

The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.'

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FFCT Newsletter: July 2019

July 3rd General Meeting:

7:30pm 3rd July 2019

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston

Committee Meeting:

7:30pm 10th July 2019

Social Gathering/Fly Tying

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston



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Presidents Report June 2019

With the winter months now upon us it has become quite clear just how short our winter days actually are. Fortunately we are only a matter of days away from the winter solstice which means a few more colder days and then that wonderful cycle of another seasons beginnings. Foggy and frosty mornings are part of the challenges before us all but a big thanks and well done to Bill Greensmith for leading a casting session at Longford this past Sunday. The photo's I have seen show a pretty foggy beginning.

I was unable to attend due to some home duties which are finally being addressed. Our building project at Koongara has continued to progress at a satisfying rate. Thanks to the sterling efforts of several members, we now have the internal painting and varnishing completed on all but a couple of joinery details. I spent a cold and windy day recently welding all the front handrails and it was most satisfying to finally clean up the visuals in that location. Our floor coverings are completed and the only outstanding details are the plumbing connections and the finalising of our electrical system.

Once we get everything tested and operational we will take a rest for awhile. There is still quite a lot of work to be done externally prior to having the building permit completed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Members who have committed so much time to the project. It has been a lot of fun so far.

We continue to have other club activities underway as well, so hopefully Members will either enjoy one of the upcoming casting days or perhaps even the Great Winter Dinner which is again being held at Little Pine. There is also a fly tying evening coming up very soon at our general meeting which should provide some inspiration for those of us fortunate enough to be enjoying valuable time at the vise. For those of us with some time management issues, I can highly recommend a considered raid on the big fly bowl at the FFCT club room's.

There are some great flies available at the moment and this little glass bowl has been a mighty contributor to our finances over the past year. I will admit to some occasional feelings of envy when looking at some of the fine tying on display. For those Members travelling over the winter months I wish you all a safe journey and some great and interesting experiences.

To all those remaining close to home I wish safe travels as well and don't forget the reality of black ice. I found a nice, but fortunately short patch the other day. A timely warning of things to come.
Regards.... Jimmy Ellenberger

Minutes of General Meeting held at Chant Street on Wednesday the 5th of June 2019

MEETING OPENED: 7:32 pm.

Welcome:

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

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Brian Mattschoss, Gary Long, Peter Ray, Martin Hingston, Tom Seppala, Ian Harrison, Graeme Frankcombe, John Quarry, Phil Lebski, Doug Lang, James Doherty, Gary Allen, Peter Berne

Names of Guests:

Rod Lee
Rod Clarkson

Guest Speaker:

The President introduced our guest Viv Spencer to the members. Viv's presentation will cover the many amusing stories that he has heard or been involved in whilst working with the IFS.

He started with a brief history of the IFS then retold some poaching stories and finished with some very notable people that he has met over his journey.

He had all the members in fits of laughter many times.

Following his most enjoyable presentation the Club's appreciation was expressed by the President and the members present.

Appreciation:

The President and members expressed their appreciation to:

- The members that attended as Club reps the IFS Open Day John Dekkers, Lyndon Haines and Corey Harris;
- Martin Hingston and other members that stacked the wood at Little Pine;
- Chris Smart for donating the floor coverings for Koongara which has been perfectly laid by the President;
- Chris Crawford for taking on the role as main contact for the Club's involvement with the St Patricks College "Aquaventure course", other members include Gary Cullen, John Dekkers, Bill Greensmith, Tom Seppala, John Morwood and Lyndon Haines;
- Mike Stevens for donating a print of a brook trout taken at Clarence Lagoon (will be an extra raffle prize).

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 Sean Pridmore – **and carried.**

Matters arising:

Nil

New Member:

The President and members welcomed our newest member Rod Clarkson (#459) to the Club.

Rod was presented with the usual Club information with the hope that Rod's journey will be beneficial and successful, not only to himself but to the Club as well.

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Outwards:

1. Jacksons Locksmiths – (email) Requesting 10 more shack keys to be cut.
2. Ian Harrison – Confirmation of membership.
3. Graham Rogers (CHC) – (email) Bathroom photo submissions.
4. Phil Lebski – (email) Response to fire tank relocation.

Inwards:

1. SAFFA - (email) Club newsletters.
2. VFFA – (email) Club newsletter.
3. TFTC – (email) Club newsletter.
4. BODSAC – (email) Club newsletter.
5. GFFC – (email) Club newsletter.
6. Becks Hardware – (email) Monthly invoices.
7. Geoff Nixon – (email) Change to electronic newsletter.
8. Paul Flood (Parks) – (email) Lake Augusta Road closed for winter period.
9. Richard Hawley – Membership nomination for Ian Harrison.
10. Mike Stevens – Membership nomination for Rod Lee.
11. Jacksons Locksmiths – Keys can be collected.
12. Webb's Hunting & Fishing – Shack booking sheets for April.
13. Phil Lebski – Suggesting the relocation of fire tank.
14. Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – (email) Confirmation of transaction.
15. St Patricks College (via President) – (email) Requesting demonstrators for casting and fly tying.
16. Sports & Recreation – (email) Notice of a "Money in Sport" forum.
17. Charles Thow – (email) Resignation from Club.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward be approved, seconded by Chris Crawford - **and carried.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 4,624.94

Income: \$ 349.00

TPT: \$ 1,000.00

CBA: \$ 2,138.14 (Cheques outstanding \$215.00; balance on clearance \$1,923.14)

The Treasurer noted that \$1,393.84 has been transferred from the TPT to the CBA account.

The Treasurer's report was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by Ross Frankcombe – **and carried.**

Matters arising:

From a starting balance of about \$29,000 we have almost completed the Koongara upgrade, with now only a few items (inexpensive) left to purchase.

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

Club Fund Raising:

Fly bowl - \$1 per fly (More flies have been added to the bowl)

Printed Newsletters - Reminder:

Currently there are 13 members who receive the printed copy of the newsletter. The costs for printing and mailing are \$76.41 per month (\$840.51 per year).

Those members will now be charged \$45 per year along with their membership

Trout Weekend:

Lyndon Haines provided a positive report on the reception that the members tying flies received during the day. Many photos were taken of the flies and the fly-tyers by the visitors, with many Club cards and flyers handed out.

Club Outings / Working Bees:

Noonamena:

The wood is now stacked in the shed. Most of the wood was delivered on Friday while Martin was in residence. He had stacked that load before the rest of us arrived on the Saturday, when the rest on the wood arrived. Chris Crawford, Gary Cullen, Tom Seppala and Richard Hawley assisted Martin in stacking the rest of the wood.

There are 2 gas burner barbeques (2 burners) in the shed and are to be collected by the owners or will be sold by the Club.

Koongara:

The new works are now fully locked up.

The toilet is working (user fills up the bucket), the flooring is done, the vanity is installed and about 70% of the painting is complete.

Works will continue this weekend.

Fly casting in the off season with Bill Greensmith.

The location will be the same (Longford) running on Sundays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and the starting date is the 16th of June. The format will be the same as last year. A \$10 fee will be charged for a barbeque and confirmations are to be sent to the Secretary.

St Patricks college - “Aquaventure course”:

The Club has agreed to run 2 sessions on 2 days (7th and 14th of June) with Chris being the main organiser.

The planned program is:

Chris Crawford is doing a short theory showing gear.

Bill Greensmith and Tom Seppala are doing the casting;

John Dekkers and Gary Cullen tying flies;

With John Morwood and Lyndon Haines assisting and alternating with each class.

The group are meeting at St Pats junior school (off Peel St) at 1.30pm.

Chris indicated that there may be a follow-up class in the late Spring and could entice the students and or parents to attend our fly-fishing class in October.

Christmas in Winter:

To be held at Noonamena, tentatively on the 29th June.

Send confirmations to the Secretary by the 17th June.

Fly Tying Challenge:

Peter Hazelwood advised the members that more details regarding the “rules and regulations” will be revealed after our next committee meeting.

Fishing Reports:

No person was brave enough to declare that they went fishing over the last month.

Club Raffles:

Our normal Gift Voucher raffle was drawn by Rod Clarkson and won by Peter Hazelwood.

The second raffle of a Print (donated by Mike Stevens) was drawn by Rod Lee and won by Rod Clarkson.

Next Meeting:

Club Fly Tying night

Meeting Closed: 9:10 pm

Koongara Photos



Internal view of the two new rooms. Doors are closed due to wet paint. Photo on the right is of new bathroom unfinished.



Pictured on left is the new toilet unfinished and a magnificent battery box on the right built by Ross Frankcombe.

Life Membership Nomination

Members are reminded that at the AGM the honour of a Life membership may be presented to a member or members.

The member must be nominated in accordance with Rule 5.1(d) and satisfy the conditions as set out in Rule 4 (a) and (c) of the Club constitution.

The nomination and a resume of the nominee must be received by the Secretary by the August meeting to be discussed at committee level.

All nominations received are in strict confidence.

Call for nominations for the 2018-19 Club Awards



Max Christensen Award & Tanglefoot Trophy

In recognition of a member/s who have provided, over the last twelve months, a substantial and continued service to the club via many forms of contribution.

Past recipients of our highest accolade have been recognised for their valuable contributions in a wide range of areas / fields, including (but not limited to):

- outstanding service on committee
- undertaking additional duties on behalf of the club (sub-committee)
- significant contributions on working bees, projects, etc...
- representing the club on external activities (Adult Ed, AAT, IFS, etc...)



Snorkel Award

Members who have witnessed some unusual activities over the last twelve months and are prepared to 'volunteer' information, leading to the successful prosecution of any member guilty of going the 'full dunk' as part of their fishing / boating activities.

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 2019

Subs are due soon, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

Annual Subscriptions for 2019 / 2020 are: Amount

Ordinary Member \$72

Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student \$36

Eligible Pensioner (as defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution) \$36

Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 31st August 2019 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as their overdue subs for membership.

Fly casting with Bill Greensmith

Come learn to cast, improve your casting or help educate people in casting. And have an enjoyable time brushing up for the next season over the winter months. Village Green Longford 16th & 30th June & 14th July @ 11:00 until 1:00pm.

A \$10 fee will be charged for a barbeque and confirmations are to be sent to the Secretary.



A letter from Greg French seeking funds to reject the Lake Malbena Development.

Hi everyone

I'm not sure how much you know about the Lake Malbena issue, but you can always brush up by consulting the relevant thread on the FlyLife Forum: <https://flylife.com.au/forum/topic/why-can-t-wilderness-just-be-sacred-lake-malbena>

Anyway, this is a request for donations to help a coalition of interest groups and individuals (the 'partners') support the Central Highland Council (CHC) in its decision to reject a Development Application (DA) for a luxury lodge (incorporating helicopter-only access) in the core of the Western Lakes Wilderness Trout Fishery.

If the CHC decision is overturned by the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal (RMPAT), the development will result in the privatisation of an entire island and displace hundreds of existing users in favour of a handful of wealthy clients. It would also set a precedent for the privatisation of other waters within the Western Lakes, with other proposals already in the pipeline. And it would open the door to further helicopter access in the Western Lakes.

Defending the CHC decision in the RMPAT involves the engagement of barristers and expert witnesses, and despite major assistance from the philanthropic Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) it is estimated that it will still end up costing \$50,000.00, perhaps much more. To make matters worse, the state government is asking the RMPAT to rule that DAs are not actually required by law on public land (meaning that the CHC decision should be ignored regardless of its merits and overwhelming public support). The hearing is slated to be heard from 24–28 June 2018, but more time may be needed, in which case the case may resume in July, August or later.

The partners have set up a mechanism by which donations can be made through the Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA). The TNPA is a philanthropic group entirely independent of the government's Parks and Wildlife Service, and as a fly fisherman I wholeheartedly support it. (It was necessary to use an existing registered entity so that donations would be tax deductible.)

Option one is the **TNPA Lake Malbena Appeal Fund** which utilises GiveNow, who will skim off a commission (<https://www.givenow.com.au/lakemalbenaappeal>).

Option two utilises **direct bank transfer** (<https://tnpa.org.au/donate>).

I understand that the partners have a strong case – both in defending the CHC decision and on the jurisdictional question – but even if they win, they will end up tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket. If we do not support the partners, we run the risk of losing free access to the Western Lakes and, ultimately, other publically owned fisheries. If this case is lost, the minister of the day will have enshrined in law an unlimited power to approve any development he likes on any piece of public land – including in national parks and World Heritage areas – without calling for public submissions or even consulting parliament.

Sincere thanks for your support.
Greg French

Shack Bookings

Contact: Ian Webb at WEBB'S HUNTING AND FISHING

Address- 18a Marlborough Street Longford
Phone-63712175 or 0466 620 177
Email- webbshuntingadffishing@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.

Payment:

2019 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**

secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

for all details and confirmations

- **General Meeting – 3rd July**
- **Committee & Social Night Meeting – 10th July**

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer Peter Hazelwood**
at: treasurer@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

Payments and club banking:

Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania

BSB: 067-003

ACC: 28057585



4 pound Derwent river brown trout caught at Bridgewater. Fly was a black gamechanger tied by Matt Riseley.