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Merril's second Eucumbene Brown On Fly with a Mrs Simpson.

Not a bad effort for someone new to Flyfishing.

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## YVFF Secretary's Report February 2021

Third lockdown has thrown the Club reopening back again. Please join us when we let you know we're organising activities around the club. The Dave Jenkins Memorial Club trip to the Noojee area was well attended but we need as many members to keep coming along, supporting the events and each other.

I am continuing to receive newsletters and publications that I have listed here and if you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

#### Correspondence in:

New member application Amanda Habgood, Nick Mitchell.

VFFA February Flylines newsletter

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly February 2021

Yarra Ranges council News. Business update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Lockdown alert.

Yarra Ranges council News. Return to sport and recreation report.

Greenwells GFFC Tippet topics Jan - Feb 2021

SAFFA February 2021 bulletin

Maroondah City Council news x3

Australian Trout Foundation newsletter Jan - Mar 21

FRDC newsletter.

Hastings FF Flycast magazine February 21

CVFFC Grants to clubs.

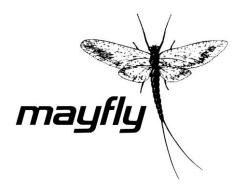
CVFFC GM minutes.

Southern Fly Fishers Newsletter 2021

Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club Vic tie in notice.

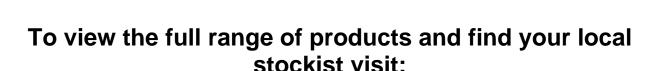


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## BRONWYN ANNE REID 1944 - 2021

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALLTHE CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONTINUALLY ASKED AFTER BRONWYN FOR THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS OR SO AS SHE CONTINUED WITH HER DAILY STRUGGLE TO BREATH

SHE PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY EARLY SATURDAY MORNING 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AND AT LAST IS AT PEACE AS THE STRUGGLE HAS ENDED

WE ARE HAVING A SMALL COVID FUNERAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY

AS SOON AS COVID PERMITS WE WILL BE HAVING A CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS AND YOU ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

LYNTON REID

## **Lake Eucumbene Trip Report**

I recently travelled to Lake Eucumbene in the Snowy Mountains.

Two of the fish that I managed to catch on the fly - one Rainbow and one Brown. They were both caught one afternoon (within a 30-minute time frame) using a Mrs Simpson (which I am told is usually a fly that is used at night - as opposed to the day). This fly was tied by George and has a red wool body.

It was a thrill to catch both of the fish - the rainbow was a lot more livelier and took longer to land. The brown was exciting because of its size.

Merril Wenlock.





## Dave Jenkins Day: Trip Report February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

Ray M and I met at the Club rooms car park at 7:30am and headed off to Noojee. The morning was bright and the day was already warming up.

Our car banter soon moved to where we should start fishing when we arrive. Ray was expecting more than 12 members on the club trip and finding the right spot would be the difference between fishing and catching.

We had a number of rivers to choose from in the Noojee area. The Latrobe river, the Lock river, the Toorongo river and the Tanjil river all hold trout.

Settling on the Toorongo the next choice was where on the river to start. As we were looking for unfished water we had to be flexible depending on where others had started. There was a car at the Toorongo bridge near the Latrobe confluence so we drove on. Craig P's car was parked at the first bridge on the Toorongo falls road so we rolled on to the third bridge, just before the dirt road begins. To our delight there was no car so our choice was made.

Ray was up first and had a rising fish in the bubble line and soon had a take on his dry. The next section also had a rising fish and this one eventually ate and was brought to the net. A beautiful 330mm brown, a great start to the day.

In the next run I picked up a 280mm brown on an Emerger pattern. We fished for the next hour without joy.

Geoff joined us as we turned towards the bridge. I added a rainbow bead head nymph under my dry and picked up 2 nice 240mm Browns in the runs near the bridge.

At lunch at the BBQ area in Noojee, once the Religious group moved on, the general discussion was on successful flies, where members had fished and where they might be going to fish next.

We chose to head up the Lock river near the Toolshed restaurant and although I picked up a skinny 240mm brown on the nymph we decided to move back to the Toorongo river.

We stopped at the first bridge on the falls road and headed off down stream with the intent to fish back to the cars.

My day began to fall apart, my BOA wire lace on my left boot snapped making walking a chore. As we moved further along the river bank we had to climb over a barbed wire fence, as I put my weight on the strand it gave way an I managed to rip my fore arm open as I crashed down on to the fence.

The water was magnificent, pools, runs, hungry fish. I picked up another 3 browns to make 7 to the net for the day. As I changed flies my line tangled around my legs and while trying to untangle, I slipped and fell into the river and took a bucketful down my waders.

The Yarra Valley Fly Fishers uses this trip to commemorate and remember members who have passed away. This trip was particularly poignant due to the recent passing of Bronwyn Reid, the wife of our President. A special thanks to all the members who participated and to those who organized the trip.

#### Paul Pavone



Ray's Noojee 33cm Toolondo River Brown Caught on a Stimulator



**Paul's Lock River Brown** 

## Trip Report - Dave Jenkins Day - Noojee - 20/2/21

This was the clubs first trip for 2021 with 14 members attending.

Members fished their favourite spots in the morning on the variety of streams available in this very good fishing area – 7 fish caught with George Zanin's 40 cm Brown Trout being the best fish.

We met for lunch back in Noojee at the BBQ area to share stories.

Members headed off to fish in the afternoon with another 14 Brown & Rainbow Trout being landed.

Paul Pavone caught 7 Browns for the day ranging in size from 22 to 28 cm and had "takes" from many more.

Trevor Jacobson caught about 8 Trout in the afternoon including at least one Rainbow.

It was a very warm day but was very nice on the small streams being mainly in shaded areas.

Another Noojee trip will be held in cooler weather in a couple of months.

Ray Malins **Trips Co-ordinator** 



**George's 40cm Latrobe River Brown** 

# Hurley & FLY FISHING ALISTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

#### **Southland Region**

They are 7 nights, 6 fully guided days with either the kiwi NZPFGA accredited guide, being Brendan Shields and our own HFFA accredited guide and host, to hone your skills, and teach you streamcraft and fly selection whilst pointing out some absolute monsters under the surface.

An absolute abundance of waterways on offer from the world famous Mataura to the less trampled Waikaia, incredible Oreti and a few secret tiny rivers, Southland has one to suit you.

Our base is Hurley House in Lumsden, an hour south of Queenstown, the fly fishing hub of the south, and minutes from so many rivers that are full of browns waiting to take a dun, a pheasant tail or a blowfly. The riverbanks are generally through farmland, so most of the time quite easy travelling particularly if the legs can't do the hard miles any longer, but there are still plenty of rivers suited to energetic fly fishers. Southland Rivers have a very high trout population, making it a brilliant destination for first timers as there are plenty of opportunities to catch your best fish ever. Every day!



#### The 4 Separate Southland Seasons

**October /November/December** has great water flow, confident feeding fish to both dries and nymphs, plus evening rises and the genuine chance for trophy fish that haven't been hammered throughout the

season. **January/February** offer terrestrial, cicada, and the most amazing willow grub feeding options with some of the best weather imaginable in Southland.

**March/April** is dominated by mayfly hatches and rising fish, generally throughout the day. With lower river levels and early sunsets, you fish gentlemen hours and easily into the evening rise.

May offers outstanding 'Rainbow' dominated waters around Lake Te Anau like the upper Whitestone, Upukeroa, Eglington, and Waiau. with literally no one around and fish lined up, even includes jet boat fishing which is pretty special.

**7 Day Guided Fly Fishing Adventures** Sunday-Sunday from Queenstown

\$3999 all inclusive once landed



#### Fishing Club Deal 2020/21

The cost for these adventures are \$3999 per person for the week, but we are offering your Fly Fishing Club the opportunity to have their own 'club trip', at a discounted rate for this 2020/21 season, and this season, once it is opened up to Australia in our Trans-Tasman Bubble, will offer unprecedented fishing opportunities with virtually no one around in comparison to every past season.

2020/21 Discounted Deal...Book in for 4 fly fishers, and pay only \$3499pp... Saving \$500 per fly fisher.

Book in for 6 fly fishers, and pay only \$2999pp...

Saving \$1000 each!

Our \$3999 current price represents by far the best value quality guided adventure available in New Zealand, so with these extra discounts this season, it is a trip that will not only be incredible, but too good to pass up in the world's best trout sight fishing environment... the saving of up to a grand is just a bonus!

Plus were not skimping on anything for these discounts. The guiding is still using either New Zealand Professional Fishing Guide Association or HFFA accredited guides is on a 2 fly fisher per guide scenario, so numbers must be 4 or 6 in the group, so not 3 or 5 for this discounted structure to work. However, if you have more than 6 interested, it still needs to be in pairs, but we also have our other Hurley's House accommodation option that can hold up to another 6 fly fishers, we have access to even more accommodation iwhen needed, let us know what you need and we will make it work.

"We are so lucky to have arguably the best wild trout fishery in the world around the corner. Our trips are great value and includes NZ guides, comfortable spacious accommodation and access to some amazing water. We cater for all ages and mark my words we will contribute to some of your best fishing memories". "Don't hesitate - spots fill fast - Don't miss out".

Gavin Hurley (Founder of Hurleys Fly Fishing)

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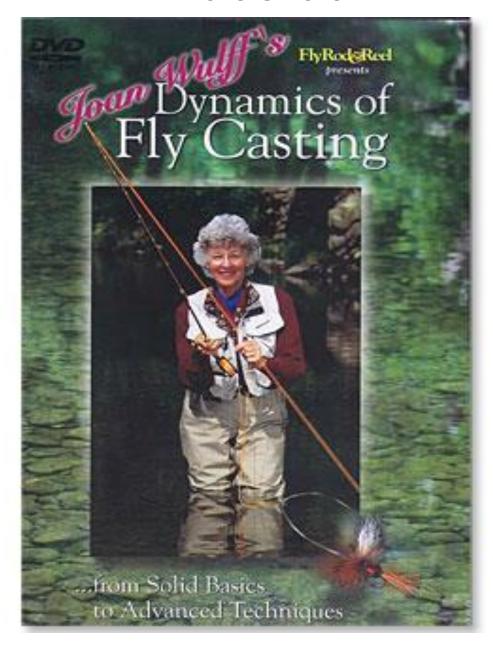
## **YVFF Club Shirt**



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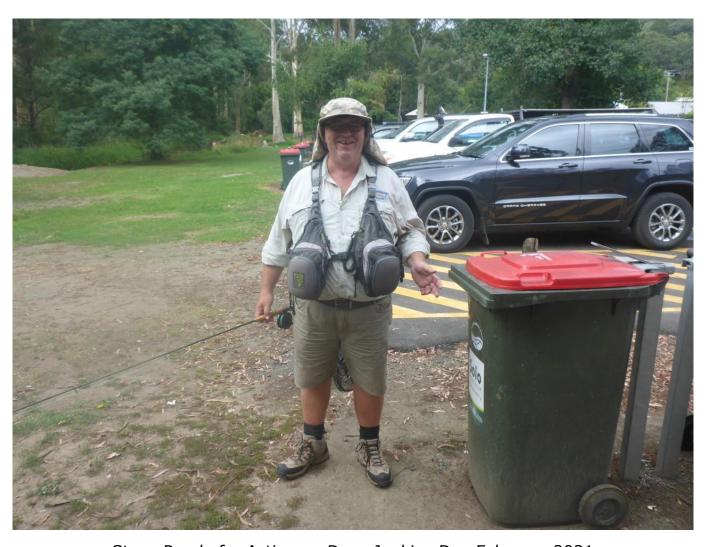
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## Library **DVD** of the Month



Learn to fly cast from the legendary Joan Wulff. With her trademark friendly, expert style fly casting, Joan demonstrates and explains the fly casting techniques she has been developing and refining for more than 60 years.

On this DVD video, you'll learn the important elements of great fly casting, vital hand and arm movements, practice routines that will teach you to make the most of all kinds of casts, and very special fly fishing tips.



Steve Ready for Action on Dave Jenkins Day February 2021

## From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you all enjoy reading the March 2021 YVFF Fly Line By Line

Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are greatly appreciated by your fellow Members.

> **Deadline for Contributions for the April 2021 Edition** is Friday 26th March 2021.

**Stay Safe and Healthy: Take Care Of Each Other.** 

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