



TIPPET TOPICS

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GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB Inc NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Welcome back for a new year, as you know we have had weeks with the temperature around 40C or higher which it makes it a hard to choose between going fishing or sit under the air conditioner and the higher temperatures have seen fish kills in western rivers.

It is pleasing to report good numbers turning up for the Friday night get together and I hope it will be the same for the first club activity planned for the February meeting. The activity will be a Back to **B**asic fly casting night run by Rob B, this will be a great opportunity to refresh and re-start your casting. We all cast a line but this simple training could identify some of those little bad habits that have crept into our casting over the years. Clubrooms will be opened around 6pm.

Rob is also in final stages of the new fly tying course due to start on Sunday 16th June the day will start around 9am and finishing with a BBQ lunch, more details as we get closer to the dates.

The fly course is not looking good, if you know of anyone interested in doing the course please get them to contact Stafford ASAP or we will need to cancel for this year.

On a sad note our thoughts are with all the people in and around Miena Tasmania, the bush fires have been making their lives pretty tough and we hope they all get through this dangerous time.

Just a quick reminder for all the members who have not paid their memberships they are well and truly overdue.

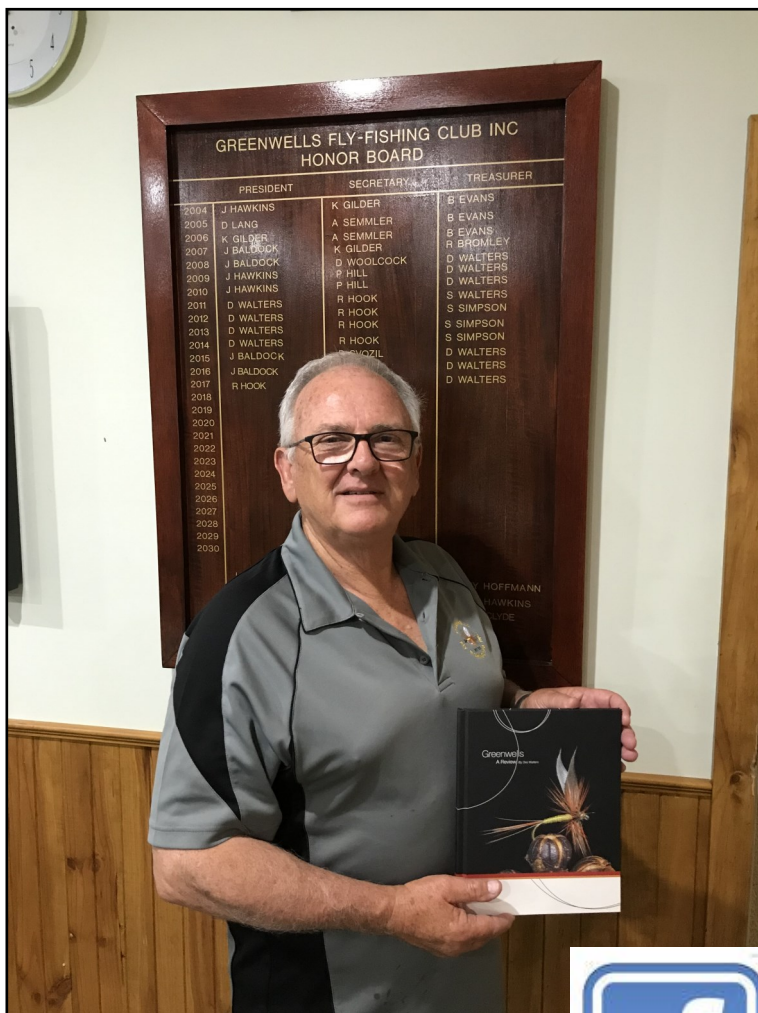
For those who ordered new Club shirts and caps will be available at the clubrooms on Wednesday night, there are a few spares for members who missed the order so first in.

Happy Fishing

John



Des Walters launching his book at the December meeting



Fly Fishing Course—Details Inside



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*

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2018-2019 Summary of Proposed Monthly Activities

February	Wednesday 6 February General Meeting at the Clubrooms at 7.30 preceded by a sausage sizzle and casting on the oval from 6.30
February	Wednesday 13 February Committee Meeting at the Clubrooms 7.30
February	Tuesday 19 at 7.00 and Thursday 21 February at 6.00 at the Clubrooms, weekend 23/24 February Fly Fishing Course—Introduction to Fly Fishing Details on page 6 of the newsletter
March	Wednesday 6 March General Meeting at the Clubrooms at 7.30 preceded by a sausage sizzle and casting on the oval from 6.30
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	Saturday 6/or Sunday 7 April Club day trip to Pretty Valley or Rocky Valley Dams

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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Lionel Sweet of Usk, Wales



I have written before of my visits to “Sweets Fishing Tackle” shop in Usk, Wales, UK. I have become good friends with Jean Williams the proprietor.

A few weeks ago on a Christmas visit to my daughter who lives nearby, I had occasion to visit the Tackle shop once again. While waiting for my business to be attended to I perused the photo's on the walls of the shop. Many of them featured local catches both recent and from the past.

Some of the latter were of **Lionel Sweet** the original owner of Sweets Tackle Shop. It is obvious from the photos that Lionel was a trout and salmon ‘fisho’ from an early age, took great delight in passing on his expertise to others (at the Usk and royal Agricultural society Shows) and was a bit of a comic as well. Look at him skylarking in the ‘photo below!

Behind the counter Jean, who worked for Lionel and



now owns the shop spends her days tying flies as well as selling other fishing tackle, reels, lines and rods etc. My business with her was to have a broken section of my fly-rod replaced. This Jean accomplished in super quick time, despite manufacturers etc having reduced opening

hours over Christmas.



Although I don't aspire to the casting antics of Lionel Sweet I do look forward to casting in



some of our local streams when the weather gives way to the cooler days of autumn!

Bob Done



BC's Tassie Trip 2019

My short trip to Tasmania for 2019 started with the flight to Launceston on 10 January and being picked up by Christine and Peter Hill, then the car ride up to Arthurs Lake. Always a great feeling seeing the pipeline coming from Poatina down the escarpment.

The first day saw Peter and myself on Penstock Lagoon with a northerly wind and rough water. After three hours of buffeting we decide to call it a day.



Saturday saw us on Arthurs Lake and we made our way to Creely Bay. Conditions were good in the bay but mayflies and beetles were very few with no fish rising.

Sunday was back to Penstock with vastly improved conditions. Duns and spinners were hatching consistently providing food for quite a few trout to be rising. I landed a 45cm Brown Trout taken on a parachute adams, and later a 50cm Rainbow on a Charles Peck dun pattern. (We tried many flies to get a take).

Monday we tried Woods Lake. Hardly saw a fish, let alone many duns.

Tuesday was going to be a lay day, but after lunch, under very stormy conditions, we headed to Woods Lake quite cautiously. Thunder storms were prevalent (little did we know that dry lightning strikes from these storms were going to start the Great Pine Tier Central Plateau bushfire). There was the occasional dun popping up, with the very occasional fish chasing them.

We were doing a drift on a foam line when Peter landed a 54cm very fine Brown Trout. That was all the action. After a while we headed home, and after loading the boat on the trailer, the wind dropped out and fish started to rise. Bugger!!!



Wednesday and conditions on Arthurs Lake were excellent. We put in at the dam wall and headed up the Sand Lake, fishing some of the bays - Flemings Bay, Jones Bay and Sevenpound Bay. We finally got to our destination of the Cowpaddock. Conditions were perfect, with the breeze chopping about but didn't worry us. Peter landed a beautiful 56cm (4lb) Brown with his Fred fly, fishing the gaps in



the weeds. He then landed a 42cm Brown using the same principle. He offered me a Fred Fly (made from his chocolate Labrador) to which I accepted. I was just a spectator up to this point, my only activity netting Peter's fish and having knot tying practice changing flies. First cast with the Freddy fly and landed a pan sized Brown. Very nice way to finish my fishing. We headed back home - a reasonable trip considering we circumnavigated the lake.

Thursday and back to the heat of

Albury/Wodonga.

We had no idea of the size the Great Pine Tier Central Plateau bushfire would get to (even now the beast is growing). My daily (several times) ritual is to check the Tasmania Fire Service site to check the position of the fire and to make sure Christine and Peter, Doug and Liz and Kath and others I (we) know are safe from fires harm.

Bryan Clyde



BOOKS ON DEAN

"BOOKS ON DEAN offers a wide range of fly fishing books at reasonable prices, by authors such as :

Bob Church (*Guide to Trout Flies*) **John Clements** (*Salmon at the Antipodes*) **Roy Dean** (*Memories of the Shannon Rise*) **H.P. Down** (*Out Fishing*) **Bob Dunn** (*Angling in Australia*) **Tom Edwards** (*Rod, Gun & Lyne*) **Greg French** (*Trout Fishing in Tasmania; Frog Call; Artificial; Tasmanian Trout Waters; Australian Trout Food, Trout Flies etc*) **Sir Hudson Fysh** (*Round the Bend in the Stream*) **Don Gilmour** (*Trout Fishing in Australia; Tasmanian Trout; Wild Trout on a Fly*) etc. etc. If you're looking for a particular fishing book, see us first – we may well have it!"

Our fishing books are all listed on our website: booksondean.com.au



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John Hawkins 0418267805 or Stafford Simpson 0419564319

APPLICATION TO ATTEND FLY FISHING COURSE

Course commencement date: Tuesday 19th February 2019 @ 7:00pm
Thursday 21st February 2019 @ 6pm
Camping Weekend 23rd & 24th February 2019
Bookings closes 12th February 2019

Surname: Given Names:

Sex: M / F (Please circle) Age:

Home phone: Work phone:

Mobile: Email:

Emergency Contact: Phone:

Do you have any serious medical conditions? Yes/No
(If yes please give details as part of the course involves a weekend of fishing and the area is a little isolated)

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Do you have any special dietary requirements? Yes/No
If yes please details:

Note:

- A current Victorian fishing licence is required unless concessions are available
- Course subject to minimum number of applicants
- **Application cut-off Friday 16th February 2018**
- Children undertaking the course must be over the age of 12, and if under the age of 16 they must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian
- Club equipment is available if you do not have your own (after the first training night you will have more knowledge if buying your own equipment).

I, the above named, hereby apply to join the Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club Inc Fly Fishing Course and understand that my personal safety and wellbeing will be solely my responsibility throughout the course inclusive of the camping weekend on the Mitta Mitta River. The Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club Inc advises that fishing, as an outdoor sport, involves some inherent dangers and

recommends that participants wear a broad brimmed hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy footwear/waders and exercise caution when around riverine environments and in particular when wading. Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club Inc is unable to insure against personal injury or damage to the property of Fly Fishing Course participants whilst they are engaging in an activity on or in the water.

Accordingly Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club Inc recommends that participants check with their Insurer to satisfy themselves that they have adequate cover to undertake this course. Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club Inc is advised that suitable cover is generally afforded under most Personal Contents Policies.

I acknowledge having read and understood the foregoing information and further acknowledge that a copy thereof has been provided to me.

I enclose the course fee of **\$155.00** by cheque/cash/direct debit.

Signed: Date:

GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

BSB - 640000

ACC - 582468516

Recipients Reference :- Fly Course Fee and your name

P.O. BOX 663, LAVINGTON 2641

Account name - Greenwells FFC

Amount received: \$ Date: Received by:

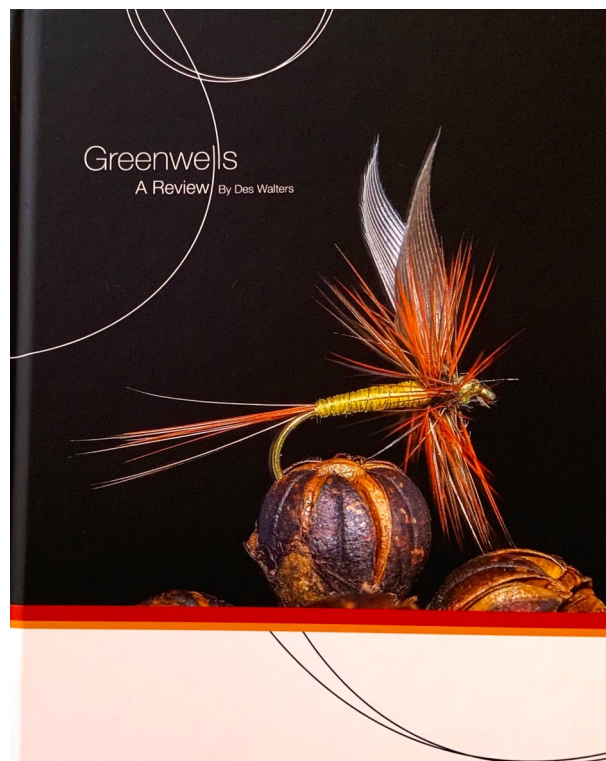
Greenwells A Review - the latest addition to our club library

For those that missed the December general meeting we were given the honour of hosting the world premier launch of Des Walters new book "Greenwells A Review".

This important addition to our library contains the following Chapters;

1. Canon William Greenwell
2. The Greenwell Salmon Fly
3. The Greenwells Glory
4. Wet or Dry
5. Wet Fly variations
6. Dry Fly
7. Tying Notes
8. James Wright
9. Greenwells Memorabilia
10. Greenwells Fly Fishing Club

On the night and with great pride Des took us through his journey of discovery as he researched, wrote and published this important addition to the



history of the Greenwells Glory fly and from which our club name is directly derived.

Des has graciously donated a signed copy of his book for our club library and I encourage all club members to make the effort to borrow it & enjoy the read. Library book ID # 505.

If you would like to purchase a signed personal copy of the book please contact Des Walters directly via deswalters@westnet.com.au or by text 0417 298 960. Book cost is \$45 excluding delivery.

Club Librarian

Les Perkins

John Hawkins introducing Des Walter's book launch.

For weeks, bushfires have been ravaging Tasmania.

Almost every day more warnings spring up, new areas are on alert.

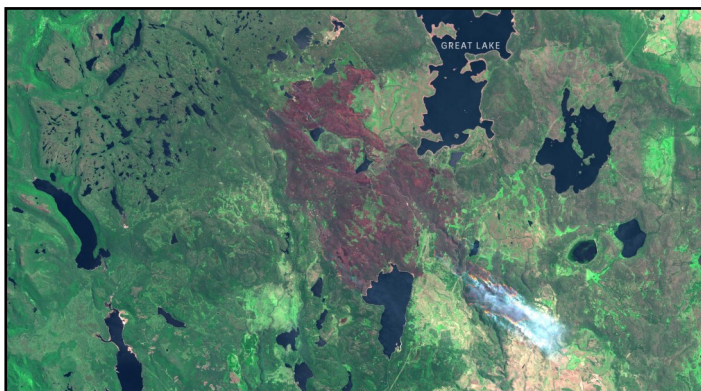
New fires sprung up across the state, notably on the Central Plateau, and in the south near the Tahune forest.

"There are multiple major fire events occurring simultaneously, which is extremely challenging for firefighters and fire managers because of the requirement to spread resources and make very difficult prioritising decisions."

On January 20, the Central Plateau fire burning near Great Lake was already showing its might.



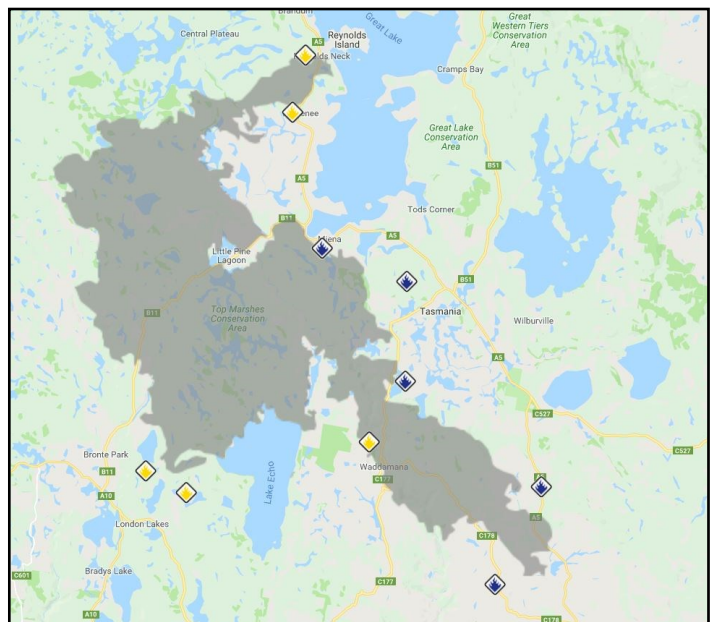
Aggressive and ready to strike, it claimed one property — the Skittle Ball Plains Homestead, a fishing retreat — on January 22.



By January 28 it seemed to have grown in every direction, destroying the wilderness around it.

Many roads are still closed with some open to bona fide local residents.

We have many members and friends living and visiting the area at the moment and hope they all keep safe.



The extent of the fire as of last night.

Skittle Balls Plains Homestead Lost

A house at Skittle Ball Plains near Miena was lost to fire just before 7pm last night. The owners had a plan to stay and defend their property with the assistance of fire crews.

They had a clear space around their property, a fire pump and sprinklers on the roof.

Fire crews and the owners were defending the property from bushfire when conditions became untenable and required everyone to evacuate. Thankfully everyone involved is safe.

This photo clearly shows an unburnt area and green trees around the house, which indicates the house came under ember attack, rather than a direct impact from the nearby Central Plateau fire.



Not even seemingly defendable properties are defendable in the conditions we are facing.

Know your risk. Make a plan.

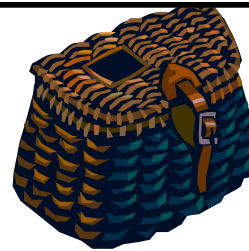
No property is worth your life.



The homestead previously. The homestead was available for fishing groups, overlooking Little Pine Lagoon



Another side to the fires. A "beautiful" sunset over Arthur's Lake affects caused by the bushfire smoke as seen from the back of Christine and Peter Hill's place at Morass Bay.



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GREENWELLS FLY FISHING CLUB Inc**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 9/1/2019****Opened:** 7:30pm**Present:** R. Hook, S Simpson, D. Walters, Les Perkins, J Hawkins.**Apologies :** R Bailey, I Page**Previous Minutes:** moved R Hook, seconded L Perkins.**Business Arising:** Nil.**Correspondence In:**

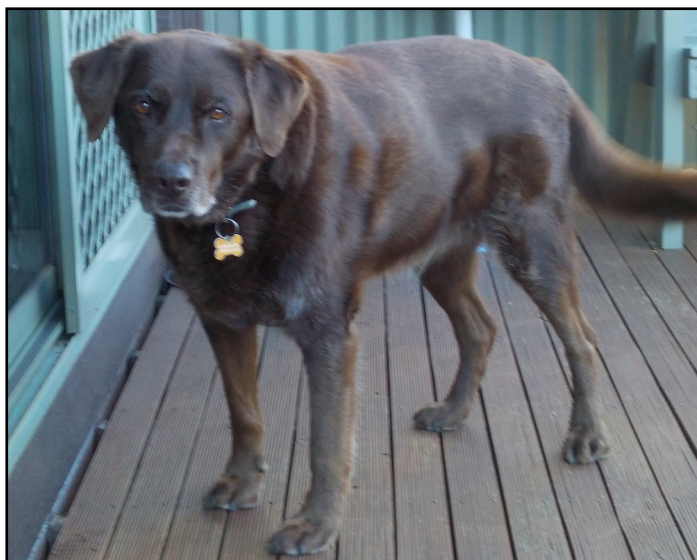
- Ballarat Newsletter.
- CFA Newsletter
- TAS Newsletter

Correspondence Out:

- Nil.

Treasurer's Report: As presented in report, moved by D Walters and seconded by Russell Hook.**General Business:**

- Caps and Shirts have been ordered.
- Rob Chick has the keys for opening the club rooms on a Friday evening.
- Les Perkins is working through the library to list the duplication of books and Magazines.
- Ben Neiuwerth has donated some old fly fishing equipment for display.
- Led Perkins is to give a presentation of his trip to the USA.
- 1st May there will be an old fishing equipment display at the club rooms.

Closed: 7:50pm

Fred Hill whose flies accounted for two thirds of Peters and my own fish featured in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report**FINANCIAL STATEMENT****FROM 7/12/18 TO 3/1/19**

Balance from Bank Statement 7/12/18	\$3,465.98
Petty cash on hand	\$37.00

Income:

Quartermaster	\$87.20
Memberships	\$70.00
Caps and Shirts	<u>\$68.00</u>
Total Income	\$3,737.65

Expenditure

D/D I Page (Christmas meeting)	\$43.59
P/C I Page (drinks)	\$162.87
P/C R Chick (supper)	<u>\$8.20</u>
Total Expenditure	\$214.66

Balance Cash on Hand	\$3,522.99
Plus ANZ Term Deposit	<u>\$10,804.85</u>
TOTAL	\$14,327.84

These funds are represented by:

Bank Balance 21/11/18	\$3,485.995
Less un-presented cheque	\$0.00
Petty Cash on hand	\$37.00
Term Deposit	<u>\$10,804.85</u>

TOTAL	\$14,327.84
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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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