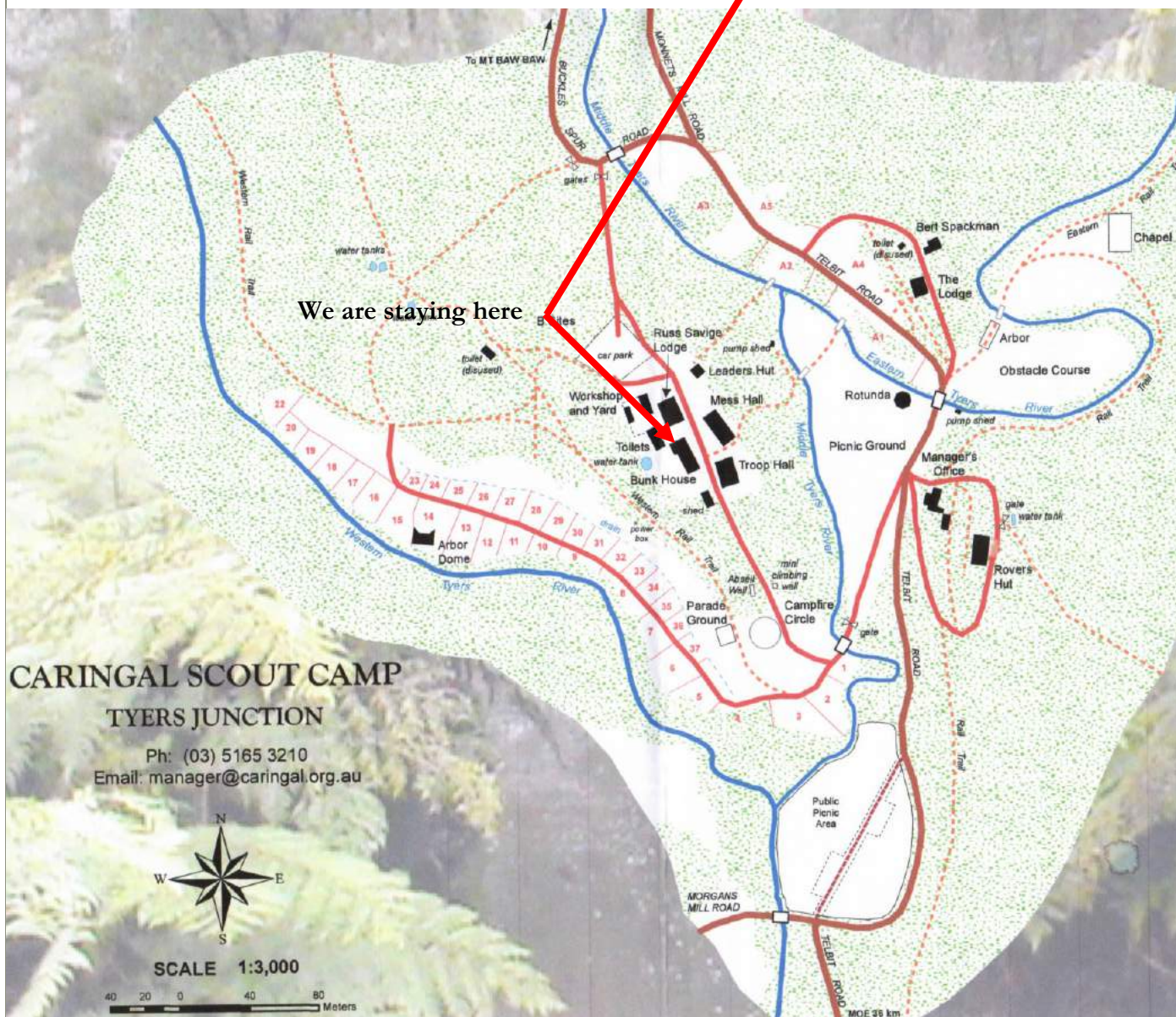
The Bunk House accommodates 26 people with 4 bunk rooms sleeping 6 per room and 1 smaller bunk room sleeping 2. Mattresses are provided but users are to supply their own sheets, pillows and blankets or sleeping bags. It is booked in conjunction with the mess hall which has large kitchen and seating.

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.

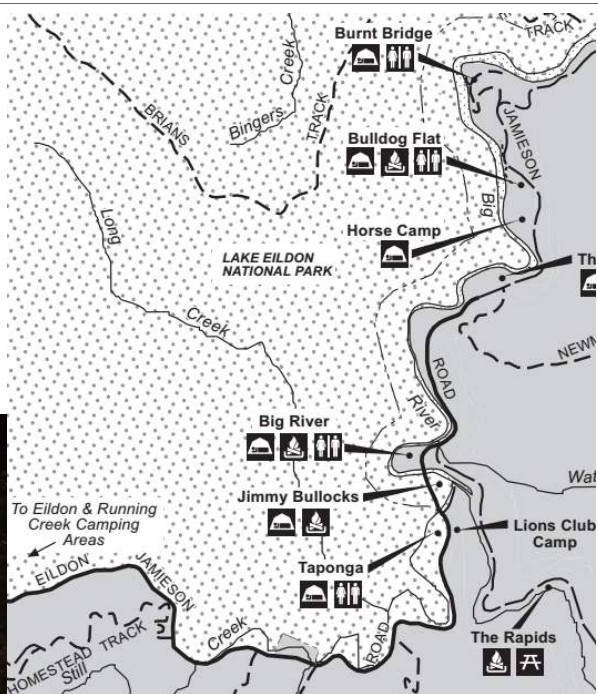


LOOKING AHEAD - MAY CLUB TRIP - BIG RIVER

The May club Trip (May 27th - 29th) was originally set down for Jamieson but has now been changed to the Big River staying at Taponga Campground.

This is a camping weekend but we will be taking the Club Marquee so that those members without tents can use it for their accommodation.

The club trailer has a BBQ and lighting so you will only need to BYO food, drink and sleeping gear with your fly fishing gear.



For many years, the club stayed at the adjacent Lions Club Camp and many members caught their first trout on the fly whilst on this trip. Travel via Thornton and take the Eildon Jamieson Rd to the campsite which has very basic facilities.

LOOKING AHEAD - PROPOSED NZ RETURN TRIP

Following last year's very successful NZ trip to the Taupo region—we are proposing a return trip this year departing **Melbourne Saturday November 12th** and returning **Sunday November 20th**.

Indicative costings are:

- **Return airfare** with Emirates (convenient departure / arrival times and a generous luggage allowance included!) **\$355 AUD return.**
- **Accommodation** at Tongariro River Motel (groups of 3 share a room with kitchen) 8 nights at \$37.50 / head = **\$300.00 NZD**
- **Car hire** (small SUV or similar—groups of 3 share cost) = **\$120 NZD**
- **Food, licences, fuel etc.** **\$175 NZD approx.**

This is a basic cost of \$950 approx.

To this basic cost would be added the costs for a rafting day and any guide hire (estimated \$500 / head for day's rafting and two half days on the river)- but these are still to be determined.

If you are interested in going please let one of the club executive know ASAP. Once teams of three have been formed we can firm up accommodation. Airfare booking and payment will be an individual responsibility - but all other costs will be billed per head and are contingent on the group being multiples of 3, any variation to this will mean an increase in costs to cover accommodation and car hire.



FROM THE FLY TIERS DESK - TIPS & IDEAS

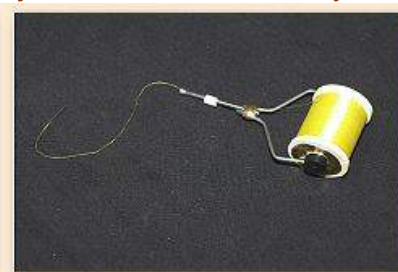
Organization

- Dedicate a small area in your home where you can store your equipment and tie flies. This sure beats going looking for everything each time you want to do some tying.
- As money permits, purchase or build a tying chest for the storage of tools, threads and materials. Once organized, you'll know right where everything is; you'll know what you have on hand and what you need to order.
- Check out your local general merchandise stores (K-Mart, \$2 shops), they have a good selections of large and small plastic storage containers.



Tools

- Use pipe cleaners to clean out you bobbins.
- Egg cartons have **many** uses, storage of flies, dispensing dubbing and as many other uses as your brain can think of.
- Save old tooth brushes and combs, they're great for combing out under hairs and for that final groomed look on flies.
- Check with your local jeweller — purchase from them a pair of fine point jeweller's tweezers. They're great for plucking out 'individual hairs' on your presentation flies.
- Drinking straws (in multiple sizes) work as the best hackle guards - keep them right on the bobbin — then just slide them onto the hook and push all the materials back so that you can tie off the head. (see photos)



Materials

- Use small film canisters or old pill bottles, with holes punched in the top.
- Use electrical tape to seal all of your fly tying fluid bottles — thus preventing evaporation and thickening.
- Head cement can be thinned using methylated spirits.
- To protect your fly tying materials from insect invasion is seal them in plastic zip lock bags.

Tying

- Use permanent markers to colour bleached quills.
- Need fly tying lacquer — use straight hair spray — remove the pump sprayer and dip in a paint brush.
- Use Kool Aid for dyeing materials.
- Soak quills in cooking oil prior to wrapping them — it keeps them from splitting when you wrap them.
- Stripping quills? Three things you can do; use bleach — works great — but it only takes a few seconds, so pay attention. Second method, use a pencil eraser. Third method, run your quill through the eye of a hook — strips it right off.
- Use Chap-Stick as a dubbing wax.
- Use clear nail polish as a lacquer.
- Use coloured nail polishes as a lacquer for the heads on your flies.
- Lacquer your tails and bodies — before tying on your wings.

General

- Visit sewing and fabric stores (Spotlight / Lincraft) for threads, needles, and other materials.
- All thumbs on the water — try tying your knots using haemostats, instead of your fingers.
- Here is a way of learning thread torque. A good suggestion for beginners is that they break their thread (they usually do anyhow) so they can find out just how tight they can wrap-in a material. All materials should be secured to the hook with as much thread torque as possible: Flies are more durable and fewer wraps of thread are needed to tie it.
- Fill (really stuff) a film canister with steel wool. Put the top on it. Poke a hole in the top with your bodkin. Use it to store you bodkin in, and keep it clean (the steel wool cleans all the crud off when you jam the bodkin in)!
- Fit the end section of a icy-pole stick with the loopy half of Velcro - two uses:
 1. "Hair out" the dubbing on your flies.
 2. If pushed down on beads will hold the bead for placement on your hook.

SHOT OF THE MONTH



**A view of
Tyers River
near
Caringal
Scout
Camp**

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