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Graeme Frankcombe, Martin Hingston, Peter Berne

## FFCT Newsletter: March 2019

### March General Meeting:

7:30pm 6th March 2019

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston

Guest Speaker: Dr Toni Furlonge Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers  
(TEER) Scientific and Technical Coordinator

### Committee Meeting:

7:30pm 13th March 2019

Social Gathering/Fly Tying

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston



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## Presidents Report – February 2019

It has taken some time to gather my thoughts together in preparation for writing this report. The speed of events and levels of intensity, together with the variety of activities underway have all been quite sufficient to keep several dedicated souls hard pressed at times.

Having said all that, I should make it clear that we have been also been enjoying some very fine quality time with some outstanding individuals. We have also taken time to fish our home waters with valued friends both old and new. The events over recent times have forced neighbours to reconnect and communicate more freely which is a positive state of affairs which we should embrace whenever possible.

Our current building project was progressing at a suprising pace and we were all ready to pour concrete on a Saturday in January when dry lightening hit that hillside north of Little Pine. Everyone was held transfixed by the pre dawn film footage of Little Pine on the Anglers Alliance Website. Fortunately for everyone at Little Pine the winds were kind and the fire skirted west of the buildings. Ultimately the fire travelled south for a few days then came roaring back to threaten the Little Pine shack again. The timely intervention of some well prepared neighbours saw a fire break quickly cut in an effort to provide a line of defence.

Meanwhile Koongara came under threat from the same fire as it travelled southwards and to the east. I had made preparations to retrieve the Koongara Logbook but road closures ultimately made that impossible. Once again we were reduced to monitoring the web cams for our most current information and once again the pre dawn footage was unpleasant at times. Only our location on the Eastern shoreline together with the massive efforts of the fire fighters kept Koongara safe. The work put in by several Members in establishing the fire protection zone around the building just prior to the fire event may well have made all the difference with clear evidence of windblown embers landing on the Hollis Banks property.

Two weeks later we finally had a chance to access Koongara and it was a great relief to delight in its survival. Several fire breaks had been cut across Hollis Banks and all of the properties were secure with the only evidence of a potentially disastrous fire being the singed vegetation on the western shoreline. Once we were allowed access to Koongara, we quickly resumed building operations and fishing adventures. The slab was poured and carefully finished with the outstanding skills of Graeme on display for all to see. In fact things were going so well that I went fishing, and so did everyone else. Perfect.

After a week of background logistical preparation and some considerable effort, we arrived to the pleasant vision of a clean and tidy slab structure already stripped of formwork. Thanks go to Tom and Sam for becoming such valued team members in such a short time span. We quickly began the process of establishing the timber wall frame work and moving our entrance into its new position. Then we went fishing again. Perfect

The astute and observant will be noticing a pattern developing here. But then we opted for a change and went fishing first before beginning work to fully consolidate the previous days work and prepare for more work in the near future. Prior to each building session we estimate our manpower needs and I would like to thank every one of the many Members who have helped so far. I would also like to thank Peter Hazelwood and Dr.Sam for making such an impact on productivity by strenuously providing full catering services... for everyone. However, We may need to hide the bell at some time in the future.

Club meetings have always been an interesting time for me and it has been great to start off the year with such fun and vibrant meetings and to have some interesting people to associate with. It is pleasing to watch our membership continue to grow and evolve over time and to notice the change in comfort within our Chant Street clubrooms. It has been wonderful to have the library within reach and new visitors will now see our Honour Boards mounted in the meeting rooms.

There are some interesting guest speakers proposed in the coming months. The first Guest will be able to answer just about all of our questions about the tiny creatures in our waterways. In addition to that there will of course be presentations regarding our current building project for some time. Here is where we all wish for a long and gentle Autumn so that we way continue to enjoy some great companionship, fish frequently and safely complete a challenging project. We don't really need too much wind at this point.

It has been rather busy lately so I would also like to thank the Committee for their confident and honest contributions to our discussions and decision making process. It is good to have your input and I value it greatly.

I hope everyone remains safe in their travels and simply get the chance to just go fishing .

Tight Lines.... Jimmy Ellenberger

## **Minutes of General Meeting held at Chant Street on Wednesday the 6th of February 2019**

**MEETING OPENED: 7:32 pm.**

### **Welcome:**

President Jimmy Ellenberger welcomed the members and guests to the February meeting and recommended that all mobile devices be turned off, or on to silent.

### **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Brian Mattschoss, Gary Long, Rod Lees, Doug Lang

### **Names of Guests:**

Jean Crocker (former member), Rod Clarkson

### **Guest Speaker:**

The President introduced Jonathon Ray, a teacher from St Patricks college who is running an “Aquaventure” course for grade 9 students.

Although the school runs many certificate-based courses with at least 400 students enrolled this is a new course. A grant was received to build an aquaculture centre where they can breed salmon and barramundi and the students can attain qualifications in cert 1, 2 & 3 of aquaculture.

The planned Aquaventure course is the only one in existence, so Jonathon has approached the Club to gain ideas, contacts and support to assist in the course format.

This could be in the format of fly tying, fly casting, stream craft, bush walking and orienteering.

The Club can provide support as required and have suggested the Launceston Walking Club, Karen Brooks and Professor Nigel Forteach as possible speakers.

### **Appreciation:**

John Quarry completing the memorabilia boards and giving his knees a huge workout on opening day at Koongara.

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

The Secretary moved that the minutes, as appearing in the last newsletter was a representative record of the last meeting, seconded by John Quarry **and carried.**

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

## **Correspondence (since last meeting):**

### Outwards:

1. Dave Graddon (Hydro) – (email) Appreciation for Guest speaker.
2. Toni Furlonge – (email) Will send more details closer to the date.
3. Randall Trethewie (Via President) – (email) Appreciation for road access to Lake Fergus and report.
4. Phil Lebski (via President) – (email) Suggestions on Koongara design.
5. IFS – (email) Feedback on season extension to some rivers.
6. Central Highlands Council – (email) completed and signed ‘Start Work Form 39’.
7. Graham Rogers (CHC) – Gate key (temporary) to Hollis Banks for approvals.
8. Graham Rogers (CHC) – (email) Pictures of installed smoke alarms.
9. Graham Rogers (via President) – (email) Seeking approval of footings and first inspection.
10. Graham Rogers – (email) Start work forms – plumbing works.
11. Malcolm Cross – Club’s response to waters closed during the WFFC.

### Inwards:

1. VFFA – (email) Club newsletters.
2. SAFFA – (email) Club newsletter.
3. DFFC – (email) Club newsletter.
4. GFFC – (email) Club newsletter.
5. BODSAC – (email) Club newsletter.
6. BODSAC – (email) Invitation to ‘Multi-species’ competition {now only a Club event}.
7. AAT – (email) Participant survey for QUT research study.
8. Phil Lebski – (email) Requested drawings and raised concerns on Koongara design.
9. Ian Ferrier – (email) Update on road works to Hollis Banks.
10. Ian Ferrier – (email) Agenda for TIC AGM.
11. Webbs Hunting & Fishing – Shack booking sheets for November and December.
12. Peter Rumney – Change status of membership to pensioner.
13. Peter Rumney – (email) Confirmation of shack payment.
14. Central Highlands Council – Reminder of expiry and fees of building permits {not ours}.
15. AAT – (email) Tumbledown bridge is closed.
16. AAT & Ben French – (email) Lake Mackenzie alpine restoration trials.
17. Randall Trethewie – (email) Lake Fergus history and reason for limited access.
18. SF&FP – (email) Concerns on lack of toilets in popular inland waters

19. AAT – (email) Notice of meeting at the Great Lake Hotel re Lake Malbena.
20. Kath Humphris – (email) Petition against the Lake Malbena development.
21. AAT – (email) Notice of Central Highland Lakes Community Centre Meeting AGM.
22. AAT – (email) Ragwort removal project at Elizabeth bay.
23. AAT – (email) Nominations for the angler's hall of fame.
24. AAT – (email) Poster for Pine Tier bushfire meeting at Miena.
25. AAT – (email) Craighourne Dam road will be kept open.
26. AAT – (email) Lake Malbena council submission.
27. Michael Scott (PWS) – (email) Pillans Track is now open.
28. Clean up Australia – (email) Reminder to register for 2019.
29. Mike Stevens – Tasmanian Fishing & Boating Newspaper Issue 135.
30. Malcolm Cross (via President) – (email) Proposal to close waters during the WFFC.
31. Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – Confirmation of transfer transaction \$5000 to CBA.
32. Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – Statement of account to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
33. FS – (email) Quarterly report to anglers.
34. Graham Rogers (via President) – (email) Approval of footings.
35. TFTC – (email) Fly Fish Kashmir flyer.
36. Commonwealth Bank of Australia – 2 New cheque books.
37. Nigel Forteach – (email) Support for native animals due to the fires.
38. Jeremy Ranicar – (email) Agenda for TIC AGM.
39. Mike Stevens – Membership nomination form for Rod Clarkson.

It was agreed that all Inwards mail be noted, but not read out. Some items would be addressed in the general business.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward be approved and seconded by Peter Ray **and carried**.

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Expenses: \$8,213.44

Income: \$1,964.60

TPT: \$16,279.22

CBA: \$6,112.31

The Treasurer moved for acceptance the Treasurer's report, seconded by John Dekkers **and carried.**

**Matters arising:**

It was noted that a sum of \$5000 was transferred from the TPT account to the CBA account to assist with the purchase of materials for the Koongara upgrade.

**General Business:**

**Chairman's Lead:**

**Club Fund Raising:**

Members were reminded that the Fly bowl with flies for only \$1 will still be available and over the last 12 months has raised over \$200. Tyers were encouraged to tie some beetle patterns and jassids for this time of year.

The boat auction that was held recently was won by Sean Pridmore. He has now painted the boat black and already christened it on some waters.

**Fire report:**

The President provided an update on the recent fires that have ravaged the central highlands within range of both the Club shacks.

With the roads open on Saturday night for "bona-fide" residents he visited Koongara to check the status and collect the logbook. A slide show of the works done by the TFS within Hollis Banks to protect the shacks and provide access to the water was thankfully the only changes to the area.

The clearing of the area by the Club members of the flammable materials recently was well timed, made a huge difference and very appreciated.

The Logbook will be completely scanned, with a PDF stored in the public library, as well as our library before returning to the shack. Some entered items are unfortunately in pencil which will decay over time. The President will seek advice from the library on how to preserve these entries.

**Club Outings / Working Bees:****Koongara Upgrade:**

The President provided a slide show showing the progress of the works to date. The Pier holes and room slab, excavation and reinforcement has been approved by CHC. It is planned to pour the slab on this Saturday (9<sup>th</sup>). The area for the fire tank has been cleared and the base prepared. An area of 20m from the shack has been cleared of all leaf matter, shrubs and flammable materials. The unsafe trees that have been fallen have all been split and stacked.

Other works that is to be done:

Maintain a clear 20m zone;

Relocate the spoils from the TFS works off the turning area to the boat ramp;

Demolish the brick chimney.

Maurice Hendley expressed his appreciation to the President on his presentation and the update on the progress so far.

**Talbots Lagoon:**

The DFFC have invited our members for a combined outing to the water on the 28/02 – 3/3/2019. We will, however, be still working on the Koongara upgrade, but members if they so desire can attend this outing. They must notify the Secretary to confirm with the DFFC at least a week before the actual date.

**Other General Business:**

During the fires the TFS removed the gas bottles from the cage and placed them clear of the building. It was noted that the flexible connections to the bottles should be changed to copper.

Ross Frankcombe tabled a cutting from a local newspaper on the swift and timely works done by David Clarke, Matthew and Robert Bailes at Little Pine Lagoon to protect the shacks.

Following the destruction of the Skittleball Homestead by the fires David contacted Matthew and Robert to deliver a dozer to provide some fire breaks around the shacks. The Club will decide on what type of recognition that we will provide to them.

The tracks cut by the TFS should have a silt trap to prevent unwanted materials flushing into the lagoon. We believe that the TFS will remove or spread all spoils from the area after the fire danger period has passed.



Jean Crocker discussed the proposed development for Lake Malbena that is to be tabled at the next CHC meeting. A petition for the CHC to hold a public meeting was introduced and requested that members should sign.

Discussion ensued on the effects of the fires at Little Pine and Penstock. This will be a watch and wait over time. Reports so far is that 'Pine is fishing well.

John Dekkers has presented 2 rods for members to view and buy.

Stalker 4 piece 7'9", 4 weight with a spare tip;

Loomis 2 piece 9', 5 weight.

These items will be available for one month for – get in quick.

### **Fishing Reports:**

Most of the members have been restricted in January to lowland fishing due to the fires, although some have visited the Blue Peaks and Long Tarns areas.

Lakes:

The summer so far has seen members at Lake Mikany, Little Pine, Penstock Arthurs, Little Lake, Arthurs, Leake and Four Springs. Each with varied success.

Rivers:

Because the summer has been very hot members have visited the Duck, St Patricks, South Esk, North Esk, Mersey, Meander, Camden, Tyenna, Macquarie and Liffey.

A story was retold how one member at the Tyenna River cast 5 different flies to a fish that refused each one, then settled down on the river bed totally bored and went to sleep.

Another member who travelled with a WFFC competitor to some rivers and lakes was amazed at his skills of catching fish. He has now learned some more valuable skills to help him.

One herring (smoked) put up little resistance when presented with a can-opener.

### **Club Raffles:**

The lucky door prize (Webb's H & F voucher) was drawn by Jean Crocker and won by John Quarry.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm**

### **Penstock Goulash From old Jack's corner.**

There are times when one craves for something different when staying up at the shack, and after a long hard day trying to catch a fish, a cook up is the answer.

Take two medium size onions, peel and slice.

Three carrots and some frozen peas.

Place them all in a pot with some water, apricot jam, and salt.

Add half a kg of diced scotch fillet.

Using a medium size pot, simmer it all over the gas being careful not to let it catch, until well cooked.

Meanwhile peel some potatoes and place them in another steamer pot, some cauliflower florets, pumpkin pieces and beans in the steamer top and cook.

Thicken the goulash with some corn flower.

Serve out onto plates, and have a few slices of bread handy.

Call the others and tuck in.

The following sweets course is a can of sliced peaches with custard.

Remember that it is the shack custom to thank the cook by doing the washing up afterwards.

A nice cup of tea or coffee is then offered.

A nice sit around with the heater going, lots of talk until bedtime is then the order of the day.

In the morning there is absolutely nothing better than a good old fashioned bowl of porridge, followed by some bacon and eggs to set one up for the day.

Outside it is another beautiful day, calm and warm, just perfect for another go at those elusive trout.

The younger ones head off out, and us oldies sit around for a while chatting and enjoying just being there, the mountain air and alpine surroundings are enough for us, perhaps we might wet a line today, but after a long week at work, we have learnt to enjoy the lovely peace and solitude of this wonderful place.

We do a few shack chores, refilling the wood box, cleaning out the heater, sweeping the floor, and writing up the record book. I think that it would be very nice to get some more up to date furniture for the shack, those old 1970's chuck out chairs have had their day, higher and better suited for present day requirements.

To me, living at sea level, near the coast, I find that a trip up to the mountains is a complete change, Inland and up. Different air, wonderful scenery, peaceful and pleasant surroundings. Very restful and invigorating. The drive up and back through the everchanging countryside and roadside vegetation is like a health

cure minitour quite out of the ordinary. Sadly, there are many city dwellers that do not appreciate it, I feel sorry for them, too stressed by modern lifestyles to stop and smell the flowers and listen to the birds.

### **Koongara Working Bee Photos 23 February 2019**



## Koongara Working Bee Photo 9 February 2019



## Inland Fisheries Service Photo Competition 2018-19

We want your best Tasmanian trout fishing photos. Entries for the Tasmanian Trout Fishing Photography Competition 2018-19 will be accepted up until 5pm on Tuesday 30 April 2019. In particular we are looking for photos of families, kids, female anglers, scenery shots and of course trout.

There are cash and gear prizes on offer - *1st Place: \$500, 2nd Place: 1 x pair Neoprene waders (Fly 'n Dry), 3rd Place: 10 x Lures (Hueys Lures) 4th place 10 x Lures (Huey Lures) .*

Entry is free. Conditions apply - see entry form

You can submit up to 6 images with maximum size 5 MB each.

Images will be showcased and the winner announced at Trout Weekend 2019.

Download the [Entry Form](https://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/news/2019/jan/08/photo-competition-2018-19), at <https://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/news/2019/jan/08/photo-competition-2018-19> fill it out, press the submit button, attach your photos and email it all to us at [photos@ifs.tas.gov.au](mailto:photos@ifs.tas.gov.au).

## Shack Bookings

**Contact:** Ian Webb at WEBB'S HUNTING AND FISHING

Address- 18a Marlborough Street Longford

Phone-63712175 or 0466 620 177

Email- [webbshuntingadfishing@gmail.com](mailto:webbshuntingadfishing@gmail.com)

**When:**

Bookings may be made, and keys obtained, by Club members only during business hours which are:

Monday – Friday (9:00 am. to 5.00 pm).

Saturday (9:00 am. to 2:00 pm).

**Note:** No bookings can be taken or keys made available outside these hours.

**How:**

All members, even if they hold keys, are required to book.

**The booking must include:**

How many are Club members.

How many are guests or non-members – **maximum of 3 per party.**

The gender of guests – **only if female.**

The duration of stay – **limited to 5 consecutive nights** (or by prior approval by committee)

Which shack required.

**Pavment:**

**2018 rates: Day \$5.00**

**Member: \$15.00**

**Non-Member: \$25.00**

Must be made:

At the next Club meeting or,

By EFT/post to the Treasurer within that month.

**Note:** Webb's Hunting And Fishing will not accept payments.

**Key Return:**

The keys, includes gate keys, must be returned immediately to Webb's Hunting And Fishing .

**Cancellations:**

The member must advise Webb's Hunting And Fishing at least 24 hours before the date of the booking, otherwise a cancellation fee may apply.

## FFCT UPCOMING EVENTS & CLUB INFORMATION

### **FFCTas Season Events 2019**

Contact the Secretary: **Richard Hawley**

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for all details and confirmations

- **General Meeting – 6th March**
- **Committee & Social Night Meeting – 13th March**

**Members** please check your accounts with **Treasurer Peter Hazelwood**  
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#### **Payments and club banking:**

**Account:** The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania

**BSB:** 067-003

**ACC:** 28057585