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**Peter Thackray Drift Boat Fishing the Goulburn.**

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT September 2020**

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 3 weeks as this extremely infective virus is still threatening us and the Government refuses to further relax the restrictive conditions we live under. Like most of us I cannot find anywhere to fish within 5 km of my home which is very frustrating.

Since my last report we have recently approached the council and had a long discussion with Michelle Danks as to where they are with preparing their Covid policy which will allow us access to the Bailey room. It appears they are no further advanced than they were when I spoke to them in March.

The evaluation process of our new grant application will be complete by the 30th of October when successful applicants will be notified. The builder has been asked to review his Quotation and is keen to start if we are successful.

We have renewed our membership of the Australian Trout Foundation and paid the \$100.00 membership fee for the next 12 months.

As soon as possible the committee proposes to hold free fortnightly Sunday BBQ's for club members so members can meet and renew friendships and compare beards, mullets and man buns? with each other and hopefully we may also be able to organize some club trips.

The committee is proposing that 2020/2021 membership fees be reduced considerably to recognise members inability to use club facilities for several months and any hard ships members may be experiencing, and assumes that the club may not be able to fully open until April 2021.

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 September 2020**

With the home and away football games over and Finals starting and the smell of cut grass in the air, we normally would be fishing up and down all the local rivers. I hope some of our regional members have had some time to wet a line now that the rivers are open and with Melbourne metropolitan Covid numbers dropping, restrictions should ease and there may be an opportunity to fish again soon.

I am continuing to receive some newsletters and publications that I have listed here. Not as many as some months but 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.

Correspondence in:

VFFA September Flylines newsletter

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly September 2020

Yarra Ranges council News. Urban update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Business update.

Yarra Ranges council News. Business workshop.

Yarra Ranges council News. Property facilities survey.

Greenwells GFFC Tippet topics September 2020

SAFFA Sept 2020 bulletin

Maroondah City Council news

Vic Fisheries Research and Development corporation

Australian Trout Foundation Membership renewal

FRDC message in a bottle newsletter.

Delegate River takers and accommodation promotion

Hastings FF Flycast magazine September

Maroondah City Council Australia Day awards 2021 nominations

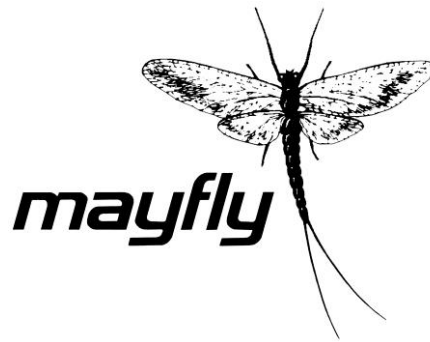
VR fish promotion

Consumer Affairs Victoria Annual Statement due 28/2/21

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# **Committee Member's Profile**

## **Paul A. J. Pavone. BApps Sci MAABC**

**Age 57**

### **Family**

**Wife Belinda,  
Daughters Gemma and Laura  
Grandchildren Thomas, Elias and new Elizabeth**

**Medical Laboratory Scientist. Clinical Biochemistry**

**Monash Medical Centre.**

**Previous experience, I trained at Austin Hospital, moved to Melbourne Pathology then Dandenong and District Hospital, and now Monash.**

**I also enjoy hiking, we have done the Milford Track NZ, Blue Mountains NSW, Larapinta NT and I have walked the Kokoda track PNG. We love to whale watch and have done trips to Byron Bay, Hervey Bay, Warrnambool and Head of the Bight SA to see whales.**

### **Fishing experience**

**I first fished with my dad, boating out of Rye in Port Philip.**

**My first trout on Fly was on the Steavenson River, I had joined YVFF in the September and done an introductory day with Rob Flower on the Yarra River. I was doing the introduction Fly Tying course with Larry and had a handful of parachute Adams that I had tied at the Club.**

**After work, late in December I drove over the Black Spur, through Buxton to the second bridge on the Marysville road. I waded upstream to a small pool and found rising fish. Half an hour later I had 3 rainbows to the net and I was hooked.**

### **Fishing experience**

**I mainly fish the rivers between Narbathong and Eildon including the Murrindindi, Acheron, Steavenson, Small, Rubicon, Goulburn, Toponga and Big rivers. I also like fishing the Jamison, Upper Goulburn, Howqua and Delitite rivers. When I can I like the Baw Baw region, Toorong, Lock, LaTrobe and Tanjil rivers. The Yarra River is also one of my favourites.**

**I have fished New Zealand with Hurleys, Southland, West Coast and Hawks Bay.**

**I have done trips to Tasmania, mainly fishing the Central Highlands Lakes.**

**I attended the Fly Fishing Conclave run by Peter Hayes, casting days with Peter Morse.**

**I have tied flies with Muz Wilson, Mick Hall and Bill Beck. I attended a Muz Wilson Memorial weekend at Cressy. I have fished Millbrook Lakes with Phil Weigal.**

**My interest is CATCHING trout.**

**I enjoy teaching and tying flies and especially like seeing members catch their first trout.  
I love it if it's on a Fly they have tied themselves especially if it is tied at the club.**





**Paul Pavone : Master Fly Tier**



**Paul's Southland Brown**

# **Lilydale Lake Trout Stocking**



**Victorian Fisheries Authority have very recently stocked  
Lilydale Lake!!!!**

**So.....**

**If you live within the required 5 kilometers from the Lake**

**You need to get down there and just maybe catch your self**

**an elusive Trout.**

**Tight Lines Girls and Boys.**



# Hurley's **FLY FISHING**

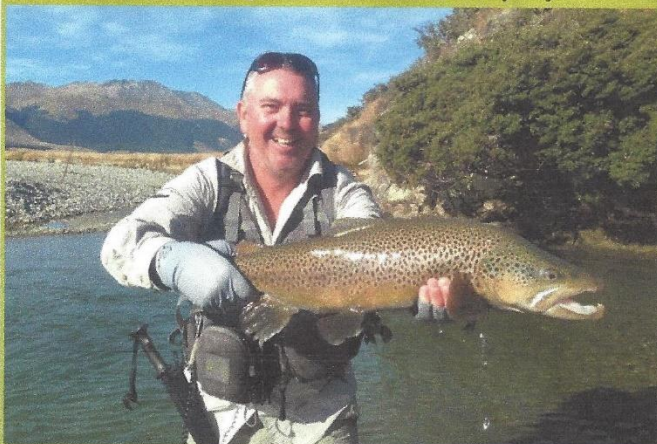
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

## 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 we're 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 when 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 Hurley's Fly Fishing)**





Brian's Brown Trout

# **SOMETHING TO DREAM ABOUT**

## **KIRITIMATI (CHRISTMAS ISLAND) BONEFISH 2012**

**Kiritimati (Christmas Island) is a part of the Republic of Kiribati which consists of 32 atolls spread over 3300km of the Pacific Ocean.**

**Kiritimati is the worlds largest atoll and is one of the Line Islands group of 8 atolls the eastern most territory of Kiribati.**

**Kiritimati is approximately half way between Fiji and Hawaii which is in the midle of the Pacific and could be said nowhere.**

**Captain Cook officially discovered the island on Christmas Eve 1777 and sent the Navigator Bligh (later Captain Bligh) to explore who declared it desolate and uninhabited.**

**I'd been keen to do more Bone fishing after spending a week with Brett Wolf Bonefishing at Exmouth a few years ago and when attending a pro-angler evening with Chris Bridge we decided to go Bonefishing.**

**The Kiritimati airport arrival building was smaller than the YVFF club rooms with a corrugated iron roof and a mixture of corrugated iron walls with chain wire mesh windows which provided the air conditioning.**

**Our coach to the resort Ikari House was a Toyota Tray truck with wooden bench seats on the tray for us and a plywood roof.**

**Ikari House was basic but comfortable tropic style with a large bure roofed eating area 20 metres from the beach in a fully fenced compound.**

**We arrived about 6am. And were on the water fishing by 9am. By means of a fast modern flats boat with guides and lures in a smoothly and professionally organized fashion by staff and guides.**

**Not having a map I am not sure where we went the first day but I think it was the aptly named Go Like Hell Flat which if you have ever caught a Bonefish is a fantastic description of what happens when you hook up.**

**Our guide named English had incredible eyes and could even see Bonefish in cloudy wave stirred Coral Sand Water over a metre deep, and on overcast days on the flats Bonefish at least 30 metres away, however because of the silver mirror like scales on the sides of the fish he did miss some fish which Chris and I could see.**

**When you are standing on the flats in knee deep water on a blue sky day you can often see Bonefish coming 50 to 60 metres away. The problem is when they turn side on, they disappear as the silver sides reflect the surrounds so efficiently.**

**Sometimes they are moving so fast they appear, disappear and reappear so close it is almost impossible to get a shot at them. It is easier when they are in groups often up to 4 or 6 as you can usually track one of the fish.**

**Very often the fish do not swim straight toward you but wheel around from side to side like a flock of homing pigeons sometimes making it extremely difficult to place a fly far enough in front and in the right place to enable the fly to be stripped either slow or fast to induce a take from a fish. Never the less on the first day we managed to catch a number of fish varying in size up to 3lbs.**

**Once hooked a fish would accelerate so quickly that slack line would whip all over the place including around the rod butt, around the reel handle and reel, around other gear or your bum bag and you soon learnt to have everything spot on before hooking up. Even then you would still get knuckled by the reel handle. I still remember a big Bonefish at Exmouth accelerating so fast that the reel handle split the tip of my finger open much to Bretts' amusement.**

Each fish, even a 1lb fish, will take you into the backing once if not at least two or three times, sometimes up to and over 100 meters for larger fish, even more so if you are on pancakes as they run for the deeper water around the edge of the pancakes which is 1.5 to 6 metres in depth.

Other locations we fished included Paris No.3 flat which was great, Poland flat, Bareka Flat, Perrys Wharf, the Secret Spot, Orvis flat, Smokey flat, and unnamed pancakes too numerous to mention. All produced fish in varying numbers and depending on the varying state of the tide.

I fished 7 weight with an 8 weight floating line, because of the wind, 8 weight with an 8 weight floating line and 10 weight with a 10 weight sink tip floating line. The guide usually carried the 10 weight in case larger fish including GTs showed up.

We did have some larger fish including GT's, Sharks (which love Bonefish), a 2metre Barracouda, Blue Trevally, Trigger fish and numerous other fish including small Snapper which were particularly annoying when they stole the fly from in front of good Bonefish.

The best Bonefish flies in clear water were generally Crazy Charleys with orange, tan and pink colours being the best in sizes 4-6 however in spooky water I did use some size 8's and for the deeper drop-offs I found McVeighs gotchas in size 1 and 2 were really good being heavier and sinking deeper faster with bigger fish nailing them. I also took flashy profiles, clousers and crab flies catching GTs and Trigger fish on these. You need to take all your own flies, I tied and took about 250 flies as you find out when you are there what colour works best.

Other must have gear included fluorocarbon 12, 16, 20 lb tippet, a Pro-Angler bum bag, water bottle, polaroids, Arafat hat, buff, long sleeved shirt, long pants, sun gloves, sun screen as you were on the water from 8.30am till 6pm in a hot sunny windy tropical climate.

We also twice Bonefished the Ocean beach at the Korean Wreck site where extensive wide coral flats extend from the sandy beach to the back of the reef where continual breaking surf occurs. A deep sand gutter occurs at the junction of the reef with the sandy beach.

The Coral Flats are generally pink or orange in colour and as Bonefish cruise in and out over the flats through breaks in the outer reef they look at times like fluorescent green bars over the coral (easy to see) and generally much larger and stronger than those within the Lagoon.

Also many other fish were present including GT's, Sharks, Parrot Fish, Blue Trevally and Emperor to name a few. Some fish were right in the gutter at the beach before the tide dropped and I caught numerous fish in the gutter including Bonefish and GT's and tried not to catch the Sharks chasing the Bonefish on my hook.

I had a purple patch one morning catching 25 Bonefish in four hours before lunch of which I was unaware until the guide English who had been counting told me on the way back to get lunch.

Unfortunately, the Korean wreck Reef is a two and a half hour drive each way from Ikari house. Sitting in the back of the truck with wooden seats, however it is definitely worth the trip as the fishing is so different to that within the Lagoon.

Our last night was spectacular as the staff at Ikari House and the guides provided a whole roast pig with all the trimmings, dancing girls and boys with flashing lights and their own versions of local music and hit songs. We were sorry the fishing had come to an end however Pro-Angler had provided a great trip with no hitches and everything well organized. As the weather turned for the worse that night and the plane nearly didn't land the next day we picked a good time to leave Christmas Island.

Summing up I would have to say that if you want a mind blowing experience sight fishing to silver rockets that run you into the backing, bruise your knuckles, test all your skills and your gear then you should not miss a trip to Christmas Island I lost track of how many Bonefish I caught but it was well over 100 fish.

The pro-angler trip run by Gavin is definitely the best organised trip with the best accommodation and the best guides.

I cannot wait to get back there maybe 2021 if we are lucky and Covid is defeated.

Lynton Reid.







## KNOW YOUR ACCESS

Did you know you can find your nearest access points to rivers, stream and lakes using MapShare Vic? This mapping tool can help identify licensed and unreserved Crown land that we recfishers can legally access.

Like us, you can also use the tool to locate areas that have been illegally blocked or locked off that we can bring forward to Government to investigate and resolve.

The Victorian Government has an election commitment to guarantee access to fishing and camping on crown land that have grazing licenses and river frontage. Now is the time to bring forward any access blackspot areas.

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**Ray and Alfredo Helping Stocking for Kids Day Weekend 2019**

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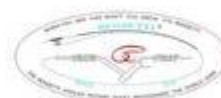
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# **Fly of the Month**

## **Possum Emerger**



**Neil Grose, author, guide, teacher and fly fisher has been recorded tying this great fly and I have copied the link for everyone to follow to see how he ties.**

**[https://youtu.be/o\\_zVcEJNoxA](https://youtu.be/o_zVcEJNoxA)**

**Hook: Dry Fly size 14 to 8**

**Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0**

**Tail: Possum tail hair**

**Ribbing: Brown uniflex**

**Body: Possum hair**

**Wing: Possum hair**

**Chris Bassano writes about the Possum Emerger on the Untamed flies and tackle web site.**

**Its genius lies in its simplicity and effectiveness. I have seen a hundred different versions of this fly and they are no doubt all effective but it is one of those flies that should be kept simple. Possum fur floats extremely well when treated with floatant and this fly is 100% possum. It can be pulled hard on top of waves, fished static to cruising fish, be used singly or in a team and it will be equally effective.**

**This is a fly that catches trout on lakes and rivers and everyone should try to tie and fish.**



# Library

## Book Of The Month

### FLY FISHING WESTERN VICTORIA

*Philip Weigall*



In 2014, Philip Weigall and FlyStream published Flyfishing North-East Victoria. If you flyfish in Victoria, you likely have a copy and appreciate it has become an invaluable resource for Victorian flyfishers.

Of course, Victoria has so much more to offer the trout angler than just the north-east. In this, Philip's tenth book, he reveals western Victoria's reliable trout waters, with in-depth information on when they deserve our attention, flies that work, and tips on how to tackle them.

Well known for its lakes, western Victoria arguably offers the Aussie trout angler their best chance at a trophy trout. The lakes are the majority of the story but the rivers aren't ignored in this essential guide to the State's west.

## **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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**\*Special Offer to YVFF Members  
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**\*\$65.00 Per Pair Includes Postage.**

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**Contact Owen : 0488 535 151**

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# **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

## **A Message From Mick Hall**

Mick Hall (Mr Kossie Dun) a founding Member and our First President sends his G'day to all the Members, wishes us well and to

Please Stay Safe !!!!!

## **From the Editor's Desk.**

We trust you all enjoy reading the  
October 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 November Edition  
is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

**Stay Safe and Healthy : Look after yourselves.**

Owen Lloyd : Editor  
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