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#### **Blast From The Past.**

#### **Paul demonstrating Fly Tying at the 4x4 Fishing Show**

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT JUNE 2020**

### **and**

## **Committee Recommendations**

My last report to the club members was at the March General Meeting when life was almost normal just before the whole country was shut down due to the Covid 19 virus.

As the spread of the virus is coming under control and the Government is starting to relax some of the restrictions it is time to start planning to recommence club activities when possible even if some time away.

Committee members have had several informal meetings and there have been numerous phone discussions and emails during the shutdown as to what club activities could recommence subject to current restrictions such as social distancing and floor area restrictions.

Currently our biggest problem is that the Yarra Ranges Council will not allow us to have access to the community hall or the toilet facilities and kitchen. In discussions with the council they have advised that we could have limited access to our clubroom but nothing else which would limit the number of members within our clubroom to six members at any one time.

The council has also advised that we would also be obliged to comply with all the current restrictions, social distancing 1.5m. and 4 square metre rules and have a sanitation, hygiene and cleanliness procedure in place before, during and after our use of the clubroom.

The council has also advised that they are currently preparing a procedure for cleaning their community buildings and that as the community centre is used by many local clubs

that until they complete their policy document for the use of community facilities, which will not be until July at least, the facilities will not reopen.

The committee also has to consider the ongoing issues of governance and administration of the club such as the 2020 AGM, election of officers, fixing of 20/21 membership fees, audit of club finances all of which happen in the next few months.

Because our model rules do not ever consider a pandemic event there are no provisions as to what we can do to vary the requirements of our rules to allow for the pandemic.

I have had discussions with Consumer Affairs regarding the difficulty in complying with their model rules for Associations and our rules because of the virus and they have now listed a special Covid19 amendment with provisions for clubs to apply for a 3 month extension to the requirements of their club rules with regard to the governance and administration requirements.

The Committee is therefore proposing that the club secretary makes two applications for an extension of time of three months one to hold our 2020 AGM and also one to prepare our Financial statements on the assumption that by September this year the club will be functioning again otherwise we may need to make further applications.

We are also proposing that as the club is currently not functioning properly and so that existing members are not inconvenienced, existing memberships continue until the AGM is held and that after the 2020 AGM the fees for both existing and new memberships for 20/21 are prorated until the next AGM in June 2021.

Club trips can now be organised subject to restrictions as fishing is now permitted however it will still be subject to whatever restrictions apply until all are lifted which may not be until a vaccine is developed.

Casting activities can continue with up to 20 members on Sundays as long as social distancing is complied with. We could access the club room only to obtain casting equipment from the casting cupboard as long as hand sanitiser and wipes were used prior to, during use and finally when closing the room.

Fly tying because it requires the use of the community room cannot commence until council will permit the club to use of the whole facility. When access is permitted fly tying could commence as noted in my page in the June Fly Line.

So you can all see from the above that our club can only operate in a very limited way for some time in the future depending on the restrictions put in place by the Government, the State Government and the Council and the future development of a vaccine after which life can slowly return to normal.

The committee would like feedback from all members on their own thoughts regarding all of the above. please contact any of the committee or you can ring me or SMS me on 0418 310 792 or email anytime.

Lynton Reid  
President

## **YVFF Secretary's Report June 2020**

Having such a restricted opportunity to fish this year and with the rivers closed, it's a great opportunity to sharpen our lake fishing skills. There are many lakes around that are stocked including our own Lilydale Lake and with school holidays approaching more trout will go in. I encourage you all to not put away your rods for winter but to get out and enjoy our lakes.

I am continuing to receive newsletters and publications that I have listed here. If you'd like some excellent reading just drop me a line.

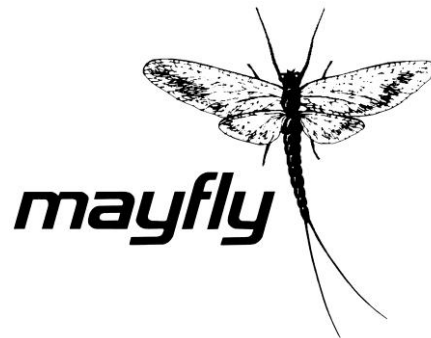
Stay safe and I look forward to catching up with you all on the lawn or a lake somewhere soon.

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VFFA June Flylines newsletter  
CVFFC membership invoice  
GVFF Centre promo  
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation news (magazine) and efish  
Vic and Tas Fishing Monthly June 2020  
VR Fish Competition flyer  
Maroondah City Council News  
Yarra Ranges council Notice to sporting clubs around reopening, Return to training guidelines, Community sport grant application.  
GFFC Tippet topics June 2020  
SAFFA June bulletin  
Go Fish Nagambie  
John Flies Fly factory Ltd flyer  
Red Tag Fly Fishers newsletter  
Consumer Affairs Vic Covid Application to delay AGM  
Bunnings BBQ advice

Paul Pavone  
Secretary.



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## **Huge Tyenna Browns.**

In the south west of Tasmania flows a river pristine and treed,  
It's a trophy river with serious trout and it was calling me.  
Its trout feed tales of legends up to 12 kilograms or more,  
I dreamed of catching a huge one for its photo on the wall.  
My early trips were good ones with many browns each day,  
With browns to 2kgs and others, they all did come to play,  
On a particular day a trout I noticed, very large and strong,  
My heart did pound, my mouth was dry, was it 80 cms long?  
It turned and powered down the river, a tail like the fin of a shark,  
Gone in a flash, a surge and a splash, I moped on a log until dark.  
For the rest of this trip I contemplated how, when and which fly,  
I shall keep pursuing this spotted monster until the day I die.  
The flies you ask, they are national secrets, even ASIO doesn't know,  
But I shall tell you flyfishers, they're magnets wherever you may go.  
A brown spider mudeye fished below or a cordulid working on top,  
The Tyenna browns from small to big keep taking them til you drop.  
Did I catch this big fella? Nah; not another sighting again,  
I obsessed continually about this trout, it truly tortured my brain.  
But that February was a good one I caught thirty fish or more,  
And a couple around 2 kilograms, they were real fighters for sure.  
You are reading and wondering, did he ever catch a huge brown?  
Or in his dreams a spotted monster, conceded on the ground .  
Well on another trip to Tyenna I perchance hooked into a trout,



He was very large and powerful and he certainly worked me out.  
This fish was about 6 kilograms and so muscular and smart,  
He didn't play by the rule book, he had special defensive arts.  
He drew me into dangerous places, where I was likely to fail,  
My torn skin and bloody grazes left a very prominent trail.  
There were pools with fallen, jagged trees with sharp bits on logs,  
Pools so dangerous to the biomass, I feared for endangered frogs.  
For twenty minutes I battled bravely, I was always losing this fight,  
This huge brown with bad attitude was smashing me all right.  
It ended just before dusk, the failing tippet indicated 'No More'.  
My body and gear; carnage, battered literally to the core,  
My protagonist swam off slowly, he was totally exhausted too,  
We must respect big Tyenna Browns.  
I bow to them; do you?  
Ray Buckland.



# **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 RISE FORM MEANS AND HOW TO FISH EACH ONE**

LYNTON REID : 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019







**New Zealand Water Spider Fly**



**Tarata Water Spider**

## International Cat and Mouse Games

Earlier this year I returned to NZ North Island with my friend Tony and during the week we had one day fishing the back country, hiring a helicopter to take us to a remote river section, and then to later pick us up again 6 km further up the river. Most good pools in this river had a ratio of 4:1 rainbow/ brown trout in them, ranging from 3 to 10 + lb, so the fishing was excellent. Strong river bred wild trout in cold fast flowing water, with brilliant sunshine, and with our guide to help us spot fish, and to carry our lunch and drinks.

At the head of a beautiful pool stood a pyramid shaped granite rock, with deep dark water behind the rock and then a 100 meter high cliff on the opposite bank; a prime spot for a big trout!

Tony snuck up behind the rock and cast upstream above the dark water, using a dry and heavy nymph combination and hooked up to a very lively rainbow trout.

The trout immediately headed downstream between the rock and the cliff and Tony had to lift his rod, and only just managed to keep his leader above the top of the pyramid as the big trout headed south. Phew! That was close. The fish took off so quickly! The fish was now safely in a large clear open pool area where the likelihood of landing the fish seemed assured, but then, all of a sudden, out of nowhere, a " big cat" appeared! A huge black eel was slowly swimming upstream across the pool, aiming straight for Tony's big rainbow. Yells from our guide to keep the fish away from the eel told us that this was serious. The guide then tried to grab the fly line to help pull the fish clear of the approaching eel, but the fish had already seen the eel and shot away to the other side. The eel followed.

For the next two minutes it was " Cat and Mouse " , guiding the fish away from the chasing eel, or lightening the drag to allow the fish to evade the attacking eel. It really was a live action cat and mouse chase right in front of our eyes. That eel must have been over 5 feet long, and called a long finned eel. I estimate that it would weigh 15-20 lb, maybe more. Being both innovative and dumb, I decided to teach the eel to show better manners, and belted the water in front of the eel with my wading stick. Good idea Ross! The eel took no notice what-so-ever, but the trout shit itself and charged off behind the rock, and Tony could have easily lost the fish, thanks to my great idea. Luckily, Tony coaxed the fish back out in to the fighting arena,! And finally skimmed the fish shorewards into the guide's net. It weighed 5.5 lb, and with the eel having departed the pool, yet another fantastic New Zealand trout, was released back in to the wild, to fight another day.

What can I say? EEL BE BIGGER NEXT YEAR!!!!

Ross Machar ( Stumpy).





**Tony's Trout**



**"The Chase"**

# Fly of the Month



## Amy's Ant

Designed and tied by industry legend, Jack Dennis, the Amy's Ant was brought to the forefront of our industry when it was the hands down winner in the 1999 "Jackson Hole One Fly" contest. Jack named the fly for his daughter, Amy. Ever since then, people have regarded this fly as legendary and among the best out there. Comprised of synthetics, such as foam and rubber legs, with a hint of natural in the form of elk hair and hackle, this fly covers the bases as a fun and relatively easy pattern to tie. This is a most effective general terrestrial pattern that crosses well for hoppers and stoneflies or just food falling from the sky. In red, olive brown or multi coloured rainbows, browns, cutthroat and brookies all want to eat this fly. Make it move, dance, skate...the Amy's Ant crushes it when you give a little "action" to it.

When you're heading out early season River fishing in Victoria carry a hand full of Stone Fly patterns both golden and black, both nymph and dry and give them a float, you may be pleasantly surprised how effective they can be. Amy's Ant pattern is an excellent Stone Fly imitation and proven trout catcher. Experiment with colours and sizes and have fun.

Dry fly hook – size 6 to 16

Thread - tan or brown 6/0

Under body - 2mm craft foam colour tan, black, brown, olive or funky.

Over body - 2mm craft foam colour as above

Legs - medium brown rubber, 2 at front, 2 at back.

Hackle - light brown palmered.

Body - olive crystal chenille or substitute.

Under wing - Pearl or rainbow crystal flash

Over wing - Elk or Deer hair

Thorax - peacock dubbing or substitute.

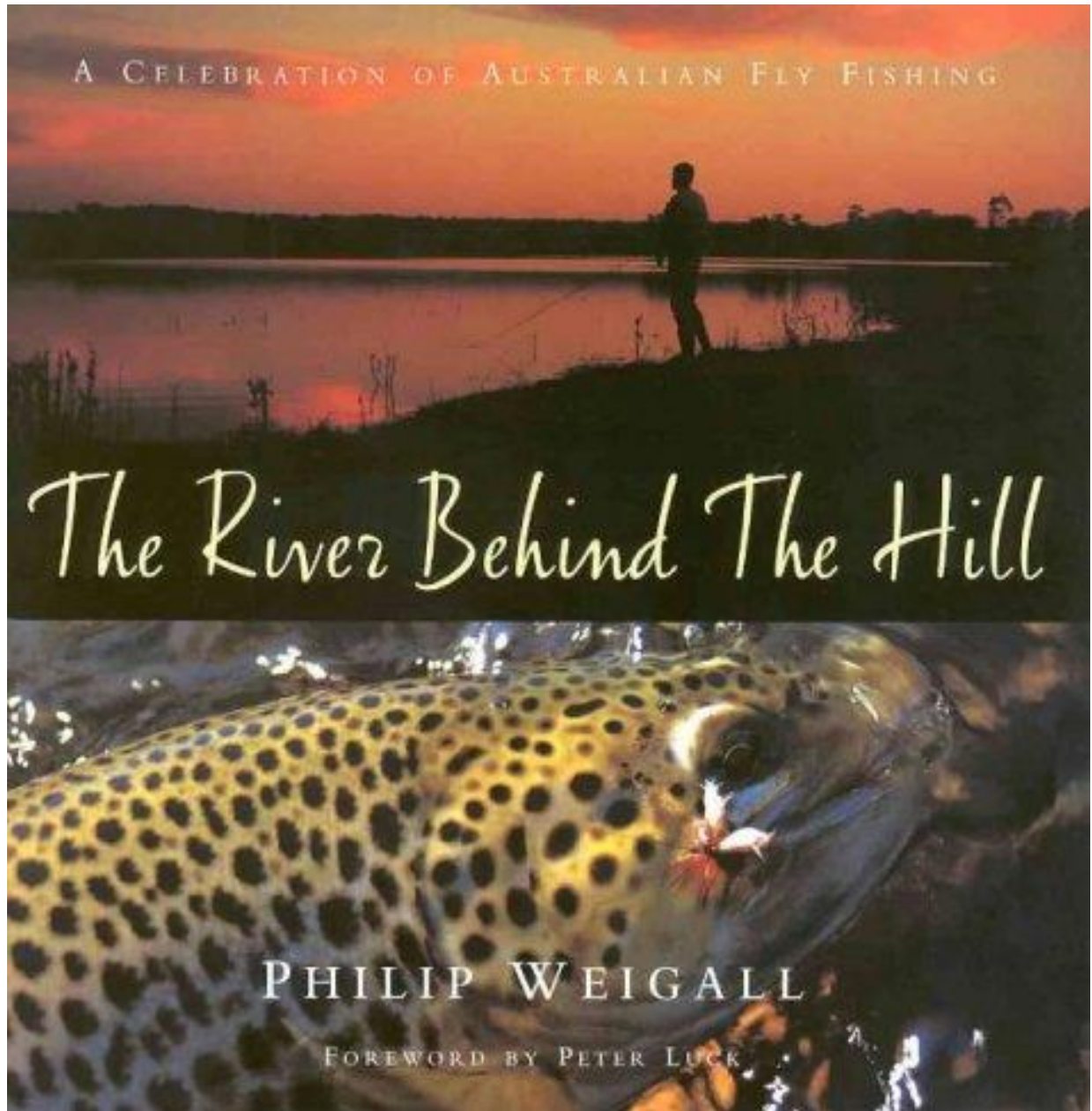
Indicator- Yellow 2 mm craft foam

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# Library

## Book Of The Month



A pictorial tribute to Fly Fishing. Fly fishing anecdotes are complemented by brief technical tips and photographs. Each chapter focuses on a different Australian fly fishing destination, and consists of humorous anecdotes, followed by a technical fishing note that links up with the chapter's story. The accompanying photographs evoke the beauty of the ancient art of fly fishing. A section is also devoted to providing a regional overview of fly fishing destinations in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania.

# Stalker Flex-Fit Fly Pant

Every jeans brand in the world makes stretch denim, yet for fly fishers, we have stayed with old school cotton and nylon. Seemed ridiculous, so we set about making fishing pants that were comfortable, breathable, functional, but most importantly allowed all the movement you could handle, deep casual pockets, plus a couple of zippered safety pockets and a serious belt... and the NEW Stalker Fly Fishing Flex-Fit pants were born and ready to take on every fly fishing journey imaginable. Only \$99.00



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Victorian Fisheries Authority Recently Stocked Lilydale Lake with 1000  
Two Year Old Rainbow Trout.

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

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

Please keep all your Fishy Photo's and Stories coming as they are greatly appreciated by your fellow Members especially while we can go fishing again and as we are endeavouring to continue to publish a Fly Line By Line every month.

**Deadline for Contributions for the July Edition  
is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

**Stay Safe and Healthy : Look after yourselves.**

Owen.

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