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**Dave Jenkins Day at Noojee  
February 2020**

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Yarra Valley Fly Fishers

# PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2020



I hope this report finds all our club members and their families safe and well as most if not all of us are still in lockdown hopefully for just a few more days as we almost have this extremely infective virus under control but it is still threatening us and the Government refuses to fully relax the restrictive conditions we live under.

This month we have had our first committee meeting since May (by Zoom) as we need to hold a GM and an AGM and get ready to hopefully to reopen the club rooms and recommence activities

**We have fixed the AGM date for Friday 13th November 8.00 PM (as a Zoom meeting) and have a lot to do in preparation for the meeting.**

All club members will be notified in advance as to how to access the meeting and will need an Ipad, phone or computer with audio and visual facilities. Members will need to download the Zoom app. and will be provided with access code and the password by email to enable them to join the meeting.

Since my last report we have again approached the council and had a long discussion with them as to when they will allow us access to the Bailey room. It appears they are no further advanced than they were when I spoke to them in September.

The evaluation process of our new grant application has now been delayed due to council elections and we have been advised that possibly successful applicants will not be notified until January 2021 The Builder is still keen to start if we are successful.

As soon as possible the committee will recommence all club activities and will hold free fortnightly Sunday BBQ's at Sunday casting for all 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 organise some club trips.

The committee has agreed 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. Following the AGM all members will be invoiced for 20/21 fees.

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

## October 2020

Unfortunately, 25km from my place doesn't get me to the better trout streams but does allow me to get to Lilydale lake. I know a lot of our members can now find good water to fish. If you do happen to be lucky enough to be out on the water don't forget to take some fishy happy snaps and send them to the editor. Stay safe, stay healthy and I am looking forward, as long as the Covid numbers remain low and the "steel ring" gets dropped, to the reopening of our club in some form and catching up with members soon.

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 Brian Lucknow.  
VFFA October Flylines newsletter  
VFFA AGM Minutes.  
Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly October 2020  
Yarra Ranges council News. Business update. outdoor dining webinar.  
Yarra Ranges council News. Club development workshop webinar.  
Greenwells GFFC Tippet topics October 2020  
SAFFA October 2020 bulletin  
Maroondah City Council news  
Vic Fisheries Research and Development corporation  
Australian Trout Foundation Membership renewal  
FRDC message in a bottle newsletter.  
Hastings FF Flycast magazine September  
Ballarat Fly Fishers book Mallard and Claret 100 years of the Ballarat Fly Fishers.  
VR fish promotion  
Wastell Trophy invitation.  
IF4 virtual event promotion [flyfilmfest.com](http://flyfilmfest.com)  
Notice of stocking of Lilydale lake.  
VR Fish board election ballot 2020.  
Red Tag Tight Lines October 2020  
ATF Free the rivers input.  
CVFFC Free the rivers input.  
CVFFC AGM minutes.  
The Fly Fisher DVD clearance and more promotion.  
Southern Fly Fishers News October 2020  
ATF AGM notice.  
VR Fish review input.  
Reel Life October 2020 Fish and Game NZ.

Paul Pavone  
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# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **8.00 PM ON LINE BY ZOOM**

### **13TH NOVEMBER 2020**

**THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES TO HOLD A GM and an AGM  
ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT 8.00 PM  
AND REQUESTS ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.**

As set out in Part 4 clause 30 of the club rules in particular the matters set out in sub clause (4) as below will be addressed

- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows—
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then;
  - (b) to receive and consider—
    - (i) the annual report of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
    - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Executive Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
  - (c) to elect the members of the Executive Committee;
  - (d) to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.

All club members will be notified in advance as to how to access the meeting and will need an Ipad, phone or computer with audio and visual facilities.

Members will need to download the Zoom app. and will be provided with an access code and the password by email on the day of the meeting prior to the meeting to enable them to join the meeting.

**Lynton Reid    President**

# Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Annual General Meeting Minutes August 8th 2019.

Attendees See the attendance book  
Chair Lyndon Reid  
Minutes Paul Pavone  
Opened 20:30

Apologies Jim Baumgurtel, Owen Lloyd, Ross Burgess

Presidents report:

I would like to welcome you all to the 2019 AGM where obviously we all as club members have to make some important decisions as to our involvement and the future of the club.

As I have continually stated in my reports to the General Meetings and in the page in the Fly Line, we need more members volunteering to help run the club and some new faces on the committee and the AGM is where each of you can make this happen in a small or large way.

To the outgoing Executive Committee members Paul Pavone, Owen Lloyd, Ray Malins even though overloaded you have done a great job in ensuring the club, for the last year, has been a success and a special thanks to Doug Braham for staying on and assisting Ray and Paul in their new roles as Treasurer and Secretary. I very much appreciate the strong and reliable support and help from each of you throughout the year.

A big thanks also to the unseen helpers who work away in the background at club meetings, club events, club activities and BBQ's where every bit of help however small helps to make the club a success.

The aim of the committee for the year was to consolidate the position of the club, ensure the core activities were successful, media was functioning properly and restrict spending until a comprehensive budget was prepared to enable the committee to see the true cost of running the club. All of which have been achieved.

Following the preparation of the budget it became clear that we needed to recover the costs of increasing insurance premiums and affiliations with membership of other fishing associations and media.

As a result the committee voted to institute a levy for \$20.00 to cover these costs. It was also voted to maintain the existing membership fee of \$80.00 and this year to reinstate the joining fee for new members. It is noted that the membership fee has not been increased for several years.

The \$50.00 joining fee is an investment in the club by new members and helps the club to invest in updating casting equipment such as rods reels and lines, fly tying equipment and the library by purchasing the latest books and DVD's which can exceed \$1000.00 each year, for the benefit and use of new and existing members.

We have made more progress with documenting the roles and responsibilities of executive committee members and portfolio subcommittees for guidance for future committees with Marketing, Membership and Club Activities now complete. However there is still more to be done in the coming year. It is important we keep up with the latest trends in media and technology and the Media portfolio has been revitalised with Evin Stephens updating Face Book, renewing our Meet Up subscription with the site, Ross Hancock updating the website and Owen Lloyd producing a fantastic club magazine with all of the above resulting in an increased interest in the club and several new members. Thanks for a great job.

I am proposing to the new committee that the AGM be moved to the month of June as it is now out of sync with the financial year ending June the 30th which results in a large number of members who sometimes take a while to pay fees not being financial and with a June date all members will be financial at the AGM.



I do not like singling people out but once again a special thanks to Kaye and Barry Tresize who have continued to provide supper at our monthly meetings and are some of the people helping in the background I referred to previously.

Following discussions with the Yarra Ranges Council a revised application for a grant of \$50000.00 has been submitted to the council. At the request of the council a Town Planning application has also been submitted. Applications close on the 12th of August and will be reviewed by the council by the 31st of October 2019 when successful applicants will be advised

If our application is successful then the proposal to extend the clubroom will be put to the coming November General Meeting for members approval. Construction would be expected to commence by January 2020.

It is a privilege to serve the club in the role of president or any other position.

I would like to thank all the members for the ideas and vision for the club expressed to me over the year and the support I have received during the past year and hope this input continues as the club must change with the times to continue to be successful.

To the incoming Executive Committee as the outgoing committee we leave the club in a well organised and sound financial position which should enable the club to continue its success and I wish the new committee a productive and successful year.

Lynton Reid  
President

Secretary's report.  
None

Treasurers report.

July Term deposits \$114,000 Cash account \$12,500 Cash \$900 Total \$127, 394 The full breakdown of the profit and loss data is available to members on request.

Media: Important to continue updating and contributing to all pages. For Facebook, in the past month, we have had 6 new page likes bringing the total number of people following our page to 563. There were 72 page views in the past month and our posts reached almost 1300 people. Facebook followers have been steadily rising this year starting at 535 and reaching the current level at 563. We have massive reach through this media and all members can support by sending in photos to post to Facebook. If interested, we can provide access to post directly to Facebook. Paul Pavone and Owen Lloyd post regularly and their posts are seen widely.

Our meetup group has been up for about two months now and has 28 members. Unsure if we have had people come to the club from Meetup. If after six months of subscription (that we have already paid for), there is no benefit to having the meetup group, it might be better to focus on the Facebook page.

The website is being managed well by Ross Hancock is doing a good job with keeping the website up to date with the latest information. Club events are available in the calendar and latest copies of Fly Line are available online.

Overall, media is going well and our main focus should be to keep the Facebook page active as we are getting many inquiries through the page.

Awin Stephen

Marketing and meetings.  
More help required.

Casting

More help required.

#### Fly Tying

Please support our tyers on Wednesday nights.

#### Stream craft

No report

#### Trips report

I would like to start by thanking Aron Treloar for helping with some of the trips and of course the members who attended the trips.

The dates tended to be the Saturday after the General Meetings to maximise advertising.

We had six "Day Trips" with the "Dave Jenkins Day" being the first in February this year (2019).

Eleven members attended the Noojee area and we caught 15 small trout.

The Club Completion Trips started on 16 February:

16 Feb – Rubicon Rvr & Jerusalem Ck – 2 members and no fish

16 Mar – Marysville – 3 members and 4 trout.

13 Apr – Goulburn Rvr – 9 members and no fish.

11 May – Big Rvr transferred to the Goulburn Rvr – 4 members and 3 trout.

23 June – "A day on the Pondage" – 13 members and 1 trout.

21 July – "Quarry Reserve" FTG – 8 members and no fish.

The above trips were good fun and on two occasions we had a BBQ lunch provided by the club – something we will do more often when bbqs are available - 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.

All trips were of "one day" with no interest in overnight / weekend trips (?).

A couple of "Stream craft" days were held by Trevor, Lionel and Ray Buckland and were well attended.

Ray Malins

#### Special Projects

2019 Capital Development Project funding proposal has been sent in. Drawings are available for members to view.

Membership cost remains as last year. A \$20 insurance fee has been added to cover increased cost of our public liability insurance. A \$50 new member fee has been added.

The new committee will consist of 7 members.

All positions were declared vacant. Nominations for the executive committee were call for.

Nominations were received for the President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 members. No elections were required.

President Lyndon Reid

Treasurer Ray Malins

Secretary Paul Pavone

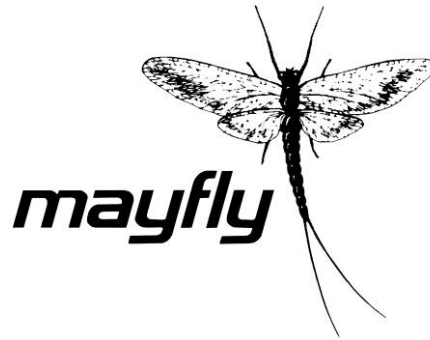
Committee Owen Lloyd

Committee George Zanin

#### General business

Only 32 members are currently financial, there's a proposal to hold next years AGM in June next year to have members financial before the end of the financial year.

Meeting closed 21:00



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## Victorian Fisheries Authority: Recent Stocking Announcement

Get ready Melburnians – have we got a surprise for you!

Due to popular demand, we've stocked 500 more 'stonker' rainbow trout weighing up to a whopping 7kg in metropolitan Melbourne.

The latest round of stockings started Monday and finished up yesterday, just in time for the AFL Grand Final long weekend! Here's where they all went:

-  Berwick Springs Estate Lake (20)
-  Don Lake (15)
-  Emerald Lake (15)
-  Lilydale Lake (45)
-  Casey Fields Lake (20)
-  Pakenham Lake (40)
-  Rowville Lakes (15)
-  Karkarook Lake (60)
-  Roxburgh Park Lakes (McIvor Lake) (20)
-  Yarrambat Lake (60)
-  Ferntree Gully Quarry (20)
-  Navan Park Lake (30)
-  Spavin Lake (30)
-  Albert Park Lake (90)
-  Caulfield Racecourse Lake (20)

When fishing, you must be within 25km from your home or permitted workplace, in groups of no more than 10 people from 2 households. Keep a 1.5m distance from others, wear a fitted face mask and don't share equipment. There is no longer a 2 hour time limit. More here: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-and-exercise-metro....>

For a more detailed list of 'stonker' stocked waters and an interactive map showing your nearest location, visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/metrostonkers](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/metrostonkers)

#target1million #fishinglicencefeesatwork

# Stonker Stocking Lillydale Lake



**On Monday 19th October a second Stonker Stocking of Trout to Lillydale lake was carried out with 40 Stonker Trout from 5 to 12 lbs being released by Fisheries into the lake.**

**Ray Buckland Owen Lloyd and Lynton Reid were the three 3 club members present to witness the event along with a number of cormorants of the unfeathered variety.**

**So if you want to have some fun fishing within 25km of home it would pay to get there soon before the cormorants knock them off !!!**



## **Committee Member Profiles**

### **Ray Malins – YVFF inc. Treasurer.**

**Family: Wife - Karen: Children – Kara & Laura – Four Grandkids.**

**Things I like to do:**

**Summer – Holidays at Sandy Point, bike riding, sail boarding, paddling, caravanning around OZ, working around the house and garden, bushwalking, and fishing.**

**I was a keen Scuba Diver with over 200 logged dives all over Australia as well as Fiji and Thailand. Winter – XC Skiing and Ski Patrolling at Lake Mountain, Holidays at Sandy Point and fishing.**

**I was a keen ski tourer for many years camping in the snow for weeks at a time culminating in an eight day trip from Kiandra to Thredbo via Mt Jagungal and Mt Kosciusko.**

**We tried to do this trip in a day on Mountain Bikes but only got to Mt Jagungal (Keith's Hut) and had to escape through Guthega on the second day with no food!**

**Favourite places: Sandy Point, Grampians, Lake Mountain Vic, Outback Australia, the High Country (Snow) Vic and NSW, Kimberly and Ningaloo Reef – WA, NSW Coast, Tasmania (walks).**

**Memorable Achievements: Played Tennis at a top level for many years (Section 1 Premiers about 15 times) , Skiing the “Hoppet – 42 km” at Falls Creek 29 times (30th was to be this year!!), Paddled the “Murray River Marathon – 404 km” 10 times – winning the Men's Open Relay twice and some seconds as well, riding the “Great Vic Bike Ride” 10 times (mostly as a member of the VicRoads team).**

**I have walked the “Overland Track” via three routes, the “South Coast Walking Track” and “The Western Arthurs” in Tasmania, various Victorian walks including a beach walk from Mallacoota to Green Cape NSW and the “Milford” and “Routeburn” Tracks in New Zealand.**

**Attended many searches for lost people as a member of AlpSAR when called on by Police SAR.**

**Favourite Fishing Destinations: I haven't Fly Fished out of Vic. as yet (except Lake Eucumbene with Lynton), but I love our small rivers and remote spots on the Goulburn River, the Big River and the Pondage were I caught my biggest trout.**

**Career: Spent most of my career with the CRB/RCA/VicRoads as a Construction and Traffic Engineer and since my retirement a Ski Patroller at Lake Mountain during the winter.**



**Ray's Pondage Brown Trout – 52cm – 2019 Winter Club Trip.**



**Dodger's Rainbow**

# 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 in 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.

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"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)**



## Find the fish first

Take your time when reading water and looking for trout. It is imperative that you find the fish first before it sees you. Another common mistake made by anglers new to river fishing is casting repeatedly at a trout that knows they are there. Fish that have detected danger will either bolt for cover or go 'stiff', that is, they stop feeding and reduce all possible movement. It is also important to adhere to the old adage: "Fish your feet first". You will notice a number of the trout icons in the illustrations are very close to the bank or shoreline. If trout feel secure enough, they will hold in such shallow water lies, but they spook easily. Always move slowly when you near 'fishy' water, and tread lightly – a dislodged rock will immediately alert trout to danger.

Pausing at the start of a pool to survey it and identify key features before moving upstream is a good practice. If you are able to do this from an elevated position it makes it that much easier to read the water ahead and spot fish in likely lies.

## Reading pocket water

Pocket water is the term used for a fast flowing stretch of river broken up by exposed boulders scattered throughout the run. Miniature pools or 'pockets' of holding water are essentially created behind the boulders because they slow the flow and deeper bowls are scoured out by the action of the disturbed flow.

Although reading pocket water effectively is a more difficult skill to master than other sections of a river because of the disturbed nature of such reaches, often the larger trout will be found here. Working the pockets with a large, highly visible dry fly or a nymph-indicator rig, while avoiding drag, is the best technique.

Illustration 4 shows a classic pocket water reach. The fish are positioned out of the heavy flow (blue arrows) either hard up against the banks or in the pockets (often indicated by smoother water surface) behind boulders.

## Fishing lakes and spring creeks

Despite rivers being, by nature, comparatively more complex to tackle when fishing, the different structural components are more readily defined than they are in lakes and spring creeks. However, apply the notion of trout requirements to the latter two and you'll also enjoy greater success on such waterways.

For example, identify defined drop-offs around lake edges, or rivers and streams entering the main body of water – these are prime places to target trout.

Spring creeks are more stable and placid than rivers and subsequently have less defined pools and rapids. Trout will often use bank extensions for shelter from the flow, and the more defined current lines that form off these protrusions effectively channel food into a concentrated area, meaning the fish don't have to expend too much energy moving around to feed. Overhanging vegetation and areas behind submerged logs or willow root balls are also likely lies to look for feeding fish.

Illustration 4

A classic section of pocket water in which fish seek refuge from the heavy flow by tucking in behind boulders, or selecting lies on the edge of the river.



## Plenty more online

Visit the website [www.fishandgame.org.nz](http://www.fishandgame.org.nz) for plenty more tips and advice to help improve your angling and catch more fish.



We've also uploaded a 'Reading Water' instructional video onto our YouTube channel, which can also be accessed through our webpages.



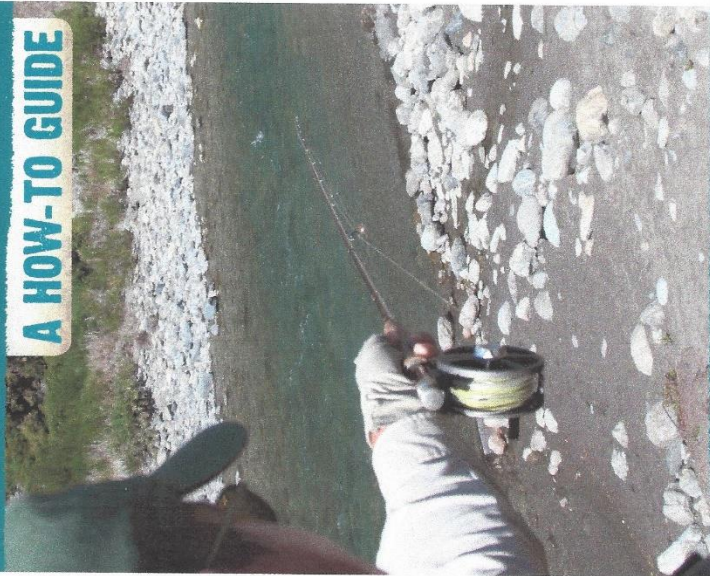
Don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook and 'follow' us on Twitter to be kept up to date with all our news as it happens.



# READING THE WATER

## ...Finding the Fish!

### A HOW-TO GUIDE



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## From casting... to catching

The biggest step an angler can make in the transition from casting proficiently to regularly catching trout is understanding where the fish are likely to be.

One of the most common mistakes made by anglers who are new to freshwater fishing is putting their flies or lures in the 'wrong' places. The prime focus should be locating feeding trout, and greatest success will be achieved in places where there is an abundant food supply, cover or deep water for shelter, and well-oxygenated water.

Finding a place where all of these requirements are met will result in the angler finding trout... and hopefully catching them too!

This guide covers only the very basics of how to 'read water' and find fish. For more in-depth knowledge, recommended reading is *Stalking and Catching Trout* by Les Hill and Graeme Marshall who we thank for their generous input into this resource.

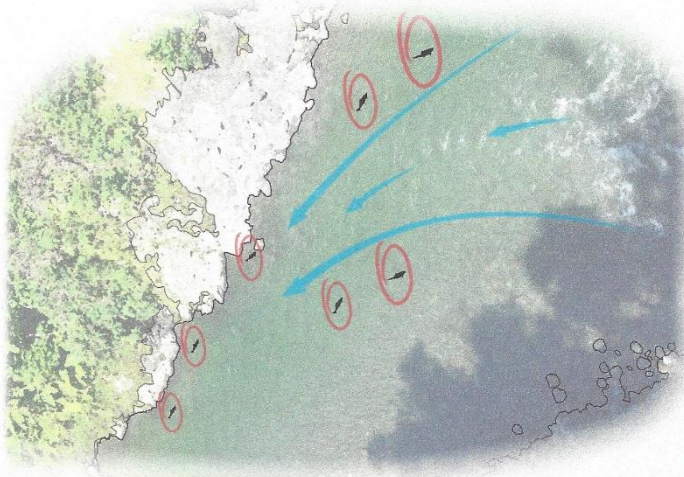


Illustration 1  
Trout holding on the outside edge of the main current.

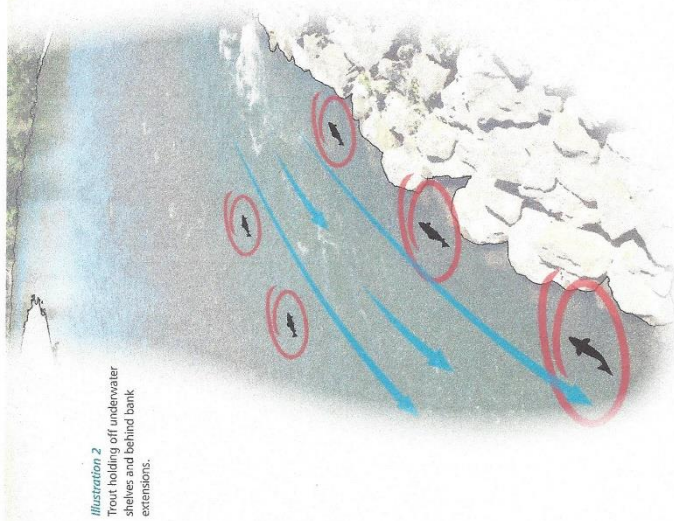


Illustration 2  
Trout holding off underwater shelves and behind bank extensions.

## Key river structure

While every river and stream is quite unique there are always general patterns and features (or 'structure') that are the same. Water moves from one pool to the next via a narrow rapid or 'riffle' section of faster flow. As the water continues past the 'head' (the top of the pool) it widens, deepens and slows. Beyond this section – referred to as the 'stomach' – the depth starts to decrease again and the flow velocity increases towards the 'tail' or end of the pool.

## Trout are lazy

In illustration 1 there are four fish icons closest to the head of the pool, holding outside the fastest flow (depicted by blue arrows). These are the prime trout 'lies', or holding water, in any pool. Fish use a lot of energy trying to keep station in fast water so they position themselves just outside the flow. Here they have ready access to well-oxygenated water and food items spilling out of the heavy current, as well as a fast escape route if disturbed. The trout towards the back of the pool are likely to be smaller specimens pushed out of the prime lies by the dominant fish.

## Other prime trout 'lies'

Illustration 2 shows the current entering the pool after flowing over a shallow shingly section, then running hard up against the boulder bank on the right hand side. There is a defined shelf or drop-off into deeper water at the head of the pool. This is a prime lie for fish as it offers refuge from the fast flow, while also providing ready access to food items dislodged and/or channelled by the faster current.

The fish on the right of both illustration 2 and 3 are holding in areas of slower moving water created by bank extensions or protrusions. Again, these lies give respite from the fast flow but allow the trout to quickly dart into the current to pick up food items or seek shelter in deeper water.

Illustration 3  
Slack water at the head of a pool is prime trout 'real estate'. Also look for fish holding out of the main flow or back-eddies created by bank protrusions.



# Fly of the Month

## Royal Humpy



Charlie Craven owns Charlie's Fly Box, a fly shop in Arvada, Colorado, and is a top-selling signature fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants, has recorded an excellent video on how he ties this great fly and I have copied the link for everyone to follow to see.

<https://youtu.be/PVUrvGGTuZs>

**Hook:** Dry Fly size 16 to 10  
**Thread:** Brown or Black 6/0 or 8/0  
**Tail:** Deer, Elk or Moose  
**Body:** Red floss and Deer, Elk or craft foam.  
**Wing:** Deer, Elk or Antron substitute.  
**Hackle:** Grizzle and Brown dry fly hackle.

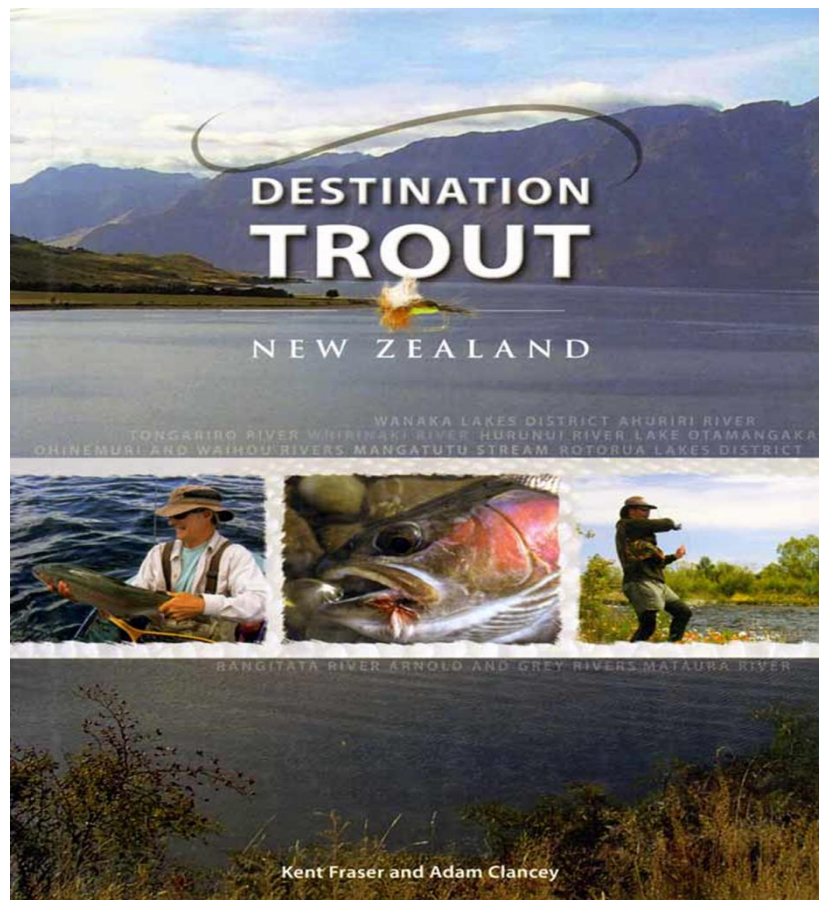
Randall Kaufmann is quoted "It represents nothing and everything ... depending on its construction, the Humpy can represent caddisflies, stoneflies, mayflies, midges and terrestrials."

The Humpy also has another reputation: as a difficult, frustrating pattern to tie. The way I was originally taught was to measure the deer hair wing two and a half times the length of the hook shank to make the body, the wing and over body in one piece.

An easier way is to tie in the split wing first. Add the tail and deer hair or foam over body at the bend of the hook, then tie in the red floss body. Fold over and tie in the over body at the wing. Tie in the grizzle and brown hackle and wind a number of turns behind and then in front of the wing to form.

The Royal Humpy is one of the classic attractors and no doubt one of the finest dry flies available. This fly is very buoyant, colourful, easy to see, and has a profile matching a variety of insects. The Humpy dry fly is in the same category as the famous Royal Wulff, working throughout the world, a must have for your Fly box.

# Library DVD Of The Month



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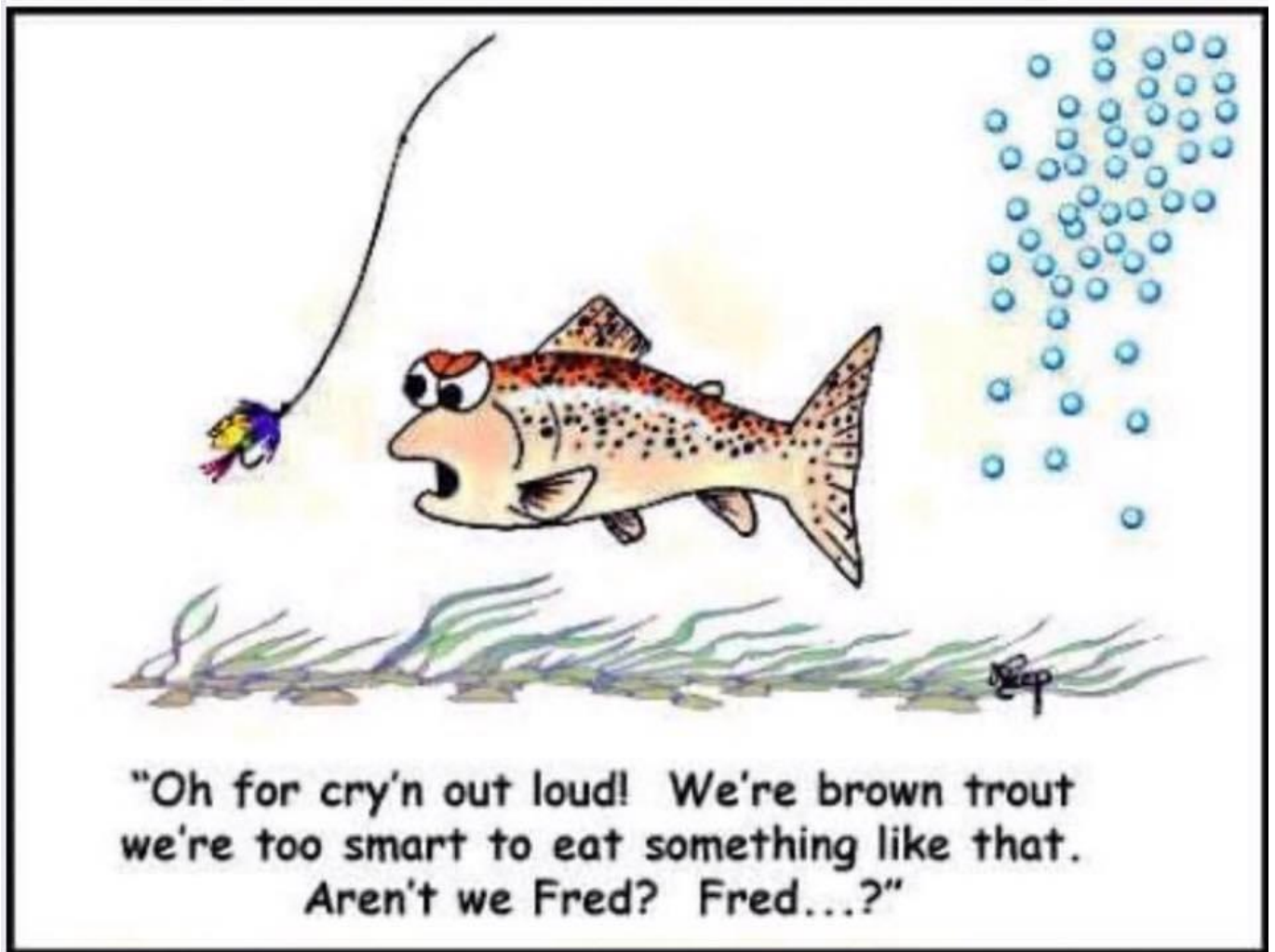
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Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are greatly appreciated by your fellow Members especially until we can go fishing again and as we are endeavouring to continue to publish a Fly Line By Line every month.

**Deadline for Contributions for the December Edition  
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**Stay Safe and Health: Look after yourselves.**

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