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**Our President Lynton’s Rainbow caught on his favourite Lake.**

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2019

A Happy New Year to all YVFF club members and families. The year 2019 is here and a new Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring brings a whole new season of fishing opportunities to us and challenges to our fishing skills.

We are still short of committee members and I need at least three more committee members and several Sub Committee members to help to spread the load and to ensure the committee and the club can function properly and provide the services which club members should have.

As president I can't do what I need to do because I don't have enough club members to support me and the committee. At the moment only a few members putting in and as a result many activities are unplanned or ad hoc.

In particular---

We need a portfolio manager for Membership

We need a portfolio manager for Activities

And we have----

Limited club trips: Ray is doing his best but needs help

A website which needs input

Merchandising which needs organising and updating

Only one club sponsor when there should be several

Zero social activities

No club room manager

Remember the club is run by volunteers and unless you volunteer the club can not function as it should. My mobile no is 0418310792 ring me!. Don't complain if you don't volunteer.

John Motyka is continuing with the casting clinic and fine tuning your casting is easily accomplished by attending the casting clinic Sunday mornings from 10.00 am till noon and receiving some expert tuition if needed. This is also a chance to find out from other club members who are going fishing, where they have been fishing, what places are firing and which flies are catching fish. Ask Ray about the Dave Jenkins weekend when 15 fish were caught.

Fly tying has started on Wednesday 6th Feb. with a new beginners class its not to late to join, on and Paul Pavone can suggest flies to suit the season and will be teaching how to tie some of these.

If you wish to learn fly tying come along on Wednesdays to see what happens which is generally a lot of talking mixed in with some fly tying and which even if you don't tie flies is a good social night and you might decide to also join in the tying part.

Ray Malins is assisting with trips and keen to organise trips for 2019 but he needs club members to help him. He organised the Dave Jenkins day which is in memory of a past club member who loved fishing small streams. This trip was a great success with 15 fish caught and many missed or dropped.

Owen Lloyd has taken on Marketing and we are taking a bit by bit approach with this as we develop all the areas covered by the portfolio.

Fund raising is important this year and we have three Bunnings events planned for the year Sunday 17th March, Saturday 6th July and Saturday 5th October please put all these dates in your diary for 2019 as volunteers will be needed. Its good fun.

We still have some club apparel for sale at discounted prices check it out at this meeting on the 14th of February.

I seem to be doing a lot of winging and complaining but I only have the best interests of the club at heart and am looking forward to the friendship and a great fishing year offered by the club in 2019.

I can still catch fish too.

Lynton Reid



# Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Inc

## General Meeting Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Attendees: See the attendance book

Chair: Lyndon Reid

Minutes: Paul Pavone

Opened 19:30

Business arising from previous meeting.  
See notes in report.

New members. Adam Reed (proposed)

Presidents report. Lynton Reid.

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Treasurers report.

Barry Jones has resigned from the committee. Doug has agreed to continue as treasurer for the remainder of the financial year. Succession planning requires the finance subcommittee including Ray, Lynton and Doug meet to discuss the budget and the next treasurer. Finance report is available on request.

Secretary's report.

Correspondence in (electronic copies will be posted on the YVFF website.)

VFA Fish-e-facts.

Fishing monthly magazines

Healthy Male magazine

Women in Fly Fishing promotion, raffle tickets from Southern Flyfishers.

ING accounts.

Ballarat Fly Fishers newsletters. Wastell wash up and promotion for the Wendouree 2 fly 30 and 31 March 2018

Greenwall's FFC Tippet topics newsletter

Peter Hayes Girls Gone Fly Fishing weekend promotion

Red Tag FFC Tight Lines February magazine

VFFA Fly lines February newsletter

VRFish fishing lines

CVFFA meeting 16th February at Marysville minutes

Native Fish (vic) February update

SAFFA February newsletter

Correspondence out

Thank you letter to Rick at Aussie Angler for a DVD.

Consumer Affairs Victoria annual statement confirmation.

Media

Input required. Steve Rumney is running the Facebook page, Owen Lloyd is editing the FlyLineByLine and Ross Hancock is running the website.

Marketing and meetings. Guest speakers. If anyone has contacts or ideas for guest speakers please contact a committee member.

Membership.

Currently 72 members and a membership committee is being formed. Anyone interested should contact Doug.

Casting

Starting this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Tying

New fly tying introduction course has begun with 4 members joining the regulars.

Stream craft No news

Trips

New subcommittee still required. Ray has begun to organise some single day fishing trips meeting and leaving from the clubhouse. The Dave Jenkins Memorial Day at Noojee was the first trip this year. It was well attended with 11 members catching 17 fish.

## Library

A new video has been donated. Thanks Rick at Aussie Angler.

## Special Projects

2019 Capital Development Project with added toilets and kitchen, plans are to be drawn and costed. A Town Planning permit is being organized to remove the tree. The grant proposal and project needs to be resubmitted to council by June.

The problem tree has been assessed by an arborist. On going.

Next meeting Thursday 14th March 2019

Next Executive Committee meeting Thursday February 28th 2019

Meeting closed 21:20

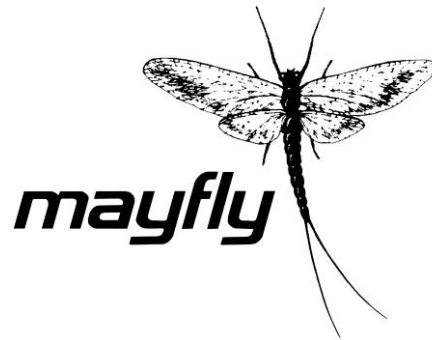


**Rubicon Weekend Club Trip Photo : February 2019**

**Aron's 30cm  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb Brown.**

**Caught on an Olive "Low Life" Fly on the Steavenson River.**





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# Club BBQ Fundraiser : Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 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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## **Club Trip : Marysville Area Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

With our big river "The Goulburn" flowing hard (about 5 Mega Litres) it is too high to fish so the smaller rivers around Marysville will be much better.

The meeting spot is the parking area next to the "Visitor Information Centre" at the bottom of the main street at 9 am or if you prefer the "Club Room" at 7:30 am (an easy drive to Marysville will get you there before 9 am) so sharing a ride can be arranged on the day.

More information will be posted on the "White Board" at the club – Please add your names to the list so any changes can be passed on to you.

Ray Malins.

[rkmalins@gmail.com](mailto:rkmalins@gmail.com)

Trips Sub-Committee.



**Keppel Creek Buxton**

# **STREAM CRAFT FOR LAKES**

## **Bank Fishing Basics - by Lynton Reid**

### **FISHING GEAR**

#### **ROD**

6 OR 7 weight 2.7m long medium or fast action

#### **REEL**

Reels to hold your line large arbour reel is best

#### **LINES**

Weight forward 6 or 7 floating line

Sink tip clear 6 or 7 weight float sink tip line

#### **LEADERS**

For floating line 2.7m tapered leader 3x-8lb with 600mm 5 to 8lb tippet total length approximately 3.1m

For sink tip line 900mm of 12lb plus 900mm of 9lb plus 600mm of 6 to 8lb tippet total length approximately 2.4m best if all is fluorocarbon material

#### **LEADER AND TIPPET STRENGTHS**

2X/10.5LB - 3X/8.8LB - 4X/6.8LB - 5X/4.8LB - 6X/3.7LB

#### **APPROACHING LAKE**

Observe any visible insect life.

Do not walk to edge of lake.

Stand back 6 to 10 metres and observe water for a few minutes for any activity in water.

Fish maybe within 1 metre of the waters edge so do not spook them

Look for any visible signs of an active feeding fish as it may be the only chance you get for the day

Different times of the year will result in different terrestrial and aquatic foods being available for fish

#### **YOU NEED TO LEARN WHY ALL OF THESE CAN EFFECT YOUR FISHING**

#### **FEATURES OF LAKE**

Observe in detail all the features of the lake within 500 metres of you and also generally all the lake you can see

These features could hold or attract fish at some time during the day

Exposed points, rocky outcrops, weed beds, along the edge of weed beds, standing or fallen timber, drop offs, inflows from streams or rivers, rainfall generated flowing channel, sunken rivers or channels, flooded plains or back waters all of these could hold fish at some time during the day

YOU NEED TO LEARN WHAT ATTRACTS FISH TO THESE FEATURES

## POLAROIDING

Polaroid glasses are essential to assist in locating fish

Polaroiding is best done on blue sky days with no reflections of white clouds on the water although shadows of trees or dark overcast clouds will take reflections of the water and assist, slanting your head at an angle can also assist

The best times are between 9.30 and 4.30 with the sun behind you and not reflected off the water

Even when not polaroiding the glasses are a big advantage as they take the glare off the water and help you to see and read very slight fishy signs

## FLY SELECTION

Remember all flies wet or dry represent some type of food fish may be feeding on and fish may be feeding on more than one type of food at any time

After observing food evidence or fish activity and depending on the season, time of day, temperature, sun or clouds, wind direction then select an appropriate fly

YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW AND WHY TO SELECT A CERTAIN FLY

## LAKE FOODS

Below are the major items of food which lake trout feed on represented by flies

### AQUATIC

Mayflies --- nymphs -- emergers -- mayflies -- spinners

Midge --- nymphs -- pupae -- emergers -- adult midge

Caddis --- nymphs -- pupae -- caddis moth

Damsel --- damsel nymph -- damsel fly

Dragon fly --- mudeye nymph -- dragon fly

Yabbies -- tadpoles -- frogs -- smelt -- scud -- shrimp -- snails -- leeches -- water boatman -- daphnia

## TERRESTRIAL

Beetles -- ants -- grasshoppers -- jassids -- cicadas -- crane fly -- wasp

YOU NEED TO LEARN ABOUT ALL OF THESE TYPES OF FOOD AND FLIES

## FISHING THE FLY

Dry or floating flies on floating line

Are generally used when there signs of fish rising and cast within 1 to 2 metres of a rising fish

You will need to watch the fish closely and try to work out in which direction the fish is moving and cast in that direction

Otherwise cast around the area in which the fish last rose

Wet or sinking flies can also be used on a floating line when fish are rising but this often depends on the rise form, a fish will sometimes take a sunk dry fly.

Wet or sinking flies on sink tip or floating line

Both floating and sink tip lines can be used to fish wet flies and control the fishing depth of the fly

Generally wet flies are used to prospect for fish where a fish has been sighted or when there are no signs of moving fish but fish should be in the area

The flies need to imitate the foods that the fish may be feeding on in that particular area at that particular time

## STRIPPING TECHNIQUES

These vary depending on which type of line you are using and the type of food you are trying to imitate and are generally used when fishing wet flies, but sometimes a slight strip or skate of a dry will induce a take.

## FAST STRIP

This is achieved by drawing the line sharply through your stripping fingers from 75mm to 450mm or a combination of these strips which can imitate fleeing food such as smelt or yabbies



## SLOW STRIP

This can be small slow strips 50mm to 150mm or combinations of these to imitate midge, stick caddis, mudeyes, damsel nymphs, snails, scud or mayfly nymphs

## HAND TWIST OR FIGURE 8 RETRIEVE

This method can be slow or fast to control the depth at which you want the fly to swim and the action of the food type you wish to imitate such as nymphs or caddis

## SINK AND RISE METHOD

The sink and rise method can be fished with both floating and sink tip lines by letting the fly sink to the depth at which you wish to fish it and then drawing the line either fast or slow or a combination of both from 150 to 600mm to cause the fly to rise towards the surface of the water

## YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFERENT FOODS MOVE AND HATCH IN THE WATER WHEN STRIPPING FLIES TO IMITATE A FOOD

## RISEFORMS OF FISH

### TAILING

This is when a fish is standing on its head feeding on the bottom on nymphs or scud in shallow water waving its tail at you

### FINNING

Occurs when a fish is feeding in very shallow water often showing its dorsal fin and part of its tail fin as it cruises around often looking for frogs or nymphs

### PORPOISING

Is exactly what it says and indicates the fish is feeding on emergers

### BULGING

Fish are sitting just below the surface taking emergers

### SWIRLING

Fish are feeding just below the surface to a depth of 450mm often on emergers and nymphs

### SLASHING

Fish are taking fast moving mayflies or damsel flies at the surface of the water

## SIPPING AND HOOVERING

Fish taking stationary insects sitting in the surface film of the water such as midge, mayflies, spinners and caddis

## SMELTING

Fish are charging around often breaking the surface taking small fish or smelt

## LEAPING

Fish are taking damsel flies or dragon flies and sometimes mayflies or caddis moths flying above and close to the surface of the water

**YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EACH RISEFORM MEANS AND HOW TO FISH EACH ONE**

LYNTON REID 16/2/2019





# Dave Jenkins Day Report

On Sat 9th Feb I attended a clubs fishing trip to Noojee.

The turn out from club members was good, we met at the local picnic ground and discussed where we would fish & when we would return for a barbecue.

The river chosen was the Toorongo so I headed up to the first bridge crossing & got set up, as a fairly new member to fly fishing I chose a small hairy dry fly ( I still don't know the fly names ) but it looked good

I had a two takes but could not catch the eluding little blighters, the weather forecast for the day was for showers Oh how wrong that proved to be as the rain continued to fall and the fish stopped trying to take my little hairy dry fly.

I elected to change this out to a wet ( what was this fly called) Well I don't know but to me again it looked good with this Fly I had nothing so after some time I elected to try something different

I went back to my dry with a little weighted nymph hanging below after a few snags and nothing going well I thought it was time for me to head back to the barbecue.

At the barbie I found out that I was not alone as some others did not catch a fish, none the less I had a great day getting to see how other members get set up for the day this showed we I still have a long way to go.

Getting out on the river is great and magical it's great to have the opportunity to view how others get set up and the equipment being used.

**By Andy McCall.**



**Geoff on the Toolondo : Noojee**

## **Trip Report – Dave Jenkins Day Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019**

If it wasn't for the rain it would have been perfect!!

Nine members reported in at 9 am at the BBQs in Noojee and quickly dispersed to the Lt Trobe and the Toorongu Rivers with blue skies – two other members were there but I didn't catch up with them so I don't know how they went.

We experienced lots of "takes" for each fish that was caught which kept us on our toes and concentrating hard but it was extremely pleasant fishing in these small streams using light weight rods.

It rained later in the morning as we fished and during our BBQ (which had a great roof to shelter us) and nobody complained!

After sausages in bread with coleslaw and sauce followed by Chocolate Brownies we were off to fish different sections of the streams in rainy conditions for most of the afternoon.

The nine members caught 17 Brown Trout – Great Day.

Ray Malins

Trips Sub-Committee



**Ray's Rainbow on Dodgers**

## **Club Trip Report : Rubicon River & Area 16 Feb 2019**

I (Ray M) fished the Rubicon River at "Tumbling Waters" waiting for Aron to arrive, no "takes" but saw a fish rise where I had just finished fishing!

Aron arrived and we headed for Christies Lane (Rubicon River) to find a father and his son setting up, we had a chat then checked out the river downstream, it looked a bit slow and dirty so we left them to it wishing them good luck.

Next the Goulburn upstream from Thornton but it was running at 5 MLtrs, too high but walked to the canoe course, no fish to be seen.

OK then, let's check out Jerusalem Creek (haven't been there in years). It is a lovely small stream with a potential for lots of small fish but didn't see any today.

How about the Little River, down Cathedral Lane, very similar to Jerusalem Creek but a bit larger. Nice pools and saw fish rise and a couple of "takes" but no fish caught!

One more spot on the way home "Aron's Pond" a small dam which has been stocked with Brown Trout (for some reason). Lots of insects but only a couple of fish rising to them which was strange as the sun was setting and conditions were perfect for an "evening rise".

We headed along the dam wall which is very over grown. Aron saw a rise and floated a dry fly on the surface from between a couple of bushes and as we were chatting a 30 cm Brown took the fly and was landed a couple of minutes later, a quick photo and it was back in the water.

It was a good day with no rain! We visited many locations which we haven't seen in a while. Small streams with a short three weight rod is lots of fun!

Ray Malins

Trips Sub Committee



**WOMEN IN FLY FISHING** Fly fishing gets you out in the sunshine, reconnects you with the outdoors and lets you relax and recharge.

You know you deserve it... Get in touch with nature and back in touch with yourself.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OPEN DAY**

**FUN FOR EVERYONE - ALL WELCOME**  
**Sunday March 17 | 10am - 4pm**

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## 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 up 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)

# 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  
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# Fly of the Month

## Greenwalls Glory



The Greenwell's Glory a fly invented in 1854 by Canon William Greenwell of Durham on the Tweed at Sprouston and originally tied for him by local well known fly tyer, Jimmy Wright. The original dressing as given by Greenwell to Wright was "the inside of a blackbird's wing, with a body of red and black hackle, tied with yellow silk".

In 1903, E M Tod tied a variation described as follows. "Body: Yellow tying silk, waxed with cobbler's wax, to impart to the body a greenish-yellow hue. This is ribbed over with yellow gimp, or finest gold wire.", "Hackle: Coch-y-Bonddhu.", "Wings: Blackbird, tied in a bunch and split". Whichever version or variation you use, fish with confidence whenever Mayflies are on the water.

### Materials list

HOOK – Dry Fly 10-16

SILK – Pearsall's Yellow, Waxed with Cobbler's Wax

BODY – Silk

RIB – Fine Gold Wire

TAIL – Coch-y-Bonddhu Hackle fibres (optional) (Or Greenwell's Cock)

HACKLE – Coch-y-Bonddhu Cock. (Or Greenwell's Cock)

WING – Widgeon, Blackbird, Duck (or any Grey wing slip).

Reference : [wildfisher.co.uk](http://wildfisher.co.uk)

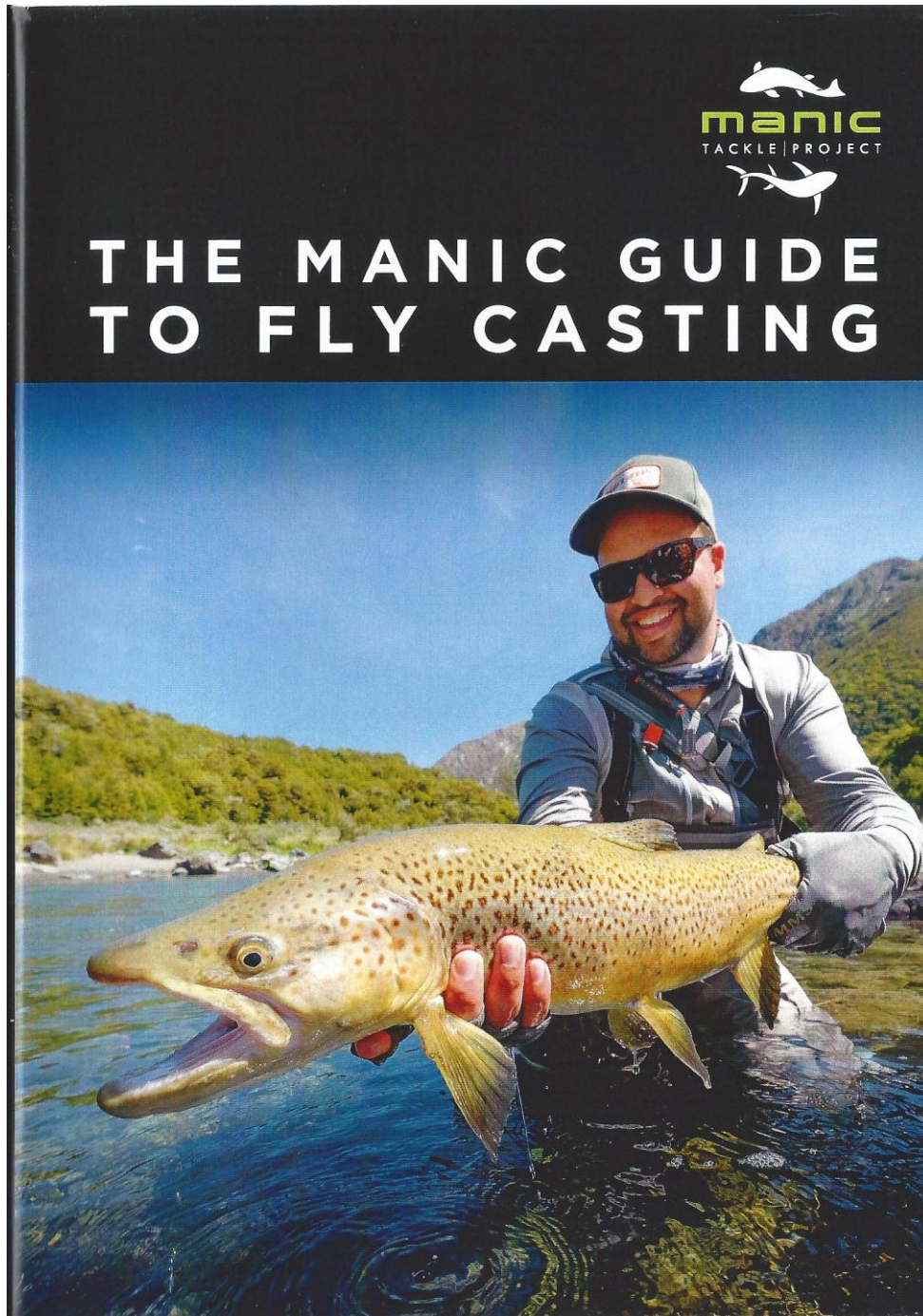
Also very effective tied as a wet fly, this U.K. Classic catches trout in Victorian waters.

**\*From the Fly Tying Desk of Paul Pavone**



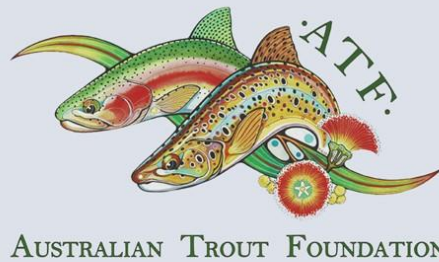
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## DVD Of The Month



Rene Vaz is an Internationally recognised Casting Instructor and one of New Zealand's leading anglers. In This DVD Rene introduces the five essentials of fly casting in an easy to understand step by step Manner. This Instructional DVD is the perfect starter for any person wanting to get started in the sport of Fly Fishing and will be equally appreciated by more advanced anglers wishing to brush up on their own casting skills.

**Donated By Rick Dobson : Aussie Angler Greensborough.**

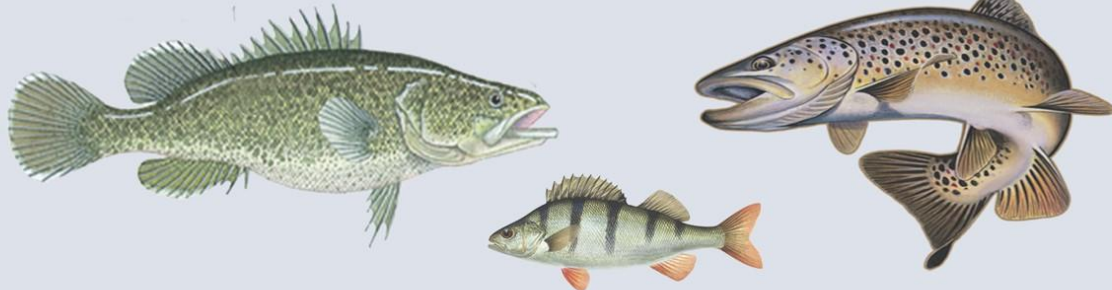


# OVENS RIVER CHALLENGE

(FISHING & SOCIAL EVENT)

**6th & 7th APRIL 2019**

**MYRTLEFORD**



**EVENT HEADQUARTERS WILL BE AT NIMMO BRIDGE RECREATION AREA  
BUFFALO RIVER ROAD, MYRTLEFORD**

OPEN TO ALL ATF & NFA MEMBERS & MEMBERS OF AFFILIATED CLUBS  
OF EITHER ORGANIZATION

**THIS IS A "CATCH, MEASURE & RELEASE" EVENT.**

## **AWARDS FOR:**

- \* Open Age - longest Trout / Murray Cod**
- \* Juniors (U18)- longest Trout / Murray Cod / Redfin**  
(FLY, LURE & BAIT CAUGHT FISH ARE ALL ELIGIBLE)

## **PARTNERS & SPONSORS**

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North East Catchment Management Authority;  
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VFFA; Alpine FFC; Harrietville AC; Wangaratta FFC; Kiewa Valley AC;



## Not On A Fly Though!



Peter looks very happy and content with his final move to Yarrowonga.

Peter, all at Yarra Valley Fly Fishers wish both Jill and yourself the very best for the future and look forward to seeing you again on the water from time to time!



**Steve on The Toolondo : Noojee**





# General Meeting

The next YVFF General Meeting will be held at the  
YVFF Lilydale Lake Club Rooms  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Commencing 7.30 pm Sharp

## From the Editor's Desk.

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

Deadline for Contributions for the April **Edition** is **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

Tight lines to you all.

Owen.

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**Rob, Geoff and Ray on the Toolondo : Noojee**