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**Front Cover:** New Secretary, Anthony Heiser, is also new to fly fishing but that didn't stop him from catching plenty of mullet and bream on fly at our last outing.

The newsletter will look a little different this month with new people in leadership roles and new reports to read.

What hasn't changed is that it will continue to keep you informed on what is happening and highlight what members have been doing. Even if you don't have time to read the whole newsletter, it's worth keeping a copy on file so you can check back on dates.

Distant member, Peter Sewell, has written an article for us about a trip to remember. It's on my bucket list along with a few other places I want to visit before it's too late. There's always room in the newsletter for more stories, reports and photos from members each month.

Not all photos make the newsletter so if you want to see more of what has been happening don't forget our Club Flickr account.

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/coffs\\_fly\\_fishers/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/coffs_fly_fishers/)

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# Club Executive 2023-24



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# Club Committee 2023-24



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# President's Annual Report 2023



Another year has passed by very quickly and it has certainly been a privilege to hold the position of President. Without doubt this club is one of the most inclusive groups that I have ever been involved with. There are a lot of differences in fishing preferences i.e. salt, fresh, trout, bass, cod salmon etc. but we all work well together and accept that there are differences. I think our love of fly fishing and our awareness of the different styles, methods, techniques etc. helps make the club a more accepting group.

I assumed the position of President after our inaugural President, Kevin, became too ill to continue. I endeavoured to follow in Kevin's footsteps but it was a pretty hard act to follow and my proof reading skills, as Allan found, were nowhere near up to scratch. Kevin's chance meeting with Allan saw the foundations and development of this

club. Unfortunately, we lost Kevin in October of last year. I attended and spoke on behalf of the club at his funeral, and from hearing the other speakers it was obvious what an outstanding and well-respected man he was. Vale Kevin.

Onto the club itself. A big thank you to all the members of the club for your continued support and involvement to keep the wheels turning. To quote from the AI generated notes I acquired - *"without your enthusiasm, support and active participation, our club would not thrive as it does. Your dedication to the sport of fly fishing has made our club a welcoming and vibrant community, fostering lifelong friendships and memorable experiences. It has also been a pleasure to watch your skills and passion flourish throughout the year."*

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A big thankyou also to the members of the executive team and committee who work behind the scenes to ensure we continue as a prosperous club.

For the past year, the regular Tuesday casting sessions have certainly turned into a cornerstone of our club's activities. The skills development that has been implemented is certainly seeing our members progress with their casting ability, not to mention the wonderful social aspect of the morning. As per the last few years, the outings away from our area provide our members with the opportunity to travel and experience fishing opportunities on offer in other regions. The Dunmore outing is one that I look forward to but the other venues are varied with Swansea Salmon, New England Cod, Hunter Bass, Keepit Carp, Southern Qld. Saratoga etc. all on offer.

The fly tying evenings continue to be well patronised. The variation in flies that are tied, or can be tied, makes it an evening that should cover everyone's interests. The Casting and Fishing Hall of Fame is another progressive and encouraging addition. Thank you to Jim and Allan for the effort that has gone into getting this up and running.

At this stage I would like to announce that I will not be seeking re-election as president for the next term and will step down to enable new leadership to keep the club on the move.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and friendship during my term as President and I look forward to seeing the club continue in the years to come.

*Doug*



Our new president Glenn Colquhoun and secretary Anthony Heiser are ready to lead the club into a new year. Things will be different as they put their stamp on how the club runs and the directions that it will take. They will be guided by a committee that is represented by members from all parts of our region and all styles of fly fishing. Decisions will continue to be made at Committee level and members are encouraged to contribute to the agenda and are welcome to sit in on meetings.

Outgoing president Doug, commented on the inclusiveness of the Club and I am sure this will continue as we follow our mission of sharing, learning and having fun. Doug played a major role in keeping the club together and ensuring that everyone got on well and kept in mind we are only a fly fishing club, not the United Nations. Mind you, on some of our extended trips, the late-night discussions often tried to solve the problems of the world!

On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Doug for his work as president. He was always there when something needed doing and nothing was ever too hard. I'm sure he will continue to support the club in the same way and we can look forward to many more stories and fishing trips together.

*Editor*

# From the Secretary



The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 17 July 2023 at North Beach Bowling and Recreation Club Mylestom. After Doug presented his President's Report and the Club's financial statements, all committee positions were declared vacant and nominations were called from the floor.

As Allan was standing down from his position as Secretary, I decided to put up my hand to help the club out. With no other nominations, I was duly elected. I was impressed by the level of enthusiasm from the members volunteering for the committee, and it did not take long before we filled all 13 executive and committee positions. Congratulations to the all those appointed at the AGM.

I would like to thank Doug Urquhart and Allan Ekert for their tireless efforts in their role as President and Secretary. I certainly have some very big shoes to fill as the new Secretary. This will be a learning curve for me being secretary of a Club I only joined in April 2021. However, I am grateful for everyone's guidance so far and I hope to draw on my previous experience.

Prior to joining the Club in April 2021, I worked for the Australian Government in Canberra and served on the Committee of the [Canberra Fisherman's Club](#) for 11 years (serving in every role except Club Recorder). I am still a member of the Canberra Fisherman's Club, which allows me to remain an active member with the Australian National Sportsfishing Association (ANSA).

I am a committee member of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of New South Wales since 2019 and was also Secretary of the Capital Region Fishing Alliance (CRFA) from 2013 until it disbanded in 2020. The CRFA represented the Canberra Fisherman's Club, ACT Fly Fishers, Canberra Anglers Association, the Queanbeyan Anglers Club, the Vikings Fishing Club, and the Monaro Acclimatisation Society.

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I only took up fly fishing in November 2013. Prior to that, my main angling passion was beach fishing. Moving from subtropical Brisbane to Canberra in 2004 sparked an interest in Trout fishing. But my mediocre hand-eye coordination and the perceived difficulties involved put me off fly fishing.

Fortunately, a fly fisherman named [Stephen Dunn](#) helped demystify fly fishing and gave me many hours of free tuition (this was payment in kind for a hot mug of coffee I gave him one blizzardy day on Lake Eucumbene, but I'll save that story for a later Newsletter).

Canberra Fisherman's Club offered great opportunities for those wanting to pursue sportsfishing, but I was one of two members that regularly fly fished. Being in a club has taught me that you learn more when fishing with others. So, when work transferred me to Coffs Harbour, it was a no brainer which Club I needed to join if I wanted to improve my fly fishing.

I am grateful to the Coffs Coast Fly Fishers Club for the opportunities I have had to improve my fly fishing since joining in 2021. The club has also opened my eyes to different ways of running a fishing club. I look forward to the next 12-months as Secretary and hope to quickly settle into my new role.



A selfie with a Carp on fly at the Canberra Fisherman's Club 2019 Burrinjuck Convention.



My other passion is beach fishing. Coila Beach, Tuross, June 2022.



An Ebor trout on fly proving my hand-eye coordination is getting better.

*Anthony*



## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was well attended and all positions were filled. If you haven't worked out who is doing what from the first few pages of the newsletter, here it is in detail:

**President:** Glenn Colquhoun  
**Vice President:** Greg Artlett  
**Secretary:** Anthony Heiser  
**Minute Secretary:** Ray Phipps  
**Membership Secretary:** Allan Ekert  
**Treasurer:** David Small  
**Public Officer:** David Small  
**Newsletter Editor:** Allan Ekert  
**Committee:** Doug Urquhart, Murray Robinson, Tom Trefz, Mike Ferris, Jim Way, Brian Bevan, Brian Mighell, Allan Ekert  
**Facebook Admin:** Jason Stratford  
**Fly Master Awards:** Jim Wray

There was only one motion passed at the AGM and that was regarding membership fees which are to stay the same this year.

## August Meeting

The next meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August will commence at **6.00pm** at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club Mylestom. Preceding this, there will be a meeting of the new Committee at 5.00pm.

The meeting will feature fishing reports from Dunmore. For those who went please bring your most successful fly to show. There will be time for questions and answers about Dunmore and a decision will need to be made about whether it should be on the calendar again next year.

The usual raffle will be conducted with prizes drawn on the night. All tickets will be retained for the next major raffle which will be a saltwater fly box and flies.

The winner of the last major prize was Bill Anderson who took away a fish smoker donated by Michael Ferris and a Tasmanian handcrafted wooden landing net.



## Tuesday Casting Group

Casting will continue this month on Tuesdays unless there is a need to cancel due to the weather or other circumstances. If you turn up at the Mylestom Cricket Oval at 10.00am to find no one there, check the Newsletter, Facebook or your emails; or drive to the end of the road at the Café and see if we have moved to the shelter shed there.

The timetable is as follows:  
9.45am - Arrive ready for 10.00am start.  
10.00am - 11.00am how-to sessions and casting  
11am till 11.30am morning tea  
11.30 am till 12 noon more casting.

After casting you are welcome to join the group that goes to the café for lunch.

In August the group will be:

- Casting at Mylestom on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Essential Foundations with Garry Hambly
- Casting Games at Mylestom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>
- Casting at Mylestom on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>
- Casting at Mylestom on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Fishing at Valla Beach on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

For more information on the Tuesday Casting Group, you can contact Allan on 0427457725.

## Essential foundations - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

Starting next Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> South Pacific Fly Rods Australia owner & founder, Garry Hambly FFI CCI will be launching an Essential Foundations Program to complement our current Mid-week Tuesday Casting Days. Our regular Tuesday Club Casting days are well attended, and attendees are noticeably improving their casting skills within our programs. This Essential Foundations Program on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, will aim at laying a consistent foundation of the 5 Essentials of Fly Casting, developed by Bill Gammel FFI MCI which continues to be the most recognized fly casting foundational guide, and terminology used, when talking and teaching fly casting.

If you're unfamiliar or not completely understanding of the recognized 5 Essentials of Fly Casting it may very well be your answer to over-coming problem areas or roadblocks in the advancement of your fly casting skills.

Our FFI CCI casting instructors Garry & Allan, are constantly referring to the **5 Essentials of Fly Casting** and we believe introducing this regular concentrated approach one Tuesday each month will underpin all past, present and future programs within our very popular CCFFC regular fly casting mornings.

We will be providing all attendees next Tuesday morning a print-out of the **5 Essentials of Fly Casting**, but why not get yourself a head start and do some research on the 5 essentials prior to the day!

*Garry Hambly FFI CCI*

## Fly Tying

Our next fly tying night will be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August at **6.00pm** at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club in the Osprey room out the back. Anyone who is interested in learning about tying flies will be most welcome.

This month Glenn will be teaching us how to tie a Clouser Minnow. You can find out about this fly and see the tying instruction later in the newsletter.



All the materials and hooks you will need to tie the fly will be supplied at a cost of \$5 if you register early enough.

The winner of the fly tying competition for a fly that will catch an Australian Salmon was Jason Stratford with his 'Salmon Rushed-deez'.



The fly for next month will be anything made from foam. The options are endless so start thinking and tying. A trip to Spotlight, Bunnings or any of the bargain stores should provide a cheap supply of all the foam you might need.

## August Outings

There is only one outing this month and that is the Swansea Salmon Classic. All the details were in the last newsletter and if you want to go you need to register with Jeff at the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club as soon as possible. At this stage, there are 5 of our members attending.



Pip pointing out Jason's winning fly.



If you are going to Swansea after salmon, or just want a fly to chase the local trevally and tailor, you need some Surf Candies. Here, Jeff Yates, from the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club provides some notes on how to tie a Surf Candy.

"Salmon are our mainstay target on the coast from May to say September. I have seen them caught on all types, styles and sizes of flies. Having said that, I am about consistency and matching the hatch. If the salmon are into a school of anchovies say 65mm long, you will get more hook-ups on a look alike fly. My choice is the surf candy, tied in two sizes 65 and 85mm. Here is the recipe I use

**Hook:** Gamakatsu SL12S hook, sizes 2-4

**Thread:** Clear monofilament

**Belly:** White or Polar Bear Ultra Hair, Super Hair or Unique hair

**Flash Stripe:** Pearl Flashabou or similar, depending on effect and colour desired

**Back:** Ultra Hair, Super Hair or Unique Hair in darker colour to imitate back of baitfish. I use light grey but you can use chartreuse, tan, light blue

**Resin Overlay:** Epoxy, blue light-cured, or UV-cured clear resin

**Eyes:** Flat stick-on eyes

**Gill Slash:** Line made with red waterproof marker if needed.

Tie in materials behind eye, starting with white, just a few strands of flash, then grey Unique hair, about half the thickness of the white. Apply eyes after the first coat of UV resin, then apply a second or more coats. Entire fly should be around a thin pencil size.

On completion, clean resin head with metho, then apply Hard as Nails nail polish."

Good luck, it's our go to fly..... *Jeff*



## Tuesday Outings

The Tuesday casting group has a fishing outing each month to put their casting skills into practice. You don't have to be a member of the casting group to attend these outing. They are not advertised as Club Outings but anyone can join in. There is no set venue or date as the group makes the decision about when and where they would like to go fishing. It's always land based and not too far from home so we can have morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch and be home for afternoon tea.

This month we are fishing at Valla Beach on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone is welcome to come along.

If you want to register or find out more information, just get in contact. You need to let us know if you are coming for catering purposes. The morning tea and lunch are provided free of charge from the donations we collect in the coffee jar each week at casting.



Socializing is an important part of our fishing and casting days.

# Club Calendar 2023

The 2023 Club Calendar is provided to give you an overview of what might happen and an opportunity to plan ahead. It will change throughout the year as needed. Check the monthly newsletter or website for latest details.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No general meeting or outing this month <b>Committee Meeting</b> Mon 16th	<b>Committee Meeting</b> Mylestom Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	<b>Seniors Week Try Fly Fishing</b> Mylestom Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Lake Borumba</b> Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> (Murray) <b>Bass Outing</b> at Taylors Arm Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> (Doug)	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom
MARCH	<b>Learn Fly Fishing at Ebor</b> Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Group 1 <b>Tuesday Casting Group Resumes</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Bens Falls Retreat</b> Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> (Allan) <b>Learn Fly Fishing at Ebor</b> Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Group 2 <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom
APRIL	<b>Home Waters</b> Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> (Glenn) <b>Stuarts Point</b> Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> (Mike) <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Major Raffle Drawn
MAY	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> (Allan) <b>Cast a Fly Rod Day</b> Date & venue to be decided <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom
JUNE	<b>Macksville</b> Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June (Glenn) <b>Lake St Clair</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom
JULY	<b>Home Waters</b> Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Allan) <b>Dunmore Waters</b> Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Major Raffle Drawn
AUGUST	<b>Swansea Salmon Classic</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Mylestom
SEPTEMBER	<b>Battle of the Bread Fly</b> (Mullet Mash) Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Gathering @ Gumma</b> Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> (Pip) <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> <b>(Buy/Swap/Sell Meet)</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom
OCTOBER	<b>A1 Flats Fishing Workshop Woolgoolga</b> Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> TBC <b>Grafton Bass Weekend</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mylestom Major Raffle Drawn
NOVEMBER	<b>Fly Fishing Workshop Ebor</b> Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> (Co-ordinator needed) <b>Keepit Carp Caper</b> Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> (co-ordinator needed) <b>Fly Tying</b> Mylestom Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b> Mylestom
DECEMBER	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> (co-ordinator needed) <b>Christmas Gathering BBQ Valla</b> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Club Meeting</b> Christmas Raffle Drawn



# Battle of the Bread Fly 2023

Formerly known as The Mullet Mash, the inaugural **Battle of the Bread Fly** will be held on our home waters on the Bellinger River at Mylestom on:

**Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**



Start from the Mylestom boat ramp at 7.30 am.  
Finishing at 12 noon. Lunch 12.30pm. Presentation 1pm.

This will be a fun competition with anglers only able to use bread flies. All fish caught to be photographed on a brag mat or similar measuring device. Absolutely no fish, dead or alive, will be eligible. There are no prizes except for the glory of being crowned champion. The champion will be the person with the most points verified by photos on a brag board.

Point Score: 5 points for first fish in each different species  
1 point for each additional fish of the same species

**Cost \$10** per person. This includes:  
4 bread flies, sausage sandwiches for lunch, bread for burley.



Members are asked to team up in boats to take advantage of being able to fish anywhere in the Bellinger/Kalang Rivers. If you don't have a boat or kayak and can't find a ride let us know and we will ferry you to various land-based spots. Inexperienced fly fishers will be helped by members sharing their knowledge and skills.

There will be a briefing at 7.15am at the boat ramp at Mylestom where bread for burley will be distributed and information on where to fish will be supplied.

**You MUST register for this event by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

**Contact: Allan on 0427457725 or Greg on 0427689400**



# Gathering @ Gumma

7th - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Calling all club members to gather at Gumma Reserve via Macksville to enjoy a day, weekend, or four days of fly fishing, casting and fly tying. Fish, cast, tie, learn and socialize with fellow club members.



Fish Warrell Creek and the Nambucca River from the bank, by boat or by kayak. Target species on fly such as bass, bream, flathead, whiting and trevally.

The club will provide facilities for morning and afternoon tea each day and a sausage sizzle on Saturday night. Bring your own food and camping equipment if you intend to stay. Come for the day or stay for a while. The reserve has toilets, cold showers, a boat ramp and picnic tables. There is no cost for day visits. Camp sites are \$17 single or \$22 double per night. There are no bookings so get there early if you want to pick your camp site. Club members will be on site from Thursday morning. For details of the Reserve see:

<https://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/development-amp-planning/gumma/gumma-camping-reserve.pdf>

You will have opportunities to fish some of the best waterways in our district. Fish upstream for bass or downstream for all the estuary species. Local members will share their knowledge.

Come and join in this club outing to catch fish on fly, and share, learn and have fun. Bring your boat, canoe, kayak, SUP or fish from the bank.

**You MUST register for this event.**

**contact: Brian (Pip) on 0490469562 or Allan on 0427457725**



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club, Mylestom**



**Buy/Swap/Sell from 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

This is a regular club meeting night but the only business will be buying, selling and swapping. Bring your unwanted fly and general fishing gear to sell or swap. Bring your money (cash only) to find a bargain. Come for a chat. Come for a meal. Make sure you are there.

**For more information phone Anthony on 0402560880**



# Swimming Flies

What do you do when it's too wet to go casting on Tuesdays ... we swim flies!

Last month we had one of those days where the weather prevented us from doing our usual casting in the park and rather than staying home and watching the rain fall, about a dozen members turned up at the shelter shed at Mylestom for a show and tell session.



We tied twisted leaders, watched how to make a furred leader and the most interesting session was presented by Murray when he talked about swimming flies.

Most people can tie a fly but not everyone can tie one that swims correctly. Having a fly that keels the right way up is important, especially for saltwater flies. You can watch how they look in the water when you go fishing but it is too late to do much about it if the fly doesn't swim properly. The best way is to test you fly before you put it in your fly box ready to fish.

Murray is a perfectionist when it comes to tying saltwater flies. He built himself a swim tank to test his flies but it was big and bulky. He then discovered [The Fly Tester](#) which is a compact tank that creates a steady circular flow of water with adjustable flow control, allowing up to 3 flies to be tested. It works well for streamers, saltwater flies, nymphs and emergers.



Using The Fly Tester Murray can make sure all his flies swim correctly and catch fish. Murray bought his Fly Tester from [BWC Flies](#), one of our Club supporters. You can watch how it works by clicking on the video below.



# Fishing Reports

Sam Biddle & Garry Hambly fished the closing weekend at Dorrigo. They both hooked and landed or jumped and dropped around 15 Rainbow Trout each. Despite the rain it was a great day.



Biggest SMILE of the day



Dorrigo Rainbow in pristine condition



Smiling Duo



Sam & Wet Rainbow



Garry has just returned from his 7<sup>th</sup> fly fishing trip to Japan. *"I spent 8 hectic days in the Japanese highlands. The fishing and scenery alongside the food and sightseeing were amazing. Targeting only Trout this trip with my NX 7'6" 3wt. On one particular day I managed to catch 4 separate trout species. It was a fantastic trip!"*

(Japanese Name - Common name)



Iwana - Native White Spotted Char



Nijimasu - Rainbow Trout in the misty rain



Crystal Clear Highland Pools



Sakura-masu - Cherry Blossom Trout



Yamame - Native Painted Trout

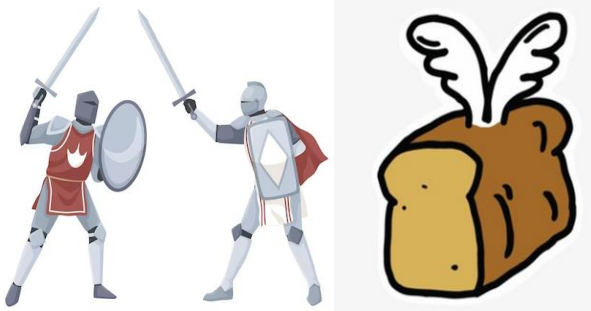


Another Club member who has been overseas recently is Tom Clancy. He's just back from the North Island of New Zealand with stories of great winter fishing for quality browns and rainbows. You will probably get to read the story in an upcoming edition of FlyLife Magazine but here are a couple of photos to whet your appetite.



Nijimasu - Rainbow Trout at Twilight





The Mullet Mash was changed to the *Battle of the Bread fly* because we usually catch more bream than mullet on a bread fly. With this fun competition coming up next month, everyone has been getting in some practice. You would think it would be easy to catch these fish once there is a bit of bread in the water. Unfortunately, the birds like the bread too and the movement and noise soon put the fish down.

Steve Rampant and David Small have got the bream and mullet worked out and will do well at the Battle of the Bread Fly.





Our July outing saw 10 members and 5 boats explore the Bellinger River for Flathead, bream and mullet.



Anthony found with some lighter tippet and a skipper with a small boat which could get into some tight water, the bream and mullet were there to be caught.





John came down from the mountain and he and Jim managed to get among the Flathead in the river.

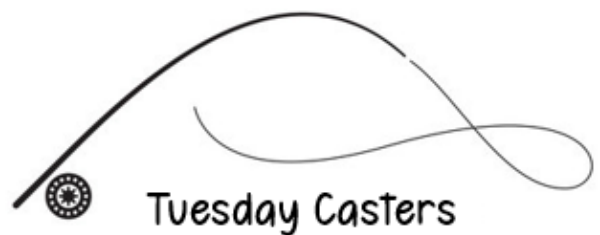
David Lindsay shows he knows how to catch bream on bread flies.



Glenn's all smiles about this Flathead



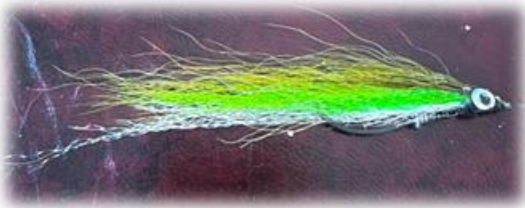
Another great club outing culminating in an delicious barbecue organize by Mike.



The Tuesday Casters went to Moonee this month and despite the cold conditions they managed to find some flathead to eat their flies.

Here's a short report from Steve Rampant:  
"The Tuesday casting group went for a fish at Moonee yesterday. Despite the cool and the drizzle, I hit the water about 7:30. Only one hit until I found a sweet spot up the creek.

At about 10 am, I hooked up on, I suspect a nice size, lizard. At first I thought it was a snag, but decided to set the hook as I remembered I had on a Bendback (snag resistant, same as pictured below and tied at MO Tackle last Saturday with [John Everett](#)).



The line shook as I was yanking, and there went my new Bendback (reckon I needed more than 6lb tippet).

Then I had some success over the next hour and a half hooking up six more times, landing four, two within a few feet, and losing another fly (tan shrimp, same as below). It got quiet, wind and rain picked up, so time for hot dogs and a social chat."



The Flathead were on the bite at Moonee and Steve and Garry managed to get among them.



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Vaughn was busy with the camera and captured the mood of the day. Here are a few of the photos but there are many more on our Flickr site. Just click on the link and sit back and watch.

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/coffs\\_fly\\_fishers/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/coffs_fly_fishers/)



We welcomed new member Jonathan who has just moved to Moonee from Brisbane where he was involved in the Brisbane Fly Fishing Club and farewelled Emma who is moving to the Big Smoke with her work.



Emma has only been a member for a short time but has taken to fly fishing like the proverbial duck to water (or bream to a bread fly). I'm sure those who got to know Emma wish her well in her new venture and hope to see her back one day.





## Dunmore Trout Waters

Unfortunately, I didn't get to Dunmore this year much to my disappointment. I always look forward to this trip to get back to lake fishing for trout and to find a use for my winter thermals and heavy coats.

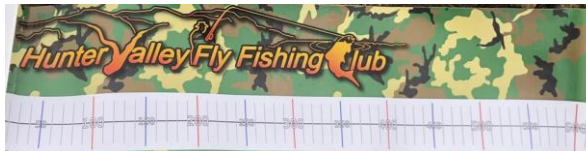
In my absence, Ray, David S and Doug did the honours with organizing the food and by all accounts it was well received. The annual trip only ended yesterday so there is no time for a written report. I have heard that plenty of fish were caught and the weather was perfect. I'll let the pictures tell the story. Don't forget to check [Flickr](#) for photos that didn't make the newsletter.







It is easy to see why Dunmore is one of our most popular outings. Come along to the meeting and find out more so you can go next year.



Contributions from our distant members continue to come in each month. Edward Anacki, also a member of the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing club, sent in some photos of the bass he has been catching at Lake St Clair. They have a great fishery there which they have helped stock over many years.

"Hi to all the Coffs Coast Fly Fisho's. I have a couple of photos of Bass caught at Lake St Clair from a couple of weeks ago during the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club outing. I had 8 hook ups with 6 landed, smallest 36cm and the rest 40cm and a bit. Last photo is a 36 cm Bass caught last Wednesday evening. I dropped 2 larger Bass. These were caught using a 6wt Switch rod. Hope you find this of interest."



*Eddie*



Another of our dual fly fishing club members is Peter Sewell. He and his partner in crime, Jeff, visit the Snowy Mountains in search of trout every year. Peter has written an interesting report on his most recent trip. Every time I read a report from Peter or Jeff, I want to pack my bags and go.

# A RIVER SOMEWHERE

Peter Sewell

I could have called this article 'A Trip to Remember', because it was! Starting from Redhead, Graeme driving us in his trusty "lifted" Prado with All Terrain tyres, towing my box trailer full of stuff. We headed off a bit after 6am down the M1 through Sydney, along the M7 and onto the Hume highway. Having cleared Campbelltown, I suggested we have a coffee at Goulburn. "Bugger that!" says Graeme, (or something similar), "I always stop at Eling Forest Winery" (near Sutton Forest), and being a half hour closer than Goulburn there was no argument from us. Fantastic location ("in a beautiful rural setting" says the brochure, "Make your day extra special with a backdrop of rolling hills, the picturesque lake, lovely gardens, and of course, the vineyard" Oh, we weren't getting married there, so maybe not that special a day for us), however, great coffee and breakfast so we had better add that to the itinerary for future trips anyway. So, down the Hume and onto the Monaro Highway past a very full lake George and into Cooma around four hours later. Next stop, 'The Loft', on the corner past the second roundabout in Cooma for lunch, another great coffee, good food and really friendly service. Another one for the future itinerary list. After that, about 50 minutes away, following five kilometres of a 4WD-only track we were in Snowy Mountains country and alongside A River Somewhere.



Some of us will remember the fly fishing TV series/documentary 'A River Somewhere', which had more than a smattering of humour starring Rob Sitch and Tom Gleisner. It was released on ABC when millennials were only a glint in the eye of their parents. The series was a great expose of fly fishing mainly in Australia and often around the Snowy Mountains. They didn't name their specific location but they generalized about the area. They even polaroided rocks that looked like fish. I can identify with that, do it all the time. So, Jeff, Graeme and I had our own three-day fishing experience in the Snowys and despite temperatures down to -6 degrees, frost and fog, we had a ball. We did have a mountain hut to stay in and a roaring fire but unfortunately open fires don't do much heating unless you lie in front of them. The fire did look nice and Jeff keep busy with his chain saw, cutting logs.



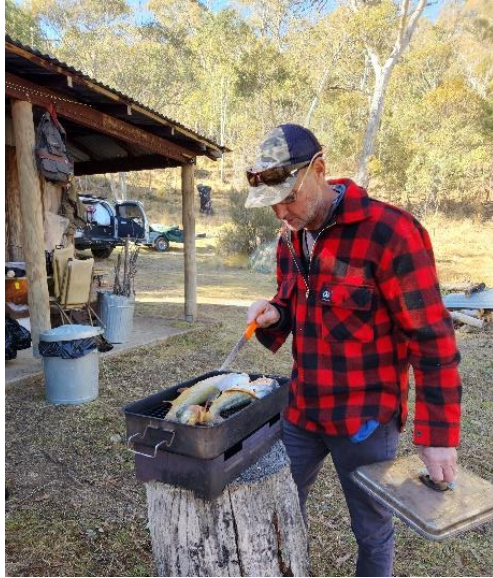
There were kilometers of a pristine river to fish and the property had rabbits, wallabies, kangaroos, deer, platypus, black cockatoos, red breasted robins, yellow breasted robins and the list goes on but did it have trout? So, our second biggest challenge after the cold, was were there any fish and where to fish, even if that meant breaking ice at the edges to wade into the river.

We had time to explore and work out the river and it was realized early on that we probably should have been using the chain saw to clear a bit of bankside vegetation but we didn't because that would have reduced our fishing time. As much as the tea tree shrubs and eucalypts were attractive, they didn't really support casting flies. They were really good at catching them!



Day 1 saw us all hook up on fish, not far from the hut, some of us also landed them. Jeff almost released a rainbow before he meant to, see photo below but in his reliable form almost caught his bag limit. He stopped when he caught a stonker Brown Trout on a size

16 black tungsten bead headed nymph, wow was that a fish to be content with, at 580mm long in excellent condition, recently spawned and an estimated 6lb in weight. I like to use pounds because it always sounds bigger.



Day 2 saw us exploring the property, eying off pools to fish later in the trip and then returning to pools fished the day before. This was a bit of *de ja vu* as once again we all hooked up, some catching and some not. Lunch was smoked trout courtesy of Graeme's smoker and dinner was trout cooked by Jeff in foil on the coals of the fire, accompanied by garlic infused olive oil cooked chips followed by custard and Lyn's cake and that, plus a glass of port, saw day two put to bed in style.



Our final fishing day, Day 3 was spent exploring those upstream pools after once again breaking ice. I managed to catch a nice rainbow using that orange bead headed fly in the bush, shown up above. A fly in the hand is worth two in the bush? Maybe so, but a couple of casts after catching that rainbow, the fly wasn't in the hand or the bush, it was snagged on a rock. Day 3 Graeme landed two nice rainbows and Jeff caught four trout while sitting on the same rock, show off.

With fading light, we finally adjourned to the hut for our last supper of sausages, gravy, onions and mashed potato courtesy of Graeme. That was the end to fishing on this trip. The next day, after two and a half hours packing and a stop in Cooma at 'The Loft' for another coffee, we took to the long road and headed for home.



A trip to remember with around twenty trout landed many others hooked and most released.

Now it's dream time, time to plan the next trip and see if we can better this one. That's a tall order, but as Rob and Tom say **"There's always a river...somewhere"**.

*Peter Sewell*



# The Clouser Minnow

For our fly tying competition in August we are tying a Clouser Minnow. Most fish will eat a Clouser including trout but it was originally designed for small mouth bass – the American version. In our local waters, the Clouser will catch bream, flathead, trevally, bass and just about any fish that swims.

The fly was originally tied by Bob Clouser and if you really want to know how to tie this fly, I suggest you watch his video which you can access by clicking on the photo.



Bob Clouser's version is tied with bucktail. Bucktail, or the hair found on the tails of White Tail Deer, has a variety of different textures depending on the specific animal it is harvested from. The balance of rigidity and flexibility is what makes bucktail such an effective fly tying material.

These days many different synthetic materials are used to tie Clouser Minnows. The advantage of synthetics is they are cheaper, easier to use and more durable.

No two people tie their Clouser Minnows exactly the same. Variations in materials, hooks, colours and the addition of flash make for unique ties. At our fly tying night on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Glenn Colquhoun will be teaching us how to tie his version.

Flathead have never been known to turn down one of Glenn's Clousers. Without a doubt this would have to be the most popular saltwater fly to use in our local estuaries. Glenn's tie is simple and effective and you can mix and match your colours to suit. Here are the materials that Glenn uses.

## Glenn's Bucktail Clouser



**Hook:** Just about any saltwater hook will do. It's just a matter of matching the hook size to the size of the baitfish you are trying to imitate.

**Thread:** You can use whatever you like. Glenn has chosen brown and blue.

**Eyes:** Large painted lead or brass eyes in your favourite colour. Glenn has chosen red dumbbell eyes with black centres.

**Tail/Body:** Blue bucktail

**Wing:** White bucktail

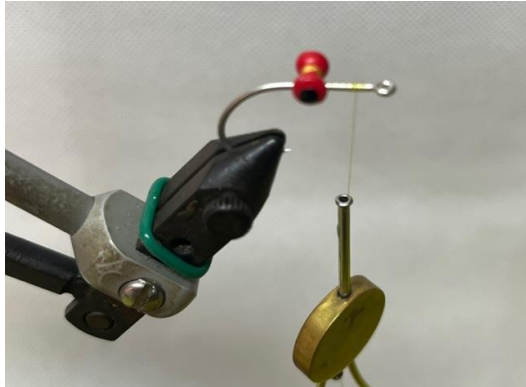
**Flash:** Gold Krystal Flash

**Step 1:** Introduce the thread about a third down the hook shank.





**Step 2:** Tie in lead eyes using figure-eight wraps both over and underneath the shank. This will keep the eyes from rolling around the shank. Add a drop of glue to make sure the eyes are secure.



**Step 3:** Tie in a small clump of blue bucktail in front of the eyes.



**Step 4:** Tie in the few strands of gold Krystal Flash and secure behind the dumbbell eyes.



**Step 5:** Tie in the white bucktail in front of the dumbbell eyes.



You can use a different coloured thread for the head and finish with UV resin or head cement. The finished fly ready to fish.



## Fishing the Clouser

If you could only have one fly in your saltwater fly box it would have to be a Clouser. The late, great flyfisher and tyer Lefty Kreh boasted of having caught over 70 species of *fish* while using *Clouser Minnows* on the waters of the world.

Designed as a bass fly for fresh water, the Clouser really shines in the salt for our estuary species like Flathead Bream. Mangrove Jacks, Tailor, Salmon, and Trevally. Out at sea you can catch Mackerel, Kingfish and Tuna on a Clouser.

There is no right or wrong way to fish this fly but there are a few classic retrieves. The first consists of two or three short sharps strips and then a long pause while the fly sinks again. The second consists of one or two long, fast strips and then a pause. The third retrieve consists of small, continuous, slow retrieves which sees the fly moving across the bottom in a shuffling motion while stirring up puffs of sand and silt. Various combinations of strips, pauses and speeds can be used to fish the Clouser, and all will work in the appropriate situation.

Any version of the Clouser Minnow will catch fish especially flathead. The best one is the one that works consistently for you. Experiment with colours, materials and sizes and see what works best.



## Mulloway

There are Mulloway (Jewfish) to be caught in our local waterways ... it's just that I can't catch them. I have yet to land my first Mulloway on fly so I asked Tom Clancy for a few tips. Without giving away fishing spots, Tom gave me some useful pointers to get me started. I've only had one outing so far specifically targeting Mulloway but without success. Tom suggests that they are not easy to find and a number of trips are required for you to get lucky and be in the right place at the right time.



Here are some of the pointers Tom generously shared with me.

Slack water an hour either side of low tide is best (although you could fish the slack either side of high water).

Fish in the 2.5 to 3.5m depth range with a floating or sink tip line.

Mulloway love the cooler months and will school up in shallow water. Because of this preference for shallow water, it only takes a few boats driving over them throughout the day to shut them down, so take care to use your electric while fishing for them.

In winter the fish tend to prefer smaller flies, shrimps and minnow patterns in the 2.5-3-inch size, and a nice slow retrieve keeping the fly near the bottom.

Takes are often timid, and feel like small bream. Make sure you strip set multiple times before lifting your rod

I like running a 10-12ft leader ending in around 14-16lb fluorocarbon. But you can go down as far as 10lb quite safely. I use a 6 - 8 weight rod, depending on the weight of the fly I am using and whether there is any structure present nearby.



You would think with all this good information, catching a Mulloway on fly would be easy. It probably is ... but not for me. I guess I just have to give it another go --- or two or three!

*Allan*



Mulloway are classified as a 'depleted stock' in NSW. NSW Fisheries is developing a formal harvest strategy for this important species to improve

certainty in future decision making on harvest controls for Mulloway. NSW DPI also has a Marine Fish Stocking Program which is aimed at boosting fish stocks for recreational fishers in NSW. Over the last three years 55,000 juvenile fish have been stocked in the Hastings River. Lake Macquarie and Georges River have also been stocked.

Recreational fishers can do their bit to help our mighty Mulloway by following the tips below:

Be aware of best practice handling techniques: handling fish quickly using wet hands or gloves; using a knotless mesh net to minimise injuries; and getting the fish back into the water as quickly as possible.

Take heed of size limits. Fishers are reminded that the minimum size limit for Mulloway is 70cm, with a recreational daily bag limit of one.

If you find yourself catching multiple undersized Mulloway, do the right thing and move to a different location. Mulloway, if handled correctly, are likely to survive being released, however they are more sensitive than many other fish species and a small proportion may not survive the experience. Reduce that risk to the undersized fish and move to a different location.

You can find out more about maximizing fish survival on the NSW DPI website:

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/fishing-skills/catch-and-release](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/fishing-skills/catch-and-release).



## Fly Lines ... Down the Rabbit Hole

If fly lines can make such a difference, you might be thinking about buying another line. It could be because your old line is starting to crack and coil, it could be you want a line that works better on your rod or you might want to cast different flies to different fish in different situations. All of these are good reasons to buy a new fly line. So where do you start? If you take just one of the fly line companies that I mentioned last month, and look at the number of different lines they make, you might be surprised at how many choices you will have. The biggest manufacturer of fly lines in the world has a range of over 90 lines. That's a lot of lines for you to choose from. There's line for just about every application and species of fish plus a lot thrown in just to increase their sales volume.

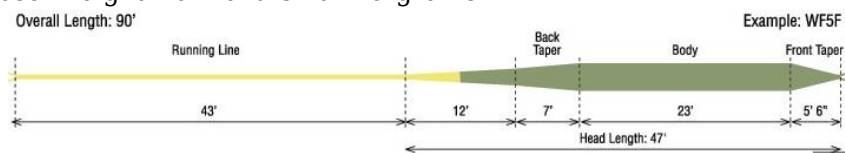
When buying a new fly line there are a number of factors to consider. These depend on whether you are replacing an old or damaged line or wanting something different. If you have a line and rod combination that works well, replacing like for like is often the simplest and best option. The old adage "if it ain't broke don't fix it" rings just as true for selecting a fly line as it does for everything else. Replacing like for like will ensure your rod and line will continue to work as they did before but without the problems associated with being old or damaged.

It's when you decide you want something different in a fly line that the complications begin. If you have ever updated your car, you will know what I mean. You can't really buy a new 2018 model, and when you start looking at what's available in 2023, your head spins with the choices that are available. So it is with fly lines. Every year sees advances in technology and more options. Replacing like for like often isn't possible. The only answer is to dive into the rabbit hole and find out more about fly lines so you can make the right decision.

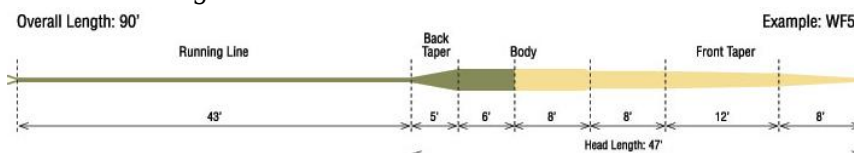
Last month I wrote about the basics of fly lines. This month I want to delve a little deeper into fly line theory and hopefully give you a better understanding of what you need to know if you want your new fly line to make a difference. Some of you will already be aware of this. Some of you won't want to know. But all of us need to understand the complexities of fly lines if we want to buy a new fly line that will meet our expectations.

Taper and head length are two important factors in determining how a fly line works. Last month I covered the basic tapers that fly lines come in - level taper, weight forward, double taper, shooting head and triangle taper (let's leave spey tapers for another day.) Within each of these tapers there are many variations as manufacturers try to make a taper to suit every conceivable application. Remember, lines have a number of component sections. First, a level tip, then the head' (made up of a front taper, body or belly, and rear taper) followed by a running line. The length of each section can be varied to make the line act in a particular way. Here are four weight forward fly lines from a well-known fly line manufacturer. A quick look at the tapers will tell you a lot about how the fly line will perform.

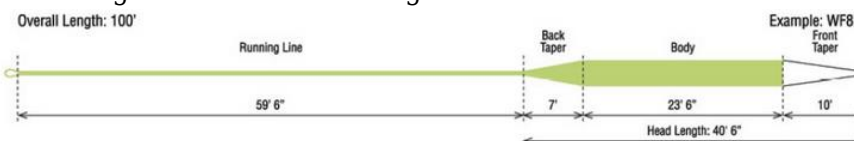
#### General Purpose Weight Forward 5wt 126 grains



#### Presentation Line 5wt 150 grains



#### General Purpose Weight Forward 8wt 231 grains



#### Integrated Shooting Head 8wt 330 grains



You will see that the length of each component of the taper differs from line to line. The presentation line has most of its weight towards the rear of the taper leaving a long, thin front taper for a delicate landing. The Integrated Shooting Head, on the other hand, has most of its weight towards the front giving it lots of power for casting big flies but ending with a not so gentle landing. Changes in where the weight is distributed along the taper and the variation in line thickness, affects how the line turns over and lays down. You need to know this if you are after a line to perform at its best for your specific circumstances. A general purpose taper will always work, but a specific taper will work better if you have a precise purpose in mind.

Head length is another factor to take into consideration when looking at how a fly line performs. The examples above show how different head lengths can be. Trout lines were originally designed for casting about 30 feet - where most trout are caught. Nowadays, head lengths can vary between 20 feet and 60 feet. The length of the head determines how much line can be carried during false casting and how easy it is to mend or control on the water. A long head length gives better accuracy, longer distance and better line control. A short head length is used for quick, short-range casts with minimal false casting.

It's not just the taper and head length that makes a difference to how a fly rod casts. The weight of the line is equally important. Fly lines are labelled with a number. The bigger the number, the heavier the line. This was not always the case as back in the days of silk lines there was no standard and an alphabetical system was used with A being the heaviest. With the advent of synthetic lines which performed differently to silk lines of the same size, a new standard was needed. In 1960, the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association- AFTMA (later to become the American Fly Fishing Trade Association - AFFTA), approved the weight standard for fly lines that we use today. The standard is based on the weight in grains for the first thirty feet of fly line minus any level tip.

### AFFTA Approved Fly Line Weight Specification

LINE WEIGHT	TAPERS			LINE WEIGHT	TAPERS		
	LOW WEIGHT IN GRAINS	TARGET	HIGH		LOW WEIGHT IN GRAMS	TARGET	HIGH
1	54	60	66	1	3.50	3.90	4.30
2	74	80	86	2	4.80	5.20	5.60
3	94	100	106	3	6.10	6.50	6.90
4	114	120	126	4	7.40	7.80	8.20
5	134	140	146	5	8.70	9.10	9.50
6	152	160	168	6	9.90	10.40	10.90
7	177	185	193	7	11.50	12.00	12.50
8	202	210	218	8	13.10	13.60	14.10
9	230	240	250	9	14.90	15.55	16.20
10	270	280	290	10	17.50	18.15	18.80
11	318	330	342	11	20.60	21.40	22.20
12	368	380	392	12	23.80	24.60	25.40
13	435	450	465	13	28.20	29.20	30.20
14	485	500	515	14	31.10	32.40	33.70
15	535	550	565	15	34.30	35.60	36.90

WEIGHT IS FOR FIRST 30' OF LINE MINUS LEVEL TIP

Rod manufacturers use these standard weights to match their rods to a fly line. Any line weighing 210 grains (that's about 13.6grams if you're not American), should match any 8-weight rod. In practice that's not always the case. You will note a bracket of weights for each line giving manufacturers some latitude to make their lines slightly heavier or lighter. These days, that latitude has widened even further and there is no guarantee that a line labelled as an 8-weight will fall within these parameters. In an attempt to make casting easier with modern fast actions rods, some manufacturers throw the standard out the window. If you look at the lines in the earlier example, the Integrated Shooting Head 8-weight has a grain weight of 330grains making it an 11-weight according to the AFFTA standard.

You need to know about these line weights when you are selecting a fly line. People who like to over line their rods will find that some lines are already over the standard. You can no longer be confident that just because the manufacturer labels it as an 8-weight line that it will suit your 8-weight rod. Conversely, if you are looking for a line for delicate presentations, you might not want the extra weight of a heavier line hitting the water and disturbing the fish. Having an understanding of grain weights and being able to sort through the choice of lines based on how you want to use your fly rod, will make a big difference when it comes to choosing a new fly line.

There are several other factors you can take into consideration when choosing a fly line. They are probably not as important as taper, head length and weight but you will still need to examine them. There is one that is essential and that is density. The density of a fly line determines whether it sinks or floats. If you are buying a new line, you probably need to start there. Once you have established you don't want your line to float, you need to consider a sink-tip, intermediate, sinking or fast-sinking line.

I've probably gone far enough down the rabbit hole of fly lines for now so I will leave density and other factors such as core, coating, texture, stretch and colour for another day. The more I write about fly lines the more I realize there is so much more to learn and understand. Fly lines can make a big difference to how a fly rod casts and fishes. The more you know about them, the better you will cast and fish.



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# Garry's Corner

*Garry Hambly - Owner & Founder of South Pacific Fly Rods Australia*



## Clear Fly Lines, Clear as mud?

With clear line material as the first choice for most 'conventional' fishing applications, why is not the most chosen fly line colour (or is that lack of colour) when it's comes to fly fishing?

After all, we use clear leader and clear tippet material almost always, so why not have an entire clear line system? Well as much as that seems to make perfect sense, there's much more to consider. Firstly, we're doing a lot more than simply casting a fly towards a fish.

To start with, we must cast the fly line accurately presenting the fly within the target area. This will require efficient line casting and placement, so consequently we will need to see the line in the air, this is where a clear fly line has the user at a disadvantage. Once the fly line and fly are presented onto the water we need to 'track' the line, and whether fishing slack-water or moving-water, a clear fly line will be almost impossible to see.

When fishing moving water such as Trout streams, Bass creeks or tidal Saltwater, there could very well be above-water and below-water hazards such as fallen tree branches, rocks, oyster racks, and so on. The fly line will need to be kept clear of such hazards requiring the line to be picked up from, mended around, or avoided all together. You'll need to constantly see the line!

You may now be thinking, why then use a clear fly line at all? Well, there will be times when fishing for very spooky or wary fish, will call for an extremely stealthy approach and the only fly line choice to get the job done, will be a clear fly line.



There is another alternative, combining a stealthy approach while enabling you to see your fly line. This is where a Clear-Tip fly line, incorporating a clear tip section with a coloured main line, can be the answer.

Most clear tips are intermediate sinking, at a rate of 1.5ips - 2ips. Tip lengths vary between 3ft and 15ft, with 13 ft being most common, seamlessly connected to the main floating line. The clear fly line underwater is almost undetectable.

When your fishing situation requires an extra stealthy approach, a full clear line, or clear sink-tip line, could well be the winning edge over a wary fish.

Below are the clear fly line options within the World-Class **South Pacific 'Specialist Series' Fly Line range**. Checkout the entire range at [A1flyfishing.com.au](http://A1flyfishing.com.au)

Enjoy your fly fishing, Gaz

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# HALL OF FAME

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Brian Mighell  
Allan Ekert  
John Starr  
David Lindsay (2)  
Doug Urquhart  
Murray Robinson  
Bill Anderson  
Garry Bennett

## CASTING

### SILVER LEVEL

### GOLD FLY MASTER

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Glenn Colquhoun  
Brian Mighell  
Allan Ekert

### GOLD LEVEL

Allan Ekert

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Family membership is available for a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, de facto relationship or adoption who live together.

Concession membership is available to pension card holders (including disability support and aged), Centrelink and Veterans Affairs cardholders

Distant membership is available to anyone living more than 80km from Coffs Harbour.

Junior membership is available to anyone attending primary or secondary school.

Fees can be paid:

1. **In cash** or by **cheque** at the next meeting or fly tying night. (cheques made payable to Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

2. **By cheque** posted to:

The Secretary  
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club  
11 Butterfly Close  
Boambee East  
NSW 2452



3. **Direct deposit:** Bananacoast Community Credit Union



BSB 533 000

Account Number: 02051766

Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Reference: Your surname

When depositing, make sure you include your surname in the Reference section. e.g. **Ekert Membership**.

### Club Contact Address

Our official email address is

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

Our mailing address is:

The Secretary

Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

11 Butterfly Close

Boambee East

NSW 2452

### Electronic Contacts

We have a Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club website which can be found at:

<http://coffscoastflyfishing.weebly.com/>.

If you find problems with the website such as broken links please email the Secretary so they can be rectified.

Our Facebook Page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/coffscoastflyfishing/>

We have a **Facebook Group**. If you are on FB all you need to do is search for Coffs Coast Fly Fishers and ask to join the Group

## Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

### Membership Form

I apply for Membership or Renewal in the following membership category (*tick appropriate box*):

Adult \$30     Family \$40     Concession \$20     Junior - Free     Distant \$10

#### Please fill all information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Family Membership please complete the details below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, you agree to abide by the Constitution, rules and safety regulations of the Club.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian if for Junior member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The club uses photographs taken by members or of members in the newsletter, promotional materials, on the website and on our Facebook Page. If you do not want your photograph to be used, tick here.

Phone numbers and email addressed are shared by club members to co-ordinate club outings and for safety purposes. If you do not want your details shared, tick here.

This signed Membership form must be given or sent by email or post to the Club together with payment of annual Club fees. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or direct deposit.

#### Post signed form and cheque to:

Membership Secretary  
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club  
11 Butterfly Close  
Boambee East  
NSW 2452



#### Direct Deposit:

Bananacoast Community Credit Union  
Police and Nurses Limited  
BSB: 533 000  
Account No: 02051766  
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc  
Reference: **Your surname** Membership

## Notes

### **Club Membership Definitions:**

Concession membership is available to; Pension Cardholders (including Disability support and Aged), Centrelink and Veterans Affairs Cardholders.

A family is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage, de facto relationship or adoption who live together.

Junior membership is available to anyone attending primary or secondary school.

Distant membership is available to anyone living more than 80km from Coffs Harbour. Distant Members are entitled to all the benefits of club membership and are covered by public risk insurance.

### **Fees:**

Our preferred method of payment is Direct Deposit. When making a **Direct Deposit** please ensure you include in the Reference: your **Surname** so the payment can be identified by the Club Treasurer and a receipt issued.

Fees can be paid in **Cash** or by **Cheque** at a meeting or club outing. Cheques to be made payable to **Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.**

### **Completed Membership Forms:**

Can be scanned and emailed to the Secretary at [coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:coffscoastflyfishers@gmail.com)

Can be hand-written and handed to the Secretary at a meeting or event.

Can be posted to the Secretary at the above address.

All information supplied will be held in Club records and will only be available to financial Club members, if approved by the applicant as indicated on their Membership Form.