



TIPPET TOPICS

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GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB Inc NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Well march is here and still no sign of a break in this hot weather, in fact the weather made us change our annual fly-fishing course run last weekend. A quick drive the week before found the Mitta still running dangerously high for beginners, and most of the other streams around Albury Wodonga very low. Corryong was decided as the location and a big thanks must go to Rob Bailey for running the course -he did a great job passing on his knowledge and skill to the students, plus the top line chefs for the weekend, Nick, Ike and Jeremy plus all the other members who put in a huge effort to make the course work.

Council is pushing ahead with the development of Greenfield Park as per the plans shown to the club months ago, the netball courts and new carparks are being done now, so we will try and keep on top of any actions that may affect the clubrooms and let you know.

Don't forget the BBQ starts at 6pm on Wednesday night and casting practice on the oval, if you are having any problems with casting, set ups or the like this is a great time to sort out your problems.

The club saltwater trip is not moving that well so we may move it to a lake like Eildon, we will discuss it at the next meeting, while on the next meeting Les P will be give a talk on his experiences in USA so I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

John



Right: Les Perkins fishing one of the rivers on his recent trip to America. Find out what river it is on Wednesday night!

Below: A panorama view of the North Umpqua River taken from the Steamboat Inn Fly Fishing Lodge.



Casting & BBQ B4 the Meeting



The Challenge is Ongoing!!!!



The Greenwells Glory is arguably the most successful trout fly of all time.

All members are given this challenge:

To Catch a Trout on a Greenwells Glory before the Season's End.

Picture: Fly tied by Laurie Matcham; photographed by Kay Bennetts

2018-2019 Summary of Proposed Monthly Activities

March	Wednesday 6 March General Meeting at the Clubrooms at 7.30 preceded by a sausage sizzle and casting on the oval from 6.00
March	Wednesday 13 March Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms 7.30
March	Weekend 23/24 March Club trip to the Ovens King Rivers. Details at the General Meetings
April	Wednesday 3 April General Meeting at the Clubrooms at 7.30 preceded by a sausage sizzle and casting on the oval from 6.00
April	Saturday 6/or Sunday 7 April Club day trip to Pretty Valley or Rocky Valley Dams
April	Wednesday 10 April Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms 7.30
April	Easter 2019—Good Friday 19 April and Easter Monday 22 April
April	Anzac Day Thursday 25 April

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Library News

Members should remember that the library has an extensive collection of fly-fishing literature. It is valuable in its own right but is a great asset to members wishing to pursue their fly-fishing. Included are a number of videos on fly-fishing.

The Librarian will be available prior to and after each general meeting to assist members wishing to borrow books or videos.

Borrowing Rules

- Maximum 2 Library Items per month
- Which can be: 2 books (or 2 magazines)
- Or 1 book (or 1 magazine) plus 1 video (or DVD)
- Or 2 videos (or 2 DVD's)

Books, magazines and videos to be returned at the following meeting with the borrowing to be supervised by the Librarian.

Report illegal fishing call 13 FISH (☎13 3474)

Helpful information includes:

- Time and date of activity
- Vehicle/boat registration
- Place
- Activity
- Number of people involved
- Equipment

Information provided will assist in planning patrols and enforcement operations when no immediate field response is possible.



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Some action from the recent fly fishing course.

Left: Some nice casting showing the rod being loaded and a good presentation of the fly.

Below: Shaun T with his first trout on the fly. His second fish was definitely a lot bigger.



A nice Brown caught in the Great Lake by Jeff Baldock on his recent trip to Tassie.



Those Spots in Front of Rocks

Fishing the hydraulic cushion

by Chad Shmukler



The spots in front of rocks, like this one on the Yellowstone River, are some of the most productive spots on almost any river. This angler passed up a prime lie for an inferior one (photo: Chad Shmukler)

Rocks and boulders are a friend to even the most novice of anglers. Why? Because rocks make it easy to read the water, a task that can be particularly challenging for beginners but also one that remains complex for even the most seasoned of fly fishers.

Big rocks form pools behind them where fish can shelter from even the stiffest of stream flows and pick food from the currents that slip by on other side. Rocks break and channel currents, creating seams of fast and slow water where trout congregate to feed. There's an intuitive sense that these rock-formed stream features should hold fish. It makes sense. The rocks both break up and concentrate flows, offering not only opportunities for shelter from brisk currents but a stab at a high density stream of river food.

But some of the most productive spots in the river, which exist solely thanks to the rocks that create them, are more seldom fished because - to many anglers -- they are not imagined to be places of refuge, places of opportunity. These are the spots in front of rocks.

Our brains tell most of us something entirely different about these places in front of rocks: that

they are inhospitable, possibly even uninhabitable locations within a river made so my the charging onslaught of heavy currents. So we don't look, we don't observe.

And at first this seems to make sense. When we wade into a heavy current, the river's flow slams against our legs and bodies. Anything that flows towards us in the river -- bugs, debris, our fly lines -- is swept, with haste, as it forks to either side of us, led by the current that our bodies have broken and accelerated. We look behind us, and the water is calm and serene, thanks to the refuge we've created in the current. But in front of us? Mayhem.

But reality can be deceiving, especially if you're letting your brain distract you from what your eyes can plainly see. Rocks, people and any other obstructions placed into a moving current most certainly create the kind of havoc described above, splitting and accelerating that current. That's the intuitive part. The part that isn't is where that split, that break, occurs. As observation reveals, it doesn't occur where the rushing water meets the rock, or your leg or other barrier. Rather, it occurs anywhere from a few inches to several feet in front of the obstruction. The spaces that exists in between the obstruction and that splitting current are some of the most productive feeding lies on any given stream.



This impressive Agulapak River rainbow trout had taken up residence in front of a rock, calmly finning in the cushion, sipping pale morning duns that drifted along the edges of the slip. (photo: Chad Shmukler)

These spaces are characterized by slow, soft water at the front of which is a conveyor belt of food. And these spaces are a favorite of trout. Once you look, these formerly counter-intuitive

stream forms are painfully easy to see. Water rushing to meet a big boulder rebounds, pushing back upstream a bit. The mixing of the rushing current and the water rebounding off the boulder behind it forms an area of placid, serene water which is typically referred to as the hydraulic cushion.

Depending on the size of the boulder or other obstruction, these cushions can be big or small. Big rocks create big cushions, small rocks create small ones, but even the smallest cushions will often hold fish on streams with healthy trout populations.

These areas are often most easily fished from above, with a down-and-across or downstream approach. Almost any strategy will work, drifting dry flies or nymphs, swinging wet flies or streamers, you name it. Whatever strategy you employ, be sure to explore the spaces in front or rocks. You'll be glad you



Above: Les Perkins outside a popular fishing tackle shop on his recent visit to America.



Left: Les outside another popular fishing tackle shop with the well respected owner George Anderson.

GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB Inc

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13/2/2019

Opened: 7:30pm

Present: R. Hook, S Simpson, D. Walters, Les Perkins, J Hawkins, R Bailey, I Page.

Apologies: Nil.

Previous Minutes: moved R Hook, seconded L Perkins.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence In:

- TAS Newsletter

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Treasurer's Report: as per presented report, moved by D Walters and seconded by Russell Hook.

General Business:

- Shirts and caps have been picked up by members.
- The Fly Course is to be changed to Nariel as the Mitta River was too risky for new fly fisherman.
- The pick up of equipment will be on Thursday for the Fly Course and Les to bring any other equipment on Saturday morning.

Closed: 7:50pm

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LAKE WENDOUREE TWO FLY

VENUE: LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT
DATE: SAT/SUN 30-31ST MARCH 2019
MORE INFO: MICK MCKAY 0408 583 599



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FLY FISHING



Competition Rules

1. Lake Wendouree is the only designated competition water.
2. A registered fly-fisher can only use their two drawn flies during the competition (unless the 'buy a fly' provisions are in play – see rule 10).
3. Fly-fishers can choose to use either or both of the flies at the one time on their fly line.
4. Trout shall be the only species of fish eligible to be registered.
5. An eligible fish must be measured and photographed on an approved brag mat (available at event registration). The photograph must clearly show the length of the fish. The measurement is from the tip of the snout to the posterior end of the last vertebra (fork of tail) rounded up to the nearest 0.5 centimetre.
6. Eligible fish must have been caught, measured and registered with event control during or no later than 5 minutes of the closing time of one of the three fishing sessions – the fish must have been landed prior to the close of the fishing session. This will be verified by the fly-fisher sending a date/time stamped MMS (photograph) of the whole fish to the event control mobile phone number ensuring the fish's length is legible on the brag mat.
7. The Jim Thomas Memorial trophy (and event winner) will be awarded to the fly-fisher who has caught the longest trout over the three fishing sessions based on length in centimetres. If two fish are registered as having the same winning length, the first fish to be registered will be judged the winner of the competition.
8. Each registering fly-fisher is required to provide three flies of their choice to the Registration Desk.

1) The three flies will be:

- a) reviewed to ensure their suitability for trout fishing in Lake Wendouree.
- b) if the flies are deemed not suitable, the fly-fisher will be asked to resubmit flies which are suitable.
- c) if suitable, two of the flies will be placed into a numbered envelope. The third fly will be pooled for the 'buy a fly' blind selection.

9) The numbered envelope will be placed into a draw, where each registered fly-fisher will randomly draw out an envelope containing their two competition flies.

10) If the fly-fisher loses one of their drawn flies, they can use the second single fly for the rest of the competition or choose to 'buy a fly'. The 'buy a fly' option carries a cost of \$10 per fly with a maximum of two flies being able to be purchased in this manner. Only 'lost' flies can be replaced in this manner – damaged or 'not working' flies cannot be replaced.

11) If the fly-fisher loses both flies and chooses not to purchase fly/flyes, they can still continue to fish, however any fish caught are not eligible to be entered on to the official catch card and hence, will not be eligible to win the event.

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FLY FISHING



EVENT TIME LINE

Submission of flies and signing on –

Friday 29th March from 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 30th March from 7.00am to 8.00am

Saturday 30th March 2019

8.00am to 8.30am - Drawing of flies
8.30am to 8.45 am – Event rules and safety briefing
9.00am to 12 noon – Fishing session 1
12 noon to 12.45 – Light lunch
1.00pm to 5.00pm Fishing session 2
5.00pm to 6.30pm Bar open
6.30pm to 7.00pm Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles
7.00pm Two course dinner served

Sunday 31st March 2019

6.00am to 12 noon – Fishing session 3
8.00am to 9.00am Bacon and Egg breakfast
12.30pm sharp – Event presentations

EVENT COST: \$50.00

Entry via:

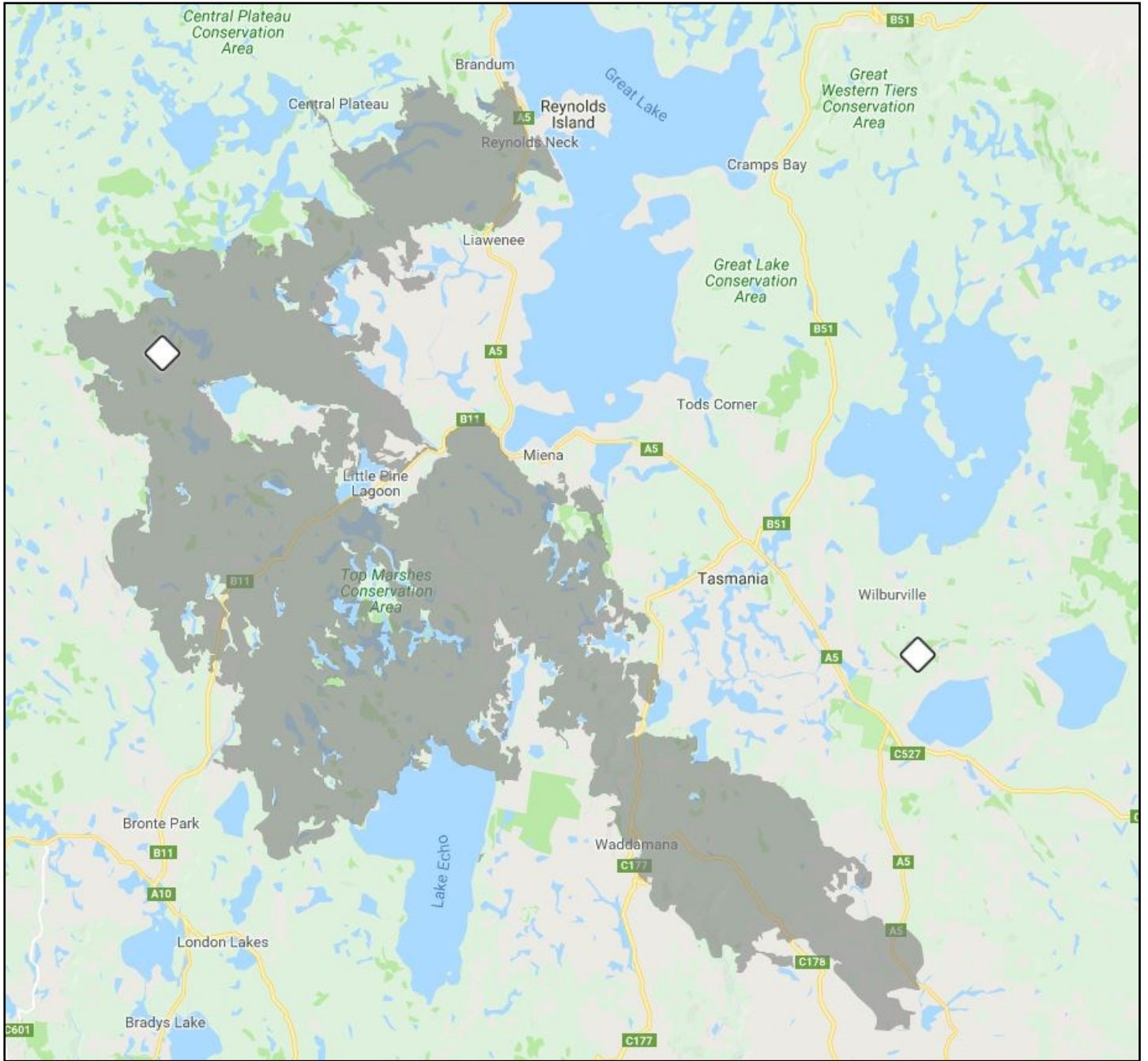
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Bookings close March 22nd 2019

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MARCH 7th 2019**

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Tassie Fires Update



Above: The extent of the Great Pine Tier, Central Plateau as at 3rd March 2019. The fire has burnt approximately 52,247 hectares and is classified as under control (4 March 2019).



The vagaries of the weather. Fresh snow over burnt ground of the above bushfire.

A snap shot of Taylors Bay on Bronte Lagoon. Who is the unknown paddler in the kayak?

Fly Casting Issues Video Links

With Peter Kutzer Orvis fly-casting Instructor

[Ctrl+Click to follow the link]



[Ask Fly-Fishing Instructor I: Casting Heavy Flies in the Wind](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor II: Roll-Casting for Accuracy & Distance](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor III: Casting in the Wind](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor IV: Casting Accuracy](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor V: The Curve Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor VI: Casting Angles](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor VII: How to Double Haul](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor VIII: Fixing Tailing Loops](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor IX: How to Make Delicate Presentations](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor X: The Steeple Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XI: How to Avoid Hitting Your Rod with Your Fly](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XII: Don't be a Creep](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XIII: Parachute and Pile Casts](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XIV: How to Make a Reach Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XV: How to Make a Tuck Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XVI: How to Make an Aerial Mend](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XVII: How to Make Roll and Switch Casts with a Two-Handed Rod](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XVIII: The Basic Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XIX: The Bow & Arrow Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XIX: The Basic Cast](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XX: The "Ready Position" and Fishing from a Boat](#)

[Ask a Fly-Fishing Instructor XXI: The Basic Back Cast](#)

Mitta Mitta Flow Advice

Published: 01 March 2019

Landholders and river users, including pumpers, on the Mitta Mitta River are advised to take into account the forecast releases of water from Dartmouth Dam and make any necessary adjustment to their river activities.

Transfers from Dartmouth Dam to Hume Dam have been necessary since August to ensure sufficient volume was in Hume to meet River Murray System demands and transfers to Lake Victoria. With the recent and forecast easing in system demands, Lake Victoria transfers have eased during February and are expected to reduce further during autumn. Therefore transfers from Dartmouth Dam to Hume Dam are to reduce over the coming weeks.

Releases from Dartmouth are expected to slowly decrease to 600 ML/day by 12 March. Without rainfall, the reduction in Dartmouth release is expected to result in the flow at Tallandoon receding to around 600-700 ML/day (1.42-1.47 m local gauge height).

A more detailed short-term release forecast is available on the MDBA [River Murray data](#) site. Landholders and river users on the Mitta Mitta are advised to regularly check this website for more information on current and future releases from Dartmouth Dam. Summary information about the River Murray system is available in the [River Murray weekly report](#).

If you are observing bank erosion around key assets on your property, as a result of the recent higher river flows, please call the [North East Catchment Management Authority](#) (NECMA). NECMA implements a riparian program in conjunction with the MDBA that aims to help manage erosional impacts related to high flow rates along the Mitta Mitta River downstream of Dartmouth Dam.

To subscribe to receive future Mitta Mitta River Flow Advices, visit [/river-murray-system/flow-advice](#)

Meeting with the Mitta Mitta Valley Community

The Murray–Darling Basin Authority, Goulburn-Murray Water and North East Catchment

Management Authority are holding an information session and invite the Mitta Mitta Valley community and interested stakeholders to attend.

The information session will discuss the operation of Dartmouth Reservoir and potential flows along the Mitta Mitta River during the months ahead. The riparian river restoration program will also be covered.

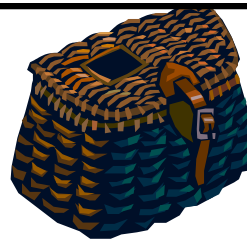
When: Tuesday 26 March 2019

Time: 11.00am – 12:30pm

Where: Eskdale Hotel, 3786 Omeo Highway, Eskdale

A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

For more details or to RSVP email OperationsReplies@mdba.gov.au



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GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB Inc**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6/2/2019****Opened:** 7:30pm

Present: Stafford Simpson, John Robinson, John Hawkins, Pete Sargeant, Rob Chick, Russell Hook, Rob Bailey, Des Walters, Bryan Clyde, Les Hawkins, Ike Page, Nick Maguire, Jeremy Conlan, Michael Naissen, Mark Wyers, Ian Woods, Bob Melville, Luke Parkinson, Liam Parkinson, Dave Makin, Brian Moss, Ben Nieuwerth, Mark Jensen, Bob Done, Joel Billet, Michael Klusack.

Apologies: Les Perkins, Dean Clapson, Anton Terblanche, Cal Billet, Kieran Baverstock, Peter Hill.

Guests: Andrew Lusher**Previous Minutes:** Moved and Seconded.**Business arising:** Nil.**Correspondence: In**

- Flylife Magazine
- TAS Newsletter
- VFFA Newsletter
- Ballarat Newsletter
- Email from L Perkins re follow up of members.

Correspondence Out

- Email to L Perkins up dating him on the follow up details of members

Treasurers report: As presented by D Walters, and seconded by R Hook.

Delegates reports: Nil.**General Business:**

- Tee shirts and caps have arrived and were given to the members that ordered them.
- A Fly Tying day has been arranged for June and members are asked to book in as there are only approx. 10 places
- Fly Course is on 19 and 21st at club rooms and the weekend is 23rd February 2019.
- Rob Bailey presented a different way of fishing stream and the equipment required to suit different locations.

Fishing Reports:

- Des fished Rocky Valley and caught 8 fish the water was very low.
- B Clyde fished Penstock, Woods and Arthurs Lakes with Peter Hill and they caught 6 fish up to 56cm (4lbs).
- Ben Nieuwerth caught the best fish ever in Penstock.

Closed: 8.45pm**Treasurers Report****FINANCIAL STATEMENT****FROM 3/1/19 TO 11/2/19****Balance from Bank Statement 3/1/19** \$3,485.99**Petty cash on hand** \$37.00**Income:**

Quartermaster \$113.00

Memberships \$70.00

Barbeque \$52.00

Fly Fishing Course \$155.00**Total Income** **\$390.00****TOTAL** **\$3,912.99****Expenditure**

D/D I Page (drinks) \$164.87

D/D S Simpson (barbeque) \$43.70

P/C R Chick (supper) \$7.50

D/D J Hawkins (shirts and caps) \$806.85

D/D L Perkins (library) \$51.34**Total Expenditure** **\$1,047.26****Balance Cash on Hand** **\$2,838.73****Plus ANZ Term Deposit** **\$10,804.85****TOTAL** **\$13,643.58****These funds are represented by:****Bank Balance 3/1/19** **\$2,801.73****Less un-presented cheque** **\$0.00****Petty Cash on hand** **\$37.00****Term Deposit** **\$10,804.85****TOTAL** **\$13,643.58****PAYMENT VIA EFT**

Most club related payments can made via direct debit (EFT).

Our account details are as follows

BSB # 640000 Acc # 582468516

Acc name: Greenwells FFC

Please ensure you include your name in the recipients reference section of the transfer so we know who has paid.

Any questions contact:

Des Walters (Treasurer)

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Fees for 2017/2018

M'ship Type	Annual Fee
Ordinary	\$70.00
Family	\$80.00
Concessional	\$35.00
Junior	\$35.00
Joining Fee (all types)	\$50.00




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