



Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

Newsletter - September 2025

Coming Up

Next General Meeting:

7:30pm 3rd September 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

Next Committee Meeting:

7:00pm 10th September 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 7:30pm

The new committee will be elected and Club awards will be handed out

This will be followed directly by the general meeting

Next Club Outings:

October 11th - Great Lake Tie-In (Refer Page 13)

October 14th - Four Springs Lake (Refer Page 2)

October 26th - FFCT 70th Anniversary (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 ; 11:00am - 3:00pm

RSVP: Graeme Frankcombe by 6th August 2025.

October: 14th Four Springs Lake (Note this is a TUESDAY)

Members are to meet at the boat ramp car park 9:00am; Return later there at 12:30pm for a BYO lunch and review.

Peter Berne will be the coordinator and contact. Boat sharing (PFD required) and buddy system to be adopted.

August 9th Fly Tying Afternoon in Longford

Starting at 12:30am with a Barbeque and a chat join Fly Tying mentor Charlie Gall

Bring your vice and some materials to have a great afternoon.

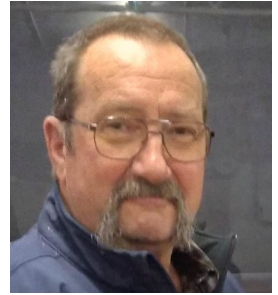
This is a free afternoon and Booking is required

Contact Bill Greensmith at greensmith240756@gmail.com

President's Report

Hello members.

Another year has passed and as none of us are getting any younger, we are faced with the age-old problem of attracting younger members to the club. The demographics within the club are continually changing as our older members either choose not to or are unable to get out and about as much. If anyone has any ideas of how to remedy this problem please speak up, all suggestions will be gratefully received and discussed.



After 16 years Richard Hawley is retiring from the position of secretary, Richard cannot be thanked enough for his outstanding effort in this role. He is the one who keeps things running smoothly.

I would also like to thank John Quarry for his role as treasurer, keeping the club's finances in order and his trusty side kick, John Dekkers, who has been handing out raffle tickets for many years now. Thanks to the other members of the committee for their commitment to the club.

I must also thank Ross Frankcombe for constructing and donating a lectern to the club for the guest speakers to use in their presentations.

Club outings have been mostly well supported. The outing to Pine Tier Lagoon saw many members camping and some staying at Noonamena and attending for the day. The Penstock One Fly saw 17 members and 1 guest attending. The Pine Plunder had only 6 members attend, probably due to the poor fishing at Little Pine and the weather conditions experienced on the day.

Cane Day had 25 starters, well supported by the Hobart fly tiers, on an excellent day for fishing. \$650 was raised for Prostate Cancer research.

Christmas in winter was held at Noonamena with only 6 members sitting down to a hearty meal and drinks.

The fly casting at the Isle of Shalom, Grindelwald continues under the guidance of Bruce Irwin.

There is continuing good use of the club shacks, with members keeping the interiors clean, tidy and the surrounds well maintained. There has been no major work at the shacks this

year. The solar panels at Koongara have been raised to prevent leaf litter from accumulating underneath and 6 new mattresses have been purchased for Noonameena. If finances allow an upgrade of the hot water an electrical system at Noonamena is planned for the future. The phone booster at Noonamena has failed, there is very limited phone service at the shack, for continued member safety, a new booster will be purchased and installed.



Due to the ever-increasing cost of insurance, several insurance companies were contacted for quotes. Because there are multiple users our buildings are classed as short-term rentals and insurance was either refused or the premiums were extremely high. It was decided to raise the excess to \$5000 dollars, saving the club a considerable amount in premiums.

The STMA recently sold the Chant Street building, we were offered the use of the hall at their complex in Newstead. After much research it was decided to take up their offer. The building caters for our meeting needs but unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to display the Honor boards, trophies and club memorabilia. The library is safely stored in a locked cupboard.

The club's 70th anniversary is being held at Myrtle Park with a BYO BBQ on October 26th. It would be pleasing to see a good roll up.

There are a number of other club outings already planned for the coming year.

The first is Tuesday October 14th at Four Springs.

Next is Lake Ina: Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November.

December 14th Penstock One Fly. More details will be in the newsletters.

The average number of members regularly attending general meetings is around 28, it would be good to occasionally see some different faces.

Thanks must go to the members who continue to donate to the Fly Bowl, this along with the new Recycle Rewards program are continually raising funds for the club.

Please consider nominating for the committee.

Martin Hingston

President FFCT.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Chant Street on

Wednesday 4th of September 2024

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 29 members and 1 guest to the Annual General meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned phones off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Don Cameron, Charles Peck, Glenn Becher, Graeme Frankcombe, Alan Styles, Norm King, Robert Wolf, Phil Harker, Jim Leslie

Guests:

Richard Fela

Minutes of Previous AGM:

The Secretary moved the 2023 minutes for acceptance, seconded by Andrew Wood - **and carried unanimously.**

Matters Arising:

Nil

President's Annual Report:

The Chairman moved the President's Report for acceptance, seconded by Chris Crawford – **and carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Annual Report:

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to our auditor Alan Styles for the preparation of the audit. He highlighted some items from the audited annual report from the auditor. He pointed out that the cost of running the Shacks is greater than what is received from their usage, obviously the membership fees subsidize the costs. The State Revenue Office has the valuation of our Shacks at a lower level than that adopted by the committee. Club membership has remained constant over many years.

He then moved the report for acceptance, seconded by Peter Berne – **and carried unanimously.**

The question tabled about the money raised versus the amount it costs to run our shacks was placated after a lengthy discussion.

Election of Office Bearers & Committee:

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The Chairman, prior to standing down declared all committee positions vacant and asked the Public Officer to confirm the nominations received in accordance with Club Rules.

The executive nominations received were:

President – Martin Hingston; **Secretary** – Richard Hawley; **Senior Vice President** – Peter Berne; **Treasurer** – John Quarry.

As there was only 1 person nominated for each position except the **Vice President** – those members were duly elected to their position.

Nominations for the **Vice President** was called from the floor, and this was accepted by David Swallow.

The nominations received for the general committee were:

Graeme Frankcombe, George Dale, Bill Greensmith, Keith Blewett and Peter Ray

Nominations was called from the floor for the 6th member of the committee, and this was accepted by Andrew Wood.

The New President declared those committee members duly elected and congratulated all incoming Office Bearers and Committee upon their election.

Chris Crawford led the members in showing their appreciation for their efforts to the previous committee, especially the President and Secretary.

Election of Auditor: - Alan Styles has agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor.

Election of Patron: - Nigel Forteath has agreed to continue as the Club's Patron.

Election of Librarian: - Jimmy Ellenberger has agreed to continue as the Club's Librarian.

Election of Editor: - Richard Hawley has agreed to continue as the Club's Editor.

CLUB AWARDS:

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy was awarded to:

John Quarry for his faultless display in bookkeeping. After a very stressful start he has recovered to become an excellent controller of the Club's finances.

Snorkel Award Awarded to: - **Norm King** for his numerous efforts in synchronized swimming.

Special Awards: **Nil**

Life Membership Awards: **Nil**

MEETING CLOSED: 7:50pm

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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Annual Subscriptions were due on the 1st July 2025

To continue as a member, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

Annual Subscriptions are:	Amount
Ordinary Member	\$96
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$65
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by the Club Rules)	\$65

Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 17th August 2025 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as the subs rate for membership.

Minutes of the General Meeting Held at the STMA Hall Hoblers Bridge Road on Wednesday 6th of August 2025

MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.

Welcome:

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 30 members and 4 guests to this meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Annie Skarratt, Peter Jones, Ian Harrison, Bruce Marshall, Robert Wolf, Peter Ray, John Quarry, Jim Leslie, Chris Cohen, James Doherty, Matthew Stagg, Don Cameron, Don Sweatman, Mike Stevens, Nathan Merriman,

Names of Guests:

Heather Becher, Jean Wilmot, Bob Reeves, Peter Quigley

Member's health:

The President extended the Club's best wishes to both John Quarry and Alan Styles as they are preparing for their operations tomorrow.

Guest Speaker:

Club member Bill Greensmith provided a fantastic presentation on his recent fishing trip in Patagonia.

He was lucky to be the last one admitted to the group and was treated to many air flights, some crazy driving on gravel roads, all but 2 days of wind, plenty of wine and huge on site luncheons with plenty of meat. The fishing was outstanding in both lakes and rivers with the water crystal clear, even though there were some issues with one boat and one river was extremely high and fast.

The fish from the rivers were small compared to the ones from the lakes and the largest one caught was 14lbs.

All up the cost was about \$16000 for the 14 days which included guides, food, drinks and air fares. He indicated that he would return tomorrow.

Following a series of questions the President led the members in showing their appreciation to Bill for an excellent presentation.

Appreciation:

The President expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- Peter Berne and Martin Hingston for their work in collecting the faulty phone booster

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from Noonamena and providing solutions through their research.

- Ross Frankcombe for creating and donating the Club's lectern.
- Bill Greensmith for sourcing a projector.
- Peter Berne for filling in for our Treasurer tonight.

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 **Chris Crawford and carried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Inwards:

1. Club newsletters (email) – VFFA, CoffsCFFC, SAFFA, GFFC,
2. Dept of Justice (email) – Club's notice of Annual Return due.
3. Norm Cribbin (email) – Invitation and Flyer for the Great Lake Tie-In.
4. Central Highlands Council – Rates & Charges for Noonamena.

Outwards:

1. Paul Hawkins (email) – Appreciation for guest speaker role.
2. Nigel Forteath (email) – Appreciation for Club Patron's role and invitation for next year.
3. Alan Styles (email) – Appreciation for Club Auditor's role and invitation for next year.
4. Jimmy Ellenberger (email) - Appreciation for Club Librarian's role and invitation for next year.

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

Matters arising:

Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 407.37 (Club Badges \$106.70, Key Refund \$140.00, Xmas in July \$39.00, Newsletters \$36.38)

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Income: \$ 5,007.50 (Subs \$4,689.00, Xmas in July \$170.00, Rental \$90.00)

CBA: \$ 15,580.98

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 15,580.98

The Secretary on behalf of our Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by **John Stagg and caried unanimously.**

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

New Member:

The President and the members welcomed our newest member Heather Becher 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:

Christmas in Winter:

This was held last month and is open to all members although only 6 attended.

Andrew attended for his first time and found it an enjoyable evening. This started with a few nibbles, and celebratory drinks followed by a four-course meal of soup; quail; Venison, Duck & roast veggies; sticky date pudding and ice cream.

To encourage more members to attend our options for next year whilst still maintaining a limited number for seating and or sleeping:

- We could set the lunch from 1:00pm – 3:00pm with those that want to stay on do so and the rest head home.

Members are to send their ideas and thoughts to the committee.

October 14th – Four Springs Lake (Tuesday) – Meet at car park 9:00am: BYO lunch for the return meet at 12:30pm. Peter Berne will be the coordinator and contact. He will collect the names and contact details of each person that attends. A buddy system is to be adopted and if partnering in a boat you must supply your PFD.

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October 26th – Club's 70th Anniversary at **Myrtle Park**. [Graeme indicated that at least 12 have confirmed. Tonight is the last night for acceptances]

November 25th & 26th (Tuesday & Wednesday) - Lake Ina There is a good camping area, toilets water and firewood on site. It is limited to 10 and will be a 2-night stay all will travel in and out as a group.

Conformations are required in 2 weeks as the listing is to be sent to the owner.

Bill Greensmith is the coordinator and contact.

December 14th - Penstock 'One Fly' – Assemble for an egg 'n' bacon breakfast at 8:00am at Koongara, Fish until 4:30pm the return to the shack for reviews and presentation.

Club Shacks:

Members are reminded that the shacks are now back to full price and the new rates take effect now. Members \$20 and Guests \$40 per night.

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

Noonamena:

Our existing phone booster installed in July 2021 is down. Martin has contacted the Supplier, Jessups and then Active Electronics who found that it is caused by an internal fault. With limited replacement parts no warranty it may not be fixed. Their recommendation is to replace it with a new one and will cost \$895 plus small charges for a fuse and other connections as it will need to be wired in to be 'live' all the time. The new unit can be installed by us and is compatible with both aerials. The switchboard is planned for an upgrade soon.

Peter Berne highlighted that having phone reception there is a safety feature, and it should be reinstalled.

The President moved that the Club purchase the new phone booster for Noonamena for \$895, seconded by Peter Berne and carried unanimously.

Koongara:

The SW connection to the water tank was re-connected by Glen Becher who also noted some power issues with his fridge.

Members are to report any issues or faults to the committee or shack warden.

Committee:

Members are encouraged to nominate for the committee before the upcoming AGM. We will need new members to run for the executive this coming season.

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Fly Casting:

The next Fly casting at Grindelwald will be on the 10th of August – and BYO barbeque
Contact Bruce Irwin to confirm the next outings.

Fly Tying:

Bill Greensmith & Charlie Gall will hold a fly-tying course on the 9th of August this class is full, but they may be running another one later in the year.

Contact Bill for information.

Club Rooms:

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

Recycle Rewards:

There is a slow trickle of monies building from this function. Refer to the newsletter for the simple process.

Other General Business:

Charles Peck discussed his concerns on how the eel fishery at Four Springs could damage the trout fishing and that it should be excluded from this water.

He requested his concerns to be placed in the newsletter.

Fishing Reports:

Some members ventured out on opening weekend with mixed success.

The ice was broken at Great Lake to bag 1 fish and the weather at Penstock Lagoon was not conducive to fishing. Blackmans Lagoon was a popular spot with many anglers taking fish. The stomach contents of some included shrimp and freshwater crabs.

Club Raffles:

New member Heather Becher drew the night's raffle which was won by Martin Hingston.

Next Meeting:

To keep members up to date all following meeting details are listed on our website.

AGM

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm



Launceston

Du Cane Brewery & Dining Hall

7:00pm Wednesday 27th August

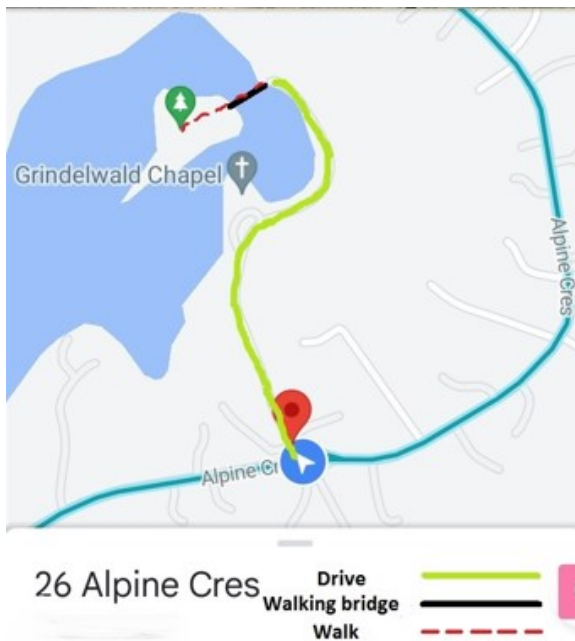
GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

Great Lake Community Centre; 55 - 57 Cider Gum Rd, Miena

10:00am to 3:00pm on 11th October 2025

There will be a meet and greet, at the Great Lake Hotel on Friday 10 October from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The IFS Director Dr Ryan Wilkinson will be giving a talk at the event this year, on his career and fishing adventures. **So Book Early.**

Roger Butler has kindly donated the prize money for the fly-tying competition. The flies will be judged by a selected panel. More information will be posted closer to the date. There is no cost for a table and spots are limited - so book your table early via email greatlaketiein@gmail.com.



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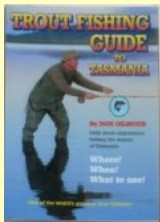


Gate to enter the property of
26 A Alpine Crescent.

Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don

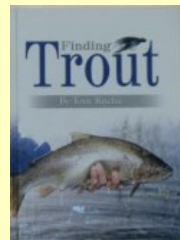
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

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;

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

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