

# The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.'

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## Your Committee:

Peter Berne (Snr Vice President), Martin Hingston (Vice President), Graeme Frankcombe,  
Lyndon Haines, Jack Barker, John Quarry, Sean Pridmore.

## FFCT Newsletter: August 2019

### August 7th General Meeting:

7:30pm 7th August 2019

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston

### Committee Meeting:

7:30pm 14th August 2019

Social Gathering/Fly Tying

1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston



## Presidents Report July 2019

The wait is almost over... By the time of our next newsletter the 2019/2020 Trout season will be well and truly underway. Most of the fisher folk I know have been busy filling up their fly boxes and preparing equipment with a real sense of anticipation. Watching some of our members demonstrating some tried and true patterns has been quite interesting to say the least. The level of innovation and skills on show have been most impressive.

Personally, I have once again gone back to some truly vintage patterns to fill my containers. There is a real favourite called a Lady Caroline which dates back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is a fairly large Spey Style fly which is pretty challenging to assemble and even more challenging to scale back to a trout size for use here in Tas. It has been a dependable early season fly for a few years now. It is always a highlight for me to have a good look at just what some people choose to start the season off with. This year promises to be a good season with some good rains and plenty of snowpack received over the last few weeks. The lakes will certainly be well filled and the rivers will most likely be running high for some time, which is always a good indicator of a fun season.

One of my good intentions for this upcoming season is to figure out the best way into some fairly remote river systems which have come to my attention. It has now been well over 40 years since I first began exploring our state and it is remarkable that there are so many waters remaining virtually unfished. The next time you begin to feel a little restricted on our more popular waters just remember that exploring Tasmania is very rarely disappointing and there are a tremendous amount of options.

Our progress with the Koongara upgrade continued at a much reduced pace over the past month. Thanks to the good efforts of several Members, we are now at the stage where all of the painting is complete and we are in the process of finishing the electrical details. The shower is completed and the vanity fitted in the Bathroom. The decision was made to defer any further works until some warmer weather comes our way in the spring. The building is now secure, weatherproof and much more comfortable to live in. We can afford to take a short rest before completing details like staircases, cover boards and general fire proofing. I believe it is safe to say the new verandah will be the focus of some well deserved celebrations later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone good luck for this season and to hope for safe travels for you all. Enjoy every day on the water, and every moment spent with old friends and new friends alike.

Tight Lines..... Jimmy Ellenberger President FFCT

## **Minutes of General Meeting held at Chant Street on Wednesday the 3rd of July 2019**

**MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.**

### **Welcome:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Brian Mattschoss, Gary Long, Peter Ray, Ian Harrison, Andrew Grubert, Tom Seppala, Rod Clarkson, Rod Lee  
Following a recent police lockdown in Cressy we are unsure what has happened to our Gaffer. He is noted as MIA.

### **Vale:**

Len Smith (aged 99 ¼ years):

On Wednesday morning 26<sup>th</sup> June we received the sad news of the passing of long-time member Len Smith. Len had been a Club member since 1963 and an active member on the committee from 1966 - 78, holding the office of Vice President, Senior VP and finally the role of Club President from 1973 – 75. He attended the official opening of the new Noonamena as the oldest past President and said that this building should not be known as the shack but the Lodge.

He became a Life Member in September 2018.

Leo White:

A former member who returned to America for health reasons has now passed on.

Don Urquhart:

Another former member who has now passed on in the last month.

The President led the members in a show of respect with a combined 1 minute's silence.

### **Appreciation:**

The President expressed the Club's appreciation to Chris Crawford for taking on the role as main contact for the Club's involvement with the St Patricks College "Aquaventure course". Other members that assisted in the program included Gary Cullen, John Dekkers, Bill Greensmith, Tom Seppala, John Morwood, Maurice Hendley and Lyndon Haines

### **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 Peter Rasmussen, **and carried.**

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

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

#### **Outwards:**

1. Viv Spencer – (email) Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Rod Lee –Confirmation of membership.
3. Smith Family – Sympathy card on the passing of Len.

#### **Inwards:**

1. SAFFA - (email) Club newsletters.
2. VFFA – (email) Club newsletters and 5-year strategic plan document.
3. BODSAC – (email) Club newsletter.
4. GFFC – (email) Club newsletter.
5. Stephen Butler – (email) Invitation / Notification to the 2019 Great Lake Tie-in.
6. Becks Hardware – (email) Monthly invoices.
7. TFTC – (email) Invitation to fly tying session at Lenah Valley.
8. Peter Hazelwood – (email) Thoughts on how to run the "fly tying" championship.
9. AAT – (email) Status of Lake Malbena and request for funding.
10. AAT – (email) Sustainable Timber Tas – Annual update wood production plan.
11. Brian Carroll – Membership payment and email details.
12. David Walker – Membership payment.
13. Webb's Hunting & Fishing – Shack booking sheets for May.
14. Peter Ray – (email) Recent passing of Len Smith (26/06/2019).
15. Peter Castles – (email) New email contact details.
16. Andrew Grubert – (email) Self nomination for the "Snorkel award".
17. Mike Stevens – Tasmanian Fishing and Boating News Issue 137.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward be approved, seconded by Corey Harris, **and carried.**

### **Matters arising:**

Inwards 5: The date for the Great Lake Tie-In is in November.

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

Expenses: \$ 1,230.16

Income: \$ 730.00

TPT: \$ 1,021.99 (includes 21.99 interest)

CBA: \$ 2,185.98 (cheques outstanding \$215.00; balance on clearance \$ 1,970.98)

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

### **Matters arising:**

The President highlighted that with the membership subs coming in we are now returning to the black.

### **General Business:**

#### **Chairman's Lead:**

#### Club Fund Raising:

The Fly bowl has just received more new flies from Corey Harris and Gary Cullen. The bowl before the meeting tonight has already collected about \$20.

#### **Club Outings / Working Bees:**

##### Koongara:

The works report from this last month included the floor covering, joinery for the electrical and painting - all completed.

This weekend the electricals and bathroom work (shower screen and tiling) will be done.

The remaining work of external painting, lining of the porch and steps will be done during the warmer months.

The inner walls of the main room will most likely be lined with plaster, as the 'ranch wall' is no longer available.

##### Club Fly casting:

A small group of members attended (braved the elements) the casting class with Bill Greensmith at Longford. The next (last) outing will be on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July between 11:00am to 1:00pm.

##### St Patricks college:

The "aquaventure" course that ran for 2 sessions at St Patricks college received a positive response from the students. The college may have plans for another course later in the year.

##### Christmas in Winter:

To be held at Noonamena, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

Confirmations to date are Sean Pridmore, Corey Harris, Peter Hazelwood, John Dekkers, Peter Rasmussen, Ross Frankcombe, Graeme Frankcombe with Phil McKendrick as a possible.

##### Fly Tying Challenge:

A fly-tying challenge was discussed with the members.

Briefly, the competitors will tie a set of nominated flies by the adjudicator, then some

### **Fishing Reports:**

No reports from the members, although Chris and Tom Seppala will be heading to Finland for a month soon to tackle rainbow and brown trout, arctic char and grayling.

### **Other General Business:**

Careful management of Club funds over the next few months should shed any concerns of lack of funds available to complete the Koongara project.

### **Club Raffles:**

The gift voucher raffle prize was drawn by Jack Windsor and won by Peter Berne.

### **Meeting Closed: 8:02 pm**

Following the closure of the meeting the members were treated to some creative fly tying by Dan Dempsey (mudeye, and Great Lake midge), John Dekkers (snail) and Lyndon Haines (mudeye). Photos are provided below courtesy of Sean Pridmore.



## Vale – Len Smith

It is with deep regret that the Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania's committee has to inform the members of the passing of **Mr Len Smith**.

Len's association with the Club began in 1963 when he joined the Club and became an active member on the committee from 1966 – 1978; holding the office of Vice President, then Senior Vice President and finally the role of Club President from 1973-1975. He won the 'Max Christenson' award for services to the Club in 1980-81 and received the honour of Life Member in September 2018.

He attended the official opening of the new Noonamena and as the oldest past President declared that this should not be known as the shack but the Lodge. Len was well respected by everyone and he will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and best wishes are extended to his family and close friends.





## FLY FISHING EDUCATION COURSE

26 October 2019

Myrtle Park

10am-3pm

### LOCATION

The course will be held at Myrtle Park Recreation Ground starting at 10am.

See map for directions.

Some equipment will be supplied, but you are encouraged to bring your own if you have it. Sunglasses or protective eyewear strongly recommended.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.

**Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.**

### ABOUT THE CLUB

The FFCT was formed in 1955.

The club has shacks on premium fly fishing waters at Little Pine Lagoon and Penstock Lagoon. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, expect January.

The club aims to promote and foster fly fishing as a fun and exciting sport for people of all ages.

The club holds multiple outings each year as well as reciprocal fishing adventures with other fly fishing clubs throughout the state.

### BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Course cost is \$40 per person

#### Course Overview:

10am Introduction and History of Fly Fishing

Session 1:    Equipment  
                  Techniques  
                  Practical Casting and Tuition

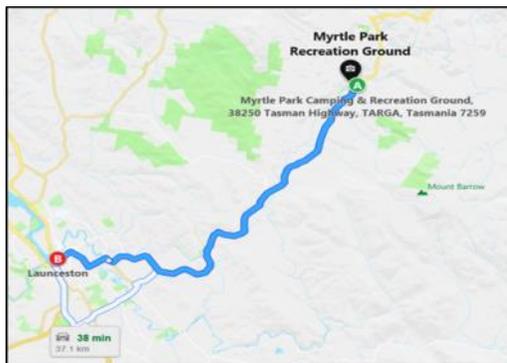
**LUNCH 12:30pm—1:00pm**

Session 2:    Flies  
                  Entomology  
                  Tying Demonstration  
                  Demonstrations on the water:

- Upstream Dry Fly
- Indicator Nymphing
- Wet Fly Down & Across

Bookings are essential, as places are limited.

Payment must be made at time of booking.



## **Annual Subscriptions were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

To continue as a member, 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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as the subs rate (\$72) for membership.*

### **Saturday eleventh of May, from old Jack's corner.**

We arrived up there at about 9.30, after a long foggy trip from home. Jimmy was working the drop saw cutting architraves, Chris was busy sanding them, Richard was priming the plaster work in the new extension and Maurice and Jack were painting around the edges prior to using the paint roller.

Peter got busy running new cables, and Shaun was up in the ceiling running switch wires. Everybody had something to do and they were all happy doing it.

After a while, morning tea time came around, Peter called them all in and we all enjoyed tea and sandwiches, after which they all went back to work. John kept himself busy gathering up rubbish from around and about.

I, was very impressed with the progress made so far with the shack renovations, it is a credit to all concerned, I am sorry that due to medical problems that I have been unable to attend the bees as often as I would have liked. The renovations so far are a credit to all those that have been involved, the new roof, the removal of the old brick chimney, the alterations to the old entrance doorway, the pouring of the new slab, the framing up of the mudroom, shower room and toilet.

The removal of the old veranda and the framing up, roofing and flooring of the new larger one, together with a new glass door. The rain guttering and down pipes, all must have consumed a considerable amount of time and effort on the

part of those concerned.

Its good to see the building without the little green water tank, and perhaps a waterproof indoor / outdoor firewood box could be made and fitted there.

There is still a lot to do, mounting and plumbing the new gas water-heater and running a pipe to the kitchen sink. Mounting the toilet bowl and cistern and connecting up all it's pipes, also swinging the interior doors. Extra windows, one behind the kitchen sink and another onto the veranda. New replacement double glazed windows in the main room. Completing the wiring system and mounting the sola panels on the roof. Relining the main room walls. External painting, veranda steps and handrails. Closing up wombat holes. Suitable external landscaping, topsoil and grass seed for the wallabies to keep trimmed.

A wheel chair friendly floor level outside door step with metal grating and safety handrail for the club's quinquagenarians, septuagenarians, octogenarians, nonagenarians and maybe, some-day, centenarians. Ha, ha, you will all fit in there somewhere you know, and don't forget pregnant lady visitors.

Lunch time came around, and Peter put on his multi skilled hat and cooked the hamburgers and sausages, whilst I set out fresh bread, butter, tomatoes, tea, coffee, sugar, milk and sauce all on the table, ready for the workers to come in and have their lunch. To thank the cook John did the washing up. Everyone enjoyed their lunch and afterwards the packing up began.

And another great ute load of left over lovely handy stuff was on the way to the good old reuse shop down in the valley. I did notice that the seven wooden chairs had become a bit grubby; next time I come up, I will be better prepared and bring some cleaning stuff, and get to work on them, it is something I can do to help things along a bit. Another thing is that there is very little storage for small groceries; perhaps a couple of shelves along the wall behind the kitchen bench for it all would be a good thing.

I feel sure that everyone enjoyed their day out, I certainly did. I must say that as I am getting older; physical exertion is tiring and by old limbs are finding it is getting harder and harder to move around and keep my balance, rising from those old low chairs is now almost impossible for me. The journey home was uneventful, Peter dropped us off at his place and we went the rest of the way in John's car, getting home about six, a long day for me, but very enjoyable, I am glad that I made the effort to go, it was all very worthwhile. I do think that some more helpers would have been welcome to help spread the load around a bit. When finished, the shack will be a wonderful club asset, there to be used

## 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.

### 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.

## 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.

# Would you like to nominate for Committee?

Prior to each Annual General Meeting, volunteers are called upon to nominate for committee. If you are considering standing for committee and feel slightly daunted, have a chat to an existing committee member. You may even attend, as a guest, at one of our committee meetings to see first-hand how the running of our great club actually works. It's great fun, you learn lots and get to see the results of our collective efforts - right from the outset.

There are plenty of diverse club projects each year and each requires a dedicated, close knit group to see them through to completion. The club survives on volunteers from all walks of life, sharing their various talents and experiences to reach a common goal - benefitting our members.

So if you believe that you can contribute a little time and offer your experience – please complete the nomination form below or contact a committee member to discuss your interest.

Great fly reels don't just 'magically happen', they are carefully crafted from various different parts and materials, assembled together purely to function as the angler intended.

No one part is more or less important than the other and the value to the angler of the whole unit, far exceeds the value of all the parts individually. That's how an effective committee functions.



## Committee nomination form 2019/2020

I hereby nominate ..... (please print)

as .....  
(position)

of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc, for the year 2019/2020

Nominator ..... (signature)

Date ...../...../2019

Seconder ..... (signature)

Date ...../...../2019

## **The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc. in accordance with Rule 11 of the Constitution, is to be held on Wednesday the 4th of September 2019 in the Clubrooms at 1-3 Chant Street, East Launceston at 7.30p.m.

The business of the meeting shall be:

To confirm the Minutes of the previous A.G.M. of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2018

To receive reports.

To elect Officers and Committee.

To appoint the Auditor and determine his/her remuneration.

#### **OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED**

1. President
2. Vice President - Senior
3. Vice President
4. Treasurer

## **Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Chant Street on the 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

#### **Meeting Opened: 7:30pm**

President Jim Ellenberger welcomed the members to the Club's AGM – his first and the first at Chant Street.

He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off, or on to silent.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Gary Long, Doug Lang, Corey Harris, Maurice Hendley, Keith Watson, Ross Frankcombe

#### **GUESTS:**

Peter Rumney

#### **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Secretary moved that the 2017 AGM minutes be approved for acceptance, seconded by John Stagg and **carried**.

**Matters Arising:**

Nil

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

The President highlighted that this year has been a very busy, successful and satisfying year for the Club and himself. The Club has successfully taken on the role of running their own fly fishing class which is held at Myrtle Park, with one student becoming a full time member. The Club has made the transition to their new Club rooms at Chant Street, something that has been on the agenda for many years. The Club has also received the finalized engineering drawings for the Koongara upgrade. This will become the next major project for the Club this season.

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary delivered the Treasurers Annual Report (draft only). The Club has not yet received the audited report from the auditor.

Over the year there was a gain in receipts, compared to last year of approximately \$1000 with increases in shack rentals and donations. The actual balance has grown to \$39,093.29 an increase of about \$6,000.

The expenditure over the year is slightly down on the previous year by about \$300 (\$8,809.22). Overall a cash surplus for the year of \$6,712.20, which is an increase of about \$1,300 over last year.

This was moved for acceptance by the Secretary, seconded by Martin Hingston and carried.

**Matters Arising:**

The query on why the Club needs an audited account, if our annual turnover was small was responded in that we decided to retain that process to remain totally transparent.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE:**

The President then declared all current committee positions vacant and requested the Public Officer to provide the nominations received for the Executive positions in accordance with the Club rules.

For the Executive positions there were 3 nominations:

President – Jimmy Ellenberger

Treasurer – Peter Hazelwood

Secretary – Richard Hawley

As there were no other nominations for those Executive positions the President declared the positions confirmed.

The President then requested the Public Officer to provide the received nominations for the new committee.

A record 7 nominations were received, and they were:

Lyndon Haines, Peter Berne, Jack Barker, John Quarry, Martin Hingston, Graeme Frankcombe, Sean Pridmore

The Public officer noted that only 6 members were required for the committee and an option existed for one, or more to undertake an executive role, otherwise a ballot would be taken. Peter Berne accepted the role as Senior Vice President.

The President thanked and congratulated all members for their nomination and duly declared them elected.

**AUDITOR:**

ALAN STYLES has agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor.

**PATRON:**

NIGEL FORTEATH has agreed to continue as the Club's Patron.

**LIBRARIAN:**

At present we do not have a librarian, this position can be held by any Club member and is not essential to be filled tonight.

**EDITOR:**

Michael Burgess has agreed to take on the role as Club Editor.

**CLUB AWARDS:**

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy:

This year there were 2 recipients – Keith Watson and Richard Hawley.

Snorkel Award:

This year there was no nominations, nor owning up to members taking a dunking.

Prior to the President closing the meeting, Chris Crawford expressed his appreciation and congratulations to the President in his role of fundraising, work projects, fly fishing class and the new club rooms. With member attendance low, like other Clubs, this was a fantastic achievement.

Chris led the members in appraisal by acclamation.

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:55pm**

# FFCT UPCOMING EVENTS & CLUB INFORMATION

## **FFCTas Season Events 2019**

Contact the Secretary: **Richard Hawley**

[secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au](mailto:secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au)

for all details and confirmations

- **General Meeting – 7 th August**
- **Committee & Social Night Meeting – 14th August**

**Members** please check your accounts with **Treasurer Peter Hazelwood** at: [treasurer@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au](mailto:treasurer@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au)

### **Payments and club banking:**

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

**BSB:** 067-003

**ACC:** 28057585

### **A message from Marc Reygaert: 2019 RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival**

For GIN-CLEAR MEDIA

Hi,

In our 14th year now, we are bringing the

RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival to Launceston once again this September to the:

Village Cinema 165 Brisbane Street, Launceston

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm

It is a great way of getting all Fly Fishers together to enjoy some of the best Fly-Fishing films of the year.

You can download our press kit, which includes the press release and photos from the link below:

<https://www.flyfishingfilmfestival-au.com/press/>

Tickets are available online here: <https://app.etickets.to/buy/?e=17680>

Tickets should be available at the door but will be subject to availability.

We hope to see you at the Rise festival in September 2019

Thanks,

Marc Reygaert

For GIN-CLEAR MEDIA