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**\*Front Page.**

**Ray Malins with his early morning 5lb 52cm Brown  
caught on a Black Woolly Buggar on the  
Eildon Pondage Club Trip 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.**

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Yarra Valley Fly Fishers Meetup

## **PRESIDENTS PAGE : JULY 2019**

I have now had one offer from a club member to assist on the committee which is great news and much appreciated, after my request last month for club members to approach me to discuss how they could help me and the club by offering a small or maybe larger part of their time.

However I still need more offers so would you all consider offering to help and I can let you know what this would involve to assist in running the club.  
My mobile is 0418 310 792 and you can ring me any time.

We are getting closer 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.

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 still need at least 2 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. Despite the lack of help the club is running well with the few committee members carrying a heavy load

Some important events coming up to place in your diaries are :-

- \*Bunning's fundraiser on Saturday 6th of July.
- \*Scope and kid's fishing days on 19, 20, 21 September.

We still need more people to help on the public Kids Day so please register your intention to help on the kid's day by placing your name on the lists in the Bailey room or contact Owen direct on 0488 535 151.

We have several new members recently joining the club so if you see or meet someone you do not know do not be embarrassed to ask their name and introduce yourself as it is important that all new members are made to feel welcome and a part of the club

The committee now has revised preliminary drawings following the reduction in the size of the extension to meet our budget cost. We are currently obtaining a revised builders quotation and preparing a new grant application for submission to council immediately the grant applications open in July.

The fishing day and barbeque at the Goulbourn pondage was a great success despite the cold winter weather with congratulations to Ray Malins on catching a 5lb brown trout

Last but not least A BIG THANKS to Barry, Kay and Diana for arranging a great spread of snacks which were much appreciated by all who attended the awards night.

Lynton Reid

# **YVFF Monthly General Meeting Minutes. June 13th 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 Nick Calder, Steve Hanlon, Andy Elam, Tony Borrack

New members. Bernard Poesch

President's report.

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 in some small way and some in a large way we will have a dynamic club.

It is 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 the club members should have.

Secretary's Report.

Correspondence in :

To be announced next meeting.

Correspondence out

Invitation to Bernard Poesch

Treasurers report.

Year to date we are in the black but our fees will not cover the rise in the insurance costs next year so a \$20 insurance component will be added to all membership fees for next year.

Invoices for membership will be sent out soon.

Ray Malins will be taking a handover as Treasurer elect.

A huge thanks to Doug for his work as treasurer.

Media

We are seeing interest from both the website and Facebook pages.

Input required for Flyline Byline Send photos and articles to [editor@yvff.com.au](mailto:editor@yvff.com.au)

Website is being updated and modernised. Ross is reviewing our Hosting provider.

The Bunnings BBQ on Saturday the 6th of July still needs more support.

Marketing and Meetings.

Kids come and try fishing September 19th to 21st preparations are underway. Support is required. Please provide your working with children permit, other jobs are available for those without permits.

Library is open and new books have been added.

Membership Portfolio Manager and Sponsorship Portfolio Manager is still needed and members are encouraged to consider filling these positions.

Membership continues to grow.

Casting

Continues each Sunday morning.

Fly Tying

A new introduction course and catch up for missed weeks has begun. Come on down and join in the fun.

Stream craft

No news

Trips

Ray and Aron are doing well, thanks. Next trip Eildon Pondage Sunday June 26th. Keep your eyes on the whiteboard for more trips.

Special Projects

2019 Capital Development Project proposal is going ahead with Lynton in constant contact with council. Drawings are available for members to view.

Fishing reports

Trevor fished the Goulburn and Rubicon rivers with success and suggested that fishing the Pondage early and late on the day as best opportunities for good fish.

The Ferntree Gully Quarry has been stocked with trout, cod and yellows.

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

None

Next meeting Thursday 11th July 2019

Next Executive Committee meeting Thursday 27th June 2019

Meeting closed 20:30

Doug Braham as immediate past president presented the 2017 - 2018 Club awards.

The trip awards:

Sept 2017 Thornton winner Andy Elam

Oct 2017 Fly In winner Gordon Whatley

Nov 2017 Omeo Trevor Jacobson

March 2018 Dartmouth Damien Armstrong

May 2018 Howqua Trevor Jacobson

June 2018 Toolondo Ross Machar

July 2018 Hopkins / Merri Andy Elam

Most improved Caster Jim Osborne

Best fish Andy Elam

Best Lake fish Ross Machar

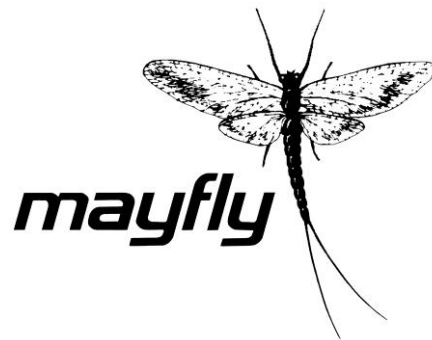
Best Stream fish Andy Elam

Most improved Fly fisher Damien Armstrong

Club Champion Andy Elam

The President's Award was presented to Ross Machar for his outstanding service and effort around our club especially with the trips program and new members.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.



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# 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 6th July - Bunnings BBQ** - please add your name to the "whiteboard".
- **Thursday 8th Aug - AGM & Pizza night** ( \$10 all you can eat ).
- **Saturday 7th Sept - "Opening Day Event at the Pondage "**.

**More details to follow.**

Ray Malins  
Trips Subcommittee



**New Member Bernard Poesch being presented with his Club Information Pack and welcomed to YVFF by our President Lynton Reid.**



**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 4.15 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 20<sup>th</sup> September: SCOPE DAY

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

# Dreams Can Come True.

By Ray Buckland

The incredible aspect about this 'Prince of Sports' that is fly fishing is that it is not always about the actual fishing; there is so much more. We study all aspects of rods, reels, flies, entomology, fishing rivers and lakes and the weather with the intensity of a medical student preparing for final exams. Then there are the dreams of trout, actual and imagined and how we shall challenge these trout and match our IQ of 135 against its basic instincts. We should win this contest hands down but oh no; if only it was that easy.

We all have in our past memories of a particular trout of large proportions which has tested us and won every round. These obsessions are compelling; even more so than the gorgeous auburn haired young lady who lived down the street who had so much trouble containing prodigiously large body parts within a white bikini. Okay, she took precedence over the trout for quite a while and still does in dreams.

It was in the modern era, the past 25 years when fly fishing for trout began to totally dominate my recreational pursuits. I daren't mention my whole life because family courts do irreparable damage to one's financial status and my family really is paramount in my life. What would be your answer to this moral dilemma?

I discovered fly fishing for browns in the Yarra River at Warburton East and a particular fish was the first to dominate my challenge to win such a contest.

He resided in a subterranean jungle within a deep pool abounding with rocks and fallen trees. I saw him rising to termites in November and I delighted in watching him just lining them up, 2,3,or4 in a row. This was a magnificent cock brown trout about 4 pounds. The only time I was in charge of the content was the strike. Then he took control and made for the timber in a heartbeat and it was over: Trout 1, Ray 0. This contest was repeated many times and the result was always the same.

I could not get this fish out of my mind. I theorised about using different strategies such as dry fly fishing, wets, tandem rigs, Czech Nymphing, early morning times, late sessions times and stainless steel tippetts but he was the monarch of this section of the river. The myriad of snags was the clincher: these heartbreakers gave him all the advantages. Did I get over it? Sort of.

I dreamt many times besting this fish but it was only in my dreams that I conquered.

This year I was driving up to the Yarra River to fish from Warburton East upstream to Reefton for a contest with some good brown trout. It was one of those days in March where the temperature was about 25 degrees and the

cloud cover ensued the fly population would be prolific, active and dancing around the river. Caddis, orange and olive stimulators and black and orange spinners would be on the menu during the day and the regular environmental flows into the Yarra resulted in the best fishing for years.

It was a good day and I had four lovely brownies from 260 to 360 millimetres which gave me the same joy releasing them as it did catching them. As the shadows became longer I thought perhaps a mudeye or muddler pattern fished along the surface just on dark just might attract some serious attention. As I waited for the period of twilight I had a sandwich and studied sections of the river that may have a good trout in residence. In a deep hole well covered with an overabundance of native shrubs I saw a rise, a very good one. Heart rate rapidly went to 140, could my optimism and skills match it?

I have tried to catch this fish before several times but there is a good reason she is still there. A larger trout is large because it is in a premium, jungle like location and they are bloody well educated against our often feeble, clumsy attempts to catch them. And yes she featured in 'trout dreams' often.

The next hour or so I planned a strategy of approach and nervously waited for the moment of engagement. So many thoughts going through my mind. Should I use a buff coloured or black muddler or perhaps a proven mudeye pattern. Will it be a couata mudeye pattern or a spider mudeye and how big? [observe the size of the dragon flies to ascertain this] What colour? Observation can assist here again.

I went back to the deep hole which required precision casting [if only I could] with the Loomis 'Streamdance' 3 weight, the right sized cordulid mud eye, [I hope], fished just right [perhaps] and a bucketload of luck. At least the poor light was working for me.

I attempted a side cast of about 10 metres to avoid about 70% of the shrubs and grass. It was a little short. Take 2 was about a metre and a half longer and I was happy. I allowed the cordulid to work on the surface or marginally below it with three short retrieves with intermittent rests. About half way to the bank there was a strike and it was bigger than the 360 mm brownie caught earlier on. It was heavier, stronger and heading for structure. Bloody hell I had to apply pressure to turn it around or I would lose it for sure; oh please not again.

I turned this feisty brownie around and followed her downstream applying pressure when I sensed danger. There was another deeper hole on my journey and I found it. The Simms had a good soaking and my extremities sought out warmer places internally. I hoped this would all be worth it. I regained upright status, a modicum of balance and resumed the contest.

It's funny what you think about when you hook up with a good trout. Is the knot still in good shape?

Should I have switched the tippet from a 3 pound to a 5 or 6 pound ? Of course I should have, it is night and a larger fish is a possibility. I can't see the bloody deeper holes anymore, where are they? Abject panic takes over and you have no idea how long you have been engaging the trout. Why is this so complicated? fishing isn't quantum physics?

Did I finally win, yes! Did I take a photo, no! All I wanted to do was minimise the lactic acid build up in the fish's muscles, unhook it quickly and hope it swam off, it did.

It was about 440 or 450 millimetres long and in superb condition: pretty good for a Yarra trout whose size made it easily discernible in the dark. Have I caught this fish again? No but almost got her to the net a couple of weeks later.

Do I still dream about my successes and tragedies with good trout, yes. What about Ursula? Oh yes, I'm old but the remaining few hormones rampage on occasions.

Tight lines.



**Trevor Jacobson's 56cm Rainbow caught on the Goulburn on the closing weekend with a Metallic Orange Pheasant Tail Nymph.**

# **Awards Night Presentations - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**\*All Awards for the 2017-2018 Season**



**Andy Elam:Club Champion 2017-2018  
also Best Stream Fish 2018  
and Winner September 2017 Thornton Club Trip  
and July 2018 Hopkins/Merri Club Trip**



**Ross Machar - Being presented with the President's Award for the 2017-2018 Season by the then President Doug Braham. Ross also won the Best Lake Fish for 2018 and the Toolondo Club Trip June 2018 at the General Meeting/Awards Night Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**



**Damien Armstrong (on Right)  
Most Improved Fly Fisher 2018  
and Winner March 2018 Dartmouth Club Trip**



**Jim Osborne  
Most Improved Fly Caster 2017-2018**





**Gordon Whatley (On Right)  
Winner : October 2017 Fly-In Club Trip**



**Trevor Jacobson (On Right)  
Winner November 2017 Omeo Club Trip  
and May 2018 Howqua Club Trip**

**\*Congratulations and well done to all Winners !!!!**

## **First Trout Caught on a Self Tied Fly**

First Trout recently caught by new club Member Craig Preyer on a self tied Black Woolley Buggar on a small stream near Eildon.  
Well Done Craig !!!!





**Another Trout caught by one of Craig's Killer Flies !!!**

# 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)





**Damien Armstrong's Marysville 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 Tier's 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.



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# Fly of the Month



## Prince Nymph

Though it has the overall profile of a stonefly nymph, the Prince Nymph is a great general nymph pattern, effective on both rivers and lakes. It's body is formed by twisting strands of peacock herl over lead wire. The tail and wing are goose biots.

Originated in the 1930's by Minnesota brothers Don and Dick Olson, and popularized shortly thereafter by western angler Doug Prince for whom it was subsequently named; the Prince Nymph (a.k.a. the Forked Tail Nymph) has long proven not only one of trout angling's most widely and easily recognized fly patterns, but arguably one the deadliest ever created too! An exceptionally effective and much beloved subsurface favorite, and one that no successful trout angler's fly box should ever be without; let's give tying the modern Beadhead Prince Nymph a try.

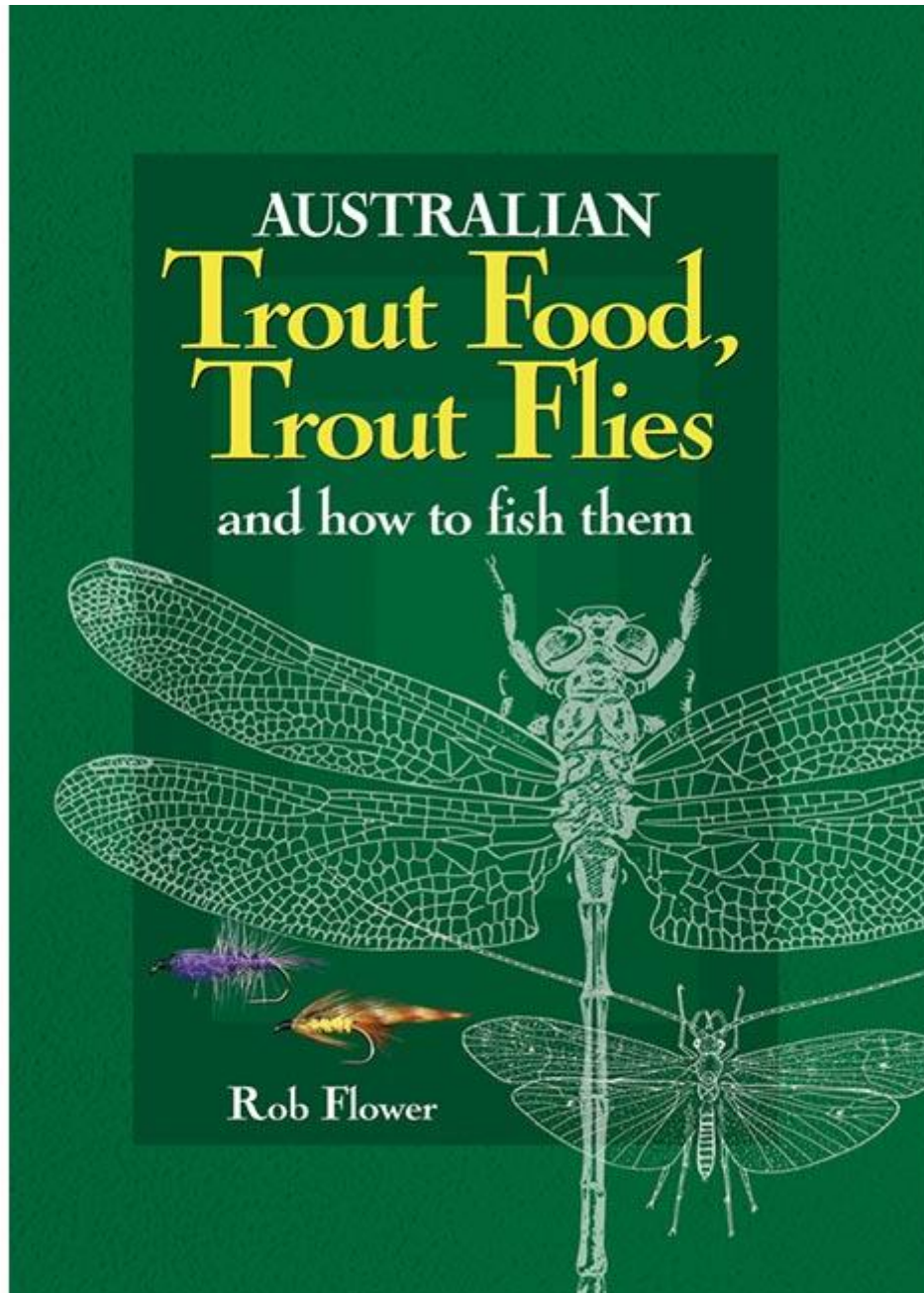
### Recipe / Materials List

- Hook: 1xl to 2xl Nymph/Wet Sizes 10 - 18
- Bead: Gold Cyclops Eye or Tungsten
- Weight: Round Lead Wire or Lead-Free Sub
- Thread: 6/0 Danville's 70-denier Flymaster (or similar)
- Tail: Brown Stripped Goose Biots
- Rib: Gold Ultra-Wire or Gold Oval Tinsel
- Body: Long Strung Peacock Herl
- Collar: Brown Hen Neck (or similar)
- Wing: White Stripped Goose Biots

Reference: The fly tying bible by Peter Gathercole, [stonriveroutfitters.com](http://stonriveroutfitters.com)

# Library

## Book Of The Month



***Australian Trout Food, Trout Flies and How to Catch Them* covers Australian insects in detail, and looks at the fish flies that imitate them. This is the best guide to fly fishers wanting to match Australian insects with the correct fly, outlines more than 200 Aussie fly patterns.**





**New Member Bernard and Grand Daughter Imogen learning to Cast on Sunday Mornings.**



**YVFF Members on the Eildon Pondage Club Trip June 2019.**

**The Next General Meeting  
Will be held  
On July 11<sup>th</sup> 2019  
At 7.30 pm**

**From the Editor's Desk.**

We trust you enjoy reading the June 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 August Edition is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.**

Tight lines to you all.

Owen.

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