



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - July 2025

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 2nd July 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 9th July 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

Guest Speakers - Paul Hawkins (MAST)

Paul will discuss any changes to all things related to boating. Selling or buying a boat, the safety equipment needed and life jackets.

Next Club Outings:

Christmas in Winter - July 5th (Refer Page 7)

FFCT 70th Anniversary - October 26 2025 (Refer Page 2)

Club Outings

Unless noted the Contact for all Club Outings is

Graeme Frankcombe (0458 421 909) graemef59@bigpond.com

70th Anniversary

To celebrate our anniversary we have decided to hold an informal social gathering at Myrtle Park. It will be in the format of a barbeque. To assist us in our planning stage we would like you to send us your confirmation. Members are encouraged to bring their partners.

Where: Myrtle Park

When: Sunday 26th October 2025

RSVP: Graeme Frankcombe by 6th August 2025.



Recent IFS Stockings in the North East

Water	Date	Number	Species/Type	Weight
Curries River Dam	20/05/2025	400	Triploid Rainbow	540 g
Blackmans Lagoon	19/05/2025	200	Triploid Rainbow	540 g
Big Waterhouse Lake	19/05/2025	200	Triploid Rainbow	540g

This should provide some excitement in the early month's fishing

President's Report

Hello members.

It is good to have seen some reasonable rainfall in some areas over the last week or so. Hopefully this will continue into the future and raise the level of the highland lakes and lagoons.

I have been watching the level of Little Pine Lagoon; it has only risen about 30mm over the last week, and is now -1.28 below full. At the same time last year it was 0.8 below full. At the moment Lake Augustus is -2.93, last year it was -1.00.



Six members recently spent an afternoon moving the club's chattels from Chant Street to the STMA complex at Hobblers Bridge Road. There is still some work to be done to organize the library and get things into some sort of order.

Thanks to Richard Hawley, Peter Berne, Bill Greensmith, John Quarry and Graeme Frankcombe for their efforts, also thanks to Graeme for temporarily storing a couple of larger items. Some of the trophies will most likely have to go to the shacks as at the moment there is nowhere to display them.

If any members have any thoughts or ideas for club outings or activities, please suggest them to the committee, or at a club meeting. One suggestion is a trip to Lake Ina, as well as the other usual club events, Pine Tier Lagoon, (not sure if Lake Fergus is accessible yet), Penstock One Fly, Cane Day and the Pine Plunder. Club outings could be one day or multiple days, mid-week or weekend.

There are some committee members who have served on the committee for many years. It would be good to see some other members nominate for some of these positions. New faces, new ideas, to help the club continue to move forward into the future. Please give this some consideration.

Don't forget the next meeting on the 2nd of July will be at the STMA complex in Hobblers Bridge Road Newstead.

Martin Hingston

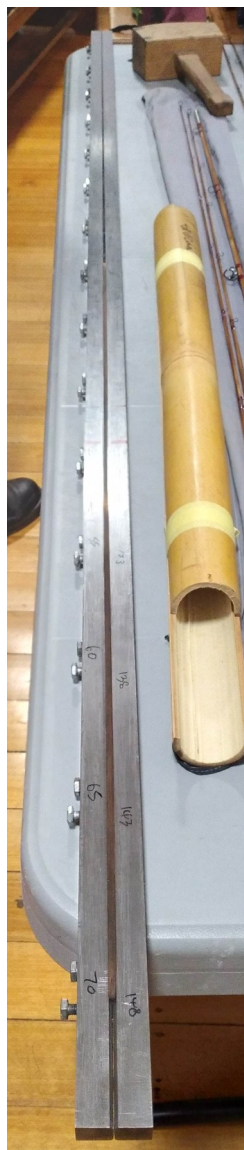
President FFCT.



President Martin Hingston and Guest speaker
Garry Castles



A selection of rods created by Garry



The tapering unit to form the split strips



President Martin Hingston flanked by new members Matthew Robison (L) and Callum Ross (R)



Vice President Peter Berne and Ian Webb following a presentation to him for his continued service to the Club.



NEW CLUB ROOMS

Members are reminded that we have **MOVED** to our new Club rooms to the St Michaels Hall at **22 Hoblers Bridge Road, Newstead.**

The Access and Location are shown above

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.

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 2025

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

Annual Subscriptions for 2025 / 2026 are:	Amount
Ordinary Member	\$96
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$65
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution)	\$65

Recycle Rewards—Club fundraising

Use this link to find out more information and what is an eligible drink container.
RecycleRewards.com.au. All should have a 10c printed near their barcode.

1. Copy this barcode onto your phone and save it.
2. Scan the barcode so the reward goes to our Club then deposit the empties in the machine.
3. Press TRANSFER.

The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania



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Club Outing



Christmas in Winter

Our annual event “Christmas in Winter” will be held at Noonamena soon.

Members are encouraged to confirm their bookings by our June meeting.

Places for the luncheon are limited to **12** so book early - also Noonamena can only sleep **8**.

DATE:	5th July
LOCATION POINT:	NOONAMENA
RSVP:	11/06/2025
CONTACT:	GRAEME FRANKCOMBE



Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 4th of June 2025

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 27 members, 3 guests and guest speaker to the meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Annie Skarratt, Heather & Glenn Becher, Bruce Marshall, Bruce Irwin, Don Cameron, Allan Taylor, Dan Dempsey, Jack Barker, Matthew Stagg, Jim Leslie

Names of Guests:

Matt Robison, Callum Ross, Peter Quigley

Guest Speaker:

The President re-introduced Garry (Hairy) Castles to the members. His topic to-night will be on cane rod building.

Garry, who lives in Miena began making cane rods in 2015 under the guidance of Nick Taransky at Peter Hayes's place near Cressy.

On display was the Tonkin cane bamboo culm and the split strips that were created using a knife and mallet. The process then was to remove any twists or bends in the strips by heating this also removes any moisture. Then placing the strips into a tapered form until they are either sanded or planed to create the required taper. The strips are then glued and bound together to form a smooth, tapered blank. This is then cured prior to re-planing. The ferrules are attached and wrapped to the rod. The reel seat and cork grip are installed and shaped to suit. Multiple coats of varnish are applied to finish the rod. Garry estimated that it takes about 100 hours to make a rod.

Many questions were asked during the presentation and after it.

The President led the members in showing our appreciation to Garry for his remarkable presentation.

Appreciation:

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The President expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- The committeemen and members that have searched for a new Club room and those that attended the viewing of STMA hall.
- Peter & Trish Ray for setting up the Club in the 'recycle rewards' system.
- Lyndon Haines for the donation of flies to the fly bowl.

Minutes of last meeting:

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by **Graeme Frankcombe – and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Club newsletters (email) – CoffsCFFC, GFFC, SAFFA,

Outwards:

1. Jules Stevens - (email) Appreciation for recent guest speaker role.
2. AAT – (email) Club concerns on 'Draft Strategic Plan 2025 – 28'.
3. Callum Ross, Bruce Marshall, Matthew Robison – (email) Membership confirmation letter.
4. Mike Thomas STMA – (email) Acceptance of hall as new club rooms.

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

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 274.38 (Pine Rates \$238.00)

Income: \$ 1063.00 (Shack \$180.00, Subs \$387.00, Ins Refund \$370.00, new subs

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\$70.00)

CBA: \$ 9,849.28

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 9,849.28

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by **Andrew Wood – and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

New Members:

The President along with the members present welcomed our newest members - Calum Ross and Matthew Robison to the Club.

Just a reminder for the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each and whip finishers \$5.
- Of the Club library where there are many books and dvd's.

Club Outings: July 5th – Christmas in Winter {currently 6 confirmed} (Tonight is the closing day for anyone that wants to join – contact Graeme Frankcombe)

October 26th – Club's 70th anniversary at Myrtle Park. (The closing date is still a way off, but there are very few acceptances so far)

Spring / Summer - Lake Ina was raised as an option for a Club outing. You can drive most of the way, only a 20-minute walk remains. There is an excellent camping ground and toilets present. It must be booked and limited to 10 campers. It could be an option for early December before the water level drops.

Other outing options from the members are welcome.

Club Insurance:

The committee have contacted some insurance companies, but once they find out that a few members will be staying, it is classed as a 'short-term rental' and they are

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not interested in covering us as a Club. Our best option was to raise the excess to \$5000; this saves about \$1000 per year. This is now done and have been reimbursed some monies from our last payment.

Club Shacks:

Members are reminded to take advantage of using the shacks over the 'off period' as they are half price (\$10 per night).

Noonamena has been winterised – If you plan to stay there over the winter, follow the posted process. If unsure phone Chris Crawford or Martin Hingston.

Fly Casting:

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Bruce Irwin

The next outing will be on the 15th of June.

Intraclub fly-casting event:

Members interested in joining this casting event are to contact Bruce Irwin.

The next outing is on Sunday the **22nd of June at 9:30 am** at the home of Steve Crowley.

Which is 42 Springfield Park, Northdown (Near Port Sorell)

Steve suggested people might bring a fold up chair for the day.

Barbecue and coffee provided at \$5 per person.

For the return bout we have pencilled the **13th of July** for a 10:00 am start at Isle of Shalom.

Club Rooms:

Thanks to the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and clean-up of the kitchen area.

This will be the last meeting that the Club holds here. Our next one will be at the STMA Hall at 22 Hoblers Bridge Road. There are 2 entrances to the complex, eventually it will be one way in and one way out. So, to avoid any confusion enter using the access closest to Newstead. There is plenty of parking on site and some on-street as well. Do not park in spots that are designated for STMA.

The Club has been notified that we are to be moved from Chant Street by the 23rd of June. Members will be notified of our moving date by email.

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Recycle Rewards (process):

1. Copy the barcode from the newsletter onto your phone and save it.
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Other General Business:

It was agreed that the clock presented by John Stagg can be installed into one of the shacks.

There are great concerns at the very low water level at Little Pine Lagoon.

Fishing Reports:

Nil

Club Raffles:

The night's raffle was drawn by Peter Jones and won by Peter Radford.

Next Meeting:

July – Paul Hawkins (MAST) {All things boating}

Meeting Closed: 8:55 pm

The Damsel Nymph



Background:

Damselflies are from the order *Odonata*, suborder *Zygoptera*. In Tasmania there are two common families, namely the *Lestidae* and the *Coenagrionidae*. The larvae of the former are slender and have 3, long, narrow caudal gills. The larvae of the latter are small and stocky with broader gills. The larvae use their gills for breathing and swimming.

Their colours of green / brown help them to camouflage whilst hunting for their prey and

hiding from predators. In either early morning or at night the larvae break from below the water to something above the water's surface. This is the best time for the angler as the larvae are very active and readily sought after by the trout.

The Tie

Hook	Long shank #10, #12 Kamasan B830, or similar
Tail	Olive marabou fibres (hook shank length)
Body	Olive dubbing; possum or hare's ear
Ribbing	Gold or silver flat tinsel
Wing case	Slip of turkey wing
Eyes	Bead chain - burnt mono or similar
Beard	Olive marabou fibres



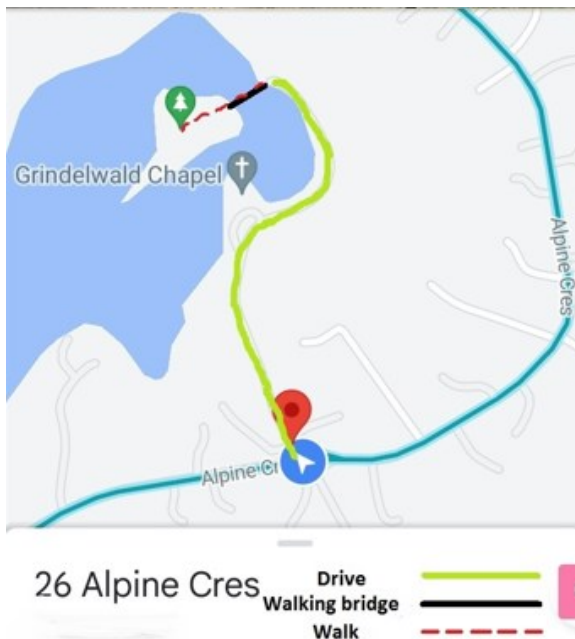
Process

1. Set the hook in the vice and lay down a bed of silk.
2. Tie in the eyes just back from the hook eye and seal with a drop of cement.
3. Take the thread to the bend and tie in the tail and the ribbing.
4. Wind on the body dubbing to just behind the eyes.
5. Wind the ribbing forward and tie off. Then tie in the wing case.
6. Add a little more body dubbing in figure eight fashion between the eyes, ending in front.
7. Pull the wing case over between the eyes and tie it down.
8. Rotate the vice or turn the hook upside down and tie in the beard.
9. Whip finish and end with a small, cemented head.

Note:

1. To add more weight to the fly you could substitute the ribbing with heavy wire.
2. Cast the fly in a weeded area and let the fly sink. Retrieve the fly with slow movements with long pauses and occasional lifts of the rod. Takes can be either gentle or the rod can be almost yanked out of your hand. A fast or slow sinking line is best adapted depending on the depth of water fished, season and water temperature.

This fly appeared in the "Fly of the Month" archive by and with thanks to Alan Taylor for the tying instructions of his fly.



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26 A Alpine Crescent .



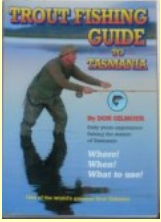
Gate to enter the property of
26 A Alpine Crescent.

Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don

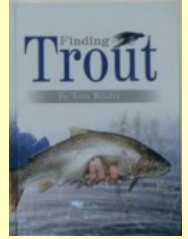
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

Coordinator Bruce Irwin (ph. 0419 116 344).

Club Library



Members are reminded to take full advantage of our comprehensive selection of books and DVD's that are available in the library.



If you are intending to visit an unknown water, or after a particular fly pattern, or just researching our Club history you will find the answer there.

For Booking of the Club Shacks go to our website

www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/

Remember booking is made only by a phone call

For Assistance in the use of any shack contact **Chris Crawford**

Phone: 042-941-3687; email: clcrawford52@gmail.com



Noonamena



Koongara

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer - John Quarry**

at: john.r.quarry47@gmail.com

Payments and club banking Details

Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania Inc

BSB: 067-603;

ACC: 1052 0644

Please ensure that your surname & what the payment is for is included

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