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**Lionel’s 107cm Murray Cod**

**Approx. 30 cm Caught on a Lure**

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## PRESIDENTS PAGE DECEMBER 2020

It was great to welcome club members to the 2020 AGM through the wonders of Zoom and all the new technology we now have available to us. The club appears to be alive and well but the committee has a lot to do to ensure the club gets back on a sound post Covid footing which realistically probably will not happen till January.

We are now able to fish outside of Victoria and George has already departed for Eucumbene and according to Merrill is catching good sized fish browns and rainbows up to 1.5 ft long which would be 2 to 3 lb.

The Yarra Ranges Council has advised me that the council has adopted the State Government Covid policy which means we can have limited use of our clubrooms for activities and with the latest Covid rule changes I am still trying to work out the numbers we can have at the club. If you can email me please.

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 Owen and Ray already organising a social club trip to Tranquil Rises where quite a few fish were caught (good practice) ask Geoff Hatfield about the one that weeded him. Unfortunately there were no new members in attendance but it is still early days.

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. Owen still needs lots of fishy stories photos and articles so please help him in his difficult job.

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

Trevor Jacobsen Has offered to assist the committee with promotion of the club to attract new members by placing more emphasis on fishing activities and fly fishing and the committee will meet with him and support him in his efforts to achieve this.

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.

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 hope this sharing of ideas continues with the new committee over the 2020/2021 year.

Lynton Reid President YVFF Inc.

# **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 November 2020

Thanks to the members who attended the Zoom AGM and as a member of the new committee I'm looking forward to 2021. Moving to Covid Normal means opening the Club. Keep your eyes on our social media for upcoming events. We may hold off full opening until the new year but as the new committee we are aiming to make the club relevant to all our members.

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:**

VFFA November Flylines newsletter

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly November 2020

Yarra Ranges council News. Business update. Reopening.

Yarra Ranges council Community Changemakers Program Promo.

Greenwells GFFC Tippet topics November 2020

SAFFA November 2020 bulletin

Maroondah City Council news

Maroondah City Council Australia Day awards nomination.

Vic Fisheries Research and Development corporation

Australian Trout Foundation AGM Minutes.

FRDC message in a bottle newsletter.

VR fish members news.

CVFFC AGM minutes.

Southern Fly Fishers News November 2020

ATF AGM Minutes.

VR Fish review input.

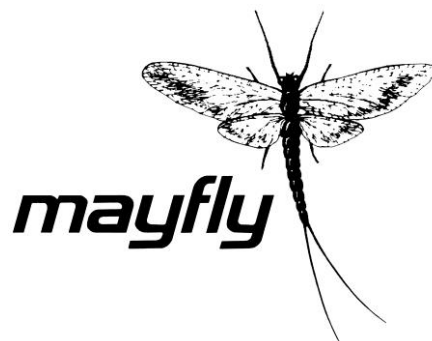
Hosting Australia Customer invoice.

Goulburn Valley Fly Fishing Welcome back promo.

2020 Casey Volunteer and Community Awards nomination.

Community Sport Covid Survival Package successful application notification.

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# **Lionel's Murray Cod**

**Two and a half years ago, I decided I would like to have a crack at catching Murray Cod.**

**The Problem I had was, I had never caught a Murray Cod and really didn't know much about them.**

**Sure, I could tie up some large flies, grab my 9wt fly rod and go up to Eildon and give it a go but if I did that and didn't catch anything, I wouldn't have known if I was doing something wrong or I was fishing where there were no fish.**

**It seemed like a hard way to go about it!**

**I decided to do my homework on Lake Eildon. A lot of it was watching Videos that other people had done on YouTube. There is a lot of them to watch and some of them are most informative. I decided, the easiest way to go about it was to buy some cod lures and use my 6-8 kg spin outfit and throw lures around, a much easier option while I was learning about Murray Cod and Lake Eildon.**

**I am definitely no expert on Murray cod but I will tell you what I have learnt over the last 2 years is that there are plenty of Murray Cod in Lake Eildon!**

**I found the evenings to be most productive, to the extent that during the summer, if you are fishing in a sensible spot, e.g. steep rock wall or other structures like fallen trees, right on the evening or after dark, you are just about guaranteed a fish or two using lures.**

**Fishing during the day hasn't been very productive but I have picked up the odd fish. Fishing during the Winter is harder again but the odd fish you will catch generally are the bigger ones!**

**I am looking forward to this Summer and transferring some of my acquired knowledge to the fly rod and targeting those areas where I have consistently caught Murray Cod last year on lures.**

**Lionel Coombs**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



# Committee Member's Profile

## Owen Lloyd

Age: 66 Yrs

Family: Wife -Diana

Step Sons - Justin 39yrs and Mathew 37yrs and Step Grand Daughter Evie.

Occupation: Retired Taxi Owner / Driver.

Past: Residential Real Estate Agents Representative.

I enjoy fishing, travelling, BBQ's and socialising with family and friends.

Love New Zealand and have fished most lakes around Rotoroa and the Hawkes Bay area, mainly the Karweka Ranges. Have been to New Zealand 4 times.

My dream is to visit Owen River Lodge and fish the Owen River – It's named after me!!!!

In Victoria, I fish the Goulburn, Acheron, Steavenson, Rubicon and the Taggerty.

My Favourites are around Corryong, mainly the Nariel, Mitta, Omeo and Anglers Rest.

I also enjoy fishing the Western Lakes and private lakes such as Millbrook and Dodgers.

I caught my first Trout on the Owen's River near Bright on a tri hook red wool spinner.

I caught my first trout on fly on the Indi at Biggera with a P.T Nymph under a Royal Wulff as coached by Nick Calder.

I only fish freshwater for trout as I enjoy the hunt and the way they fight for survival.

I love fly fishing and fly tying and have caught trout on flies I have tied myself.



## Tranquil Rises Trip Report – 21st November 2020

The first YVFF Club Trip coming out of the COVID-19 restrictions occurred on Saturday, 21 November 2020.

Eight members attended: Ray M, Ray B, Larry, Geoff, Owen, Diana, George & Merrill.

Tranquil Rises is a pretty fishing camp located at Flowerdale – just over an hour drive from the Eastern suburbs. There are two cabins on the property, the smallest (Roscoe's cabin) which accommodates 4 people in double bunks. (I can't comment on the larger cabin – as it was being used by a keen fishing couple who were the only other people there on the same day).

On arrival, we were greeted by Brad, the owner, who explained there are approximately 13 lakes spread over the length of the property. The largest was the main lake which is the first thing you drive past on arrival adjacent to the driveway, at which we noticed quite a few large rises whilst we were chatting with Brad. There is another smaller lake and then approx. 11 other smaller ponds.

Brad stocks the lakes and the fish feed naturally.

We mainly fished the smaller ponds located 800 metres from the BBQ area and George had great success landing 4 trout (Golden and Rainbow) in the morning and several in the afternoon. Merrill landed 1 Golden trout.

A BBQ lunch was provided by Ray Malins which was enjoyed by everyone and we had the well set-up BBQ area to ourselves. Snags & coleslaw in bread with lamingtons for dessert were on the menu – which everyone appreciated. Thanks Ray!

In the mid-afternoon, some of us spent some time enjoying the view towards the lake watching the fish rise and jump – before deciding to have another few casts later in the afternoon. Geoff managed to land a couple of large golden trout over at his special corner which provided entertainment for us on the other side of the lake.

Tranquil Rises is well worth a visit and was a great venue for practising casting and landing fish after such a long time not being able to be out fishing.

Thanks to Owen for organising and Ray for the lunch!

Merril Wenlock



**Merril's Golden Trout**



**George's Rainbow**

## Trevor's Monday COVID Breakers



## Paul Feeling Great to be back On West Gippsland Small Streams



# 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)**

# Fly of the Month

## Keam's Autumn Hopper



Very sad news to hear that Rick Keam passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. Rick was best known for his contributions to FlyLife magazine and Australia's Best Trout Flies Revisited book. He developed a host of great Fly patterns and this is one of my favourites.

Hook: Dry Fly size 10 - 12 2x short  
Thread: Tan 6/0  
Body: Cream or lemon craft foam.  
Head: Fine Deer hair tied bullet style.  
Wing: Deer hair, raffia  
Legs: Knotted raffia marked with pen.

An outstanding small hopper pattern which has acquired an almost mystical reputation. The foam body and colouring often presents a barrier to most people who want to tie it.

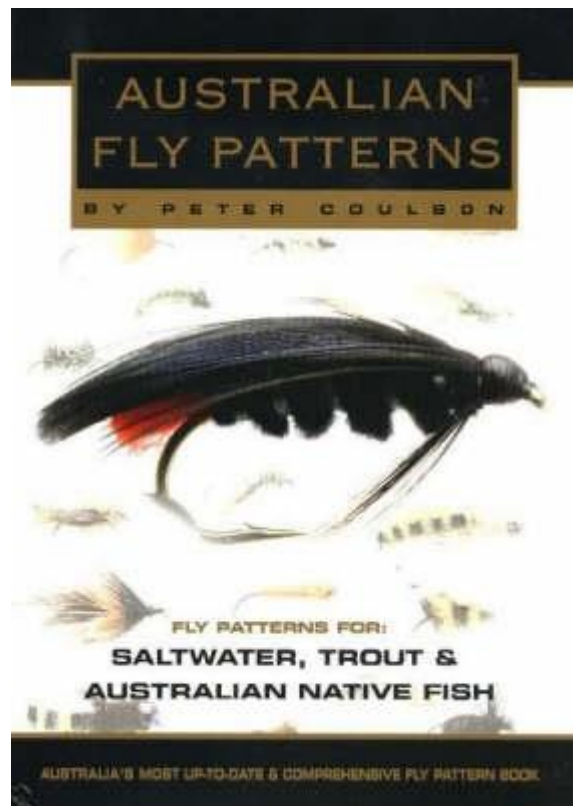
You will need:

Hook: 2x short, 10-12 (the short shank hook is important)  
Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 white or tan  
Body: creamish white closed cell foam.  
Legs: Knotted waterproof raffia marked with pens  
Head/thorax/wing: deer hair (note, fine deer hair is preferred, not the course muddler type).

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I like this pattern as it is a great imitation of our mature hoppers. It is very effective when fished along bubble lines that run along grassy banks that may have under cut trout lies. Don't be afraid to drop this fly down with a splash.

# Library Book Of The Month



First and foremost, this is not just a book for fly tiers. This book is just as relevant to all fly fishers because it is a compendium of flies and patterns that have proven their value around Australia.

Whether you tie flies or not you must have these patterns in your fly box.

This book is the result of five years of intensive research to find the best flies used by anglers around Australia.

The patterns within are those used by these anglers to catch fish. In many cases, they reflect the angler's 'signature' variation to an existing pattern to catch more fish.

There are over 800 patterns within this book, reflecting input from over 300 successful Australian fly fishers.

I believe that in years to come many of these so-called variations will develop to be established patterns in their own right.

I have selected the chapters to allow fly fishers to more easily select flies for specific jobs. These chapters represent the best split of patterns that most of us use. However, the flies should not be restricted to the category into which I have placed them. One of the joys of fly fishing is to find a new application or angle to an established technique and to continually push and expand our fishing boundaries.

More than half the patterns have never been published before and I know that they will help many anglers to be more successful.

**Peter Coulson** started fly fishing in 1972 and has always been keenly interested in flies and fly tying.

For over twenty years Peter has been involved in fly fishing and its promotion, including a stint as the President of Yarra Valley Fly Fishers. At Various Times he has been a flyfishing instructor, a fly tying instructor and a fly fishing guide.

Becoming a professional fly tier, he formed the cutting edge company Dogtooth – which produces and sells unique flies to the world market.

When not tying flies for others, Peter enjoys fly fishing in extreme situations. He continually pushes the boundaries and how and where to catch fish and then opens these techniques to others through the development of new flies.



## 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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From Hurley Flyfishing.**

**\*\$65.00 Per Pair Includes Postage.**

**To order Contact Owen: 0488 535 151**

# YVFF Club Shirt



**Sizes: Small, Large, Extra Large, XX Large and XXX Large.**

**\*Large and Extra Large Available ex Stock**

**\$50.00 each With Embroidered Club Logo.**

**Place Your Order Now.**

**Contact Owen : 0488 535 151**

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## George's Eucumbene Brown's



## From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you all enjoy reading the  
December 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.

A very Merry Christmas to you all and your family's.  
Looking Forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Deadline for Contributions for the February 2021 Edition  
is Tuesday 26th January 2021.**

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

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