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FFCT Newsletter: June 2017

General Meeting:

7:30pm 7th June 2017

Guest Speaker—Peter Donati
Summerdale Primary School

Committee Meeting:

7:30pm 14th June 2017

145 Financial - Kings Meadows



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Presidents report

Wild, cold and wet – not the three best words to choose to describe what was day 1 of the 2017 IFS trout weekend @ Liawenee, however our faithful band of fly tiers were all present and accounted for before the 10am kick off on Saturday. Our association with this event has been supported consistently by members each year and this year, was no different. Mr Consistency (aka John Dekkers) was in ‘position A’ and hit the ground running with a varied selection of patterns to keep the onlookers amazed and enthralled. Lyndon “Rooster” Haines also had the wise in a spin, telling tales of how to best procure feathers from the wayward chickens off his neighbour’s farm and even tying a few patterns with selected furs of ‘as yet, undeclared origin’ ...

I was sticking to the tried and tested dodgy red tags and deer hair caddis, not venturing forth into the heady heights of requested patters that John and Lyndon were churning out. We also had Jimmy Ellenberger making up the quartet, providing additional commentary and engaging the onlookers with tall tales of huge fish caught in the most audacious of conditions. Numbers were down on last year, largely due to the poor weather conditions but there was certainly no lack of interest from those who did venture out to see us in action.

Another successful outing, my thanks and appreciation to the group for taking the time out to support this activity and engage with the wider fishing community on behalf of the club and the IFS.

We also found a new friend, in young Kobi Lambert from Mole Creek. He’s a 10 year old fly tier and based on what we saw on the day, will be someone to look out for in the years to come. His skills defy his age, copying patterns on the fly (pun intended) and the quality of the ties the equal of many. I’ve extended an invitation to him (and his parents) to come to a general meeting in the future, where we may all benefit from his expertise and enthusiasm, should he be willing to give the members a few demonstrations of his craft. Stay tuned!

“XMAS in July” is coming around again, we have another fantastic evening planned at Noonamena next month and we already have some 10 starters confirmed (typically capped at 12-15). If you wish to join us at Little Pine for an evening of fine local cuisine, exceptional company and maybe even break into song – please contact the secretary or Peter Hazelwood to confirm your interest. Of note: there is a new flashing beacon being fitted to the weber this year, so that we do not have a repeat of previous years ‘incidents’ – safety first!

As you may or may not be aware, there have been numerous articles of correspondence between members and the committee regarding the shack upgrade project we have ahead of us at Koongara. Without going into any particular detail here (we are still reviewing and responding to these emails and letters), I am unimpressed at some of the assertions being made by members and very poor behaviour being directed towards some committee members over the last month or so. Your committee is acting in full accordance with the objects and purposes of the club (refer points 4 and 6 of the constitution) and have acted with the highest integrity and professionalism in exercising their duties on behalf of all members.

To be clear, the Koongara shack upgrade has been on the club’s agenda for several years and the project to proceed was put to members in a motion and carried – over 12 months ago. A sub-committee was formed to further flesh out the scope of works and a consultation process continued throughout 2016 until we landed on an agreed scope of works and finalised the plans – again adopted by members at a general meeting.

Whilst I am still ‘coming up to speed’ on these activities over the last few months, I will reserve any further responses here but will address the next general meeting on this subject directly and invite any members who feel aggrieved to attend the meeting and engage in the conversation, or cease and desist with their verbiage.

The view from the cheap seats isn’t quite as intimate as of those who are at the coal face.

Cheers,

Corey

Minutes of General Meeting held at Summerdale School Wednesday the 3rd of May 2017

MEETING OPENED: 7:30 pm.

Welcome:

Gary Long acting as Chairman, in the President's absence welcomed the members to the May meeting and requested that all mobile devices be turned off or on to silent.

Apologies:

Gary & Katie Baird, Corey Harris, John Stagg

Names of Guests:

Alan Norman, Charles Gall (previous member)

Guest Speaker:

The Chairman introduced Chris Wisniewski from the IFS whose topic tonight was the update on the Carp issue at Lake Sorell.

Chris stated that due to a wet winter that resulted in rising water levels which flooded the marshes and along with increasing temperatures over spring the carp went close to the shore. Barrier nets were set in strategic places at the front of the marshes. But, it was found that the carp would find a way either over or under the nets. So, using a natural channel as an outlet this allowed the carp to focus their escape under the net into a small fyke net trap. This is how most of the carp have been caught recently.

The growth rate of the remaining carp is very slow and at least half of the males caught are sterile - 'watery gonad syndrome'. The expected life of a carp is greater than 50 years

The good news is that the trout that are also caught are in excellent condition, and providing there is no new spawning, Sorell may be opened in 2 years.

Chris also highlighted a lowly fished water that contains brook trout of up to 4kg. Clarence Lagoon, near St Clair Lagoon has recently had some improvements to the access road and vehicles can drive to within a kilometer of the water. A recent survey yielded about 40 fish all up to 4kg.

Lake Lynch (Southern side of the Poatina Road) just south of Arthurs Lake is now closed. The pest 'Cherax Destructor', a burrowing yabbie has been found and now the water has been poisoned. These yabbies are harmful to the natural crayfish and can also perforate dam walls.

The eel fishing issue was also raised by the members particularly in Four Springs where the nets are poorly marked and are a hazard for boaters and shore anglers.

Chris suggested that the Club should lobby the IFS voicing our concerns.

The Chairman, along with the members expressed their appreciation to Chris for providing a most valuable update on some of the major issues facing the IFS.

New Member:

The Chairman, along with the members welcomed and formerly inducted new member Alan Norman (#453) to the Club. We hope that Alan's journey with the Club will be long, enjoyable and successful.

Appreciation & Credit:

The Chairman expressed the Club's gratitude to:

Peter Donati and Mike Stevens – donating the raffle prizes for our major raffle.

Andrew Grubert doing the "legwork" to source the raffle prizes.

Phil Lebski – Renewing some pillows at Koongara.

Mike Stevens – providing copies of the "Tasmanian Boating & Fishing News" for general use.

Minutes of last meeting:

The Chairman moved that the minutes, as appearing in the last newsletter be a representative record of the last meeting and prior to be seconded, was interrupted by John Morwood.

John's concerns initially, were that some details were missing from the previous minutes.

This was a figure of \$6000 that the Club President stated was needed to be raised for the Koongara upgrade

and not what was published in the newsletter. He then stated that the Club were either deliberately or unintentionally trying to mislead the members.

The committee, that were present indicated that the figure of \$6000 to be raised was not mentioned, but would have been \$16,000. The general meeting was only to highlight what was required and how we were to raise the outstanding monies.

At the committee meeting we decided that we would not spend all our money because of ongoing maintenance costs, so we set aside \$10,000 (nominal figure).

The initial estimate of \$25,000 (2 stages) that we had, would be 2 years old by the time that we started works in 2018, so we 'upped' it to \$30,000. Which should cover any increases or hidden costs during the works. It is better to have funds at hand, rather than searching for extra during the project.

The works are for both stages and to save on fees we intended to do both stages at the same time.

That left us \$20,000 that we hoped to raise, which is what was documented in the newsletter.

John was still not happy, but this resulted in more questions from the members.

1. "Should this be passed by the members".

The committee responded with this project has been on the books for a while, the members have provided input on the requirements, approved the drawings (twice) and given the approval for the continuance. And at the last general meeting made suggestions on how to raise the funds.

2. "Is it worth the Club spending \$30,000 on a shack that is not used by a lot of members".

This was responded by a Club member "that a Club with assets is more valuable than having money in the bank".

It is also noted that any of the Club shacks are available for all members and their guests, but it is their decision if they do not wish to stay there.

The improvements planned at Koongara are to encourage more families, better conveniences and possibly younger members to join.

The Chairman then re-motoned the approval of the minutes, seconded by Brian Mattschoss and carried.

Matters arising:

Nil

Correspondence (since last meeting):

Outwards:

Catherine O'Brien – (email) Notification of leaving Adult Education program.

Gerry Grundy – (email) Request for return of membership form.

Gerry Grundy – (email) Acknowledgement of form and next process.

Bunnings – (email) Request to use barbeque facilities.

Bruce Marshall (DFFC) – (email) Appreciation for Talbots outing invitation.

Karen Brooks – (email) Suggest October as a new date for guest speaker.

Peter Hopkins (MAST) – (email) Invitation as guest speaker in August.

Bill Fox – (email) Outstanding shack fees.

Doo Gun (via Editor) – (email) Request for Raffle Donation.

Budget Raffle Tickets – (email) Source and order books of raffle tickets.

Orion – (email) Confirmation of tank details.

Chris Wisniewski – (email) Confirming requirements for presentation.

Shane McClenaghan (Allgoods) – Appreciation for raffle donation.

Mike Stevens (Essential Fly Fisher) – Appreciation for raffle donation.

Peter Donati (Unique Fishing Tours) – Appreciation for raffle donation.

Inwards:

SAFFA – (email) Club newsletter.

VFFA – (email) Club newsletter.

GFFC – (email) Club newsletter.

DFFC – (email) Club newsletter.

BO'Day FF – (email) Club newsletter.

Gerry Grundy – (email) Honorary membership form received.

John Stag – (email) Contact details for Mark Wapstra.

Becks – (email) Invoice for plumbing supplies.

Peter Hazelwood – (email) Details and contacts for Bunnings application.
 Doo Gun – Shack booking sheets for March.
 Debbie Button (Bunnings) – (email) The Club has been placed in the BBQ queue.
 Catherine O'Brien – (email) Acceptance of Club's decision to leave Adult Ed.
 Karen Brooks – (email) Happy to be guest speaker but not in August – OK for October.
 Bill Fox & Phil Lebski – (email) Will complete payment soon.
 Phil Lebski – (email) Donation of new pillows and Shack rentals for Koongara.
 Nick Merrony – (email) Addition to shack booking.
 Orion – (email) Invoice statement for new small water tank.
 John Morwood – Shack rentals.
 Ian Jones – Shack rentals and gas bottle invoice.
 Tasmanian Perpetual Trustees – Account statement to 31st March.
 Wayne Bellette – (email) Notice of Masters Fly fishing competition.
 Kevin Finn – (email) Notice of VFFA Art and Craft show competition.
 Howard Jones – (email) Notice of Break O' Day Fly fisher's multispecies competition.
 Fiona Ewing (via Chris Crawford) – (email) Stakeholder Management Plan for Hydro.
 Budget Raffle Tickets – (email) Invoice receipt and order sent.
 John Hughes – (email) Copy of letter sent to Hydro on Lake Augusta levels.
 Mike Stevens – (email) Notice of sale on new "Aquaz" waders.
 Nick Merrony – (email) Notice of shack payments.

The Secretary moved the acceptance of inward correspondence and approval of the outward, seconded by Chris Crawford, and carried.

Matters arising:

Nil.

Inwards 21, 23 and 24 will be discussed in general business.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$261.05

Income: \$777.00

TPT: \$16,232.65

CBA: \$3,633.53 (Outstanding cheques \$131.25, balance on clearance \$3,502.28)

The Treasurer moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Andrew Grubert and carried.

Matters arising:

Nil

General Business:

Chairman's Lead:

The fly fishing Education Course:

Jim Ellenberger confirmed that the kitchen at Myrtle Park has been booked for the 21st October, payment will need to be completed closer to the date. Andrew Grubert has created the flyer that will be delivered to the various outlets.

The suggestion by Mike Stevens will be adopted, that is our members will demonstrate how to cast in streams under difficult conditions. This will negate the need for an exemption from the IFS for students who do not have a current fishing license.

The members were reminded that Club Fly Tying will be resuming in July after the business part of the meeting, and fortnightly there-after (venue to be confirmed).

The Chairman will contact a special guest to attend at least one of those meetings.

Club Fund Raising:

The Chairman introduced the "Fly bowl" as one method of raising funds. Members are to donate flies in the bowl that either have a history or are successful. Other members can purchase them for \$1 and learn from the original owner how to tie them or where best used.

The Chairman noted that the Club has been placed on the list to hold a barbeque at Bunnings.

The Chairman noted that the donation for the Koongara upgrade (as placed in the newsletter) is totally voluntary. He also started the count by placing some money in the bowl.

Shack Committee:

The Chairman reported that at the last committee meeting the “Shack Committee” will have a limit of \$500 per project. This is to ensure that any works can be done when needed, without being addressed by the full committee. Peter Hazelwood, Phil Lebski, Chris Crawford will form the basis of that committee. Updates are to be delivered by their spokesperson at the following general meeting. Martin Hingston has also volunteered to join.

The Chairman read out the letter from Fiona Ewing to gain any suggestions from the members on her request for input on the “Stakeholder Management Plan for the Hydro”. Members can forward suggestions to the secretary for a combined submission, or place one individually as has been done by John Hughes. The closing date is the end of May 2017.

The Chairman also highlighted two outings from other sources that that Club has received. One from the Break O’Day Sports Anglers on their annual event at St Georges Bay on the 17th & 18th June. Accommodation for hire is available at either the caravan park or some nearby shacks.

The other is from the NWWFC on the “Masters Fly Fishing Competition”. This will be held on the 21-28 October at 4 different venues on the north-west coast of Tasmania.

Club Outings / Working Bees:

Mersey River Report:

Jim Ellenberger provided a dismal report on the Club outing at the Mersey River on the 22nd April. Both him and John Stagg attended, they only fished the river at Kimberly and suffered the extremely unpleasant weather until about 12:00, then called it a day.

Reassessment of trees at Koongara:

Jim Ellenberger has decided to contact the previous arborist used at Koongara to form an assessment of the tree’s condition that were highlighted previously as possibly dangerous. The previous arborist has become uncontactable.

Fishing Reports and where to go:

As it is close to the end of the brown trout season not many have ventured out. The waters still being favoured with some success are Penstock Lagoon, Four Springs Lake, Woods Lake and Little Pine Lagoon. Reports of good quality fish being both seen and caught have been from Arthurs Lake, where there may be some concerns on water quality – possibly an algal bloom.

One member has planned his next year’s outing with a reconnoitre of nearby farm streams, which holds many good fish.

There have been minor reports of good falls of jassids at Arthurs and Penstock.

Sea Fishing on the Fly:

One member has caught flathead at Port Sorell and silver trevally at Ulverstone.

Other General Business:

Mike Stevens provided some flyers for some limited stocks of ‘Aquaz’ waders that he has for sale. The Club has been given the first opportunity to select.

Club Raffles:

The luck door prize (bottle of Club wine) was drawn by Jim Ellenberger and won by Keith Watson. Two other raffles of prizes previously donated by Mike Stevens were drawn by Mitch Crowden and won by Chris Crawford (no surprise there) and John Dekkers.

Next Meeting:

Peter Donati – process of becoming a fishing guide

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Motor Boat Licence Cards

MAST no longer issues plastic licence cards.

The Motor Boat Licence Renewal form will be your record of holding a licence once payment is made.

It is not a requirement to carry the Motor Boat Licence Renewal form on board your boat.

Plastic cards are available on request at a cost of \$7.55.

The repair of Mersey Forest Road has now been completed and is open for public access.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Fish River Bridge, some 1.4 kilometres short of the Walls of Jerusalem National Park parking area, is closed for a necessary refurbishment, and access via Mersey Forest Road beyond this bridge will be limited until the works are completed at the end of June 2017.



A temporary parking area will be made available before the bridge with appropriate signage and a temporary ford will be available for walkers to cross the Fish River and access the national park.

Access to the upper reaches of Mersey Forest Road known as the Lee's Paddock area, commonly used by walkers accessing the Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park from the east, will remain closed to vehicles until the Fish River Bridge refurbishment is completed.

Annual Subscriptions are due on the 1st July 2017

Subs are due soon, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

Koongara Upgrade Funding

Members are encouraged where possible provide a voluntary contribution towards the upgrade works at Koongara

Annual Subscriptions for 2017 / 2018 are:	Amount
Ordinary Member	\$72
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$36
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by Rule 2 of the Constitution)	\$36

Fly Tying Invitation

The invitation below has been extended to all club members to join them in their annual fly tying day. Please RSVP to Stephen Butler on the number or email address below.



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club Inc

Established in 1956, this club aims to encourage the arts of fly tying and fly fishing

Fly Tying Day

With Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Lenah Valley RSL

188 Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley

Saturday 1st July 2017

Between 10 AM to 4 PM

Bar and Lunch facilities will be available

Bring your Vice and Fly Tying Gear along and join with the Fly Tyers Club in a winter tying session.

An opportunity to share and learn new patterns and techniques.

Break for Lunch at 12 noon.
Lunch Menu will be around \$15-\$20.
Bar will be open.

To confirm a place please Ph 0419322258
Or Email: Stephenbutler@racingbutler.com

CLUB FUNDRAISING

As members should be aware, the club is in the process of raising funds for the upgrade of Koongara. This is a significant project for the longevity and amenity of this club shack. There are several processes underway to raise some capital and I urge all members to contribute to the fund raising effort.

Our major raffle featured below will hopefully provide valuable capital to the club, but we all need to try our best to sell the tickets, or buy them all yourself for the best crack at the prizes on offer.

The fly tying and donation bowl available at club meetings and the option to provide an additional contribution during payment of subs are methods to help us raise funds.

So please consider that you have access to shacks on the door step of a world class fishery, to be featured globally in 2019, for the price of \$72 a year and \$15 a night.

If you can manage some extra, or buy a few more tickets for friends and family please do!

The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc' Koongara upgrade fund raising raffle Tickets \$10ea

- * *Major Prize - Full day guided fishing package for 2 people*
Donated by Peter Donati at Unique Fishing Tours, prize value \$800
- * *Second Place Prize - Patagonia Sweet Fly Fishing Backpack/Vest*
Donated by Mike & Jules Stevens at Essential Flyfisher, prize value \$299
- * *Third Place Prize - Coleman Vanquish 300 LED headlamp*
Donated by Shane McClenaghan at Allgoods, prize value \$99



Thanks again to the generous prize donors who have made this major fund raising event happen.



ALLGOODS

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INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Proposals for the Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018 – 28

Attached are some portions from the above titled document. These have been taken out based on what I found most interesting. The whole document should be read and is available at the following address; <http://www.ifs.tas.gov.au/about-us/issues-paper-proposals-for-the-tasmanian-inland-recreational-fishery-management-plan-2018-28>

Proposed changes

River fisheries

River fisheries continue to be affected by a range of climatic and environmental factors (i.e. drought, floods, and cormorant predation). The frequency and severity of these events, and their negative influence on the trout population appears to be increasing.

While many of these events are outside of our control, we think it is important to address the health of trout populations in rivers. Regulation change is the best way we can respond quickly to these factors and assist the sustainability of these fisheries.

The current *2008-18 Plan* reduced the bag limit from 12 to five (5) fish per day for rivers identified as being under stress, namely the Break O'Day, Coal, Flowerdale, Little Swanport, Macquarie, Rubicon, and South Esk rivers and the River Clyde.

It has been identified that the effectiveness of the open-all year section of the River Leven is limited by poor access. It is proposed to open a more accessible river in the same region.

In the new *Tasmanian Inland Recreational Fishery Management Plan 2018-28* we are proposing: A bag limit of five (5) fish per day for all rivers.

The "all year" river section in the north west region to be changed from the lower section of the River Leven to the lower section of the Mersey River.

Lakes and lagoons

Many smaller fisheries are exposed to high angling pressure which can lead to poor fisheries performance.

The historical minimum size of 220mm has no basis in relation to the life cycle of trout when applied to lakes and lagoons, typically they reach maturity at a greater size.

Waters with limited recruitment often have smaller populations and better growth rates and they have the potential for producing larger trout. Limiting the take of these larger fish shares the resource between anglers and improves the performance of the fishery.

Penstock Lagoon is a fishery that has undergone periods of high angling pressure and has virtually no natural recruitment, making the fishery totally reliant on stocking. The on-going popularity of this very small lagoon presents a challenge in managing the fishery sustainably and maximising its performance. Introducing an upper size limit will let more fish reach their full size potential and improve the chance for anglers to catch a trophy fish. More information about Penstock Lagoon can be found below.

In the *2018-28 Plan* we are proposing:

Penstock, Camerons and Bruisers lagoons having

- a two (2) fish bag limit
- a minimum size of 400mm
- only one (1) fish to be taken over 500mm.

Raising the minimum size limit in lake/lagoon fisheries from 220mm to 300mm, including the Western Lakes.

- A five (5) fish daily bag limit for Atlantic salmon anywhere in Tasmania.
- Only two (2) fish to be taken over 500mm where there is a five (5) fish bag limit.
- The junior angling ponds (Bushy Park Dam, Frombergs Dam, Lake Waverley, Taylors Dam and Hiscutt Park Dam) to be recognised and regulated.
- Junior angling ponds to have a one (1) fish daily bag limit.

From the Inland Fisheries Advisory Council

The Inland Fisheries Advisory Council is aware of the potential to extend “all year” waters to two additional locations:

- Four Springs Lake
- The River Derwent up to the Meadowbank Dam.

The additional “all year” round waters have been identified as potential “all year” waters due to their proximity to population centres.

Issues that need to be considered include:

- Angling pressure.
- Impact on fish quality.
- Impact to stocking numbers.
- Access to the fishery.
- May require catch and release regulations.
- Possible changes to the minimum and maximum size limits.

The IFS will use any suggestions provided by you on extending “all year” waters to these two (2) locations to inform the development of the *Draft 2018-28 Plan*.

Regulatory changes during the 2008-18 Plan

Since the *2008-18 Plan* was released there have been changes to policies and regulations that were not in that Plan. These changes will be written into the 2018-28 Plan. They are:

- Reduction of the bag limit to five (5) fish per angler per day with a minimum size of 300mm and no more than two (2) fish over 500mm.
- This bag limit has been implemented at Big Waterhouse Lake, Blackmans Lagoon, Bradys Lake, Brushy Lagoon, Craighourne Dam, Curries River Reservoir, Dee Lagoon, Four Springs Lake, Lake Barrington, Lake Binney, Lake Crescent, Lake Kara, Lake Leake, Little Waterhouse Lake, Tooms Lake, Meadowbank Lake, Pioneer Lake, South Riana Dam, Talbots Lagoon and Tungatinah Lagoon.
- Five (5) fish daily bag limit with a minimum size of 300mm but no maximum size limit set at a number of lake fisheries: Lake Kay, Guide Reservoir, Pet Reservoir, Lake Ada and Lake Augusta.
- Change of angling times at some fisheries to enable fishing from one hour to three hours after sunset.
- Huntsman Lake, Lake King William and Pioneer Lake added as “all year” waters.
- Lake Gordon reverted to the brown trout season from an “all year” water.
- The Mersey River above Lake Rowallan changed to the rainbow trout season.

More information about Penstock Lagoon

It is estimated that 3 323 anglers fished Penstock lagoon during the 2015-16 season (Angler Postal Survey result) making it the fourth most popular fishery after yingina/Great Lake (6 211), Arthurs Lake (5 369), and Woods Lake (3 868). This is significant given the small size of Penstock Lagoon given that it has a surface area of 1.3km². At full supply level yingina/Great Lake has 135 times, Arthurs Lake 49.68 times and Woods Lake approximately 10 times the surface area of Penstock Lagoon.

Mark and recapture surveys in 2014 and 2016 estimated a brown trout population of 6 400 and 14 000 respectively. The survey shows that the population is small and variable.

At the moment Penstock Lagoon has a three (3) fish bag limit. Catch and release is common but the high number of anglers plus the bag limit of three (3) fish still has the potential to deplete the trout population. In 2016, our survey showed there were few fish larger than 500mm and no fish bigger than 600mm. The use of tighter regulation around bag limits is seen as the best way to keep this fishery sustainable.

The goal for this fishery is to produce large brown and rainbow trout at moderate catch rates (approximately 1 – 1.5 fish per angler per day).

Western Lakes where bag limits are less than five (5) fish (specific size limits apply)

- Carter Lakes
- Double Lagoon
- East Rocky Lagoon
- Emma Tarns
- First Lagoon
- Howes Bay Lagoon
- Lake Botsford
- Lake Chipman
- Lake Dudley
- Lake Flora
- Lake Paget
- O'Dells Lake
- Rocky Lagoon
- Sandy Lake
- Second Lagoon
- Talinah Lagoon
- Third Lagoon
- Tin Hut Lake

Waters with a 20 fish bag limit and a 300mm min size

- Lake Burbury
- Lake King William
- Lake Pedder
- Lake Gordon
- Huntsman Lake

Junior angling ponds with a one (1) fish bag limit

- Bushy Park Dam
- Frombergs Dam
- Lake Waverley
- Taylors Dam
- Hiscutt Park Dam

Waters with a two (2) fish bag limit and a 400mm min size with one (1) fish only over 500mm

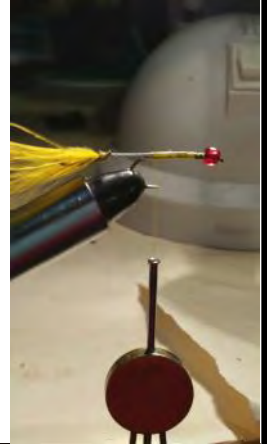
- Bruisers Lagoon (was 220mm)
- Camerons Lagoon (was 220mm)
- Penstock Lagoon (was 3 fish, 420mm)

Jim's Scorpion



Tying instructions: Materials- #10 long shank hook, #14 long shank hook, Fine stainless flexible leader material, Gold Marabou, Black Marabou, Gold Flashabou, Gold/bronze Dubbing, gold thread, black thread

1. Lay down thread base onto #14 hook and tie in fine flexible stainless wire leader material, whip finish and head cement
2. Tie in small amount of gold marabou and finish, set aside
3. Fit red glass bead to #10 hook and fit 6-8 wraps of lead wire behind bead
4. Laydown base of thread and tie in stinger hook (hook up) whip finish and head cement
5. Tie in 4 strands of gold flashabou
6. Tie in gold marabou to match stinger
7. Tie in 2 strands of gold flashabou to each side, trim to stinger length
8. Form dubbing loop and build up body. Finish body approx 2mm behind bead.
9. Brush out dubbing.
10. Tie in black marabou and whip finish



DEADLY



LIFE JACKET REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Boating members are reminded that new lifejacket legislation will see many of our old PFD's become illegal in 2020. While this is a few years away, make sure you are prepared to remove your old style PFD's from service. If you are looking to replace your PFD then make sure it is compliant with AS4758.1 and is personally fitted to best suit you. It is also a worthwhile reminder that if you have a PFD that incorporates a crotch strap that you ensure it is worn and connected.

Classifieds Buy & Sell

Wanted- Loomis GXL 9 foot 6 weight fly rod
2 piece or 4 piece
John Hughes
0363318758



NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Members are reminded that at the AGM the honour of a Life membership may be presented to a member or members.

The member must be nominated in accordance with Rule 5.1(d) and satisfy the conditions as set out in Rule 4 (a) and (c) of the Club constitution.

The nomination and a resume of the nominee must be received by the Secretary by the August meeting to be discussed at committee level.

All nominations received are in strict confidence.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Enthusiasm for our annual Xmas in July at Noonamena has been great this year.



Ross is providing some young venison for charcoal roasting, there will probably be something else to cover the dinner plates like roast pork and plenty of veggies from members gardens.

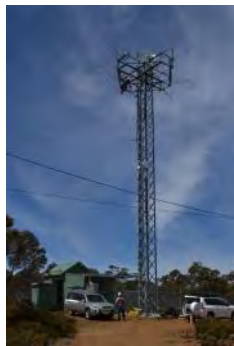
There will unfortunately **not** be jugged hare on the menu unless Gary Long is providing it. Maurice has hunted down a Xmas pudding - no doubt there will be serious amounts of brandy custard for lubrication purposes. All for a miserable \$25.00 including accommodation.



There is always room for one or two more but an air mattress or camp stretcher might be an advantage.

This year, for safety reasons, the Shack Committee has purchased a bright flashing amber strobe light to be mounted securely on top of the Weber bar-b-que.

Barren Tier VHF Base Station



Tas Maritime Radio (TMR) has now commissioned a new multi channel marine VHF base station to provide safety coverage to the highland lakes area.

It will provide a 24/7 safety listening watch on VHF Channel 16 , the distress and calling channel, and from January 1st, will be used to transmit a daily weather sked for the area at 0830 hours after an initial announcement on CH16. Forecasts will be given for the Central Plateau and Southwest Lakes. Smallcraft Wind Alerts will be broadcast as and when they come to hand. The predicted coverage of the base will be Great Lake, Arthur's Lake, Lake Echo, Lake Sorell, Lake Crescent, Penstock Lagoon, Woods Lake, Lagoon of Islands and Little Pine Lagoon – and probably more.

Some time ago TMR had discussions with both MAST and Anglers Alliance regarding the establishment of a Central Lakes base station. Without hesitation, MAST pledged to pay for new radio equipment and associated antennae. The project was now possible and so TMR started developing the technical and control systems. TMR then approached Telstra and Tas Networks, both of whom agreed to the utilization of existing radio sites and towers to facilitate the base station itself as well as another site for a controlling radio link. Volunteer riggers from Telstra once again stepped in to do the antenna and tower work and TasNetworks assisted with link interfacing. This type of co-operation could only happen in Tasmania.

MAST, Tas Networks and Telstra are to be applauded for helping TMR to again expand their coverage area - thus furthering the safety of those on the water. TMR volunteer operators will monitor the new base as part of the eleven station state-wide VHF network and, of course, are always there to assist if required.

TMR recommends that boaters using the service have a properly installed fixed radio and antenna on their boat as this will maximise the performance. Portable radios, whilst very useful, are much less efficient. To assist with determining the actual coverage of the new base, TMR urges lakes fishermen to call in and report their position.

For more information or to join the radio community

<http://tasmaritime.com.au/>



Are you qualified to use your VHF marine radio?

Boaters who use a VHF marine radio in Australian Territorial Waters (within 12 nautical miles of the coast) are now able to apply for a more appropriate marine radio qualification—the Australian Waters Qualification (AWQ)—which the ACMA recently approved for inclusion in the marine radio class licence. If you already have the MROCP or MROVCP qualification, you do not need the AWQ.

How to get qualified? The AWQ is available from any registered training organisation that has included it on its scope. To help you easily learn about correct VHF marine radio procedures and protocols, an online training package has been developed and is available online through ANZSBEG <http://www.anzsbeq.com.au/.../marine-ra.../awq-training-package/>

Marine Radio Network - Tasmania

Three Hummock

(Weather Skeds CH69)

(Smithton Radio -

TMR monitors at night, and other times on request from Smithton Radio)

Flinders Is

(Weather Skeds CH69)

North Coast

(Weather Skeds CH68)

North East

(Weather Skeds CH68)

Mt Read

(Weather Skeds CH68)

Highland Lakes

(Weather Skeds CH68)

Elliot Range

(Weather Skeds CH67)

Mt Maria

(Weather Skeds CH69)

Snug Tiers & North Bruny (long range HF stations)

Mt Mangana

(Weather Skeds CH67)

Maatsuyker Is

(Weather Skeds CH68)

● VHF multi-frequency coast stations
Monitoring VHF channel 16 (24 hours)

● HF long range coast stations
Monitoring HF channels 2524, 4125, 6215, &
8291 kHz (7am - 7 pm only)

Note: Coverage shown is approximate



**Tas Maritime
Radio**

www.tasmarfirg.gov.com.au



Shack Bookings

Where:

At **Doo Gun Outdoors** (Mitre 10,73 Wellington St Longford, ph.6391 1401)

When:

Bookings may be made, and keys obtained, by Club members only during business hours which are:

Monday – Friday (8:00 am. to 5.30 pm).

Saturday (9:30 am. to 4:00 pm).

Sunday (10:30 am. to 3:00 pm).

Note: No bookings can be taken or keys made available outside these hours.

How:

All members, even if they hold keys, are advised to book.

The booking must include:

How many are Club members.

How many are guests or non-members – **maximum of 3 per party.**

The gender of guests – **only if female.**

The duration of stay – **limited to 5 consecutive nights** (or by prior approval by committee)

Which shack required.

Payment:

2017 rates: Day \$5.00

Member: \$15.00

Non-Member: \$25.00

Must be made:

At the next Club meeting or,

By post to the Treasurer within that month.

Note: Doo Gun Outdoors will not accept payments.

Key Return:

The keys, includes gate keys, must be returned immediately to Mitre 10.

Cancellations:

The member must advise Mitre 10 at least 24 hours before the date of the booking, otherwise a

FFCT UPCOMMING EVENTS & CLUB INFORMATION

FFCTas Season Events 2017

Contact the Secretary: **Richard Hawley**

secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

for all details and confirmations

- **General Meeting - 7th June - Peter Donati**
- **Committee meeting - 14th June - 145 Financial**
- **Annual Subscriptions Due - 1st July**
- **Tasmanian Fly Tyers Club Invitation –1st July at Lenah Valley RSVP to Stephen Butler 0419322258**
- **General Meeting - 5th July - Fly tying session 1**
- **Committee meeting - 12th July - 145 Financial**
- **Fly tying session 2 - 19th July - venue TBA**
- **General Meeting - 2nd August - Fly tying session 3 & Draw of Club Raffle**
- **Major Raffle Draw - 2nd August**
- **Committee meeting - 9th August - 145 Financial**
- **Annual General Meeting - 6th September**
- **Committee meeting -13th August - 145 Financial**
- **Fly Fishing Education Day –21st October**

Members please check your accounts with **Treasurer Keith Watson** at: treasurer@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au

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