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Above: David Moppett has been doing a lot of great work to promote the Club through Facebook. If you are reading your newsletter on a computer or smart phone you should be able to click on the photo and watch the video.

Cover: Lachlan Knight with a Trevally from our Homewaters. Not as big as the ones he has been catching at Mapoon but not as far to travel.

From the Editor

I looked up what an editor actually does the other day. The Collins English dictionary says the editor is the person in charge of a newspaper or magazine and who decides what will be published in each edition; checks and corrects texts before they are published, and collects pieces of writing by different authors and prepares them for publication. No wonder it is not an elected position! I should be paid more!

The reason I was looking up roles and responsibilities is that we are preparing role statements for all the elected positions in the club. These role statements (found on pages 26 & 27) are not as demanding as they sound and I would encourage everyone to read them and consider if they can support the club by taking on one of the positions at the AGM this month. We need an executive and a committee if we want the club to continue.

Since its inception it has been our mission to make the club "A place to share, learn and have fun." At our meetings we try to keep business matters to a minimum and focus on guest speakers and interesting activities. We have to have an Annual General Meeting this month but we will still have time for a movie on fly fishing on Anaa Atoll in French Polynesia. Don't let the thought of an AGM deter you from attending.



I'm not a big fan of Facebook but it can't be ignored. We have over 200 members of our Facebook Group, many of whom I have never met. They may never attend meetings or pay membership fees but they help us spread the word about fly fishing and the work the club does. Our presence on Facebook keeps us in contact with people involved in fly fishing all over the world. It has led to opportunities for inter club visits, provided guest speakers and brought donations to support the growth of the club. I would encourage all members to use our Facebook Group as a way of sharing, learning and having fun.

I never seem to get a chance to say this at the end of a meeting night but the way everyone helps with packing up and putting away is much appreciated. In the rush of talking to people and concluding business matters it's great to have everything packed in minutes and be able to get out the door at a reasonable hour. Thanks everyone.

Editor

Club Executive 2018-19



Kevin Cosgrove President



Doug Urquhart Vice President



Allan Ekert Secretary, Public Officer and Newsletter Editor



Walter Krainik Treasurer



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Don Cummings Committee



David Moppett Committee



Glenn Colquhoun Committee

Vacant Committee Position

July AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 15th July at 7.30pm at the Boambee East Community Centre.

In order to keep our AGM as short as possible please consider if you are prepared to nominate for an executive position or on the committee. You can complete a nomination form on the night. If we don't fill all these positions we won't have a club.

Following the meeting there will be a special screening of a movie on fly fishing on Anaa Atoll in French Polynesia. The movie has been provided by James Laverty of Fly Odyssey and because it is so new we can't mention its name. Later in the year you will have to pay money and see this film at one of the Fly Fishing Film Festivals. You can read more about Fly Odyssey and Anaa Atoll on Page 18.



Fly Tying

There will be no more Monday night fly tying sessions. We are not abandoning fly tying as a club activity. In the future we plan to hold weekend workshops and have fly tying on some of our regular meeting nights. A special thanks to Jim Wray for leading this group and sharing his experience and knowledge over the years the group has been meeting.



July Outing

The next club outing will be to Dunmore Waters on the weekend of 26th/28th July. There are still a couple of places left if you would like to attend. The details can be found in the last newsletter. Please contact the Secretary if you need more information or want to book.



If you are not going to Dunmore you can always post something in our club Facebook Group and see if anyone else is interested in a local outing. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1073002562788177/>

Decisions

At the last meeting the following decisions were made. You will receive a full copy of the minutes prior to the July meeting.

It was decided to put the following motions to the AGM regarding fees:

- a. That Adult membership be raised to \$30
- b. That Concession membership fees be raised to \$25
- c. That junior membership fees remain free
- d. That eMember membership fees remain free.

These motions will be voted on at the AGM.

The Outings Calendar was changed as detailed below:

- a. Add Sunday 1st September Casting Day with Brisbane Fly Fishing Club
- b. Change date of August club outing to Saturday 10th August
- c. Postpone Outing to Jackadgerary and have a day outing to Homewaters on Saturday 16th November instead
- d. Cancel trip to Keepit Dam and have a day outing to Homewaters on Saturday 21st December

On Saturday 14th September we are having an Estuary Workshop at Urunga. This will be a full day on how to fly fish the estuary. There will be casting tuition, information sessions and a chance to fish in the afternoon.

A proposal was put forward that we establish the position of Club Captain to be elected at the AGM. The role of the captain would be to encourage a high level of involvement from all members and to help improve all members' skills in fly fishing.

Nick Reygaert from the Rise Film Festival. will be visiting Coffs on Tuesday 6th August. We have arranged a meeting to catch up with Nick and watch a movie from the Rise Festival. Details on page 9.

If we get a good response to our dinner with Nick Reygaert we will be talking to him about holding the Rise Fly Fishing Film Festival in Coffs Harbour next year.

Spey Casting Day



The Brisbane Fly Fishing Club is hosting a Spey Casting Day with Shaun Ash from Fly Casting Queensland. Shaun will be covering single and double handed spey casting and will bring along a number of double hander rods for those who don't have any. If anyone is interested in attending it will be held on Sunday 1st September at Bullocky Rest Forgan Road, Joyner. For more information or to register, BFFC can be contacted via their Facebook Page at:

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



**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due. There are motions to be put to the AGM on 15th July to increase fees for Adults and Concessions. If you pay now you pay at the existing rates which are:

- Adult membership \$25
- Concession membership \$20
- Junior membership free
- eMembership free

If these motions are passed at the AGM the new fees from 15th July will be:

- Adult membership \$30
- Concession membership \$25
- Junior membership free
- eMembership free

GET IN NOW AND PAY YOUR FEES BEFORE THE POSSIBLE INCREASE.

If you pay your fees before 15th July 2019 you will pay at the existing rates thus avoiding any increases that might be approved at the AGM.

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June. If paying membership after December fees will be reduced by 50%.

¹ Concession membership is available to senior cardholders, pension card holders (including disability support and aged), Centrelink and Veterans Affairs cardholders.

² eMembership replaces Distant Membership and is available to anyone not wanting to attend meetings or events but still retain the other benefits of club membership. eMembers are not covered by Club Insurance. eMembers wanting to participate in an event or meeting must pay to become full members.

³ Junior membership is available to anyone attending primary or secondary school.

Payment of Fees:

The preferred method for paying fees is via a direct deposit. This greatly reduces the work of the treasurer so it would be appreciated if members could pay this way.

Direct deposit:

BSB 062-678

Account Number: 10333424

Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Reference: Your surname

If you are making an electronic deposit please send an email to ccffc@t.pg.com.au to indicate you have paid as we do not have online access to our account. When depositing make sure you include your surname in the Reference section. e.g. **Ekert Membership**.

You can also pay your fees in **cash** or by **cheque** at the next meeting (cheques made payable to Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc. or post cheques to:

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

**Membership Fees
Due Now**



The Rise Fly Fishing Film Festival is **NOT** coming to Port Macquarie this year.....
HOWEVER!

Nick Reygaert from the Rise Film Festival will be visiting Coffs on Tuesday 6th August. We have arranged to catch up with Nick over a meal and watch a movie from the Rise Festival. All members are invited to attend. It will be held at the North Beach Bowling Club at Mylestom. We will meet at 6.00pm for dinner and then we will adjourn to the Osprey Room to watch one of the Rise films and talk to Nick and his father. It will be an interesting night and all members and friends are encouraged to attend. The only costs will be your meal (see menu <https://www.surfsidepizza.com.au/menus-1>). It is essential you RSVP or put your name down at the meeting if you are going.

Nick Reygaert is the man behind Gin-Clear Media. He is world renowned for producing some of the best fly fishing films of all time, e.g. the Trout Bum Diaries, and then his own films such as THE SOURCE Movies, HATCH, PREDATOR, LEVIATHAN and the BACKCOUNTRY films.



In 2006, Nick initiated the RISE Fly Fishing Film Festival in New Zealand and Australia. He lives in a small town in New Zealand called Te Anau.

Estuary Fly Fishing Workshop

On Saturday 14th September there will be a workshop for those who want to learn about fly fishing the estuaries. It will be land based from Urunga but we will use boats to ferry people to the sand flats in the afternoon for some wade fishing.



The morning session will start with casting instruction and how to increase your distance and cope with the wind. Rod and line selection will be discussed and you will get a chance to try some different outfits included doubled handed rods. There will be information sessions on fly selection, rod setup and techniques for different estuary species. The course will be conducted by experienced club members. There will be a cost of \$25 which will cover morning tea, lunch, flies, leaders and tippet. You will also be "guided" by an experienced club member while you fish the sand flats in the afternoon. The course will be limited to 12 people and junior members will be most welcome if accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register contact the Secretary or put your name on the outings sheet at the next meeting.





Estuary Fly Fishing Workshop

Saturday 14th September 2019

Urunga

8.30am to 5.00pm

Cost \$25

Workshop presentations

- Rod, reel and line setups
- What flies to use
- What species to target
- Tactics for different species

- Morning tea and lunch provided.
- Rods, reels and lines available if you need them.

Practical casting sessions

- Basics of fly casting
- Fly casting for distance
- Coping with the wind

- Led by experienced club members and qualified casting instructor

Finish with a fishing session assisted by experienced club members

Places are limited

Contact the Secretary Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

Phone: Allan Ekert 0427457725

Email: ccffc@tpg.com.au

Clarence River Gorge

There will be an outing to the Clarence River Gorge from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September. We will be staying at "The Gorge"

(<http://theclarenc gorge.com/index.html>)

You can choose to camp or stay in "The Shack". Places are limited so you must book. To book your place you will need to pay a deposit by the August meeting.



The cost will be about \$30 per person per night (depending on numbers). Catering will be discussed at the next meeting. Bass will be the target species and you will be able to fish for them from the bank or boats and canoes.

For more information or to register contact the Secretary or put your name on the outings sheet at the next meeting.



Classifieds

The following items are for sale.

- Daiwa Lochmore fly rod 4 pce, 8 ft, 4 wt. Made in Scotland. Cortland WF floating fly line and WF Intermediate fly line. BFR DragonFly Mod 355 fly reel with 2 spare cartridges. \$270
- Kilwell Silver Fern fly rod 4 pce 8 ft 7 wt . \$120
- Kilwell Matrix fly rod 4 pce 8ft 5 in 6 with alloy tube. \$130
- Vision 3 Zone fly rod 4 pce 9 ft 9 wt. Comes with WF floating, intermediate and sinking lines. \$280
- Vision 3 Zone fly rod 4 pce 9 ft 10 wt. Comes with WF floating, intermediate and sinking lines. \$280
- Teton large arbor fly reel suits 8 or 9 wt lines with 50lb braid backing \$160
- Composite Development 12 wt 2 pce 8 ft 6 in custom built fly rod with Lamson Marlin reel, 400 yards dacron backing and shooting head and WF lines \$550
- Assorted teaser gear (daisy chains, spreader bars etc) and bait rigging gear \$100

Contact David Moppett for more information or to purchase. Phone 0411723221

Club Calendar 2019

Here is the club calendar for 2019. There are still opportunities to make changes and the details will be filled in as the year progresses. Check the monthly newsletter or website for details.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month Casting night at Mylestom starting at 5.00pm on Monday 21 st .	No Fly Tying Club Meeting Monday 21 st
FEBRUARY	Lake Keepit Friday 8 th - Sunday 10 th Cancelled Moonee Creek Saturday 9 th	Fly Tying Monday 4 th Club Meeting Monday 18 th
MARCH	Forster Fly Muster (15 th /16 th /17 th) Bass Bash Saturday 16 th Postponed Ebor Saturday 23 rd Postponed	No Fly Tying Club Meeting Monday 18 th
APRIL	Casting Day Saturday 13 th Home Waters Saturday 27 th	No Fly Tying Club Meeting Monday 15 th
MAY	Trout Workshop Saturday 11 th Home Waters Saturday 25 th	Club Meeting Monday 20 th
JUNE	Bluewater Saturday 22 nd or Sunday 23 rd depending on weather	Fly Tying Monday 3 rd Club Meeting Monday 17 th
JULY	Dunmore Waters Fri 26 th - Sun 28 th	Club Meeting Monday 15 th
AUGUST	Home Waters Saturday 10 th Swansea Friday 23 rd - Sunday 25 th	Club Meeting Monday 19 th
SEPTEMBER	Brisbane Casting Day Sunday 1 st Estuary Workshop Saturday 14 th The Gorge Clarence River Friday 20 th - Sunday 22 nd	Club Meeting Monday 16 th
OCTOBER	Dorrigo trout Weekend Friday 25 th - Sunday 27 th	Club Meeting Monday 21 st
NOVEMBER	Urunga Flathead Tournament TBA Home Waters Saturday 16 th	Club Meeting Monday 18 th
DECEMBER	Home Waters Saturday 21 st	No Club Meeting

If you want to organize additional outings don't forget we have a Facebook Group where you can create your own outing. If you are looking for someone to go fishing for a day, weekend or week you can post the information on Facebook and see if any other members would like to join you.



Hinchinbrook Fly Fishing Challenge 2019

Where: Hinchinbrook Channel, Lucinda, North Queensland

When: Briefing at Lucinda Point Hotel at 7pm on Thu 5th September 2019,

Tournament runs Fri 6th and Sat 7th September

What: Fly Fishing only catch and release tournament,
Two anglers per team, max 25 teams

Prizes: Champion - Angler, Team plus others

Cost: \$190 per person—Includes three evening meals at the Lucinda Point Hotel, a Tournament shirt, Flies and many more products from our generous sponsors

Contact: www.nqflyfishers.com or Facebook for more info, go to www.trybooking.com/BBLWB to nominate your team



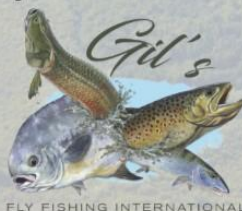
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FLY CASTING SKILLS CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Bronze Level 6 ... Accuracy

If you could improve just one aspect of your fly casting which would it be: accuracy or distance? That is the question I posed to our Facebook Group recently. Currently the poll is running at 61% in favour of accuracy. That may sound decisive but if you look at the actual numbers it would be hard to draw conclusions when only 13% of our 224 Facebook members responded. As much as I would like to say accuracy is a clear winner we all know how unreliable polls can be – just ask Bill Shorten!

One of the reasons many people did not respond to the poll was there were only two choices: accuracy and distance. Real life is never that simple. I, for one, would have liked the option to say “it depends.” To me there isn’t an either or answer. Both accuracy and distance are important and interrelated. I think your view of which one was more important would depend on where you are at in your development as a fly caster and where you fish.

The point of the poll was to see if members thought accuracy or distance was more important. My theory was that those who fish saltwater would choose distance and those who fish freshwater would choose accuracy. Given the predominance of saltwater fishing around here I was sure the poll would come out in favour of distance. Like the political pollsters, I got it wrong!

And that brings us back to the *Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program*. As we draw to the end of the Bronze level there are only two tasks to complete: accuracy and distance. Whether you regard accuracy or distance as more important doesn’t matter as they are both included in the challenge. So let’s look at Level 6 ... Accuracy, and see what you have to do to complete that task. Here is what is required:

Accuracy: Caster will extend the fly to 45 ft. and then strip line in so that approximately 4 ft. of fly line (4 ft. of fly line plus the leader) is beyond the rod tip. Casts are made off the dominant shoulder (right shoulder for a right-handed caster) to the 20, 30, and then 40-foot targets in sequence with a potential of 3 tries at each target. The fly must land within 2 ft. of the target center. In the event of a miss, the caster picks up where the fly landed and tries again at the same target for up to two more attempts (3 in total). Once the first target is achieved or 3 attempts exhausted, the caster will pick up and false cast while lengthening line to the next targets. Two (2) of three (3) targets must be achieved, with one being at 40 ft. False casting, shooting line, and hauling are allowed.

Casting accurately requires good technique, good tracking and practice. Bruce Richards, a Master Casting Instructor with FFI, lists three main aspects of good technique to achieve accuracy. First and foremost is forming narrow loops with a straight top leg of the fly line. To achieve this you need to apply power smoothly and adjust the arc to match the amount of line out of the rod tip. The second requirement is to aim at the target. This may seem obvious but what is not so obvious is what happens to the back cast when you do this. It is essential that the straight line formed by the top leg of the fly line doesn't break 180 degrees. In other words the forward cast and the back cast must be in a straight line. Getting the trajectory right will ensure an accurate cast. The third requirement is that the fly line, leader and fly land at the same time. You don't want the fly wafting down and being blown off target by the wind. You can watch Bruce putting all of this into practice here: <https://youtu.be/FhZKrgcYDiA>

Tracking refers to the path the rod makes during the casting stroke. If you want to be accurate you need to learn how to track straight. This means you need to have your target, your front foot, your elbow, arm and rod all in a straight line. Think of it in terms of a satellite tracking your every move from above. Any deviation from a straight line will result in a missed target. Casting accurately with good tracking requires the use of a vertical overhead style. You can be accurate with a sidearm cast - but it's much more difficult to do.



Practice is the key to achieving consistent accuracy. Of course we all practice our casting every day, don't we! But practice without purpose is of little use. By incorporating targets into at least part of every practice session we can build up the muscle memory necessary for consistent success. I like the *Orvis Master your Casting Program* for this reason. Having to hit targets at varying distances with minimal attempts will stand you in good stead when that fish of a lifetime is waiting for you to cast. Now that my eyesight isn't as good as it used to be I am finding it increasingly difficult to see the fly and gauge the distance to my target. I have to rely on other ways to help me get it right. Many practice sessions casting at hoops has helped make up for failing eyesight.

If you have good technique, good tracking and practice you should have no problem passing the accuracy level of the *Fly Casting Skills Challenge Program*. Forty feet is not a long way to cast and to be given three attempts to hit the target is way more than any fish will give you. There are a few points to be aware of and if I were examining someone these are the things I would be watching as well as whether the fly hits the target.



To begin the accuracy task you must have the fly in your hand and only 4 feet of fly line beyond the tip of the rod. This means your first cast is not going to have enough line to load the rod. Therefore you will have to narrow your casting arc, speed up and cast off the tip of the rod. As you extend line to the first target at 20 feet you will have to make adjustments in your casting arc and timing. The test doesn't mention "ticking" which is where your fly or line touches the water before you make your presentation cast to the target. Ticking is not allowed in casting competitions as people like me would use it to gauge the distance. Ticking is not allowed when fishing as fish could be spooked by the noise. So the first thing I would be watching for when completing this task is whether it can be done without ticking the water.

You will note that the goal for this accuracy task is to land the fly within 2 feet of the target centre. You should always practice your casting aiming at something more precise than a hoop. Place a tennis ball in the centre and aim for that. Use cones and not hoops. A feeding fish's snout is much smaller than a hoop and you should be able to place your fly on the spot; not just in the vicinity.

No fish is going to be as lenient as the requirements set for this task. Having three attempts to hit the target is very generous but you should always aim to hit it first time. Anyone who sight fishes for trout will tell you your chances diminish rapidly with each additional cast. And only having to hit two out of the three targets (albeit with one being the longest) is not real world fishing. When you might only get two or three shots at a fish in a day's fishing, two out of three ain't good! So set yourself a higher standard with this one and then you can consider yourself an accurate caster.

Someone who is considered a very accurate caster is Steve Rajeff. Holder of many world records Steve honed his skills through competition casting. Although not the same as fishing, competition casting can develop the level of accuracy that will make you a better fly fisher. It will also help concentration and make you less nervous when that trophy fish comes along. If you have the time this lengthy video from Steve will teach you a lot about casting accurately.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=JHq89HOxO2k>





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James Laverty is the Australian and South Pacific Travel Director of Fly Odyssey. He has provided a film for our next meeting on Anaa Atoll in French Polynesia. It's not somewhere I am going to get to unless I win the lottery but I can always dream. The following information and client report is provided for those of you who might one day get the opportunity to visit this magic place and for those of us who just like to dream.

Anaa Atoll

Anaa Atoll located 350 Kilometres east of Tahiti is a dot in the Pacific, situated in the Tuamotu Archipelago in French Polynesia. Stunningly beautiful and home to less than five hundred locals, the turquoise green Atoll is six and half kilometres wide by twenty-nine kilometres long with a fringing reef encompassing a huge lagoon, expansive sand flats and coral bommies.

With a multitude of shallow passes out to sea along its entire length, it offers a range of fly fishing options including good sized Bonefish, Blue Trevally, Giant Trevally and Triggerfish inside the lagoon with Big Bohar Snapper, Black Giant Trevallies and Napoleon Wrasse available off the reef edges. Offshore, Dogtooth and Yellowfin Tuna can also be targeted along with the huge range of reef species.

What follows is a client's report of a recent trip to Anaa Atoll. You might never go but reading this will open your eyes to the possibilities provide by travel companies such as Fly Odyssey.

Fly Fishing Anaa Atoll, French Polynesia – a client report



Just back from a week on Anaa Atoll in the Tuamotus of French Polynesia and thought I'd share my experience here for those who might be interested in going.

Anaa is a very beautiful atoll with a resident population of around 300. The economy is based around copra production and not much else, although it is well known in French Polynesia for its abundance of shells for jewellery making. There's one flight a week in and out of Anaa from Papeete on the same day.



The lagoon is about 20km long and stretches roughly south east to north west with miles of shallow flats on all sides that scream bonefish. Some of these are pure sand and others

liberally dotted with small coral heads. The flats are interspersed with outcrops of broken reef, the preferred hunting grounds of the Bluefin trevally that cruise around smashing schools of small goatfish. The deepest part of the lagoon is only about 20ft and there's plenty of coral bommies spread throughout. There's a small, adjoining lagoon in the north west which is shallower but still fringed with flats.

The inner reef on the seaward side runs about 100m from shore to an outer reef edge that is fishable on the low tide and drops almost vertically into deep bluewater. Target species on the outer reef edge include, GT, Bluefin, Bohar Snapper (Red Bass), Napoleon Wrasse and a variety of other reefies. The inner reef contains the usual shallow reef species (incl. parrotfish, butterfly fish, angels and a few triggers), but as the rising tide washes in over the reef edge these are joined by the big boys from the bluewater.

Lodging is at the Pension guest house run by Joel, the island's resident entrepreneur. The cabins were clean and spacious and the food plentiful and varied with a heavy emphasis on seafood. Overall a big step up from from the basic fare on CXI a couple of years ago. Local Hinano beer and soft drinks are available at the lodge, but anything else you'd need to bring with you from the duty free shop in Papeete or Auckland.



The head guide is Raphael, a lifelong resident of Anaa and a fish spotting machine. His English is very limited, but he knows the essential guiding words and the rest you can read from his body language. Although we barely spoke 100 words to each other the whole week, I really liked the guy. I could just tell that he was always working hard to find me fish and his concentration levels (unlike mine) never wavered. Didn't meet any of the other guides as it was just me fishing, but I'd imagine they'd be equally adept at seeing fish and similarly unfamiliar with English.



I was very lucky to be joined every day by Alex Filous, a marine biologist from the University of Hawaii who has spent the last year and a half studying the bonefish of Anaa and their potential to provide the island with a new sustainable income stream from hosting and guiding catch and release recreational fishing on the atoll.

Unfortunately our week on Anaa was marred by some appalling weather. Needless to say our first four days involved a lot of walking and searching under very difficult conditions. Once the wind eased back to a more manageable 20-25 knots and a bit less cloud made visibility much better as we moved onto the first flat of the day (a big one that we fished for several hours) which had some good fish moving on to it. Some singles and some in groups of 2 or 3. All decent size fish and a couple of serious horses pushing the 10lb mark!

For me this was the best few hours of the trip. Regularly spotting fish and getting numerous shots. By lunchtime I managed 3 bones landed and 1 lost, all around the 4-5lb mark and all in great condition.

I did manage another couple of small bluefin and had a few shots at some big ones that tore up to the fly only to reject it at the last second. Also saw the only GT encountered inside the lagoon, but we never got closer than 50m to him. He would've run 40-50lb maybe bigger.

We saw numerous Bluefin, big and small, hunting goatfish on the rocky points. I had several shots, some good some admittedly pretty bad, but the result was always the same. Charge in, eyeball the fly and then clear out just as fast without taking. Exciting, but really frustrating. We did however manage quite a few smaller bluefin throughout the week.



Walking back to the boat I offered Alex a go with my new Meridian which I was really enjoying casting. No sooner had he flicked a couple of metres of line from the top ring, than a decent bone appeared out of the sun, no more than two rod lengths away. A quick roll cast, one short strip and he (she as it turned out) was on and heading for the deep. Alex cranked the drag down hard and got the fish to the net within a couple of minutes (he doesn't like exhausting fish with protracted battles, especially with opportunistic sharks about).

The fish was around 5-6lb and wearing one of Alex's tags, having been tagged and released only about 4 months earlier. Even so the tag had a healthy growth of algae on it, so Alex removed it and put a new one on before re-measuring it and letting it go. As it turns out, it had grown 4cm in that time! He was totally stoked. This was only the second recapture of a tagged fish on fly in 18 months out of around 3,000 dart tagged Bonefish. His excitement was infectious and we all celebrated with high fives. I called him "the one shot kid" for the rest of the trip.

Over the last few days the winds were down to under 10 knots with only a little cloud. The next stop was right down at the bottom of the lagoon - a really beautiful clean sandy flat and a distinct drop off. With not a head of coral in sight, this would be a great spot to hook and play a big bone. I saw nothing for the first 200m, but then saw a massive bone coming up over the edge of the drop off - easily 10lb plus. I got a good cast on him and he moved straight to the fly. My pulse was really racing at this point. It followed for a few metres before three sharks swung in from the drop off, moving much faster than usual towards my fish. Whether it was them, or the bone just didn't like my fly, I don't know. In any event, he just peeled off and disappeared back over the drop off!

Saw a few more good size bones over the next hour, but not nearly as big as the first one. I hooked two and lost them both and had a couple more follows that resulted in no takes. The rest of the day the bonefish went quiet again, but I hooked and lost another 3 bluefin (2 cut off on the coral and one that snapped the fly off my 20lb tippet with a really savage strike). I did get another couple of small bluefin on the bone rod, but overall the fish got the better of me that day. Still, nice to fish a whole day in clear blue water under a relatively cloudless sky with light winds. We even had a visit by a few wild pigs!



On the final day with just the morning to fish before the afternoon flight out, we decided to hit the outer reef edge for the big boys. The ocean swell had backed right off with the drop in the wind and a low tide around 9am meant conditions were in our favour.

I'd never done this kind of fishing. In fact I'd never even cast a 12wt before. Turns out it's pretty brutal for the uninitiated. Stand as close as you dare to the breakers pounding the edge of the reef around your ankles, pitch a massive fly out on a 130lb leader, crank the drag down to maximum and cross your fingers.

Making two or three casts into each likely looking hole and gutter before moving on, things started pretty slow. But when the tide turned the fish started to appear, seemingly eager to get up over the ledge and into the shallow inner reef. Over the next 90 minutes we saw multiple bluefin, a few GTs, several Bohar Snapper (Red Bass) and a couple of big Napoleon Wrasse, one around the 40lb mark.

With less than an hour to go a big Bohar emerged from nowhere and snaffled the fly with such force it pulled the rod right out of my wet fingers. Luckily I managed to grab the butt with my left hand before it disappeared into the abyss. However, those few seconds were enough to allow the fish to duck under the ledge at my feet with the line bent at right angles over the sharp coral. Pulling hard at that point would have been disastrous, so I let the line go slack and after

10 seconds the fish came out far enough for Alex to grab the leader and skull drag it onto the ledge. He had nowhere to go and with the next wave we pulled him up and landed him!!

The whole thing took seconds and I'd have surely lost it if not for Alex. It was far from pretty with a total lack of finesse but I was over the moon.

A few minutes later I got a small Peacock Grouper (really pretty fish) and two casts later a monstrous Napoleon Wrasse (easily 50lb) charged up onto the ledge and scooped my fly into its gob lying on its side, no more than 2 rod lengths out. However, the wash was big, creating some slack in the line and by the time I stripped enough to tighten up, the fish spat the fly and was gone. Alex and Raphael were gutted.

Even if I had hooked it, there's every chance I wouldn't have been able to stop it, but given its position on top of ledge, all I would had to have done was stop it from getting back to the deep water and we could have hauled it up before it even knew what was happening. Anyway, all academic - it wasn't to be.

Blew a chance at another decent bluefin on the inner reef on the walk back to the boat with an atrocious cast and that was the end of my Anaa week. I'm sure a better fisher/caster than me would have fared much better, but as a relative newcomer to the saltwater fly, I left with a whole lot of new knowledge and one truly memorable fish. Had the weather been kinder, who knows how it would've panned out - but hey - that's fishing.

Thanks James for booking and organising the whole trip. You did an excellent job - great pre-trip info and the itinerary ran as smooth as clockwork.

David (not one of our Davids!)



Hooks

Jason Stratford posted the following information on Facebook about hooks. As he said they are not given the attention they should when it comes to fly tying. Here is what Jason wrote:

“Spend a lot of time posting pics of flies...but never really discuss a key part of the 'fishing system'...that being hooks.

This for me is where things get really complicated. UK and Japan use different hook sizing systems AND different manufacturers use very different means to slot their hooks into either of the EU / JP sizings. This makes comparing different hooks like comparing 'pins with needles'

Have been looking for nice solid short shank hooks for baitfish candies etc for the likes of salmon, tuna, tailor etc. Instances where heavy, hard pulling fish are feeding on small baitfish.

Here's a bit of comparison pic for a few brands / models some may not be familiar with.

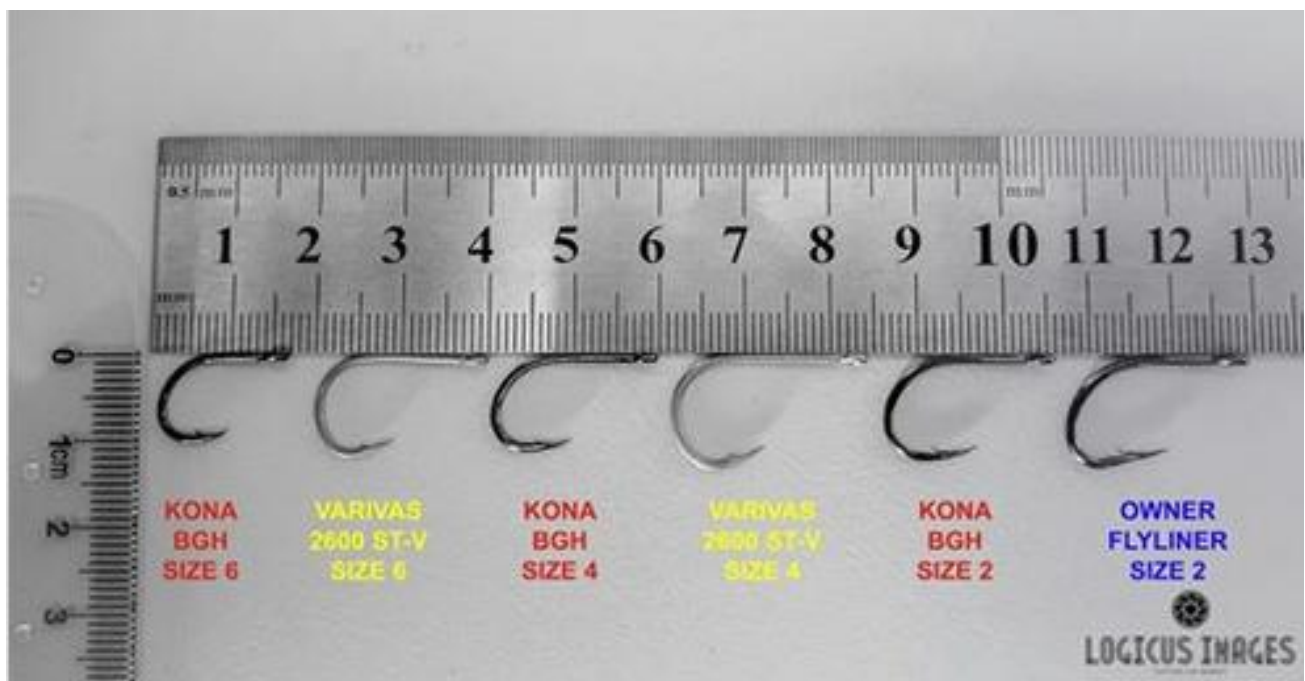
I couldn't put the venerable Gama SL12s in the mix as I don't have any left. Also...would have liked to put the Gama SL12s 'Short' in as well...BUT... they are like 'unicorns' here in AUS. They apparently exist (I know they do...the hooks...not unicorns) But it seems nobody stocks them in AUS (but happy to be corrected!) Hope this helps a few with their hook choices!

OH...so what hook do I use? All of them...as they each have a place for specific species and fly sizes, water conditions etc.

If I had to pick one model only? Stupid question...as I don't have to pick just one! That's the benefit of having choices!!!”

Jason

(It would appear from the latest photo from Jason on the next page unicorns are no longer extinct and he has found a supply of the popular Gamakatsu SL12 hooks - Editor).





Trout Hooks

If you thought selecting hooks for saltwater flies was complicated wait until you start on trout flies. I was going to write something about fly hooks for trout but I have run out of time and space. It's such a huge and confusing topic even for those who have been fly tying for years.

I don't profess to be an expert. There are plenty of people out there more qualified to write about hooks than me, but if no one puts their hand up to share their knowledge I will have a go. When I started fly tying I had a million questions some of which I still don't know the answer to. I'm sure for those just starting out in fly tying for trout the answers to these questions might help them on their way.

Here are some of the questions I had when I started fly tying. If someone volunteers to write this article, or if I have to write it myself, you'll find the answers in next month's Flyer.

- Can I use any old hook for trout flies?
- What's the difference between a saltwater and a freshwater hook?
- Is a size 32 hook bigger than a size 10?
- What size hook should I use for tying a nymph?
- Are all hooks the same shape?
- What is the best brand of hook to use?
- What's the difference between a hook for a dry fly and a wet fly?
- Why are some hooks labelled 2X?
- Should I use an up eye or down eye?
- Should I buy cheap hooks?
- ... and lots more.

Club Roles and Responsibilities

We are working on role statements for all the official positions in the club. As a starting point for our deliberations the following list is provided. It is envisaged that these will be refined over the coming year and added to or subtracted from as the members see fit. It is proposed that we accept these as a working document at the AGM.

Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Roles and Responsibilities



Secretary

It is the duty of the secretary to:

- a. Keep minutes of the meeting either by themselves or delegated to a minute taker
- b. Record the names of members present at meetings
- c. Ensure all correspondence and official records of the association (other than financial records) are up to date, accurate and in order
- d. Assist the President to organize meetings and ensure they run smoothly
- e. Ensure that meeting papers (agenda, correspondence and previous minutes) have been distributed

Treasurer

It is the duty of the treasurer to:

- a. Ensure that all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made
- b. Keep books and accounts showing the financial affairs of the association, including full details of all receipts
- c. Ensure an annual budget is prepared and expenditure reviewed regularly.
- d. Organize and present the annual balance sheet and accounts to members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Committee

It is the duty of the Committee to:

- a. Control and manage the affairs of the Club within the rules of the constitution.
- b. Perform all the acts and do all things that appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the Club.

The President

It is the duty of the President to:

- a. Represent the Club in a positive light at all levels of the community
- b. Ensure that the association adheres to its constitution and rules
- c. Conduct meetings dealing with agenda items
- d. Determining that a quorum is present in order to commence a meeting
- e. Ensure all members have the opportunity to speak, addressing the meeting through the Chair
- f. Preserve order throughout the meeting and keep discussion and decision making relevant and within time
- g. Sign minutes of the previous meeting after they have been confirmed

The Public Officer

It is the duty of the Public Officer to:

- a. Act as the official contact for the Club
- b. Notify Fair Trading of any change in the association's official address within 28 days
- c. Collect all association documents from former committee members and deliver the documents to the new committee member
- d. Keep custody of any documents as required by the constitution.

Assistant Secretary

It is the duty of the Assistant Secretary to:

- a. Support the Secretary by taking minutes of committee, general and annual general meetings.

Club Captain

It is the duty of the Club Captain to:

- a. Encourage a high level of involvement from all members
- b. Help improve all members' skills in fly fishing
- c. To assist the Committee with club outings and public events
- d. To promote the club

Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

2019 Club Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	Tu	Fr	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su Brisbane Casting Day	Tu	Fr	Su	1
2	We	Sa	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	2
3	Th	Su	Su	We	Fr	Mo Fly Tying	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	3
4	Fr	Mo Fly Tying	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	4
5	Sa	Tu	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	5
6	Su	We	We	Sa	Mo Fly Tying	Th	Sa	Tu Film Night	Fr	Su	We	Fr	6
7	Mo	Th	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	7
8	Tu	Fr	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	8
9	We	Sa Outing	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	9
10	Th	Su	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Outing Home Waters	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	10
11	Fr	Mo	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	11
12	Sa	Tu	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	12
13	Su	We	We	Sa Casting Day	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	13
14	Mo	Th	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa Estuary Workshop	Mo	Th	Sa	14
15	Tu	Fr	Fr	Mo Meeting	We	Sa	Mo Meeting	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	15
16	We	Sa	Sa Forster Fly Muster	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo Meeting	We	Sa Outing Home Waters	Mo	16
17	Th	Su	Su Forster Fly Muster	We	Fr	Mo Meeting	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	17
18	Fr	Mo Meeting	Mo Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo Meeting	We	18
19	Sa	Tu	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Mo Meeting	Th Outing The Gorge	Sa	Tu	Th	19
20	Su	We	We	Sa	Mo Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr Outing The Gorge	Su	We	Fr	20
21	Mo	Th	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa Outing The Gorge	Mo Meeting	Th	Sa Outing Home Waters	21
22	Tu	Fr	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Outing Bluewater	Mo	Th	Su Outing The Gorge	Tu	Fr	Su	22
23	We	Sa	Sa	Tu	Th	Su Outing Bluewater	Tu	Fr Swansea Salmon	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	23
24	Th	Su	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Swansea Salmon	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	24
25	Fr	Mo	Mo	Th	Sa Outing Home Waters	Tu	Th	Su Swansea Salmon	We	Fr Outing Dorrigo	Mo	We	25
26	Sa	Tu	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr Dunmore Waters	Mo	Th	Sa Outing Dorrigo	Tu	Th	26
27	Su	We	We	Sa Outing Home Waters	Mo	Th	Sa Dunmore Waters	Tu	Fr	Su Outing Dorrigo	We	Fr	27
28	Mo	Th	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su Dunmore Waters	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	28
29	Tu		Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	29
30	We		Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	30
31	Th		Su		Fr		We	Sa		Th		Tu	31



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2018-19



Member Details:

Name:					
Address:					
Suburb:		State:		Postcode:	
Email:					
Phone:		Mobile:			

Type of membership (tick one)	Individual- \$25.00		Family- \$30.00	
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I agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws and rules and regulations of ANSA NSW.

Signed:		Date:	
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Additional family member details:

Name	D.O.B. (if under 16)

Please make cheque or money order payable to ANSA NSW. Payment can also be made via direct deposit to **BSB: 062 646, Account No: 0090 0752, Account Name: ANSA NSW Main Account** using your surname as the payment reference.

Retrun completed forms and payment to:

Memembership Officer

PO Box 481
 Matrville NSW
 2036

Or by email to:

membership@ansansw.com.au.



Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

Membership Form

I.....DOB.....

(print full name)

of.....

(print full address incl. street name and number, town and postcode)

Email address.....

Phone number.....mobile.....

Emergency Contact:..... phone:

I hereby apply for membership of Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc. (tick one)

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|---------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult membership | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Concession membership ¹ | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eMembership ² | free | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior membership ³ | free |

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June. If paying membership after December fees will be reduced by 50%.

¹ Concession membership is available to senior cardholders, pension card holders (including disability support and aged), Centr elink and Veterans Affairs cardholders

² eMembership replaces Distant Membership and is available to anyone not wanting to attend meetings or events but still retain the other benefits of club membership.. eMembers are not covered by Club Insurance. eMembers wanting to participate in an event or meeting must pay to become full members.

³ Junior membership is available to anyone attending primary or secondary school.

I agree to: (cross out if you **do not** agree.)

- having my contact details circulated only to financial members of the club.
- abide by the constitution, rules and any safety regulations of the club.
- any photographs taken of myself or family members to be used in the club newsletter, club promotional material or on the club website and Facebook Page.
- receive emails from the club including newsletters and club announcements.

..... **(signature of applicant)** **(date)**

..... **(signature of legal guardian if junior member)**

Fees can be paid:

1. **In cash** or by **cheque** at a 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**

BSB 062-678
Account Number: 10333424
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc
Reference: Your surname

All information supplied will be held in club records and will only be disseminated to financial club members (if approved by the applicant as indicated above)