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PRESIDENTS PAGE JUNE 2021

REQUEST FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The committee held the May committee meeting by Zoom as the new Covid restrictions kicked in at midnight which once again prevents us from meeting in our clubrooms which has suspended cub activities for the immediate future. We now have a YVFF club QR code which must be scanned by all club members when we are permitted to re-enter the clubrooms.

Hand sanitisers and social distancing is still be compulsory. Materials for sanitising and cleaning are in the meeting room and in the Bailey room. The first name and phone no of each person attending must also be recorded if you do not scan the club QR code.

All club activities had recommenced including fly tying, casting and club trips but are now suspended until the restrictions are lifted. The June AGM was due to be held on the 10th of June but has been postponed until further notice.

We desperately need new committee members to volunteer to help running the club as it will not function without help from club members.

Owen who wants a break has decided to step down as he has had a huge load of committee work for a number of years running the library, organising kid's days, organising BBQ's, editing and producing the fly line which is going to leave a big hole in committee manpower. On behalf of the committee and members I would like to thank Owen for his huge contribution to the club.

Ross Hancock has been our webmaster for several years also wishes to stand down from his role and we need to replace him also and a big thanks to Ross also.

So, I seriously ask all club members to consider helping. My phone number is 0418 310 792 - email is lireid.eng@gmail.com please contact me.

Since Geoff livened up Facebook with flies tied at fly tying each Wednesday evening with the tying recipes for each fly he has had new hits and another new member and also queries from other clubs as to how we project them onto the audio-visual screen so once again well-done Geoff as it is evident with the effort you have put in that Facebook can provide great publicity for the club.

We have had further and favourable discussions with Lyn O'Donnell recreation and living officer who is reviewing our proposal at Yarra Ranges Council regarding our request to extend the clubroom and including our project in the Council Lilydale Lake Masterplan which is currently being reviewed by the council.

It is evident that the club desperately needs more storage for club gear in a larger storage shed. The club has had discussions with Craig Stewart, Superintendent of Lilydale Lake who is prepared to allow us to increase our storage area at the rear of our club room subject to an inspection of the location.

Lynton Reid President YVFF Inc

YVFF Secretary's Report June 2021

We have reopened the Club activities again. It's your club. Please join us as we're running activities around the club. Please keep attending as many club activities as you can like the members who attended the club trip to the Goulburn streams. Wednesday night Fly tying has been using the new club camera and we've been tying streamers for the upcoming Lake fishing season. Check out some pics on our Facebook page. The short circuit breaker shut down will see the club activities miss a few meetings but please think about what you can do to help around the club especially come on Committee and help us run the club. Look out for email communication about our AGM and make sure you're financial in 2021-2022.

Lots of clubs and organisation's have sent out newsletters and publications this month and I have still listed them here and if you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

Paul Pavone secretary@yvff.com.au

Correspondence in: FRDC newsletter. CVFFA minutes Yarra Ranges council News. Business update. Maroondah City Council news Southern Fly Fishers May Newsletter 2021 VFFA May Fly Lines newsletter Fishing Monthly Magazine May 2021 Stuart McKinnon map SAFFA May bulletin Greenwalls Tippet Topics ATF Nariel trees for trout Hastings Flycast May Newsletter YVFF Webmaster resignation letter



Geoff's Beautiful Marysville Rainbow

Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc. Monthly General Meeting Minutes May 13th 2021.

Attendees See attendance book. Please sign the attendance book and Covid tracing page or login to the Vic Service app and use our QR code. Thanks to Lynton for organising and printing codes for the members to login.

Chair Lyndon Reid Minutes Paul Pavone Opened 20:00

Business arising from previous meeting. See notes in report.

Apologies Ray M, Geoff H

New members. Stan Edgley Amanda Habgood Brian Luckhurst and Mick OSullivan were presented with their welcome packs.

President's Report

I would like to welcome all club members to the May General Meeting 2021 once again in our clubrooms which with a bit of luck will continue for this year. Hand sanitisers and social distancing is still compulsory. Materials for sanitising and cleaning are in this meeting room and in the Bailey room. The State Government Covid policy means we can now use our clubrooms for all activities with 1 person per 2 m2 resulting in community room numbers of 50 allowed and in the Bailey room a maximum 16 people. The first name and phone no of each person attending must also be recorded.

All club activities have recommenced including fly tying, casting and club trips. Ray has organised a club trip to the Goulburn area on Saturday 22nd May which should be a great place to fish as fish start moving up the river.

Owen has organised a day trip to Tranquil Waters Saturday 15th May which is well stocked and fishing well according to recent reports. You can stay longer if you wish but you will need to organize this personally with Brad.

Since Geoff livened up Facebook with new photos of recent club trips and flies tied at fly tying each Wednesday evening with the tying recipes for each fly he has had 100's of new hits and another new member so well-done Geoff as it is now clearly evident with the effort you have put in that Facebook if well organised can provide great publicity for the club and be a source of new club members.

Further to our discussions with Leanne Downey of Hansen Planners we have been referred to Lyn O'Donnell recreation and living officer at Yarra Ranges Council regarding our request to extend the clubroom and including our project in the council Lilydale Lake Masterplan. A detailed submission has been provided to the council.

Further to the clubrooms being broken into on the 18/11/2020 and nine casting rods stolen the committee has received an insurance payout and has carried out an audit to determine what needs replacing. The audit has determined that we need 6 new reels with backing and lines and 2/6wt - 1/7wt - 1/8wt rods with reels and lines to match

The committee has written to the council re installing our own security system. The council will not let the club access and use the NBN on site for a club security system but will allow us to install our own security system at a much greater cost and the committee is re-evaluating a club security system. Owen has spent many hours sorting out a large number of old and unused books in the library and these will be used as raffle prizes and some may be auctioned at a later date once cataloguing is completed by Owen.

Lynton Reid : President YVFF Inc.

YVFF Secretary's report May 2021

We have reopened the Club activities again. It's your club. Please join us as we're running activities around the club. Our club trip to the Marysville streams was well attended but we need as many members to keep coming along, supporting the events and each other. We look forward to catching up with you all at casting, fly tying or on a trip soon.

It has been a quite month for newsletters and publications but I have still listed them here and if you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

Paul Pavone secretary@yvff.com.au

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Treasurers Report : Available on request.

Media

Facebook, website and FlyLine Byline all need content from members.

Marketing and meetings.

Next monthly meeting will be our AGM and will include a guest speaker. Committee nomination forms and the Minutes from the 2020 AGM will be circulated before the meeting. We have decided to wait before booking any Bunnings BBQ fundraisers for now. Thanks to Barry and Kay for catering for our Monthly meeting.

Membership

A volunteer is needed to cover this portfolio. New member enquiries continue to come in.

Casting

Members will be asked to teach new members on casting mornings. Casting instructors are being trained and a new Casting course is being prepared.

Fly Tying

We began on the 7/4/21 with the Bloom's Caddis. We have been using the new club camera to show close up shots of the fly being demonstrated on the screen in the community room. We have been tying smelt and wet flies patterns to fill our boxes for the period when the rivers are closed and we are fishing lakes. The next flies will be Bill Beck's Green Machine and the Muddler Minnow. Drop in, join in, tie a fly, have a chat.

Stream craft

We will share stream craft at the lunch on the Goulburn trip. Members who catch fish on club trips are asked to pass on their successful techniques.

Trips

The next trip will be to fish The Goulburn River and tributary rivers.

The Millbrook trip was an outstanding success with members all catching good fish including some STONKERS. The mayfly hatches were a highlight. Another trip has been booked for the first week in December.

Special Projects

Our proposal has been added to the Lilydale Lake Master plan.

Fishing reports

Craig fished around Rubicon, noted fish already pairing please don't wade through reds. Paul fished the Toorongo river and netted 6, Larry also fished Noojee with success.

General business

Trip to Tranquil Rises on 15/5/21 \$30, 9 members confirmed. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Owen who has maps, lists of what you need to take and contact details for Tranquil Waters, anyone wishing to stay over should contact Tranquil Waters.

Club members were asked why they joined. Responses included learning to fly fish, improve skills, improve catching fish, fly tying, making friends with like minded people, fishing with friends, attending club social activities, meetings, listening to speakers and club trips.

Club members were asked where they would like to fish. Khancoban, Corryong, Omeo, Mitta Mitta, Omeo, Bright, Eucumbene, Ballarat lakes, Millbrook lakes, Stevenson River, Yarra river

Members were asked to consider joining the trips committee and Executive Committee.

Next meeting AGM Thursday 10 June 2021 at the Clubrooms

Next Executive Committee meeting Wednesday 27 May 2021 in the Bailey room.

Meeting closed 22:55



Jack Sprat Fly

Annual General Meeting Minutes 13th November 2020

Start 8:10 pm

Apologies: Tuckyen Choy, Brian Luckhurst, Ross Burgess. Attendance: 19 members attended via Zoom, thanks to Doug B and CVFFC for setting up the zoom meeting.

President's report to AGM

I would like to welcome all club members to the 2020 AGM in whatever way you are attending the AGM through the wonders of all the new technology we now have available to us some as a result of the Covid virus.

We are still constrained in what we can do outside of Victoria until 23rd November when we have been advised that we can enter NSW and possibly other states, so at last we can go fishing on our home grounds and hopefully by Christmas Australia wide.

The Yarra Ranges Council advised me today that the council has adopted the State Government Covid policy which means we can have limited use of our clubrooms for activities with limited numbers of up to 10 people in two areas maximum 20 people at 1 per 4 m.

Hand sanitisers will be compulsory and face masks preferable while in close proximity and we will need to wait until the use of meeting rooms is allowed in greater numbers before the club can function in a Covid normal fashion.

The committee has been working in the background with our main priority to keep and get the club functioning again and organise some club activities to recommence within Covid constraints as soon as possible.

Owen and Ray have organised a club weekend at Tranquil Waters which will allow newer club members to learn some fishing techniques, hopefully catch their first fish and better get to know other club member.

The aim of the committee for the 2019/2020 year was to further consolidate the position of the club by gaining new members, ensuring core activities were further developed and improving the communication with all members by better use of all the technology available to us.

We have been frustrated by all the constraints on the club, but Owen in particular has worked hard to ensure the Fly Line By Line has been published each month as our best means of keeping in touch with all members.

We now have a new face book administrator as Geoff Hatfield has offered to look after face book and take on the administrators role assisted by Owen please give Geoff lots of photos etc. to make the site a club focal point.

The committee has met and proposes that the basic fees for the financial year 2020 to 2021 be unchanged from 2019 to 2020 however because of members inability to utilise club facilities the fees be discounted and subsidised by the club so that the basic fee will be 1/4 of the normal fee.

The committee has also proposed that past members be given the opportunity to rejoin the club at the 1/4 fee rate and that the joining fee be waived for the 2020/2021 year to encourage old members to easily rejoin the club.

We have contacted Bunning's and will be able to hold Bunning's BBQ's from January next year and will be able to book events for next year when advised by Bunning's.

Discussions with the grants officer today at Yarra Ranges Council reveal that until the new councillors are appointed no decisions will be made on our grant application until January 2021 but extensions of time will be granted to use the grant money.

I would like to thank all members for the ideas and vision they have for the club expressed to committee members and myself over the past year and the support I have received and hope this sharing of ideas continues with the new committee over the coming year.

To the outgoing committee I would like to thank each member for the support I received during a difficult 2019/2020 year. As I said last year it is a privilege to serve the club in any position particularly as president.

To the incoming executive committee as the outgoing committee we leave the club in a well organised and sound financial position to face the challenges of hopefully a Covid normal 2021 year and I wish the new committee every success.

Lynton Reid President YVFF Inc.

Secretary's report:

Our active year has been obviously been reduced and although we have been forced to close the club for most of the year we have still managed to have some highlights.

This financial year we successfully ran the Kids come try and Scope fishing days.

We have had new members join.

We have fished many waters including trips to Devil Bend, Noojee, Eildon tributaries and Belgrave Quarry.

We have tied great flies and had a number of members completed the Introduction course.

Christmas dinner at the Royal Hotel in Lilydale was a highlight.

Casting instructors are have begun to be trained to ensure Sunday sessions continue.

Speakers returned to our Monthly club meetings with Scott Xanthoulakis and Vanessa Spark presenting to the members.

New dress shirts with our club logo are fantastic.

I am looking forward to the complete reopening of Club.

Treasurer's Report: Available to Members on request

Ray Malins – YVFF inc. Treasurer

Trips Report To AGM – 2019/20

By Ray Malins

I would like to start by thanking the members who attended the trips. The dates tended to be the Saturday after the General Meetings to maximise advertising. We had only 5 "Day Trips" due to the virus making trips impossible after March 2020. Eleven members attended the Noojee area and we caught 15 small trout. 21 July 19 – Quarry Reserve FTG – 6 members fishing & 2 observing – No fish 12 Aug 19 – Devil Bend Reservoir – 5 members & No fish – BBQ Lunch 16 Nov 19 – Goulburn River & tributaries downstream of Eildon – 5 members – 3 fish – BBQ Lunch 22 Feb 20 – Dave Jenkins's Day – Noojee Area – 14 members – 30 fish – BBQ Lunch & Streamcraft 14 Mar 20 - Goulburn River & tributaries downstream of Eildon – 6 members – 4 fish – BBQ Lunch The above trips were good fun and we had a BBQ lunch provided by the club when BBQs were available – something we will continue to do - this enables members to catch up and also to plan the afternoon. Most of the members attending trips are newer members keen to learn more about techniques and fishing locations so Stream Craft as part of a trip is important – thanks Trevor on the Noojee Trip. All trips were of "one day" with no interest in overnight / weekend trips (?).

Ray Malins

Membership fees for next financial year remains as for last year. The club will subsidise fees for the 20-21 financial year.

The number of members on the executive committee 7

Doug Barham was appointed as the returning officer. The committee positions were declared vacant. Written, signed, accepted and seconded nominations for the committee were accepted for: President Lynton Reid Vice President Paul Pavone (appointed after) Secretary Paul Pavone Treasurer Ray Malins Committee Owen Lloyd Committee George Zanin

General Business:

Covid safe plan is required for reopening.
We are following the state government position.
Face masks compulsory, safe distancing and cleaning compulsory
A Covid officer will be present for any club meeting.
Sign in register will be kept for tracing.
6 members will be allowed in the Bailey room, 10 members in the Community room when it's open.
Currently we're allowed groups of 10 plus a trainer, casting out doors.
When we reopen we will need to register members attending our first casting including a BBQ. Members will be notified by email and a Facebook event created.

Next AGM : TBA meeting close 9:00PM



YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS Inc.

COMMITTEE/EXECUTIVE NOMINATION FORM

YVFF Rules of incorporation – Part 5 Division 3: Rule 51

"Candidates shall be nominated and nominations close at the Ordinary or Special General Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting and shall be proposed and seconded – in writing by two financial members of the Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc."

Any financial members of YVFF Inc. wishing to stand for election to a position on the Club's Executive Committee/ at the Annual General Meeting is required to complete the attached form. And : (A) Hand the nomination form to the Club's Secretary at any General Meeting. OR: (B) Post the nomination form to:

The Secretary Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc. P.O.Box 266 LILYDALE VIC 3160

NOMINATION FORM

(Please print name clearly in the spaces provided)

I hereby accept the nomination

For the position of for the term of **"ENTER DATE"**

Signature of Nominated Member Date

Nominated by	(Print Name))
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Signature Date

Seconded by (Print Name)

Signature Date

NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE CORRECTLY COMPLETED OR NOMINATIONS WILL BE INVALID. YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS Inc.

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Trip Report - Tranquil Rises – 15 May 2021

On a chilly Saturday about 10 members from YVFF met at Tranquil Rises in Flowerdale – just over an hour from the Eastern Suburbs. Attendees were Owen, Diana, Alfredo, Mike, Linton, Stan, Artur, Merril, George and Craig came along later in the afternoon.

When we arrived, the owner Brad warned that some of the lakes were quite dirty due to the lack of rain. However, on Saturday, there was rain which kept coming over the hill in showers that weren't really bad enough to stop us fishing but enough to wet our rain jackets.

First off, we fished the main lake which was the clearest of them all but with no luck. George spotted a golden trout, and I didn't see anything – hardly any rises apart from a couple out in the very middle of the lake.

We then walked up to the lakes at the top of the property and sure enough, most of the small lakes were quite muddy, as well as very low.

In about the clearest lake called Back Dam, George and I managed to land a rainbow each. George was using a Black Mamba and I had on an orange bead head Magoo (which George had tied on a Wednesday evening at the Club).

We all met in the shelter for lunch and a bit of socialising over a bite to eat and a much welcome hot beverage.

Later in the afternoon, in one of the small lakes, I spotted a golden trout cruising his beat – I cast towards him and managed to hook and land him – on the same fly which I used all day. So, I did get my golden trout – as I mentioned was my intention at Thursday's meeting.

The trout did not really put up much of a fight – nothing compared to the brutes in the Bridge Lake at Millbrook Lakes!

It was a slow day's fishing, though persistence paid off and I would suggest it might be better conditions after Winter and some decent rain. Tranquil Rises is set in a lovely location. It was a fun day and thanks to Owen for organising!

Merril Wenlock.



Merril's Golden Trout



George's Rainbow



Merril's Rainbow

YVFF Club Trip Report - Goulbourn River – 22 May 2021

We had eight members on this trip including two new members – Nigel & Nick.

It was a very chilly start of -2 degrees and we fished in the fog for over an hour.

Most of us started at the Thornton Bridge where I met Nigel for the first time. He had Nick with him but he had disappeared by the time I arrived.

Nigel was watching fish rise in front of the car park as I got ready and then Geoff arrived as well. I hadn't been downstream of the bridge for a while so I headed in that direction spotting a memorial nailed to a tree naming the bend in the river as "Johnny's Bend" – the river was flowing at a bit over 3000 Mega litres which looked OK.

I fished my way back towards the Bridge and had a nice Brown "sniff" my nymph and swim away so I changed it to a pheasant tail and soon after I had a nice Brown.

There were at least three other clubs up there – Red Tag, Bellarine Peninsula and Northern – I had a good chat with one of the Bellarine Guys who had a special spot which he thought must have a big fish in it as it looked great – deep, and beside flowing white water – I had already fished it but he was determined to take a fish from it but from about four or five trips to it he hadn't been successful.

I left him and headed back to the Pondage to get the BBQ ready.

All eight YVFF members arrived and I finally met Nick – Craig reported three fish, a nice one and two small ones.

After the fog had lifted it was a perfect sunny day – It may be our last till after the winter (?). Craig took Nigel & Nick to Christies Lane, Terry headed off to check some tracks for his 4WD club and I am not sure where Dennis & Larry fished in the arvo but they hadn't reported any fish in the morning – Geoff & I headed back to the same spot downstream of the bridge where Geoff got a small one but was very happy to just feel his line go tight! The rivers may be closed for our June Trip so we thought the Pondage might be good – Stay tuned!

Cheers Ray



Craig's 38cm Goulburn Brown

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Fly Tying News



New handy cam to make fly tying classes easier with enlarged projection on the wall for all to follow easy step by step fly tying classes led by Paul.

Come along to the Club Rooms at 8.00 pm on Wednesday nights and learn how to tie your own Flies. No better feeling than to catch a fish on a fly you have tied yourself!!!

For more information Contact Paul Pavone

Email: secretary@yvff.com.au

Fly of the Month Green Machine



Bill Beck was a Tasmanian Guide, now retired, based around Little Pine Lagoon. The original fly was

allegedly tied using cat pelts and the Green Machine is part of a series of flies in known as Beck's cat flies.

The series includes the Krystal Cat, the Lurex Cat and the Green Machine. The bodies and tails vary but the technique using zonker strips tied in Matuka style makes these flies effective when tied on in singularly or in a series.

The best technique is strip the flies around the weeds, working the flies at varying speeds and patterns until you find a pattern that excites a strike.

These are great flies for our upcoming Lake fishing trips.

Wet hook – size 8 - 12 Thread - black 6/0 or 8/0 Tail – chartreuse glo-bug yarn Body - peacock herl Body rib - Metallic green holographic tinsel Wing - Grey or olive rabbit zonker or substitute. Wing rib - Green wire Cheeks - Metallic green holographic tinsel Head – Black Thread

Library Book of the Month



The 'River Behind The Hill' perfectly captures the excitement, skill and irresistible attraction that fly fishing holds for so many people.

Both humorous and insightful, Philip Weigall's entertaining anecdotes about the "one that got away" and the characters and friends that have accompanied him on his fly- fishing journeys make the most delightful reading.

With text accompanied by stunning images that depict both the scenic beauty of the fly fisher's landscape as well as Philip's experiences on the water, this book is essential reading for anyone interested in this ancient sport.

With over 30 years of fly-fishing experience Philip has much to share when it comes to choosing the right equipment or perfect fly.

He also has a sure touch in the art of story telling and has used this to document his passion for wandering the backwaters and bush of Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. Thus, The River Behind The Hill is both a collection of narratives and a guide to making the most of that rare moment when the climate is right, the water is close and the fish are jumping.

In this celebration of Australian fly-fishing, Philip will take you t his most cherished fishing waters, guiding you to his best spots.

And, along the way he will awaken your curiosity about this most elegant of sports with his sense of enthusiasm and wonder.

He might even inspire you to tie your own fly....

From the Editor's Desk.

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

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

Don't Forget to tie flies while you are in lockdown.

Deadline for Contributions for the July 2021 Edition is Saturday 26th July 2021.

Stay Safe and Healthy: Take Care Of Each Other.

Owen Lloyd: Editor email:<u>editor@yvff.com.au</u>

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