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PRESIDENTS REPORT AUGUST 2020

This is getting to be like Ground hog Day and once again we are still stuck in our homes and I hope this report finds all our club members and their families safe and well as most if not all of us are in lockdown once again for a further 2 weeks as this extremely infective virus is still threatening us.

Some good news is that since my last report we have been approached by council to submit a new application for a grant which this year is a maximum of \$30,000.00 which would just be enough if we are successful to build the extension to the Bailey room. Refer to the list of advantages following.

A new submission for the grant (which is approx. 100 pages) has been prepared and submitted to the Yarra Ranges Council. The evaluation process has commenced and will be complete by the 30th of October when successful applicants will be notified. The builder has been asked to review his Quotation on which our application was based and it remains unchanged.

If our application for funds is approved by the Council the club has sufficient funds to carry out the works without affecting the viability of the club and would be able to commence work immediately subject to approval by club members.

We have been in contact with WIRF (women in recreational fishing) which is newly formed association with approximately 1600 members through VFA sponsorship, to offer our assistance as an established Fly fishing club and the possible use of our club room and have had a favourable response.

No doubt like myself we are all finding this extremely frustrating however the executive committee is continuing to administer the club and will reopen the club as soon as possible. If any club members have any queries or need any help they can contact any committee member or ring me personally on mobile 0418 310 792

LYNTON REID: President

YARRA VALLEY FLY FISHERS INC.

CLUB ROOM EXTENSION ADVANTAGES

To provide club room large enough to allow most activities to be carried out within it and permanently set up for organising and for teaching and training members in the art of fishing

To provide an air conditioned club room which is more amenable than the existing with the proper disabled facilities and available 7 days a week, to visitors, members and their families, to help them to become more involved in the club and to encourage their participation in the club

To provide an identifiable and user friendly club room with permanent audio visual facilities for teaching and for the use of all members and their families and to also encourage participation, comradeship, social interaction and a sharing of the knowledge of older members to new and young members

To encourage community involvement in fishing activities generally and provide a broader and improved service to the community through our community fishing, scope days, come and try days and introduction to fishing days

To encourage participation and growth in all club activities including fishing events, casting skills and Fly Tying skills

To provide a permanent Fly Tying desk set up for teaching club members and the use of club members and a permanent reference display of flies tied by club members

To permanently display the club's extensive library of reference books and DVDs and improve accessibility to the reference library.

To also provide a seated reading and viewing area adjacent to the library where the members can improve their knowledge and view DVD's on the club television screen.

To enable the club's history, trophies and paraphernalia to be properly displayed so new and old members can be proud of the history of the club

To provide a kitchen and tea and coffee making facility permanently available to visitors and members

To encourage members of the public to visit and participate in the club and to become new members

To provide more accessible and better internal and external areas for storage of equipment used by club members for teaching, training and community events

To encourage men women and children to be active in recreational fishing in line with state government Target One Million policy by providing attractive and more user friendly facilities to stimulate their interest and enable the club to teach all aspects of fishing.

YVFF Secretary's Report August 2020

Now 3 weeks into our 6 Week lock down Stage 4 restrictions and the trend of infections heading the right way, there may be an opportunity to fish again soon.

River opening, if we're good, may happen around the time restrictions could be eased.

I am using my isolation to make sure I have my gear ready, flies tied and plans made just in case restrictions are eased.

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

Stay safe, stay home and I look forward to catching up with you all somewhere soon.

We have sadly received news of the passing of David Beveridge, one of the YVFF founding members.

Correspondence in:-
VFFA August Flylines newsletter

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly August 2020

Yarra Ranges council News. Urban Community update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Covid update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Business update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Active living competition.

GFFC Tippet topics August 2020

SAFFA August 20 bulletin

Gavin Hurleys NZ Adventures club offer 20/21 season.

Red tag August Tight Lines magazine

Vic Fisheries Authority Women in Recreational Fishing

Australian Trout Foundation notice of special AGM.

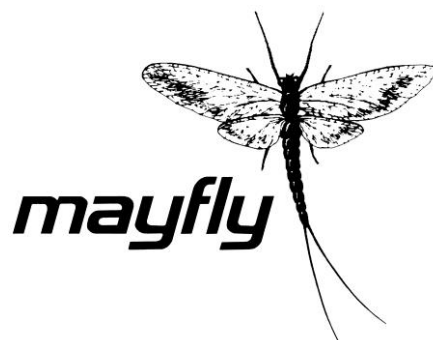
The Fly Fisher new book by Phil Weigall.

Vic trout fishery survey report ATF

Go Fish Nagambie 25 - 28 March 2021

FRDC message in a bottle newsletter.

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Committee Member Profiles

George Zanin

Family: Partner Merrill : No Children.

Things I like to do: Working around the house and garden, bushwalking, fishing and camping.

Favourite places: High country Victoria, particularly Wonnangatta Valley. Snowy Mountains NSW, Tasmania, Central Australia and the Top End.

Things that excite me besides fishing: Travelling and exploring places I haven't visited before. Good food and wine. Being with my partner and other long-time friends and family.

Memorable Achievements: Trekking to Everest Base Camp in Nepal.

Walking in stages the entire length of the Australian Alps Walking Track from Walhalla in Victoria to Canberra – a distance of about 650 km.

Now in the process of climbing the highest mountain in each Australian state – six down and two to go!

Walked the Overland and the South West tracks in Tasmania.

Walking the Milford and Routeburn Tracks in New Zealand.

Climbed Federation Peak in Tasmania.

Favourite Fishing Destinations: Lake Eucumbene, Snowy Mountains; Kimberly WA; Melville Island NT; South Island, NZ; Tasmania and anywhere remote.

Career: Spent most of career as a Surveyor in the electricity industry with the SEC and other companies following the SEC's demise.

Now happily retired.



George and Merrill

Eulogy

David Beveridge

In September 1972 The Yarra Valley Fly Fishing Club was founded by a handful of guys who had a passion for fly fishing. Michael Hall is well known to most of you, he was the first president of the club, David Beveridge was Vice President, shortly after I (Jim Cree) became treasurer.

Sadly, David Beveridge has now passed away aged 80 years old. Throughout all those years David and I remained very close friends and embarked on many planned club trips together.

We also planned a lot of fundraising for the club. We had many trips to Mount Beauty, Lake Dartmouth, Jindabyne, Lake Eucumbean and the Western District. The highlight of one of our trips was to South Island New Zealand, eight members went on that trip.

It was an awesome time. It was great having David organised this trip but what was even better was his vast knowledge of fly fishing.

David will be sadly missed by myself and many of the foundation members.

Through people like David, I'm sure we would all agree this is why we have a Yarra Valley Fly Fishing Club today thank you David from past and present members.

With Thanks to Jim Cree.

TO ALL YVFF MEMBERS.

Stay safe and Healthy.

Take care of yourselves and your families and stay in touch with each other.

If you Need Help or just want a chat, call a Committee Member.

Contact Information in the YVFF Fly Line By Line

or call

Lynton 0418 310 792 or Owen 0488 535 151

Facebook Messages from Past YVFF Member Mike Kelly

Mike Kelly to Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc : 9 August 2020

Don't know if this is appropriate but I was a YVFF member in 1975/76 .

A good friend at YVFF was Allan Skinner , would like to see him again one day.

I recall David Beveridge was president . Still have my signed certificate for the club highest score for the ACF skish at the Brunn sheild in 76. I wrote a article in the club newsletter on Beetles , Allan did one on Caddis . Also recall Ian Coventry ? and Bob Fletcher , Chris Harding .

Chris had a EH Holden that broke down 5 times on the trip to Glenmaggie weir , we were stranded on the roadside till Chris rang his dad for replacement Valve tappets but these broke too.

Owen Lloyd to Mike Kelly : 10 August 2020

Hi Mike,

Thanks for your Facebook message to the YVFF. It's great to hear from past active members.

I have sad news, David Beveridge recently passed away.

I have attached a Eulogy by Jim Cree who was Treasurer when David was our 2nd President.

It will be published in the Club Newsletter in September and I will email you a copy.

Also, please let me know if we have your permission po publish your Facebook Post to the YVFF in our next newsletter.Now you have made contact again, perhaps you would like to re-join the Club when it is COVID safe to do so.

Mike Kelly to YVFF : 13 August 2020

Hi Owen,

Thanks for your interest. Sorry to hear of David B passing on, he was a character.

I remember David Well. I was 19 when I joined , I recall the meetings in the little hall in Croydon I think it was. Yes, no problem in printing my message in the newsletter.

Most memorable for me was the various authors the YVFF invited to special meetings to give talks, people such as David Scholes, John Sautelle, Don Gilmore and Jim Allen were entertaining and had so much knowledge to pass on. I was in the Brunn Shield Team in 76 but suffered from nerves and let the side down. I was also in the SFF, joined in 1969 at age 13. I was given a few casting lessons by the legendary Lindsay Haslem.

I was very lucky to have met David Scholes a few times while living in Tassie in 1975, a very down to earth guy. David was the complete opposite of Lindsay H in all respects but both were very highly skilled Flyfishers.

Mike.



Women In Recreational Fishing

VRFish is always looking for new ways to get more people, especially women and families, to become more involved in the recreational fishing industry. It is a healthy, outdoor activity which can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Within our sector, there are a lot of women not only participating recreationally but also pursuing a career within the industry. VRFish, for example, has a majority of female employees as well as a number of female members representing and advocating for recreational fishers.



In 2018, the Victorian Fisheries Authority created the Women In Recreational Fishing Network (WIRF) Facebook group. Today, the group has over 1,600 members from across the country.

The WIRF group was created as a way for more women to connect and grow a love of fishing. The group is intended to be a safe space to discuss all things fishing with likeminded women.

There is a diverse range of women within the group, ranging from novices who are interested in taking up a new hobby to those who are incredibly experienced fishers. While it is primarily for those based in Victoria, females from other states and countries are also welcomed into the group.

Whether you want to try your hand at fly fishing or branch out to a new fishing spot, the group is full of supportive women who can provide advice. As the network grows, so will the opportunities to learn more from fellow fisherwomen.

The Women In Recreational Fishing Network can be found [here](#).

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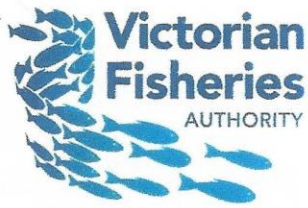
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WOMEN IN RECREATIONAL FISHING

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Women in Recreational Fishing Leadership Program Scholarships 2020

Are you a woman who's passionate about fishing and wants to develop your leadership skills? You should apply to be a part of our Women in Recreational Fishing Leadership Program!

Some of the women from previous year's scholarship program have achieved amazing outcomes in increasing and inspiring female participation in fishing.

Focused on unearthing tomorrow's female fishing leaders, this year we will be delivering the program digitally due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the cancellation of AFTA 2020. We will offer ten women the chance to be a part of this program and contribute their voices to the future of the industry.

To apply for the leadership program, entrants need to:

- Be over 18 years of age,
- Victorian resident,

Be available to take part in the digital program which will be delivered in 2021.



18-19 and 26-28 August from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

- Answer the following application questions below.
- Be a member of the Victorian Fisheries Authority Women in Recreational Fishing Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/womeninrecfishing/?source_id=225152237555294) (optional - if you have Facebook only),

How to submit your scholarship application:

You must fill out the form below and agree to the terms and conditions (<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/women-in-rec-fishing-network/women-in-recreational-fishing-leadership-program-scholarships-2018/victorian-fisheries-authority-2018-women-in-recreational-fishing-leadership-competition-terms-and-conditions>) to be considered for your application to be considered valid.

Create your own user feedback survey (www.surveymonkey.com)

Contact information

Got questions? Email Belinda.yim@vfa.vic.gov.au (<mailto:Belinda.yim@vfa.vic.gov.au>)

For information about the VFA, phone 136 186

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Spotlight: Women recreational fishing leaders

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SARAH VAN STOKROM | FISHCARE

Fishcare Victoria is 'a community based not-for-profit organisation promoting responsible and sustainable fishing practices' and another organisation within our sector which is also a primarily female operation, with it's team of three employees. Fishcare is also supported by their enthusiastic group of 80 volunteers across six regional groups

Coordinator at Fishcare since March 2017. With a background in Natural Resource Management, there isn't any wondering why Sarah is passionate about connecting with the environment through fishing. She also completed her Honours Thesis on 'The Motivations of why people go fishing before it was the hot topic it is today.

After growing up in a fishing environment herself, Sarah goes fishing at least once a month with her family. Her five year old daughter absolutely loves to go fishing, while her three year old son is still learning what it's all about – while playing with (and sometimes breaking) a rod. Sarah and her family enjoy saltwater fishing at Anderson's Inlet for whiting and flathead, typically following a catch and release approach.

The key motivations for Sarah to go fishing are all about connecting with nature and the little things that come with time outdoors, such as noticing an eagle gliding through the sky or comparing seashells and driftwood with her children, as well as connecting as a family through fishing. It is also a great chance to take a break from everyday life and appreciate time outdoors with her family.

Sarah enjoys educating kids on the wholistic approach to sustainable and responsible fishing through her role at Fishcare. School children attend Fishcare clinics where they are taught about sustainable fishing, fish handling practices, rules and regulations, different fish species, casting tips and participate in fishing sessions. Through these clinics, Sarah enjoys seeing kids become appreciative of the environment and aware that their actions can help to protect our fish stocks.

Fishcare also promote fishing as a healthy, family-friendly activity. Sarah says, 'fishing mums deserve to be acknowledged', as often they will take a step back to supervise the kids while their partner focuses on fishing. There are a diverse range of fisherwomen, including expert and avid fishers, those who enjoy it as a hobby and those who are novice fishers, it is an inclusive activity that can be enjoyed by all.



WOMEN IN RECREATIONAL FISHING NETWORK

VRFish welcomes any initiatives and strategies that seeks to engage and attract more women into fishing.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) recently launched a Women in Recreational Fishing network (WIRF) Facebook group as a way for more women to connect and grow a love of fishing. The group is intended to be a safe space to discuss all things fishing with likeminded women. The aim of the network is *'to establish an interactive space for women and girls of all ages to share their experiences, passion and knowledge of recreational fishing. This group also provides the opportunity for women to pick up a brand-new hobby for the whole family!'*

There is a diverse range of women within the group, ranging from novices who are interested in taking up a new hobby to those who are incredibly experienced fishers. While it is primarily for those based in Victoria, females from other states and countries are also welcomed into the group. Whether you want to try your hand at fly fishing or branch out to a new fishing spot, the group is full of supportive women who can provide advice. As the network grows, so will the opportunities to learn more from fellow fishers.

Fly of the Month

Peck's Dun



This piece is taken from an article written for the Tasmanian Fly Tyers Club in 2016. Whilst in Tasmania the I was fortunately enough to meet Charles Peck the originator of the legionary "Pecks Dun". Naturally we talked about his dun that had set standards for others to follow for nearly fifty years. He actually designed two versions, one darker than the other. Although both used Oak Turkey secondary wing fibres for the wings, on this pattern he simply varied in the colour that is used.

The Patterns are as follows:

Peck's Dun Tied by Charles Peck first designed early 1960's

Hook: Mustad R50

Size 12 -10

Tail: Three Dark Chocolate Cock hackle fibres

Ribbing & Body: Brown tying thread

Body Hackle: Small brown cock hackle for the darker version and grizzle for the lighter

Wings: Rolled Oak Turkey tied long and trimmed to suit

Hackles: Dark Chocolate and Grizzle blended and trimmed under to sit low in the surface film.

Charles was telling me that he preferred to use the lighter version on bright sunlit days and he feels that trimming the hackle underneath helps the fly sit lower in the surface film.

Some tyers also believe that trimming a hackle also helps with floatation.

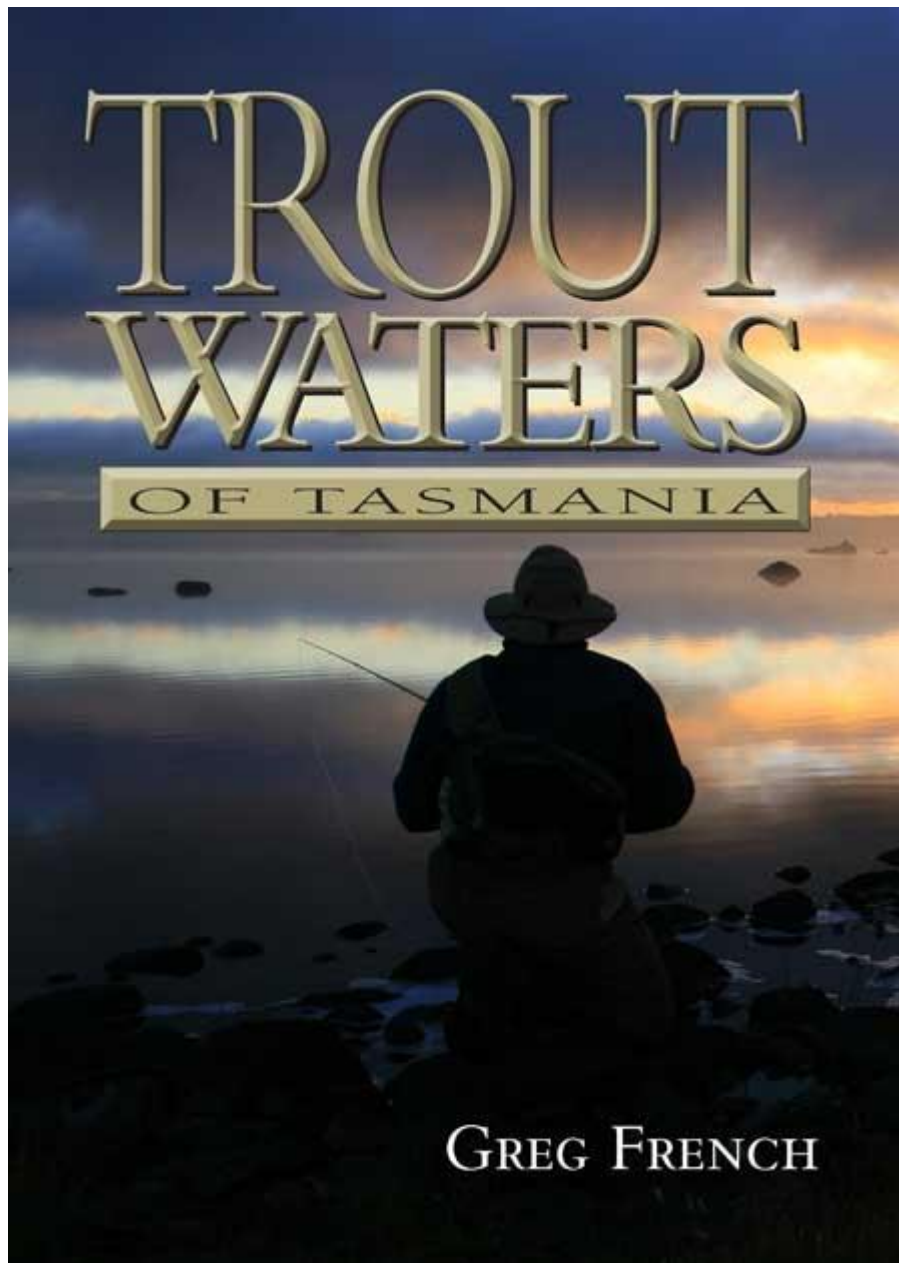
In a note from Charles he wrote that David Scholes suggested to him on the subject that the colour variations that it may be the difference between the males and females as they seem to hatch out at different times. Either way it was a great observation by Charles.

tasmanianflytyersclub.org

I was also fortunate to meet Charles in Cressy a number of years ago and he demonstrated tying his legendary dun for us.

Library

Book Of The Month



Greg French's classic is the definitive guide to trout fishing in Tasmania. This full colour, hard cover book covers every lake, stream and estuary in detail, including maps of major rivers and lakes.

A must read for your next trip to Tasmania.

Stalker Flex-Fit Fly Pant

Every jeans brand in the world makes stretch denim, yet for fly fishers, we have stayed with old school cotton and nylon. Seemed ridiculous, so we set about making fishing pants that were comfortable, breathable, functional, but most importantly allowed all the movement you could handle, deep casual pockets, plus a couple of zippered safety pockets and a serious belt... and the NEW Stalker Fly Fishing Flex-Fit pants were born and ready to take on every fly fishing journey imaginable. Only \$99.00



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VRFISH ENDORSED AS STATE SPORT AND RECREATION BODY

I wanted to share with you an exciting breakthrough that has been reached this week that would not have been possible without the support of you, and your fishing club or association.

For many years, the recreational fishing sector has grappled with conforming into a traditional categorisation of who we are. Are we a sport, recreation activity, hobby or pastime – or all the above?

The end result was fishing organisations were not afforded the level of support bestowed upon other sporting groups. Certain funding schemes explicitly stated affiliation to a recognised State Sport and Recreation Body was required and in effect locking you out of funds to make your club stronger, and your local community healthy and active through fishing.

We are proud to announce this is set to change with VRFish this week formally endorsed by the Minister for Community Sport, Ros Spence as a State Sport and Recreation Body. This significant achievement validates VRFish's state leadership role for our sector and our shared commitment to promote fishing as a healthy and active recreation to all Victorians.

The endorsement has the potential to deliver enormous benefits to you, our 150-strong fishing club and association members, as your club will now have access to new funding opportunities and greater support through Sport and Recreation Victoria. As we find our feet within the Sport and Recreation Victoria network, you will see us communicate with you more regularly about these opportunities. We expect this will include assistance in coping with COVID-19 restrictions and getting your club back on track when better times arrive.

VRFish's inclusive membership structure was only introduced last year and endorsement as a State Sport and Recreation Body is proof, we can achieve more, together.

Please keep well and safe during these difficult times.

Rob Loats

VRFish Chairperson



Geoff's looking forward to returning to the Matura River New Zealand.

From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you all enjoy reading the
September 2020 YVFF
Fly Line By Line.

Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are greatly appreciated by your fellow Members especially until we can go fishing again and as we are endeavouring to continue to publish a Fly Line By Line every month.

Deadline for Contributions for the September Edition is Thursday 27th August 2020.

Stay Safe and Healthy : Look after yourselves.

Owen Lloyd : Editor
email : editor@yvff.com.au

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