

# The *Flyer*



Official Newsletter Of The



# *The Flyer*

## The Official Newsletter of the Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club

### October 2019

#### Contents

Editorial	Page 3
Club Executive	Page 4
October Meeting	Page 5
Committee Meeting	Page 5
October Outing	Page 5
Urunga Flathead Tournament	Page 6
Gone Fishing Day	Page 6
Club Shirts	Page 7
Club Calendar	Page 8
Casting Around	Pages 9-12
Estuary Workshop Report	Page 13
Fishing Reports	Page 14
Fly Tying	Pages 15-16
Beginners Corner	Page 17
New England Trout	Pages 18-19
Membership Fees	Page 20
Annual Club Calendar	Page 21
Our Supporters	Page 22
Club Membership Form	Page 23
DEFFA Membership Form	Page 24
Club Shirt Order Form	Page 25

**Cover:** Participants at the Estuary Workshop at Urunga. Photo courtesy Glenn Colquhoun.

**Below:** Rainbow trout fry from the Dutton Trout Hatchery at Ebor being boxed ready to be released in local streams.



# Editorial

Our Estuary Workshop at Urunga proved very successful thanks to a great team effort. Fourteen people registered for the course and we had seven club members looking after them on the day. Events such as this and our trout workshop help promote fly fishing as a sport and have resulted in the growth of our club. Check out the live video reviews posted in our Facebook Group. Plans are already underway for another workshop this time all about Bass. If it is anything like our previous workshops it is sure to be well attended and well received.

Another example of the club reaching out to support the fly fishing community was the recent stocking of trout waters on the Dorrigo Plateau. The Dorrigo/Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association is the group responsible for releasing trout into these rivers and a number of our club members belong to both groups. In the last week 30,000 rainbow fry have been released with more to come. Anyone wanting to assist with this mammoth operation is encouraged to join DEFFA. The last few years have seen a decline in trout numbers due to drought and fire but when the rains come the fry that have been released should grow to rebuild the fishery. If you are interested in joining DEFFA you will find an application form at the end of the newsletter.



This month sees the trout season open here in the North. Traditionally the season opens on the long weekend in October so from midnight on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October you can fish for trout again. In Tasmania the season has been open since August while in Victoria the opening is in September. Opening is usually associated with the end of the trout spawning season thus it varies from region to region and for different species of trout. Moves are afoot to bring forward the opening for the northern region as very little spawning occurs here and the best fishing conditions often occur in September.

With talk of releasing trout and the opening of the trout season you could easily forget the bass season is underway and the estuaries are starting to fire. It would be great to get some stories and articles from those who fish for bass or in the estuaries. There are plenty of people out there who could share their vast knowledge. If you are a member of our Facebook Group or a distant member you can also contribute your photos and stories for the newsletter. You never know, it might just be the start of a career as a fishing writer.

*Editor*

# Club Executive 2019-20



Doug Urquhart President



Kevin Cosgrove Vice President



Allan Ekert Secretary, Public Officer and Newsletter Editor



Walter Krainik Treasurer



Rod Leane Assistant Secretary



Don Cummings Committee



David Moppett Club Captain



Glenn Colquhoun Committee



Brian Bevan Committee

## October Meeting

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Boambee East Community Centre.

Starting at 6.30pm there will be casting practice on the grounds behind the Hall. We will be running through the Bronze Level of the FFI Fly Casting Skills Challenge.

Our guest speaker at 7.30pm will be Garry Hambly from A1 FlyFishing. Garry will be talking about fly lines. If you want to know about fly line construction, tapers, densities and what line to use for different species and situations Garry will have the answer.

We will have the usual raffle to cover the hall hire costs and tea and coffee will be available. If you need some flies make sure you buy a raffle ticket as the prizes will include flies from our ace fly tyer Glenn Colquhoun and also from Paul Fedeles (<http://flytyerman.blogspot.com/>) who ties flies commercially and generously donated some flies when attending our Estuary Workshop.



### CASTING SKILLS CHALLENGE: BRONZE LEVEL SCORECARD

#### CASTER INFORMATION:

Caster's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Recognition Requires FFI Membership.  
 Yes, I am a Fly Fishers International Member

#### BRONZE CASTING SKILLS CHALLENGE:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. PULD                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Shooting Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Vertical to Horizontal      | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Accuracy      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Roll Cast Dominant Side     | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Distance      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Roll Cast Non-Dominant Side |   |

\* I have successfully qualified for the Bronze Recognition Award in the Casting Skills Challenge Program by achieving all seven skills.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator can be an observer (such as a Club member), a Silver or Gold Level Award Recipient, or a CIPC Certified Instructor.

SEND A COPY OF THIS FORM & PAYMENT TO:  
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL, ATTN: CASTING  
5237 U.S. Highway 89 South, #11  
Livingston, MT 59047

EMAIL: [casting@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:casting@flyfishersinternational.org)

OR PAY ONLINE: [FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/RESOURCES/STORE.ASPX](http://FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/RESOURCES/STORE.ASPX)

\* Recognition for the Bronze Skills Challenge, cost of \$20 US, will include a Recognition Certificate and Bronze Award Pin.

CONSERVATION / EDUCATION / COMMUNITY  
5237 US Highway 89 South #11 / Livingston, MT 59047  
P 406.222.9369 / F 406.222.5823 / [flyfishersinternational.org](http://flyfishersinternational.org)

## Committee Meeting

The Committee will be meeting in the hall from 5.30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We will be finalizing our calendar of outings for 2020 so that people can plan ahead if they want to get involved. We will also be discussing ideas for club activities and meetings. If you have any ideas, make sure you let a Committee person know.

## October Outing

The outing for October will be a trip to Dorrigo on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to fish for trout.

We will be meeting at 8.00am outside the Dorrigo Bakery to stock up on some morning tea and make a plan for the day. From there you can head to your favourite spot around Dorrigo or Ebor. The early morning meeting will ensure we don't have too many people wanting to fish the same spots and those who don't know where to go will be given some ideas.



For those fishing close to Dorrigo some of us will be having lunch at the Dorrigo Hotel at 1.00pm. You can then resume your fishing or call it a day.

Make sure you register for this outing by putting your name on the outings sheet or contacting the Secretary. When you register you will be given some more detailed information.

# Urunga Flathead Tournament

Urunga Anglers Club is again hosting the BERKLEY URUNGA ESTUARY SPORT FISHING FLATHEAD TOURNAMENT. This Tournament is strictly Lure and Fly Catch and Release Only. Anglers from far and wide will be divided into 4 divisions, Adult Male's, Adult Ladies, Junior Boy's under 16yrs, and Junior Girls under 16yrs, all competing for their name to be etched onto the Perpetual Longest Flathead Trophy.

This is more than just a fishing competition and will have a Random Raffle Draw, educational speeches about new innovative techniques & products, and also speakers to talk about the importance of catching and releasing fish for the future.

The dates for 2019 are November 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information visit the website:  
<http://www.urungasportfishing.com.au/>

There is a dedicated fly only section and groups of 2 or 3 can enter as a team. Entry fees are \$80 for adults and \$60 for kids.  
[https://www.sticktickets.com.au/90063/berkley\\_urunga\\_sport\\_fishing\\_flathead\\_tournament\\_2019.aspx](https://www.sticktickets.com.au/90063/berkley_urunga_sport_fishing_flathead_tournament_2019.aspx)



# Gone Fishing Day 2019



NSW Gone Fishing Day is on again on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Pop Denison Park Ballina from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

NSW DPI will be running a host of events to celebrate our love of fishing and encourage everyone to get out on the water. It doesn't matter if you haven't fished before or if you're the keenest of anglers, Gone Fishing Day is for everyone!

There will be free how to fish sessions, casting competitions, free goodie bags with bonus fishing lures, fishing tip classes by local experts, touch tank, loads of kids activities, RMS boating safety stand and lots more fishing stuff on show.

Snappy our crab mascot will be also making an appearance and handing out lots of cool prizes.

For more info on Gone Fishing Day, call (02) 4424 7437 or email  
[gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Just bring you, family and friends. All activities are free. No need to register for the event. No fishing license will be required on the day. Fishing and casting sessions are run throughout the day.

For more info on call (02) 4424 7437 or email  
[gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

## Club Shirts

Since our club shirts were introduced and sold out two years ago people have been asking if we are going to put in another order. If there is sufficient interest we will. Unfortunately, we have to order a minimum of 34 so before going ahead we have to be certain we can sell that many.



If you are interested in ordering one of the new short sleeve shirts you can use the form at the end of the newsletter. If you are after a fish logo for your own shirt you will have to wait until the decision is made to go ahead.



To that end we are calling for expressions of interest in purchasing a long sleeve club shirt. You will find a form at the end of the newsletter to register your interest or you can contact the Secretary or Club Captain. A decision will be made at the next Committee Meeting which is on 21<sup>st</sup> October whether to go ahead or not.

Our Club Captain has also been working on a new short sleeve shirt which will feature our fish logo. These shirts will have the logo embroidered on the front. The logo is a little more complicated and expensive to embroider but once the setup has been completed these logos will be available, like the Dahlberg one, for members to have embroidered on their own shirts and jackets.

While we are on the subject of club clothing the expression of interest/order sheet at the end of the newsletter will also have a place for you to order a club cap. We only have a couple in stock so if there is sufficient interest we will order more.



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

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.





## Casting Lessons

After last month's article I'm sure all the casting instructors out there have been run off their feet dealing with the hundreds of calls from people who can't cast very well. And if you believe that let me tell you I can cast a full fly line with a two weight rod into the wind with either hand!

It's one thing to believe you would benefit from casting lessons and another to do something about it. The thought of having someone watch you casting and point out your problems is too much to face for most of us. If you look at other sports such as golf or tennis it is common practice for people to go to a professional for help. Yet in our sport of fly fishing there is a reluctance to admit the need for assistance.

Fly fishing is a solitary sport and for the most part non competitive. If you fish within the limits of your casting ability and don't fish with people who show you up all the time you won't see the need to cast better. You might not be able to cast very well but if you can catch fish what does it matter? If your casting is good enough to fool most fish you come across there is no incentive to improve. It's not until you find yourself in a situation where your lack of casting skills prevent you from catching a fish that you realize you need to do something about it.

In the world of tennis or golf your skills are constantly being pitted against someone else and if you want to beat them you need to make sure your skills are better than theirs. Nearly every golf or tennis club has a resident professional who makes a living from people who realize if they want to win they have to have all the skills and be able to use them better than their opponent. For a fly fisher it's not about being better than someone else but about being better than the fish. Your skills need only grow to the level of difficulty needed to catch fish. Once you have mastered those skills you can happily fish for the rest of your life - until the urge to catch something more difficult comes along.

When I started fly fishing I did it on my own from books and videos. There were no clubs around and very few fly fishers. I had no one to watch what I was doing and tell me what was going wrong and what to do about it. I fished with a few friends who were good casters and I watched and tried to learn as much as I could from them. The problem with fishing with friends is they can be reluctant to offer advice for fear of offending you and asking friends for help can be embarrassing.

I eventually paid for a lesson from a former Australian Casting Champion by the name of Vinnie Ford. I had reached a plateau in my casting - more like a valley actually - and I couldn't get to the other side. The more I read, watched and tried, I couldn't get any distance with my casts. It had to be the rod! A good friend had sold me the rod from a local tackle store and assured me it was just what I needed. It wasn't one of the top brands and it didn't cost a fortune so it had to be the reason I wasn't getting any distance. I still have and use that rod today and it casts a whole lot better than it did when I first bought it!

I travelled a great distance to see Vinnie and much of what he taught me is a blur as he tried to fix a whole lot of bad habits before he could start. Any thought that a one day lesson would solve all my problems soon vanished. The one thing that stuck in my mind about Vinnie's lesson was that he picked up my rod and cast the whole fly line across the pond dispelling my belief that the rod was the reason I couldn't cast very well. I knew I needed more lessons!

Casting lessons don't need to cost money. You can get casting lessons from friends, acquaintances, your local tackle store or people you meet on the water. Anyone you see making a better job at it than you can be a potential instructor. We all have in our own mind what our casting looks like. It's not until someone else takes a look that you discover the reality doesn't always match your imagination. The best instructors are those who can watch your cast and help you see where you are going wrong. They then provide solutions for your problems. For friends and acquaintances this can be a precarious path. If you have ever tried to teach someone close to you to drive a car you can probably see where this is heading.



Most fly fishing clubs have casting instructors or experienced fly fishers who will help you out. For the cost of membership you will have access to people who can cast well and who can give you a few pointers. The value of a fly club is that instruction can come in the form of groups and with people who you feel comfortable working with. Within a fly club there is always someone who can cast better than you and from whom you can learn. The problem with this approach, however, is in the level of consistency and the teaching ability of the instructor.

When I went to Vinnie Ford for my lesson he was relying on his skills developed as a champion fly caster and the knowledge he had gained along the way. At that time there were no formal programs to teach people how to teach fly casting in Australia. In England the Game Instructors association was created in 1967. In Europe the European Fly Fishing Association began offering instructor programs in 2006. In America the Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) was developed in 1992.

All these programs were developed to provide a consistent and theoretically sound approach to the teaching of fly casting. They were based on certifying an instructor's ability to cast, to teach casting and to understand the mechanics of how a cast works. The emphasis was on teaching and not just on a person's ability to cast well. Instructors were trained to diagnose faults and teach fixes. And to prove they had mastered all these components of a good casting instructor they had to pass a rigorous practical and theoretical exam.



In Australia the most widely recognized formal qualification for casting instructors is The Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) developed by Fly Fishers International. Although originating in America it has now become truly international with Brian Henderson MCI from Foster NSW currently on the Board of Governors. There are three casting instructor certifications, including Certified Casting Instructor, Master Casting Instructor and Two-Handed Casting Instructor. There are currently 83 CCIs, 14 MCIs, and 4 THCIs in Australia.

The CICP has done much to improve the standard of casting instruction worldwide. Someone who has been certified under this program can be deemed to be a professional whether they charge for their lessons or not. Many instructors now make their living by teaching casting just as professional instructors in other sports. To become a certified casting instructor requires time, effort and expense. If you are looking for someone to get a casting lesson from you should be looking for someone who has been certified. This may cost you money but you will know you are learning from someone who has the skills and knowledge to help you improve.

To conclude I need to point out this is not just one big advertorial for me as a casting instructor. I don't give casting instruction for money and don't receive commission when those hundreds of people contact an instructor as a result of reading my articles. I enjoy the sport of fly fishing and want others to enjoy it too. Enjoyment comes from success and success comes with good casting skills. If you want to cast well you need casting lessons. Join a club and get some free instruction. Find a certified casting instructor and book a lesson. Not being able to cast very well is not something to be proud of even if you do catch fish.

## Free fly fishing day in beautiful Ebor for women who have experienced breast cancer



"A fun day away from illness, treatment and side effects" "Everyone, absolutely everyone, was simply amazing" "A phenomenal day" 2018 participants

Casting for Recovery recommends fly casting as an exercise for breast cancer recovery. The motion of fly casting is similar to the physiotherapy often required for the healing process. We are holding an introductory fly fishing day in which women will receive free lessons from expert fly fishers, share experiences, enjoy nature and catch a delicious trout

**DATE:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019

**BOOKINGS CLOSE:** 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2019

For more information and bookings contact:

**Kate Guthrey**  
0402 125 925  
[kate.guthrey@ywca.org.au](mailto:kate.guthrey@ywca.org.au)



"Had such a memorable day"

All fishing gear and lunch provided, and you can take home your catch!  
Accommodation options close by if you would like extend your experience.

A collaboration between NSW Department of Primary Industries, Fishcare and the New England Trout Acclimatisation Society with support from YWCA NSW Encore.



Department of Primary Industries



# Estuary Workshop Report

The Estuary workshop proved to be a very popular and successful venture by the club. Fourteen people attended some travelling from as far as Queensland in the north and Port Macquarie in the south. With great presentation by people like Dale Johnson from Freshest Fishing Tours, Glenn Colquhoun and Garry Hambly from A1 FlyFishing, ably supported by David Moppett, Jason Stratford and Doug Urquhart the participants were well educated in the skills to fly fish estuaries. The casting tuition from Garry, David and Jason was worth the cost of attending alone and add to that each person received a selection of estuary flies tied by Jim Wray and Glenn Colquhoun. Here are a few photos from the day.

Casting practice proved popular and beneficial for all the participants. For the trouties in the group there were some valuable lessons in getting the maximum distance from a cast and coping with the wind.



Dale Johnson's presentation based on his years of experience and local knowledge had everyone listening attentively and taking notes.

Because of a Dragon boat Regatta at North Beach the Workshop had to be transferred to Urunga. Thanks to the Urunga Football Club we had an excellent venue with lots of space.



And to conclude the day Dave Barwise went over to the river near the Sailing Club and caught this nice flathead on a fly.

## Fishing Reports

There's not much to report on the fishing front. Unfortunately the trip to the Gorge had to be cancelled as I was unwell and the lack of rain and bushfires which would have made for very difficult fishing.

Despite the drought and the predictions for high winds our intrepid Club Captain made a trip to Keepit Dam to see if the carp were still there. We had already decided to cancel the club trip there in December as the water level is currently at less than 1%. Never one to miss a chance to go fishing, David set off on a whirlwind trip where he met up with Carp Guru Jason for a couple of days fishing. Here's Jason's report:

### "Carp Tragic"

Definition: Someone that drives 5 hours to fish for carp with a forecast of 70km/hr winds and low dam levels. Despite that...the morning was a glass out...then the winds came...followed by a haze of dust which saw the sight fishing destroyed (algae levels, sediment / wash on edges...and 0.5m swell) Even the pelicans were worried about getting blown over on land...and took up 'battle stations' facing into the howling winds. Probably would have been able to continue to fish...if he had a DH rod?!?!

### Jason

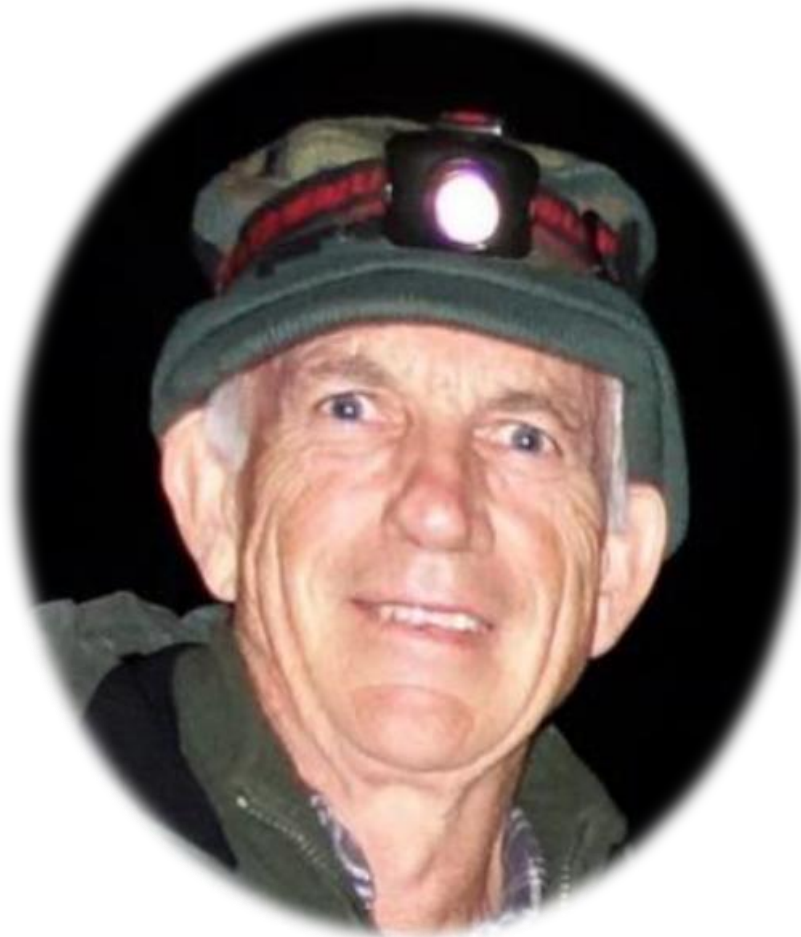


## Fly Tying

Our fly tying column this month features a thought provoking article by Jeff Yates from the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club. Jeff and fellow members of the club spend a lot of time fishing for bass in the lakes of the upper Hunter Valley. You might be interested in the flies they use there as we plan to add a trip to Lake St Clair to our calendar for next year.

## Flies that morph

By Jeff Yates

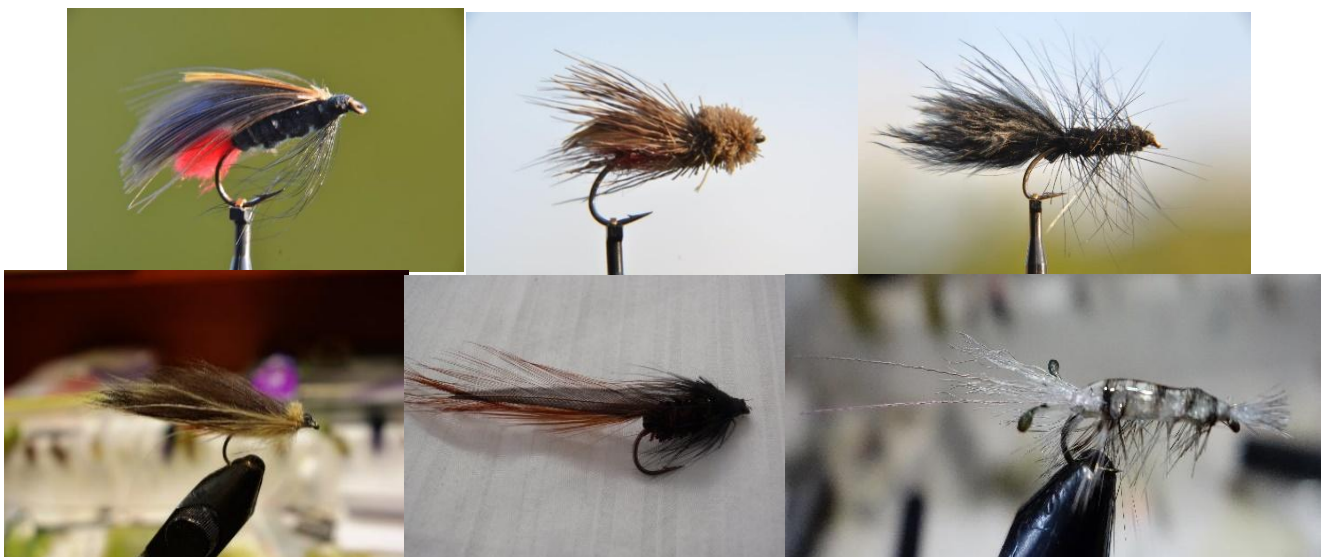


When I look back I see an evolution in fly technology for Australian bass. While the trout scene generally followed the “match the hatch” theory, conversely, the bass scene mimicked the American small and big mouth bass flies. The flies I was first introduced to, and read about, the Dahlberg Diver, the Gartside Gurgler, the Sculpin, Deerhair Bass Bugs, Clousers, etc were all American. For years we replicated them, targeting Australian bass with limited success. I have to ask, what is wrong with the trout theory of “matching the hatch”?



Lake St Clair has a rich diversity of aquatic and terrestrial food for bass. The native gudgeon and smelt, crayfish, shrimp, dragon fly larvae, damselfly, crickets, grasshoppers, bogan moths, and the list goes on. Trevor, one of our club's long time stalwarts, tied a Trev's special years ago, which I'm sure replicated the native fish, and is highly successful, and is a fixture in all our fly boxes. I have used Yetis, a rabbit fur fly, also replicating bait fish, which performs well.

The Craigs Nighttime, which is by far our most successful bass catcher, is a mud-eye imitation. Over the years we have used Woolly buggers, Churchies, Hamills and Mrs Simpsons. These flies were originally tied larger than the trout wet counterparts, but once again, by mimicking the natural food, we have reduced the hook size to #8 mostly, and we have been successfully fishing even smaller flies with #10 St Clair Shrimp.



So, what I am saying is the bass flies are morphing into trout flies. Where I once had a box of trout wets and a box of bass wets, now I can throw away the labels and have 1 box of generic wet flies.

*Jeff*



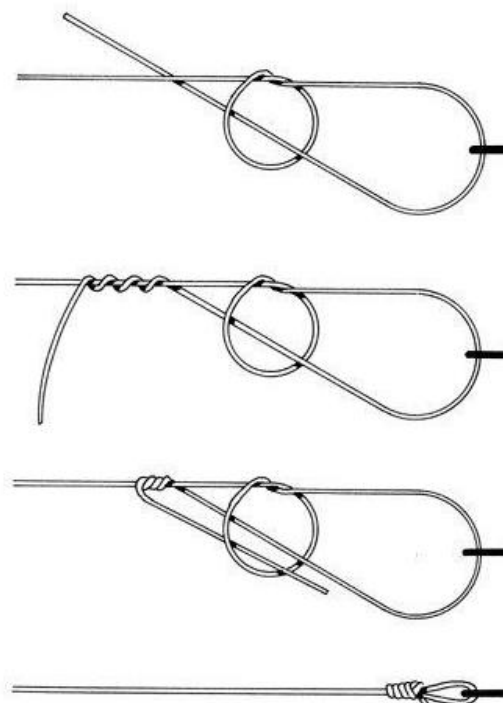
## Beginners Corner

We were all beginners once and should all be again if we are growing in the sport. I've long rejected a column like this thinking it would be too simplistic and even boring. But I was reminded the other day at our Estuary Workshop just how important it is to address the basics. While our expert panel was answering questions about tide, moon phase, currents, barometer and other technical stuff someone wanted to know how to attach the flies they had been given to their line. I felt embarrassed that we hadn't answered that important question and decided a beginner's column needed to be in our newsletter.

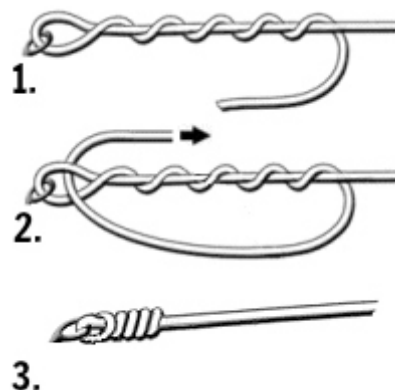
I guess the reason this question wasn't answered on the day was because of lack of time. When it comes to knots you can get bogged down in opinions and lengthy discussions. There are plenty of experts in clubs, on the Internet or in books who will tell you about the best knot to use. In Trevor Hawkin's book "Fly Fishing Knots, Rigs and Leaders" he lists 13 different knots for attaching a fly to the line. I know of a few more!

I'm going to stick my neck out and answer the question from my point of view. Many will disagree and most will want to add their favourites to the list. But for the sake of simplicity and to answer that very important question here is my list of just two knots to use to attach your fly to the tippet on your line.

If you are tying on a large fly for fishing estuaries for flathead etc you probably want the fly to swing freely so I would use a Lefty's Loop. As with a lot of knots this has another name and is also known as the non slip loop knot. It's pretty simple to tie and quite strong.



The other knot you can use to tie on your fly if you don't want it to swing around is the clinch knot also known as the half blood knot. There are stronger knots but for simplicity and effectiveness I don't think you can go past this one.



If you want to see how to tie these knots just Google them and you will find plenty of options.

If you want to know what others think of my selection just stand back and listen to the arguments at the next club meeting.

Hawkins, Trevor. *Fly fishing : knots & rigs leaders*. Victoria, Australia: Australian Fishing Network, 2004. Print.

## New England Trout



Without the work of the Dutton Trout Hatchery and the clubs of the New England Trout Acclimatization Society there wouldn't be a trout fishery in the north of the state. Clubs such as Armidale, Barrington/Gloucester, Dorrigo/Ebor, Glen Innes, Guyra, Hastings, Inverell, Macleay, Mallard & Claret, Scone, Tamworth and Walcha have been stocking both brown and rainbow trout into the local streams for many years. Pictured above is Jim Wray from the Dorrigo/Ebor (and Coffs Coast) club releasing rainbow fry into the river. The clubs are supported by the work of the NSW Department of Primary Industries to ensure the ongoing viability of trout fishing in the New England.

As part of the NSW Trout Strategy the Department of Primary Industries has started publishing report cards on the state of the trout fisheries in the southern, central and northern districts of the NSW. This trout monitoring program has only been going for one year but over time it will give an indication of any changes in the fishery and an opportunity to do something about it.

In the Northern region the size structure for the trout fisheries varied between rainbow and brown trout. Rainbow trout displayed a high abundance of smaller fish but few fish in the middle and larger size classes. Brown trout had a high abundance of mid to larger sized fish but no smaller fish recorded. The lack of smaller fish was in part due to little or no stocking of brown trout in the Northern region in 2018/2019. Strong survival of smaller rainbow trout and successful stocking of brown trout in 2019/2020 would see improved opportunities for angling in this region over the next 2 years.

These reports will be available on line soon ([www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)) but in the meantime here is a reprint of the report card for the Northern region. The first sampling took place between September 2018 and May 2019. For much of this period, large portions of NSW were experiencing drought conditions and this impacted stocking practices (i.e. less river stocking sites). Overall, the report cards indicate that the NSW trout fishery provides some areas in each region with good angling opportunities. However, angling opportunities would improve further in all regions with more favourable environmental conditions and improved survival of stocked fish.

# Trout Monitoring

Department of Primary Industries

## Northern Region

### REGION HIGHLIGHTS

FISH PER 100M	Guy Fawkes River
CATCHABLE FISH PER 100M	Manning River
LARGEST CAUGHT	Guy Fawkes River
AVERAGE SIZE OF CATCHABLE TROUT	Manning River
BEST FOR RAINBOW TROUT	Styx River
BEST FOR BROWN TROUT	Manning River

### LOOKING AHEAD

- » Streams around the MacIntyre River may need more stocking of brown trout and continued stocking of rainbow trout to ensure multiple size classes and an improved fishery
- » Brown trout stocking is required in many areas as few small fish were recorded. Stocking of brown trout in Autumn 2019 will likely improve this result for 2019 surveys

### OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

RAINBOW	BROWN	
9.3	1.2	FISH PER 100M
0.1	0.7	CATCHABLE FISH PER 100M
43cm	43cm	LARGEST CAUGHT
26	26	AVERAGE SIZE OF CATCHABLE TROUT

### OTHER SPECIES RECORDED

- » River blackfish, mountain galaxias, shortfin eel & mosquitofish

Last Surveyed September 2018

### Report Card

	RAINBOW	BROWN
ABUNDANCE	C	D
RECENT RECRUITMENT	B	F
MATURE FISH	D	C
MULTIPLE CLASS SIZES	D	B
DISTRIBUTION	B	D
OVERALL RATING	<i>Moderate</i>	

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

The report cards provide an overall rating for the region with a rating summary provided in the top right (you will need a copy of the full report to interpret the key) and more specific values in the lower left of the card. Key highlights from the region are presented in the top left of the report card and represent the rivers that performed best in each category. You will also find co-ordinates for all the sites monitored in the report. Watch the DPI site for this information going on line or you can obtain a printed copy by emailing [fishstocking@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fishstocking@dpi.nsw.gov.au) (I also have a copy).

# Membership Fees

Membership Fees are as follows:

Adult membership \$30

Concession membership \$20

Junior membership free

eMembership free

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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:**

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@tpg.com.au](mailto:ccffc@tpg.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**.

## Club Contact Address

Our official email address is [ccffc@tpg.com.au](mailto:ccffc@tpg.com.au).

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. Currently there are 247 members in this group.



# 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	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	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

These people have all helped our club in one way or another. When you are looking for products and services make sure you consider them first.



**A1flyfishing.com.au**  
ON-LINE DISCOUNT TACKLE SPECIALISTS



**SP**  
South Pacific 

**FLY RODS Australia**



**FRESHEST FISHING TOURS**

**COFFS COAST**  
**0421 405 221**



**MOTACKLE**  
MOTACKLE.COM.AU



**Fly ODYSSEY AUSTRALIA**  
Fly fishing travel experts



*Harley's*  
**FLY FISHING**



# 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)

- |   |      |   |      |
|---|------|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult membership         | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Concession membership <sup>1</sup> | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eMembership <sup>2</sup> | free | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior membership <sup>3</sup>     | free |

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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)**

# DORRIGO - EBOR FRESHWATER FISHING ASSOCIATION

## Membership Application



The Dorrigo-Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association is the organization responsible for the stocking of streams on the Dorrigo Plateau NSW. The aim of the Association is to promote, foster and encourage recreational freshwater fishing and to further the interests of all in matters relating to improving freshwater recreational fishing and fisheries.

Members of the Dorrigo Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association have to conform to stringent NSW Fisheries and National Parks And Wildlife rules and regulations and are under legal obligation to ensure these rules and regulations are fully complied with.

Trout can only be released into waterways with the specific consent of NSW Fisheries and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Any Person found releasing fish into unauthorised waterways now risks being legally liable for any problems that may arise. Only financial members of The Dorrigo-Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association are authorised to release trout on the Dorrigo Plateau.

If you wish to become a financial member of the Dorrigo Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association please complete the details below and return the form along with membership fees of \$10 adults, \$5 juniors or \$20 family to the secretary.

Name: .....

Address: .....Postcode: .....

Phone:(home)..... Phone:(work).....

Mobile: ..... Date:.....

Email: .....

Are you able to help with releasing fish? Yes/No

Chris Bristow  
Secretary  
Dorrigo & Ebor Freshwater Fishing Association  
334 Johnsens Road  
Fernbrook NSW 2453  
Phone: 02 6657336 Email: [walgromit@outlook.com](mailto:walgromit@outlook.com)





## Expression of Interest/Order Form Club Clothing

If you are interested in placing an order for any of the following items please put a number in the appropriate box and make sure your form gets to the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Name: .....

### Long Sleeve Club Shirts \$75 each

Size M  L  XL  XXL



### Short Sleeve Club Shirts \$50 each

Size M  L  XL  XXL



### Club Caps \$20 each

One size fits all



Completed forms can be scanned and emailed to:

[ccffc@tpg.com.au](mailto:ccffc@tpg.com.au)

Sent by snail mail to:

11 Butterfly Close, Boambee East NSW 2452

Or you can bring the form to the October meeting. For further information or to register your interest by phone, call

David Moppett 0411723221

Allan Ekert 0427457725