



# Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

## Newsletter - October 2025

### Coming Up

#### **Next General Meeting:**

7:30pm 1st October 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

#### **Next Committee Meeting:**

7:00pm 12th November 2025

22 Hoblers Bridge Road,

Newstead

### **Guest Speaker—Viv Spencer**

**Join our meeting tonight to enjoy some amusing experiences from a retired IFS inspector.**

### **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**

**Peter Berne (0419 764 816) [peterberne1956@gmail.com](mailto:peterberne1956@gmail.com)**

### **October: 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.**

## **The Hare's Ear Nymph**

### Background:

The Hare's Ear Nymph (aka Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear) is a pattern that has stood the test of time. It is a fly that nobody knows how old it is nor who first tied it. It was initially thought of as a dry fly and later altered by Frederick Halford who popularized it as a nymph pattern in the 1880's.

There are probably two nymph patterns that would be readily recognised anywhere in the

## President's Report

Hello from the new President.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

This is the first time writing a President's report so you will have bear with me. The club now have new members on the committee which should be fantastic. Thank you for volunteering.



I would like to thank the retiring members of the committee for their contributions over the past years. Richard has resigned as secretary but will continue part time in the role until we find a replacement.

Over the next few months, we have several of events including the Club's 70th birthday and I would encourage as many members as possible to attend this day which will be a very informal lunch.

All members will receive emails, from our events coordinator, Peter Berne.

These emails will be sent at random to all, so keep an eye out for those.

I will take the opportunity to ask members to attend as many club events as possible. They are more of a social event rather than a fishing competition.

Also, if members have any ideas regarding events the club could hold please let the events coordinator know or any member of the committee so we can canvas the members to see if others might be interested in attending.

As I write this newsletter the weather for the week is not looking so good but it is what it is.

Tight lines,

Bill Greensmith

President FFCT

world where fly fishermen chase trout. One is the pheasant tail nymph, and the other is the Hares Ear nymph.

Its name derives from the use of hare's ear dubbing, which imparts a buggy appearance to the pattern. It imitates a variety of aquatic life, including scuds, sow bugs, mayfly nymphs, stonefly nymph, and caddis larvae.

### The Tie:

Hook	Wet fly or 2x long nymph #10 - 16.
Tail	Hares mask guard hairs.
Rib	Gold wire or tinsel.
Body and Thorax	Hares fur dubbing.
Wing Case	Slip of turkey wing.



### Process:

1. Set the hook in the vice.
2. Lay thread base from hook eye to just above the barb.
3. Tie in tail – half shank length.
4. Tie in rib.
5. Dub thread and form the body to about 1/3 of the shank length back from hook eye.
6. Wind the rib forward 3 or 4 turns and tie off in the same place.
7. Tie in the wing case.
8. Apply more dubbing to the thread to form the thorax - to just behind the hook eye.
9. Pull the wing case over the thorax and tie off. Trim off the excess.
10. Create a small head with the tying thread.
11. Whip finish.

### Note:

1. Ensure that the wing case pointing back over the body.
2. Build the thorax to slightly larger than the body.
3. Variations to this tie include a bead head version and one with copper ribbing instead of the gold. It can also be tied using both lighter and darker fur from the same mask.
4. A rabbit mask makes a reasonable substitute.



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

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at 22 Hoblers Bridge Road on Wednesday 3rd of September 2025**

**Meeting Opened: 7:30pm.**

### **Welcome:**

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 27 members and 1 guest to this Annual General Meeting. And He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

### **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Glenn & Heather Becher, Peter Jones, Bruce Marshall, Matthew Stagg, Bob Wolf

### **Guests:**

Bob Reeves

### **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

The Secretary moved the minutes of the previous AGM as they appeared in the newsletter for acceptance, **seconded by Peter Berne - and carried unanimously.**

### **Matters Arising:**

Nil

### **President's Annual Report:**

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

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

The Treasurer's report will appear in the next newsletter.

### **Election of Office Bearers & Committee:**

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 Retiring Public Officer (Secretary) informed the members of the nominations for the Executive committee.

President – Bill Greensmith; Treasurer – John Quarry; Senior Vice President – Peter Berne

As there was only 1 person nominated for each position except the **Vice President &**

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)**

**Secretary** – those members were duly elected to their position.

The new President then called for nominations for the **Vice President & Secretary** from the floor – due to no response this will be resolved at the next committee meeting.

The nominations received for the general committee were:

Martin Hingston, Richard Hawley, Jack Barker, Terry Horan, Glenn Becher, Andrew Wood

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

### **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:**

**NIL**

### **CLUB AWARDS:**

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy Awarded to: **NIL**

Snorkel Award Awarded to: **Peter Jones**

Bruce Dean provided an amusing story about how Peter was bestowed this award whilst at Brushy Lagoon in his new kayak. Which ended up for sale a few weeks later. Luckily his personnel items were recovered from the lakebed.

Life Membership Awards:


**NIL**

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:41pm**

# The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025


2024	Notes	2025
<b>Receipts</b>		
3601.00	Subscriptions Current Year (24/25)	6330.00
1974.00	Subs in Advance, Members Credit Accounts	
100.00	Entrance fees	197.00
200.00	Fly Fishing Tutorials	200.00
5654.00	Shack Rentals	3765.00
545.00	Key Deposits	105.00
521.00	Sundry Income - Gaffer, Badges, Ties, Recoveries, Fly Box	175.48
545.00	One Fly, Talbots, Plunder and Cane	775.00
110.00	Donations (Includes Gerry Grundy)	181.00
	Grants	
	Annual Dinner, Meeting and Supper Charges	
1052.75	Raffles	942.20
	Casting Competition Income	101.00
150.50	Sundry Receipts	
0.13	Interest	
4500.00	Bendigo Bank Re-Sale	
	Funds from Amalgamation Cona Lynn Fly Fishers Club	
200.00	Xmas in July	190.00
19703.88		12973.15
16532.49	Add Bank and Deposit Balances Forward from Previous Year	12548.99
<u>536,245.37</u>		<u>525,521.14</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
	Supper Expenses	105.26
527.59	Public Liability Insurance	577.33
5590.00	Shacks Insurance	6990.00
5995.14	Shacks Maintenance and Other Costs	3894.12
470.00	Donation	620.00
	Casting Competition Expenses	212.10
135.99	Computer	120.00
838.43	Newsletters, Printing and Stationery	438.56
210.70	Postages and Bank Fees	199.00
	Key Deposits Returned	15.00
71.20	Filing Fees	74.80
424.43	Sundry Expenses	999.87
270.90	Web Site Hosting and Other Costs	275.00
	One Fly, Talbots, Plunder and Cane	97.02
9000.00	Security Deposit Returned to Treasurer	
	Xmas in July	74.85
25694.34		14045.91
12548.99	Debtors, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances at Close	10975.23
<u>536,245.37</u>		<u>525,521.14</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Surplus/Deficit</b>		
12548.99	Debtors, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances on Close of Year	10975.23
(16532.49)	Less Receivables, Bank and Investment Deposit Balances from Previous Year	(12548.99)
<u>(32,993.50)</u>	Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>(31,573.76)</u>

  
 Alan A. Styles  
 B Bus(Acc) CPAA  
 Accountant  
 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

# The Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania

## Statement of Members Equity and Assets as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

2024		Notes	2025
	<b><u>Members Equity</u></b>		
\$511,514.48	<b>Balance Forward 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024</b>		\$507,456.90
	Revaluations, additions	2	
(167.00)	Adjust for Liability – Subscriptions In Advance		
(3960.50)	Members Credit Accounts and Key Deposits	3	(154.00)
(4157.58)	Cash and Receivables Surplus(Deficit) for Year		(1,573.79)
	Increase(Decrease) in Members Equity		<u>(1727.29)</u>
<b>\$507,456.90</b>	<b>Total Members Equity</b>		<b>\$605,728.23</b>
	<b><u>Represented By</u></b>		
	<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
12548.99	Commonwealth Bank		10975.23
<b>12548.99</b>	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>10975.23</b>
	<b><u>Less Current Liabilities</u></b>		
5892.00	Subs In Advance, Members Credit Accounts, Key Deposits		6046.00
<b>6584.99</b>	<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>4929.23</b>
	<b><u>Non Current Assets</u></b>		
	<b><u>(At Cost or Members Valuation)</u></b>		
3400.00	Library of Angling Books	4	3900.00
200.00	Library Cabinet	4	200.00
900.00	Fly Rod (Junior and New Member Usage)	4	900.00
2500.00	Fly Rods (Adult Education)	4	2900.00
2350.00	Contents of Angling Cottages	4	2350.00
950.00	Laptop	4	950.00
	<b>Land and Buildings – Freehold Titles at Member Valuations</b>		
80000.00	- Little Pine Lagoon – Land	5	80000.00
250000.00	- Little Pine Lagoon – Building	5	250000.00
60000.00	- Penstock Lagoon – Land	5	60000.00
200000.00	- Penstock Lagoon – Building	5	200000.00
<b>698000.00</b>	<b>Non Current Assets</b>		<b>606800.00</b>
<b>\$507,456.90</b>	<b>Total Members Equity</b>		<b>\$605,728.23</b>

  
 Ann A Styles  
 IF Bus(Acc) FCPA  
 Accountant  
 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025



# **Minutes of the General Meeting Held at the STMA Hall Hoblers Bridge Road on Wednesday 3rd of September 2025**

**MEETING OPENED: 7:41pm.**

## **Welcome:**

New President Bill Greensmith welcomed the 27 members and 1 guest to this meeting. He asked the past secretary to fill-in as note taker tonight.

## **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Heather & Glenn Becher, Peter Jones, Bruce Marshall, Matthew Stagg, Bob Wolf

## **Names of Guests:**

Bob Reeves

## **Appreciation:**

The President expressed the Club's appreciation to:

- Bill Greensmith & Charlie Gall for holding their first and successful fly-tying session – plan to hold more soon.
- Martin Hingston for installing the new phone booster at Noonamena which is now 'live' permanently.
- Keith Blewett for the loan of his projector at our last meeting and it's continued use until we purchase another.

## **Respect:**

Sadly, we received news of Club member Gary Long who had passed after a long illness. Gary joined in November 2002 had 2 stints as treasurer and 1 as Senior Vice President and regularly chaired some of our meetings.

## **Minutes of last meeting:**

The Secretary (past) 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

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

### Correspondence (since last meeting):

#### Inwards:

1. Club newsletters (email) – Coffs C FFC, TFTC, GFFC, SAFFA,

#### Outwards:

Bill Greensmith - (email) Appreciation for recent guest speaker role.

The Secretary (past) moved that the inward correspondence was accepted; and outward correspondence was approved, **seconded by Peter Ray – and carried unanimously.**

### Matters arising:

Nil

### Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$ 320.29 (Rates \$250.51, Newsletters \$36.38)

Income: \$ 1,249.70 (Shack \$175.00, Subs \$968.00, Raffle \$66.00, Fly Bowl \$25.00)

CBA: \$ 16,510.39

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ 16,510.39

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

### Matters arising:

The Club's Public Liability insurance will be paid tonight, and the larger building insurance will arrive in the next few months.

### General Business:

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

Bill requested feedback from the members to provide ideas and locations for more Club fishing outings. These could be overnight stays, or just a single day's fishing. Forward all feedback to the committee.

#### Reminders for the members:

- of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each and whip finish-

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

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- Of the Club library where there are many books and dvd's.

### Club Outings:

October: **14<sup>th</sup>** Four Springs Lake – Meet at car park 9:00am; Return there at 12:30pm for a BYO lunch.

Members are to confirm their intentions so a boat sharing and buddy system can be adopted. Confirmations can be done by either phone, email or WhatsApp.

Peter Berne will be the coordinator and contact.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Myrtle Park. [Graeme noted that there will be 50 people attending]

**November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday & Wednesday) - Lake Ina** There are 10 members attending (full capacity) and the registrations will be completed soon. The meeting place prior to heading off will be forwarded to the attendees. If bad weather prior to or during the stay they all will be notified of the cancellation.

Bill Greensmith is the coordinator and contact.

December: **13<sup>th</sup>** Penstock 'One Fly' - Breakfast at 8:00am at Koongara, same as last year.

January: **17<sup>th</sup>** Little Pine 'Pine Plunder' (Contact person Martin Hingston)

**25<sup>th</sup>** Little Pine 'Cane Day' (Contact person Chris Crawford)

Chris noted that there are 20 – 30 anglers attending, mostly from the TFTC. He suggested that the secretary send an invitation to the VDFFC, TFTC and DFFC. The charge will be \$20 to cover foods and drinks and proceeds will be sent to the 'Prostate Cancer Research'. Chris will donate the whisky prize.

### Club Shacks:

Noonamena is still winterised until 'daylight savings' starts – If you plan to stay there - follow the posted process. If unsure phone Chris Crawford or Martin Hingston.

Members are reminded not to leave empty gas bottles at the shack. You must take them with you to exchange and return with a full bottle. Bring the receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

## General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

### **Fly Casting:**

The next Fly casting at Grindelwald will be Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and is a BYO barbeque.

Contact Bruce to confirm the next outings.

### **Club Rooms:**

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

### **Other General Business:**

The Australian Fly-Fishing Museum opens this Saturday, and they are seeking volunteers to assist for at least 1 day per month. It will be during between 10am – 4pm. On site there is fly tying gear, tea / coffee and a rod to practise your casting, or you can fish the adjacent river.

Some concerns were raised about the ability to purchase neoprene waders to suit some members.

Members were asked to provide feedback on their thoughts on the new Clubrooms.

### **Fishing Reports:**

Members reported that fishing has been varied in the first month. With **Four Springs** providing results with sinking lines and an orange bead head Shreck or magoo from a stationary boat. There are also reports of fish chasing frogs in the shallows.

**Little Pine Lagoon** was low and dirty when one member braved the conditions.

**Curries River** water level is high and very little movement seen, but **Blackmans Lagoon** provided some good success for one angler.

### **Club Raffles:**

The night's raffle was drawn by Terry Horan and won by Ian Harrison.

### **Next Meeting:**

Viv Spencer – amusing stories whilst being an IFS inspector

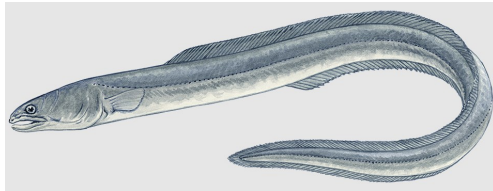
**Meeting Closed: 8:25pm**

## Concerns in Four Springs Lake - Charles Peck

This was initially established as a recreational water with work and funds contributed from the angling community in its creation. So the decision to allow a commercial eel fishery was very unpopular particularly since what has previously happened in Lake Leake and Brushy Lagoon. To alleviate similar issues at Four Springs the IFS indicated that they would supply the elvers and ensure that the nets would be specific only to that water.

Recently a large redfin perch was captured here last season. I also believe that the present eel fisher stocks the elvers as well. So now there appears to be no control on where the elvers come from or whether the supply is contaminated with redfin perch. The large population of smelt that is now present here must have been transferred from elsewhere.

The decline in mayfly may also be attributed to the eels as I have witnessed them being eaten by eels elsewhere.



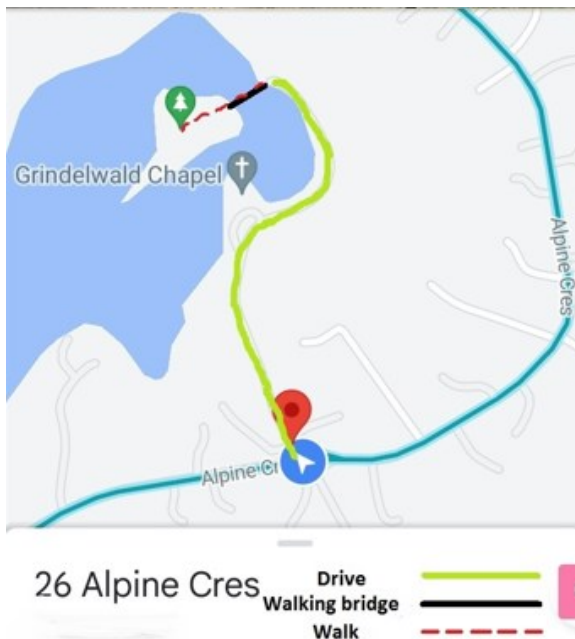
## GREAT LAKE TIE-IN

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](mailto:greatlaketiein@gmail.com).



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26 A Alpine Crescent .

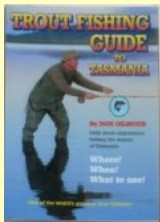


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26 A Alpine Crescent.

### **Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don**

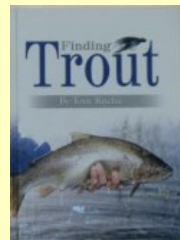
- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

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/](http://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](mailto:clcrawford52@gmail.com)



**Noonamena**



**Koongara**

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

at: [john.r.quarry47@gmail.com](mailto: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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