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**Fuad’s New Zealand Brown**

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Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Meetup

## **PRESIDENTS PAGE    MARCH 2020**

The first General Meeting for 2020 was a great success with guide Scott Xanthoulakis providing a great insight into the art of midge fishing. I am sure the catch rate of fish feeding on midge for all members who attended will greatly improve.

The suggested May trip to Millbrook was quickly filled and for all those who missed out a second trip will be organised later in the year and those who missed out will be given first preference to register for the second trip.

We will be having a meeting with two Councillors about the proposed extension to the clubroom prior to the March General Meeting with preliminary advice being that they support our proposal to extend the clubroom so it is not dead yet.

I was pleased to hear from Ray that the effort he put into organising the Noojee trip was well rewarded which, with the fantastic BBQ he organised, was a great success with the large number of 15 members having a great day even though only a few fish were caught.

A big thanks to Trevor Jacobson who organised a great Stream Craft session during the club trip which was much appreciated particularly by new members.

Our approach to sponsors has commenced with preliminary letters of introduction to our club having gone out to 14 prospective sponsors of the club with several already indicating they will act as club sponsors.

The committee has had a few more offers of help from members and Tuckyin Choy is now acting as the Coordinator of sponsors and without his considerable help to me and the input of his experience this would not have got off the ground. If other members would like to help by meeting with a sponsor please discuss it with Tuckyin or myself. Thanks to Tuckyin.

Our guest speaker for March GM is Vanessa Spark who has considerable experience in maritime safety and how to stay alive in a distress situation. Also the committee has been requested by members to organise another first aid course and refresher course which will occur later in the year which obviously follows on from this safety talk by Vanessa.

Lionel has brought one member up to speed with casting so he is now ready to start teaching however we still need several more members able to teach so we can spread the load so see Lionel on Sunday mornings for coaching.

We are in the process of organising a monthly club BBQ after casting on the 4th Sunday of each month commencing next month after suggestions by club members.

Dates of events coming up to place in your diaries.

For the next club fishing trip ask Ray Malins or see trip board.

Bunning's BBQ Saturday 4th April.

Guest speaker for April General Meeting is Rick Dobson From Aussie Angler.

Lynton Reid.

President.

# Monthly General Meeting Minutes :13 February 2020

Start 9:20 pm

Speaker Scott Xanthoulakis on catching Midging Trout.

Apologies: Geoff Hadfield, George Zanin, Paul Pavone.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

As this is the first general meeting for 2020 I would like to wish all members a belated happy and healthy new year with many fish both large and small coming to your nets over the year.

We have a small but enthusiastic committee in place to plan, organise and guide the club over the next 12 months but we need input from all members to help the committee achieve the outcomes that members want. Remember this is your club and the Committee needs your input to enable the club to fulfill your needs.

Ray Malins has ideas for several trips already but we also need club members input to help him provide trips at locations which meet everybody's needs. See the trip board for upcoming trips.

Lionel C has started training casting instructors and hopefully by April we can start formal casting instruction courses for new club members. Informal casting instruction is generally available every Sunday morning.

Fly tying classes have commenced with Paul Pavone on Wednesday evenings and all club members are welcome to just come and chat or tie flies with the group. It is a good way to meet new members or find out who is catching fish.

Ray Buckland will run stream craft lessons this year along with club trips organised by Ray Malins at suitable locations for stream craft. If you would like to attend a stream craft session please register with Ray or let a committee member know. Learning about above and below water bugs in a stream or lake can greatly improve your ability to select the right fly and your catch rates.

This year we will have Guest Speakers at all general meetings and speakers have already been booked for all meetings till July. Subjects for speakers so far are

February : Midge Fishing -

March : Boating safety and distress calls

April : Rick Dobson from Aussie Angler, Greensborough

May : Native Fish and Lillydale Lake

June : Fisheries Victoria, Fish in Freshwater

The events calendar for 2020 has been emailed to all club members so print it out and fill in important events

We have had preliminary discussions with 4 possible sponsors who will all participate in sponsoring the club and Tuckyin Choy has offered to run the sponsor program and we are currently finalising details before going to sponsors.

Dates to place in your diaries

Club trip next weekend Noojee 22nd February 2020.

Bunning's BBQ Fund raiser Saturday the 4th of April

Lynton Reid - President

New Member Presentation : Darren Samphier

Secretary's report:

Correspondence in

VR Fish have your say

Fisheries research and development corporation magazine.

VFFA Have your say

VFFA February newsletter

Red Tag 2020 #1 newsletter

CVFFC First meeting 2020 Marysville.

Go fish Nagambie

Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly

Lake Wendouree two fly competition flyer

Correspondence out

Fly Tying Course completion certificates for Dennis and Darren

Treasurer's Report: Available to members. No significant changes.

Marketing- Shirts and merchandise sale

Fund raising Bunnings BBQs – first is 4 April 20 – Volunteers required

New DVD donated to our club by Gavin Hurley

New Committee members needed to assist with running our club.

Stream craft on trips, please let Ray B and Ray M know your coming in advance. Please continue to check the whiteboard in the Bailey Room for trips.

Fly Tying. Introduction course is complete. Catch up flies will be taught as Tiers attend.

Intermediate and advanced flies to commence with hoppers and blow flies.

Members who complete the introduction course will be presented with a certificate.

Members attending are asked to wear name tags at Fly Tying.

Trips : Day Trips monthly (normally Sat following Monthly General Meeting). Next trip is the Dave Jenkins Memorial trip to Noojee on the 22nd of February 2020.

The Meeting was asked if overnight trips required, any members who have any ideas on rivers or fishing spots they think the club should go to for a day or weekend should approach a committee member as we want to organise trips to places members want to fish.

Club Room extension – Lynton still following up with Council.

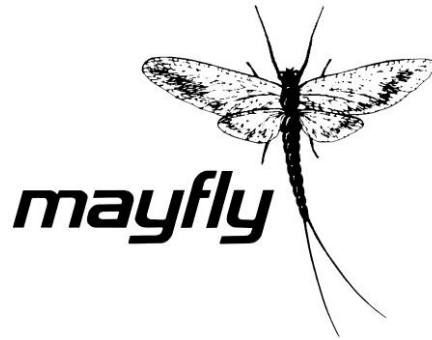
Fishing reports : Toorong Rvr fishing well.

General Business: FlyLine Byline – Stories required please.

Next Meeting : 12 March 2020

Speaker Vanessa Spark Maritime Safety Victoria

Meeting close 9:45 pm.



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**YVFF INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**7.30 PM**

**This is the Seventh Meeting of YVFF for  
2019 - 2020 Club Year**

**Come and socialise with other Club  
Members**

**Find out what is going on in the world of local  
fishing and which flies are catching fish**

**Win a \$40.00 raffle prize**

**Get more involved in fishing and have some fun  
supporting your club.**





# **GUEST SPEAKER - MARCH 2020**

## **General Meeting**

**Thursday 12th March 2018 : 7.30 pm to 9.00pm**

**VANESSA SPARK**

**From Maritime Safety Victoria**

**The subject Vanessa will speak on  
Safety on the Water with an emphasis on freshwater  
which will discuss the essential safety equipment  
required for recreational boats and kayaks and the ways  
to raise an alarm in a distress situation.**

**Come and listen and learn what preparation you need to  
make before going out on the water and how to keep  
yourself and your friends safe on the water.**

**Remember it is too late to start wondering what to do  
once your boat or kayak has overturned or is sinking in  
an alpine lake or in the middle of winter.**

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**YVFF Bunning's BBQ Fundraiser**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**Volunteers Required**



**Location : Bunnings Warehouse, 118 Main Street,  
Lilydale. 3140.**

**Club Members Needed To Cover 2 Shifts :-**

**From 8.15 am to 12.30 am**

**or**

**12.00 Noon to 4.15 pm**

**\*Midday overlap to allow for smooth change over.**

**Please advise Owen of your availability to assist.**

Email: [owen.1405@hotmail.com](mailto:owen.1405@hotmail.com) Mobile: 0488 535 151

## **YVFF Coming Events for Your Diary !!!**

**Hi Members,**

**Always keep an eye on the "Whiteboard" in the Bailey Room for updates!!  
Below is what is planned at the moment.**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March : Club Day Trip incorporating BBQ Lunch at Eildon  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April : YVFF Bunnings BBQ Fund Raiser  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April : Club Day Trip on the Yarra

More details to follow : Refer To Bailey Room White Board.

Ray Malins : Trips Sub Committee. **email:** [rkmalins@gmail.com](mailto:rkmalins@gmail.com)

### **YVFF inc : Club Trip to the Goulburn River Saturday 14 March 2020**

Similar to last year's trip which proved very popular –

Fish the tributaries of the Goulburn River downstream of Eildon in the morning on the way to a BBQ Lunch at the Pondage BBQ facilities.

Lots to choose from :- Taggerty Rvr, Stevenson Rvr, Rubicon Rvr, Acheron Rvr, Little Rvr etc. Etc. or just head straight to the Goulburn for the chance of a big fish!!

After lunch fish your way home again in the tributary reported to be fishing the best or stay on the Goulburn for the evening rise.

More info will be on the "Whiteboard" and an email before the trip.

Ray Malins

Trips coordinator.

# **Dave Jenkins Day – Noojee**

## **Trip Reports**

**Chris Redfern Caught 3 and dropped 2 on the Toorong River.  
Walked down stream from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge for 15 min and fished back up which gave him about 1.5 - 2hrs fishing.**

**All about 20-22 cm caught on a Size #16 Gold Bead Head 30cm under a Royal Wulff Indicator all in the Slower Water.**



# Noojee Club Trip

## By Darren Samphier

Being a very new member this was my first club trip. And only my second fly fishing outing – although the first was on my own where I realised I don't know how to fly fish.

I told Paul Pavone I was going and he offered to take me under his wing for the day and show me where to go and what to do.

We started by walking the Latrobe downstream from the barbecue park. That's when I realised casting in the river is so much different from casting in the backyard. Paul showed me a roll cast and that kept my fly out of the trees a little but there weren't any fish seen. We wandered along a little further and then went up the Loch. This is where Paul caught his first for the day. A nice little brown about 25cm.



A little further on I saw a trout rise and tried for it with an Elk Hair Caddis. It wasn't taking it and Paul suggested swapping out for a Hairy Red Tag. I landed red tag near the rise about 5 times. However, each of these were in the trees above the river. I finally got one in the water and the trout took it. I was far too slow and had far too much slack in the line to set the hook and the Red Tag was spat out. Still, it was the closest I'd ever come so I was pretty happy.

Back to the Barbecues for lunch and a chat and then we headed out to the Torongo. We headed downstream and at one part of the river Paul was going to show me how to drift the fly down stream. The lesson was interrupted immediately as a trout took the fly as soon as it hit the water. Another Brown, bigger than the first, at 28cm.



We headed down further and then started fishing our way back. At one part Paul told me to put the fly near the opposite edge using an Parachute Adams. I cast fairly close to the bank and a nice little brown trout took the fly and I managed to keep him on while Paul got him in the net. Unfortunately, Paul jammed his rod into a rock as he was getting the net ready and broke off the tip.



I had a great day catching my first trout ever and watching Paul pull in a couple more. Thanks to Paul who showed a great deal of patience with the newbie.

Darren Samphier.

## Darren on The Latrobe River



## Lunch Break Photo



## Paul's Dry Fly Trout

I caught my first "Dry Fly Trout" on the Toorongo River near Noojee on the Club Trip.

A 16cm Brown caught with a Royal Coachman, having benefitted from a Streamcraft Lesson from Trevor Jacobson.

Cheers,

Paul Davies.





Hi All

Attached below is my trip report based on verbal reports and emails received. It was a great day - Thanks for coming!!

Cheers Ray : Trip Co-Ordinator.

2020  
22nd Feb 2020  
DAVE JENKINS DAY

NOOJEE AREA - LT TROBE RVR  
- TOORONGO RVR  
- LOCH RVR  
- TANSIL RVR

| MEMBERS           | FISH            |                | COMP |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|
|                   | AM              | PM             |      |
| RAY MALINS ✓      |                 | 26cm           | \$5  |
| OWEN LLOYD ✓      |                 |                | \$5  |
| PAUL DAVIES ✓     | <del>25cm</del> | 16cm Brown     | -    |
| DARREN SAMPHIER ✓ |                 | 22cm           | -    |
| TRUCKYIN CHOY ✓   |                 |                | \$5  |
| GEORGE ZANIN ✓    |                 |                | \$5  |
| MERRYL ✓          |                 |                | \$5  |
| TERRY BARBIE ✓    |                 |                | \$5  |
| CHRIS REDFERN ✓   |                 | 3 small        | \$5  |
| PAUL PAVONE ✓     | 2 small         | 28cm           | \$5  |
| * ALF CASTILLO    |                 |                |      |
| TREVOR JACOBSON ✓ |                 | 31cm           | \$5  |
| CRAIG PREYER ✓    | 30cm / 5 Small  | 25cm / 3 Small | \$5  |
| GARY SCOTT ✓      | 25cm /          | 30cm / 5 Small | \$5  |
| * MIKE GROVES ✓   | 4x20cm          |                | -    |

14 Members      ≈ 30 FISH  
+ Visitor \*

\$55

# CASTING

Come and practice your casting on Sunday mornings 10.00am – 12.00 noon on the lawn in front of the club rooms at Lilydale Lake.

Bring your own Rod and Reel or use one of the club's extensive range.

Have a cuppa and catch up with your fellow members and catch up on coming club events.

Members will be notified of any future casting courses and competitions.

All members and guests most welcome.



**\*There is no Casting Practice if there is a Club Trip on a Sunday.**



## **FLY TYING**

**8.00 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**Special flies for up coming trips.**

We're looking for experienced Tyers to assist with teaching.  
We're looking for intermediate and experts alike to share their skills  
on a Wednesday night.

We're looking for members who would like a cuppa and a chat. Share  
your fishing stories and maybe pick up a hint or two.

Please come down a check out the fun.



Any inquiries Paul 0407851190  
secretary@yvff.com.au

# Fly of the Month



## Hare and Copper nymph

The Hare & Copper is a favourite NZ and Australian pattern and is one of my favourite flies. Fished unweighted, beaded or lightly weighed it is versatile and effective. It is a very simple fly to tie, it always swims right as it doesn't have a wing case and it represents a large number of different food sources.

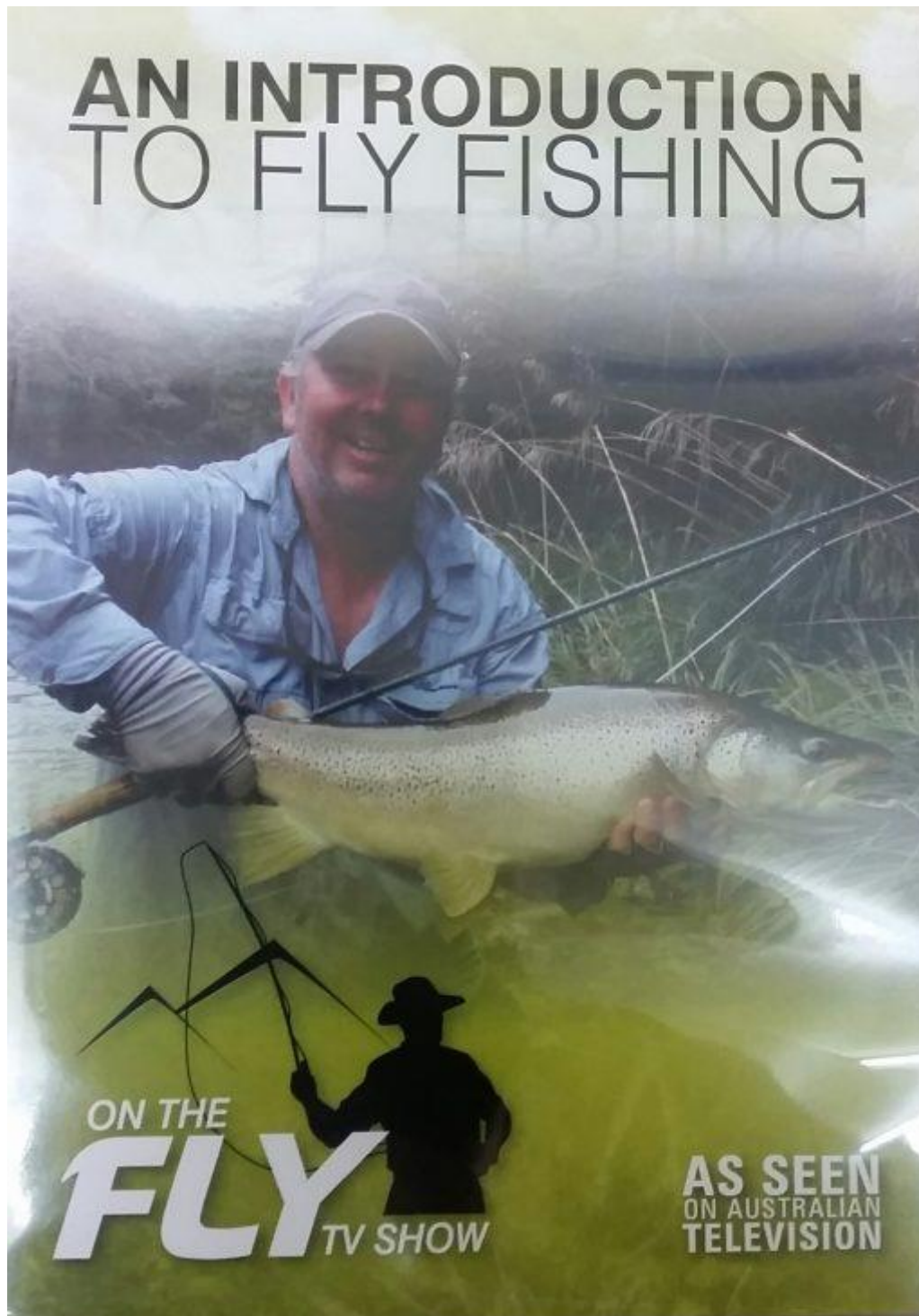
|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Hook    | Kamasan B175 #10 to #18                         |
| Bead    | Optional Copper coloured bead, weighed to suit. |
| Thread  | Black Uni 6/0                                   |
| Tail    | Cock Pheasant Tail                              |
| Ribbing | Copper Wire                                     |
| Dubbing | Hares mask under fur and guard hairs.           |

[Patternthewild.co.nz](http://Patternthewild.co.nz)

The reason the Hare & Copper is such an effective fly is it suggests food to trout. It may not represent anything perfectly but it may represent a water boatman, a mayfly nymph, a Mayfly Emerger, a Caddis Nymph and a few other things. It's small brown and hairy and more importantly most trout see it and think "Food". Fur from the cheeks of the hares mask can be trimmed, shaved or torn to make the dubbing that gives this fly the movement and shape that trout find irresistible. Fished under an indicator or dry fly, on the bottom or just in the meniscus, this nymph will catch fish!

# Library

## DVD Of The Month



Gavin Hurley, host of "On The Fly", takes you through a multi-stage, step by step instruction on basic fly fishing knowledge, skills and fundamentals. Perfect present for the beginner or budding fly-fisher man/woman, or to help fast track your own learning.

## **YVFF Club Shirt**



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

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**Contact Owen : 0488 535 151**

# Millbrook Lake Trip

May 2020

**ALL Booked Out !!!!**

**Keep an eye out for another trip to be announced for later this Year.**

**New Members and those who missed out on the May Trip will have First Option.**

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## From the Editor's Desk.

We trust you enjoy reading the March 2020 YVFF Fly Line By Line.

A big thank you to all who contributed to this Month's edition. The reports for the "Dave Jenkins Day" Noojee Trip are excellent !!!

Your additions are greatly appreciated !!!

**Deadline for Contributions for the April Edition is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

**Tight lines to you all.**

Owen.

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