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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

Whilst I sit and ponder what to talk about this month my good lady has reminded me that it is time to start packing for a trip back to Tassie.

But this time its not about fishing! This trip to the isle is all about small trees-or bonsai. A chance to listen to the experts talk about making small things look big- not a lot different to describing the size of a fish when caught!

So while you and fellow members are off practising piscatorial pursuits at Big River, I'll be learning the ins and outs of flora in the island state.

Mind you, I might just sneak in a small rod and reel as part of my survival kit so as I observe native flora from the bank of a small stream or lake I will be with you in spirit.

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

Regards, Russ Johnson.

P.S. If I fished only to catch a fish my fishing trips would have ended a long time ago. (Zane Grey)



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CLUB REMINDERS

FLY TYING

Sunday June 5th @ Bob Fisher's

1.30 pm 14 Penton Crt, Somerville

COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 9th June - 6.30 pm

CLUB MEETING

Thursday 26th May @ Wranglers

AT THE MEETING

Fishing reports

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Big River -Taponga May 27/29 weekend

FlyFinz display June meeting

SHOT OF THE MONTH

George fishes the Tyers

\$2000 GRANT

Your committee is pleased to report that we have been awarded the \$2000 grant we applied for under the State Government's Target One Million (Stronger Fishing Clubs grants programs) plan to get more Victorian's fishing more often. The intention is to use the grant to print brochures, buy new banners and improve our club trailer's signage.

An additional amount has been allocated to purchase rods and reels for new / prospective members to borrow before committing to their own purchase.

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 25th - 27th.

We really need to know who will be attending in order that we can make bookings when they open.

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!

Fishing is in the Delatite, Howqua and surrounding streams.

A weekend club trip not to be missed!!!!!!

DEVILBEND FISHING FLY

Greg Rice fished Devilbend after the last casting day and has developed this fly which is a variation on the BMS "Bullen Merri Special" originally developed by Murray "Muz" Wilson. The fly was born to imitate small smelt, with a slow sink rate, plenty of movement and the translucence of a tiny minnow. It turned out to be an incredibly effect small streamer for all manner of species. Incidentally its also the best "weed" fly, dead drifted for those picky algae eaters.



The Hammerhead variant, tied with lead eyes Clouser style, is an effective beach fly as well. There's a YouTube of Muz tying a BMS - a good one to check out to see the method used.

Greg used white SLF, the pink - another synthetic fibre chosen for its UV brightness. The hook needs to be a long shank this one is Kamasan B 830 size 6 black magic would be a J 6 and red glass bead.

CARINGAL CLUB TRIP REPORT

Twenty 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 fishing was tough and very few fish were taken this year compared to our previous Club Trip.

To compensate for this, the accommodation was noticeably better and the large kitchen / dining area provided an outstanding venue for us all to sit around the table and talk fishing assisted by a convivial drink.

In addition the bunkhouse had a wood heater and lounge chairs which the group retired to later in the evening.



A fabulous venue, good company and picturesque water - the only thing missing was the fish!

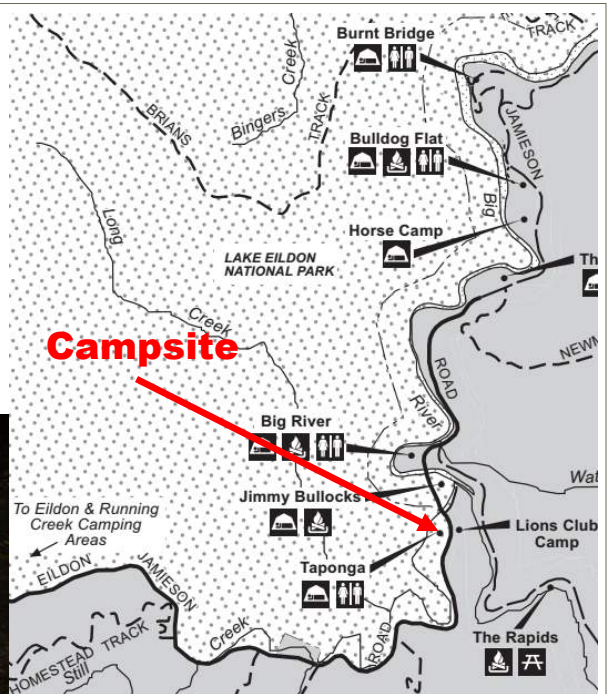


MAY CLUB TRIP - BIG RIVER / TAPONGA

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 Friday November 11th** 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.



**Still 2 vacancies
7 members already signed up!**

LOOKING AHEAD - JUNE CLUB TRIP

Lake Purrumbete is a volcanic lake located in the Western District of Victoria. It is in a shallow volcanic crater and the water is crystal clear most times of the year as the lake relies totally on its own catchment.

Lake Purrumbete is a prime destination for anglers chasing chinook salmon and rainbow and brown trout. The banks are heavily weeded at places. It is ideal for both land based and boat fishing

The Lake Purrumbete Caravan Park is just off the Highway between Camperdown (15 kms west) and Colac (45kms east) and

is situated on Purrumbete Estate Road on the south side of the lake. The area has mobile service and Telstra Broadband.



TARIFFS		
Double	Double	Extra Adult/Child
Ensuite Cabins	\$95	\$13 / \$6
Non Ensuite Cabins	\$80	\$13 / \$6
Powered Sites	\$30	\$13 / \$6
Unpowered Sites	\$13 /person	\$13 /person
<i>Please ring to book cabins for weekend stays.</i>		
<i>Please provide your own bedding</i>		

It has ensuite cabins, camp kitchen, BBQ areas, kiosk with ice, LPG, ice-creams, bait and tackle available. There are mooring facilities, jetties, fish cleaning facilities, day parking and a dual lane concrete boat ramp.

An additional fishing opportunity is Lake Bullen Merri at Camperdown. less than 20 mins drive from Lake Purrumbete. A deep, volcanic lake with saline water, it is stocked with brown and **rainbow trout**, Atlantic and **Chinook salmon**, and Australian bass.

The best opportunities are afforded to members in boats, but there are additional opportunities for shore-based fishing. I am assured that some members will be taking their boats for this trip.

The preferred option for most members will be to camp and use the camp kitchen and rotunda for eating / socialising.

CLUB MERCHANDISE ON SALE AT MEETINGS

METAL BADGES - suitable for lapel / hat **\$10**

CLOTH BADGES - sew it on your vest / jacket **\$5**

FISHING SHIRTS-- embroidered with club logo **\$50**

POLO SHIRTS - embroidered with club logo **\$25**

STICK-ON DECALS - for your car / boat **\$3 / \$5**





1 Fix the hook in the vise and wind on close turns of lead wire, leaving a short bare section of shank to the front and rear. Secure in place with tying thread and catch in a tuft of black squirrel tail hair as the tail.



2 Take 3 inches (7.5cm) of red chenille and prepare it by exposing a short section of the core from one end. Catch in the chenille at the base of the tail, using the bare core section, and wind it over the lead wire.



3 Secure the chenille close to the eye and trim the excess. Select a feather from the saddle-patch of a male ring-necked pheasant. Strip away the waste fibers from the base to leave a section of bare stem.



4 Prepare a second, identically sized feather in the same way. Catch the feathers in on both sides of the body so that the tips project a short distance past the end of the hook.



5 Prepare another pair of feathers and secure them in place on both sides of the first two. They should be staggered so that the tips of the second fall slightly short of the first.



6 Select a third and final pair of feathers and apply them in the same way as before. Secure in place with tight thread turns and remove the waste hackle stems. Complete by forming a small, neat head and cast off.

SHOT OF THE MONTH



*George fishes
a delightful
stretch of the
Tyers*

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from our
Caringal site*

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