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**\* Front Page.**

**\* Merrill’s N.Z. Trout – Now, there’s a Smile !!!!**

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# **PRESIDENTS PAGE**

## **MAY 2019**

We are getting close to the Annual General meeting in August and I want all club members to seriously consider their contribution to the club and the future of the club as we still need more volunteers to assist with running the club and stand for election.

As with all clubs the degree of success of our club will only be measured by the contribution of members volunteering and if all contribute some in a small way and some in a large way we will have a really dynamic club.

It is the time all members should be starting to think how they can contribute and help make the club, in the coming year, become the best and most dynamic fly fishing club in Victoria.

We need 3 additional committee members and several subcommittee members to help spread the load and to ensure the committee and the club can function properly in 2019 and provide all the services which club members should have.

Some important events coming up to place in your diaries are the

Club trip to Toolondo on the 7th to 10th of June

Bunning's fundraiser on Saturday 6th of July

Scope and kid's fishing days on 19 20 21 September

Aron is doing a great job and putting a lot of thought into trips while Ray is caravanning up North see the trip board in the Bailey room and register for upcoming events.

With a bit of rain and warm balmy days there is still plenty of fishing to do in the lakes and rivers around us and Paul can help you tie the best flies to catch them on a Wednesday night even if you don't tie flies it is a good social night to have a chat.

The annual club awards for 2018 will be presented next General Meeting at the club rooms on Thursday the 13th of June to the winners whom will all be notified by letter to attend the presentation night.

Owen Lloyd is always looking for more articles and photos to put in the Fly Line whether new or old and you all must have some of these so please help and take the time to forward them to him as the more contributions the better the magazine.

Lynton Reid

# Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Attendees See the attendance book  
Chair Lyndon Reid  
Minutes Paul Pavone  
Opened 20:00

Business arising from previous meeting.  
See notes in report.

Apologies Steve Hanlon, Ray Marlins

New members. Larry Butler  
Craig Preyer (proposed)

A minutes silence was observed for the passing of Warren Hunt, a long time member who will be sadly missed.

President's report, see published report in Fly Line By Line.

Secretary's report.  
Correspondence in : Post on the website.  
VFA Fish-e-facts.  
Fishing monthly magazines  
VFFA Flylines  
ING accounts.  
SA Flyfishers  
ATF newsletters

Correspondence out  
Invitation to Larry Butler

Treasurers report.  
Report tabled by Doug Brahams  
Bunnings BBQ made a moderate profit and volunteers are needed for July the 6th.

Media  
Input required for Flyline Byline Send photos and articles to editor@yvff.com.au

Marketing and meetings.  
Kids come and try fishing September 19th to 21st preparations are underway. Support is required.

Library is open and new books have been added.

Membership portfolio manager is still needed.

Casting

Tuition days are being proposed.

#### Tying

New fly tying introduction course is nearly complete. A new introduction course and catch up for missed weeks will begin soon.

Stream craft : No news.

#### Trips

Ray and Aron are doing well, thanks.

#### Special Projects

2019 Capital Development Project proposal is going ahead with Lynton in constant contact with council.

#### Fishing reports

Aron fished the Goulburn backwaters and Yarra River.

Owen and Lynton fished Dodgers lakes and had success with some nice fish taken on nymph and midge.

Paul fished Noojee and Neerim, pictures provided.

If you would like to share your photos, please bring data stick or post them to me and we will share them at the meeting.

#### General business

Doug shared that VR fish memberships will soon be available.

Victorian Fishing Regulations will soon become available for public comment with new draft regulations due out in July.

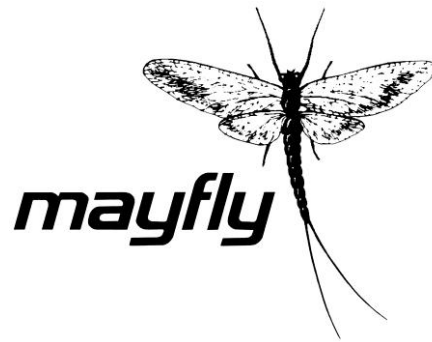
Fishing licenses and regulations will soon be available on smart phone applications.

Vic Rec Fishing app is already available and will be updated to allow reflect these changes.

Next meeting Thursday 9th May 2019

Next Executive Committee meeting Thursday May 25th 2019

Meeting closed 20:45 pm



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# Vale Warren Hunt



**YVFF Member May 1998- 2015**

Sadly, after battling illness for many months, Warren Hunt passed away on 28th March 2019.

Warren left us a lasting legacy, the magnificent table which he designed and built in the Bailey Room. The table is always admired and commented on by visitors to the club and is the envy of many fly fishing clubs around Victoria. Mentioning Yarra Valley Fly Fishers at any other fly fishing club will always receive praising comments about our table.

Members who joined YVFF during Warren's years at the club will most likely remember him as one of the first members to introduce himself to visitors and new members on their first visit and to make them welcome and explain about the club and all it has to offer.

Warren served as a committee member for most of his years at the club, and for much of that time he was the "New Member" Facilitator making new members feel welcome and sharing his wealth of knowledge on fly rods, lines & leaders, flies and almost everything else associated with our sport. He was active at fly tying on Wednesday evenings, for many years instructing the new members and beginners course and was almost always at the club on Sunday mornings to open up and welcome any visitors and potential new members and to introduce them to a casting instructor who could assist them with casting tuition. He also took care of the club room, keeping it clean and tidy and the drinks fridge stocked and making sure we had tea, coffee & milk for members and visitors on Sundays.

For more than 12 years Warren was the instigator and organiser for the club's annual pilgrimage to Tasmania in February, organising our accommodation and booking our passage on the ferry and assisting members to "partner up" and share vehicles and fishing experience. He had an inflatable Zodiac with a small outboard.



On arrival at Miena the Zodiac would be pumped up and mounted on the roof rack in readiness; where it stayed for the next three days while Warren and Norm checked out the water conditions at their favourite lakes and contemplated the weather and whether or not they would fish that day and where and what time.

I have memories of them in the Zodiac on Arthurs Lake in a strong northerly with a half meter chop and white caps, rain & hail (common in central Tassie in February, a couple of years we had snow) but the “duns were up and everywhere” so they persisted, just as long as the rest of us with larger boats, even though they must have had to bail as often as they cast. They loved it!

Many of us have fond memories of the Tassie trips when the fishing was great and we try to forget the ones when it was really tough.

Warren joined YVFF in May 1998 and remained an active member until 2015. Throughout his membership he contributed greatly to club activities and was always ready to volunteer and be involved our annual “Kids Come-N-Try” days and the 4x4 & Fishing Show every year. He never missed any of them. The club needs members like Warren and he greatly missed.

Our sincerest condolences to Warren’s wife and family from all the members at YVFF.



# **AWARD PRESENTATION 2019**

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR 2018

WILL BE AT THE

## **GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 13TH JUNE**

All recipients will be notified by letter except for the President's Award and requested to attend the presentation night

Please acknowledge and celebrate your fellow members efforts in winning the awards by attending the night.

## **Stream Craft Day with Trevor Jacobson Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Brush up on your Fly Fishing skills, learn new tricks and catch more fish.

Both old hands and beginners alike are sure to benefit from Trevor's skills and experience.

Meet at Thornton Beach Carpark at 9.15 am

Trevor's Mobile : 0419 162 618

## **Club Trip : Goulburn River**

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Register on White Board in Bailey Room

Trip Steward : Aron Treloar

Meet in Thornton Beach Car Park at 9.00 am

**Club BBQ Fundraiser  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Volunteers Required**



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

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

**From 8.00 am to 12.30 am**

**or**

**12.00 Noon to 5.00 pm**

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

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

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# **TO ALL MEMBERS of YVFF INC.**

## **KIDS FISHING DAY SEPTEMBER 2019**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September: SET UP DAY

Friday 20th September: SCOPE DAY

Saturday 21st September: PUBLIC DAY

This is our contribution to the community which is highly regarded by the council AS A COMMUNITY EVENT

As well as being important to the local community this day is also important to our club as we are re lodging an application to the council for a grant of \$50,000.00. to extend the bailey room

It is important you register as a volunteer on the form in the BAILEY ROOM.

Please do IMMEDIATELY or advise Owen personally so he can add your name to the list or by mobile on 0488 535 151 or Lynton on 0418 310 792

We need at least 25 volunteers to register for the public day by Sunday the 8th of September or the event will be CANCELLED

Don't be the one to cause it to be cancelled

You can help for either a half day or a full day

**SET UP DAY THURSDAY IS A FEW HOURS HELPING OWEN**

5 members needed

**SCOPE DAY IS FROM 10.00am to 3.00pm**

10 members needed

**PUBLIC DAY IS FROM 9.00am to 3.30pm**

**THEN 3.30 TO 5.00 TO CLEAN UP AND DISMANTLE GEAR**

20 members needed

The only reward is putting a smile or a huge grin on a disabled Person's or some young Child's face as they catch a fish.

## David Embrey's recent fishing experience in Tasmania.

Early February and the weekend weather looked promising. Careful monitoring of the 7 day forecast, then the 4 day forecast, then a last minute check showed a big high pressure and calm conditions for the weekend. So I booked a last minute return flight for early Saturday morning arriving at 8am in Launceston. Being flexible and booking your trip last minute always ensures that you have blue skies to work with when you want to go polaroiding in Tassie.

On arrival I picked up a hire car, grabbed some provisions at Longford and drove up the mountain past considerable fire damage around Liawenee to the 19 Lagoons by 11.00am, perfect timing to polaroid these beautiful highland lakes.

I had heard of the large fish stocked in Rocky Lake and thought I would try my luck. Low water levels in the 19 Lagoons meant for easy wading but I was faced with a slight haze in the atmosphere from the surrounding fires that was creating a high glare factor on the water and making the window quite small. The recent fires had just passed and a timely snowfall had completely stopped the highland fires although lowland areas nearer Hobart were still flaring.

I looked long and hard at Rocky Lake covering most of the water and only saw one fish but he saw me first so I jumped in the car and drove over to Botsford Lake where I hoped higher numbers would make the job easier. Alas, the window was too poor and I only managed to spook a couple before I decided to change tactics and chase the odd risers that were moving around. The afternoon saw a drop in the wind and I came across a couple of fish taking midge on a slick. I changed to a small black spinner, stalked my target and waited for the next rise, presented close and bingo, the spinner worked. I landed another 2 thereafter before the wind came up again and spoiled the party.

Next morning I woke to a clear sky with mist on the Great Lake. I had an early breakfast and headed up to Rocky Lake again to get in before the possible crowd on a sunny Sunday. The water was like glass and the sky was blue, this is the best part of fishing when you have such beautiful scenery and conditions with the hope of seeing that special fish. I waded with the morning sun behind me and it wasn't long before I came across one and spooked a couple out of six inches of water in amongst the very rocky margins. I decided to head out to knee deep and found one just a couple of rod lengths ahead poking in around the weeds and rocks that gave me enough time and cover to present a #16 pale olive and tan dunn. I landed a nice 2 ½ pounder. Twenty meters further out I saw a large flat rock so I climbed up on top which gave me a much better window. In the distance I spotted a vague shape but I thought it must be a stick or something until it started to move towards me, then I was sure that I had come across one of the larger 60cm plus fish that had been put in this lake. I led him by a long way and adjusted my small dry to his line. From about 3 or 4 meters away from the fly it made a slow and deliberate rise before pausing to

inspect the fly then gently sipped it down. If I hadn't seen the fish I wouldn't have seen the rise because it was so delicate. I waited and lifted to a solid connection which caused all hell to break loose, rolling and violent head shakes before it took off into the heavy section of rocks closer to shore where it cleverly took my line around a few before straightening the hook. Oh well, at least I got to see a 5 lb plus fish. I pressed on and used the same trick standing on the rocks and waiting and watching. After a few minutes on one rock I suddenly noticed a nice sleeping fish sitting mid water not far away. I presented the dry a few times on either side and in front of the fish but could not attract its attention. I drew in my line and clipped off the dunn to change to a nymph. That woke the fish up!!! It started to swim away as I hastily tied the knot but only three loops instead of four. I clipped off the tag and quickly threw the nymph at my target that was further away now. A second cast that he didn't like appeared to spook him before swimming off into a circle of weeds almost a full line length away. Don't ever give up! I hauled a cast into the gap in the middle of the circle of weeds and slowly twitched it back a couple of times before the rod was almost ripped out of my hand. A strong fight followed before he came to the net to pose for a few pictures.

I flew home on the 6.00am flight on Monday and was back at work by 9.00am, a rewarding couple of days. I try and do this a couple of times each summer when the weather lines up for a blue sky weekend.

Tight lines,  
David Embrey



**Tassie Fire**



**David's Rocky Brown**



**Rocky Lake Tasmania**

## Trip to Owen River Lodge South Island NZ

In mid-March this year George and I visited Owen River Lodge for 5 days fly fishing.

Here's a report from our fishing expedition.

Owen River Lodge is set on the Owen River (which we didn't actually fish but is reputed to hold good fish) in a beautiful setting at the foot of the Kahurangi National Park. Lodge owner Felix Borenstein and his excellent team ensure that guests are fully catered for. All fishing gear is supplied – Simms waders, boots, Sage rods, reels and if you want to wet wade, neoprene booties are also supplied.

On arrival, Felix sets you up with whatever gear you may require. We did not take any of our own gear – to both travel light and to avoid any hassles with Customs but there's nothing stopping you taking your own gear if you want to.

The accommodation is beautifully appointed and extremely comfortable comprising of six units which cater for a full house of 12 guests.

A typical day would start with a hearty breakfast at around 7:00 am; we would then head off with our guide about 8.00 am and fish until around 4.00 pm in the afternoon. We drove to and then walked the rivers and were not disturbed by any other anglers on any of the days we fished.

Lunch was a variety of sandwiches/fruit/muesli bars - usually carried by the guide to eat whilst walking along the rivers - or we ate when back near the vehicle.

Evening meals were superbly prepared by the in-house chef – during our stay we experienced two different chefs – all meals were of a very high quality with wines to match are all inclusive. The 3 course meals were healthy and extremely enjoyable.

In preparation for this visit – we attended the casting practice sessions at YVFF on Sunday mornings which proved to be most helpful and my casting did improve by the end of the week.....thank you to all my instructors!

Our fishing guide, Stefano, took us to his favourite rivers where we were lucky to catch some lovely browns and rainbows.

We fished The Leatham, Wairau and Branch rivers mainly but there are up to thirty rivers available within 90 minutes' drive from the Lodge.

The Branch is well known for rainbows, which went like rockets when hooked in the clear fast water – however browns are the main fish in most of the rivers we fished.



With the assistance of our guide spotting fish (which by the way weren't always easy for us to see), we were able to cast to the fish. I can still hear our guide's directions when casting..... "A little bit to the left" or a "little bit to the right"

You don't need to cast overly far, but it helps to be accurate and to get a drag free drift. I must have been casting pretty well as on one day I hooked seven fish.....but unfortunately it was not always easy to land them all!

Our main fishing method was nymphs fished under a wool indicator, you had to watch that indicator like a hawk and strike at any unusual movement or hesitation. If conditions are right, dry flies are also used.

Overall, we had a wonderful week which went very quickly. We enjoyed it so much that we have booked to visit again in December this year.....apparently a mouse plague is predicted for next season which means the trout get very big and fat.....we shall see!

Merril Wenlock & George Zanin





# CASTING

John Motyka is continuing to instruct in the Casting Clinic, so 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.

Enquiries to John: Mobile. 0404 398 427 email. [casting@yvff.com.au](mailto:casting@yvff.com.au)





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**Dodger's Midge**



**Eucumbene Blowfly**



**Lionel's 65cm Tailor caught on a metal lure at Mallacoota.**



**Paul's Day Out with small stream nymph munching Trout in the Cathedral Ranges.**

# LAKE TOOLONDO

## CLUB TRIP 7TH TO 10TH JUNE 2019

The current water level is approx. 29% and should fish quite well at this level however it may not be possible to travel through the narrow cut between the two main sections of the lake

There are two boat launching ramps with the better one at the North end and the other at the South East Corner

We will be staying at Horsham fly fishers cabin in the “Wash Tomorrow” Caravan Park which has basic accommodation for 12 or more people

Fishing is best from a boat but bank fishing can still be successful in a number of locations

Please put your name on the trip board or contact Lynton on 0418 310 792

More details will be provided in the next few weeks



**Lyntons Dodger's Rainbow**

# FLY TYING

## 8 PM WEDNESDAYS

At Lilydale Lake Club Rooms



Introduction and Advanced Fly Tying.  
Special Fly's for up and 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](mailto:secretary@yvff.com.au)

# Fly of the Month

## Shaving Brush



Trout love to eat Mayflies and Mayfly duns so as fly fishers this means looking for dun hatches. To fish Dun hatches effectively we need to fish nymphs, Emergers and adults and one of the most popular emerger patterns is the Shaving Brush.

### Materials list

Hook : 14 – 10

Tail : Soft hackle fibres. Stiff ones as used on dry flies tend to float and this tail should sink.

Rib : Fine copper wire.

Body : Seal's fur or substitute. Brown, fiery brown, claret, grey or black are popular colours.

Wing : Deer hair, tied in a bunch sloping forward over the eye.

Reference: [corralinn.weebly.com](http://corralinn.weebly.com)

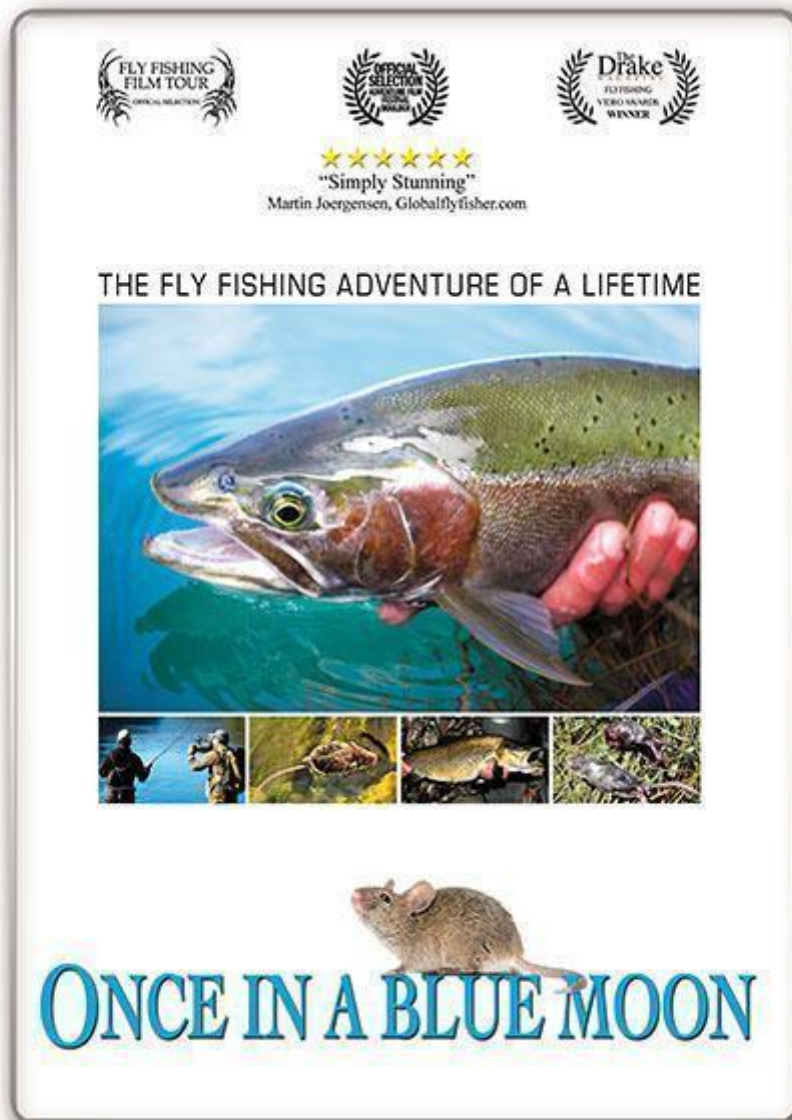
The deer hair wing can be a bit difficult to handle and used to be tied in before the body but these days the body is generally tied in first, right up to the eye, and the deer hair tied on top of that. This makes it less likely that the deer hair will spin around the hook. It's important with this fly that the body of the fly sinks and hangs under the wing standing above the surface. You can help this happen by winding a few turns of the ribbing around the shank of the hook just in front of where the tail is tied in before you wind the rib forward. If that doesn't do it, wet the body and squeeze in some Fullers earth or Xink and treat the deer hair wing with floatant. It's worth the trouble because the wing then stands up well and you can see it for miles, well at least twenty or thirty metres anyway.

Alan T.



# Library

## DVD Of The Month



Follow one angler's quest to unravel a boyhood mystery as he uncovers the Legend of the famed "Mouse Year". The stuff of folklore, "Once In A Blue Moon" reveals the mystery of an event that occurs briefly just once in a decade. Hailed as the most beautiful fly fishing movie ever made, this strange and unreal story takes us into some of the remote and beautiful parts of New Zealand as we follow one angler's quest to unravel a childhood mystery and catch the fish of a lifetime...



**YVFF INC.  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 9th May  
7.30 PM**

**This is the third meeting of YVFF for 2019  
where you will have the opportunity to**

**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**

**Enjoy Barry's superb spreads for supper  
(prepared by Kay's Kitchen)**

**YVFF inc.**

# **FLY LINE BY LINE**

**Owen needs articles and photos  
of your fishing experiences  
to publish in  
our Club Magazine**

**Without these we will not have a magazine**

**Old or New articles are fine**

**Please support the Club and Owen  
and email to the editor**

**[editor@yvff.com.au](mailto:editor@yvff.com.au)**

## **From the Editor's Desk.**

We trust you enjoy reading the May 2019 YVFF Fly Line By Line.

A big thank you to all who contributed to this month's edition.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated !!!

**Deadline for Contributions for the June Edition is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Tight lines to you all.

Owen.

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