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**Cover:** The armada assembled for the start of the Mullet Mash.  
(Photo courtesy David Moppett)

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## September 2020

Welcome again to another monthly newsletter. I'm sure these months are getting shorter; it seems no time at all since I compiled my last short story and then I'm up for it again.

I just had a quick glance back through our Club Calendars and my reports for about the last six months and am unsettled in one instance by the effect that the virus has had on the club but then on the other hand very pleased to see our fight back. The Mullet Mash and our Buy Swap Sell day are two events that immediately spring to mind with a lot of members from both near and far coming together for those events. (I hope I didn't manage to offend anyone as the Covid Marshall) I think the opportunity was there on the Buy Swap Sell day to pick up some great bargains (especially when you were to hear called out across the Hall "FREE or Best Offer" !!) I do hope the vendors were satisfied with the day. Pip had the case he has made up with all the flies from the tying competition entries securely contained on display. Well done Pip, it looks top notch.

The Tuesday casting group is continuing and this is providing not only instruction but a

great social event. My thanks to Allan and David (welcome to the Classroom David) for their efforts in this area. We are fortunate to have in this area what I would class as some of the best qualified instructors in the country and from here we are fortunate that they would like to see fly casters of all standards lift their game.

Again, please check the calendar for changes, cancellations, variations etc. If anyone would like to come out here to harass the Bass please feel free. I know I have extended the invitation previously, and if you wish you are free to campout. You may have to endure my diatribe about Paramatta grass, fire weed etc. but it will be only for a short time while you get set up. 😊

Once again, thank you to our members near and far for your support and interest in our wonderful sport? Activity? Interest?

Tight Lines, stay safe and 1.5 metres apart.

Regard  
*Doug*



# Editorial

Despite Covid restrictions we have still managed to conduct some club activities this month and these have been very well received. We are taking great care to ensure we abide by all regulations and follow our Covid Plan. The welfare of all our members is paramount and when we do go ahead with an activity you can be sure we have done everything possible to make it safe.

As you can see from the cover photo, the Mullet Mash was a great success with record numbers of members in attendance. Just about everyone managed to catch a mullet or a bream. The perfect weather and top organization from David M. and Greg ensured everyone had a great time. I reckon we might be having a few more outings like this.

The Buy/Swap/Sell enticed many of our members to make their way to Mylestom for the day. There was a huge variety of gear on offer, more than could have been bought by a dozen fly clubs. Garry and Sandy from A1 FlyFishing went out of their way to ensure their tables were full of gear that everyone could buy at bargain prices. Thanks also to all the members and Barry P. for adding so much to the selection. It was difficult to know where to turn. I went home with a lot less in my wallet and a bag full of things I didn't need... but wanted.

A lot of people made the day a success and it was great to see so many club members doing their bit. From setting up and cleaning up to running raffles, marshalling, looking after the raffle and all the other



jobs on the day, it was a great team effort. David M's casting instruction was well received by those who came early and is doing much to improve the casting skills of all our members. The day was a great example of what the club is all about.

This month we have more activities planned but if circumstances change we are ready to cancel and postpone at any time. Make sure you read your mid month update and check our web site or Facebook for up to date information.

The newsletter is a little light on this month for a few reasons but mainly because I've had too many fishing trips and not enough days on the computer. Someone has to put in the time researching and gathering intelligence for future club trips! If you would like more to read each month, or are sick of reading what I write, please consider contributing a story, article or a fishing report.

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# Club Executive 2019-20



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## September Meeting



Our September meeting is scheduled for Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September commencing at 7.30pm at the Boambee East Community Centre. Failing any changes in the state of the Covid crisis we will go ahead with this meeting. Our Covid policy will be in place and there is plenty of room in the Hall for us to social distance.

As we haven't been able to hold a meeting for some months the night we will be devoted to business matters when decisions of the Committee can be ratified and plans put in place for the coming months. We don't have any guest speakers or special activities to persuade you to attend but hopefully you will still come along to participate.

## September Outings

The fly tying Workshop with Brett Clarke has been postponed until next year.

Our planned September outing to Eatonsville on the Clarence River has been changed due to a clash of dates with the Copmanhurst Bass Classic. It wouldn't be much fun being on the river in a tinny or kayak with all those big bass boats roaring around at a rate of knots.

In place of the outing to Eatonsville we will be having another day on our home waters at Mylestom. You can read all the details on page 7.

## Tuesday Casting Group

The Tuesday casting group will continue to meet throughout September. The next session will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone is welcome to attend. The venue is the park in Mylestom. If you are interested you can contact David on 0411723221 or Allan on 0427457725.

As we have a lot to get through in a limited time we endeavour to stick to a timetable:

- 9.45am Arrive ready for 10.00am start.
- 10.00am - 11.00am How to sessions and Casting
- 11am till 11.15am Morning tea (bring your own)
- 11.15 am till 12.15 pm Casting

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

Casting will continue each Tuesday unless there is a need to call it off when an email will be sent to all those who regularly attend.



## September Outing

Our September outing will be to our Home Waters at Mylestom on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Our target species will be bream, mullet, trevally and anything else you can catch.

You can start whenever you like. If you need help some members will be at the boat ramp opposite the football field at Mylestom at 7.00am. Finish will be 12.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle in the park.

Saturdays can be busy at the ramp at Mylestom so you may want to get there early to beat the dragon boat racers. There is plenty of parking at the northern end of the park where will be meeting afterwards.



Fishing will be from bank, boat or kayak. Those without a vessel will be taken to the sand flats by boat. Those with boats can arrange your own partners or let us know and we will match up anyone looking for a ride.

We would like lots of photos for Facebook and the newsletter so please use your camera or smart phone to record fish caught, people, boats and the scenery.

As a fly fishing club we encourage everyone to use a fly rod but if it is very windy or you really want to catch a fish you can bring your spin stick. Catch and release is optional as long as you abide by NSW fishing rules.

This is a social day out as well as a chance to learn more about fly fishing. If you need help with flies, where to fish or how to fish please ask. Make an effort to stay for the sausage sizzle where you will be able to talk to other members about what worked and what didn't.

A Covid Safe policy will be in place so we are limited to 20 members and of course everyone must social distance and follow good hygiene practices (see club policy).

There is no registration fee but we do ask for a gold coin donation for the sausage sizzle.

You MUST register for this event by 17<sup>th</sup> September to give us time to arrange boats and organize food. Contact David on 0411723221 or Allan on 0427457725

## Trout Workshop

The Trout Workshop planned for 10<sup>th</sup> October at Ebor has been cancelled. The hatchery at Ebor isn't open yet and there is no word on when this might happen. It takes time to organize a workshop such as this and the hatchery is central to our planning. With such uncertainty it has been decided to cancel this year and look at possibilities in 2021.





# Trout Weekend

Better news for those who are interested in trout fishing, our club outing to Ebor over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October will go ahead unless there are further Covid restrictions.

We will be staying at Two Styx (Platypus Cottage) from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Two Styx is private accommodation with access to a dam for fishing. The trout season will be open so all the local creeks and rivers will be fishable. Two Styx is located on Point Lookout Road Ebor.

<http://twostyx.com.au/>



This outing will be restricted to 8 people due to the number of beds and Covid regulations. Once final numbers are known an exact cost can be calculated but work on around \$70 per night including food. Accommodation costs are based on the number attending.

As places are limited you will have to register your interest as soon as possible. Registrations will close at our 21<sup>st</sup> September meeting.

It is two years now since we stayed at Two Styx and those who went then will tell you it's a great weekend of fly fishing and camaraderie. If you haven't caught a trout on fly this is a good place to start. The fishing is not as good as Dunmore but it is closer and less expensive. You will need to get in quick if you want to book one of the places.

If you would like more details please get in contact. Once you register you will receive further information and exact costing. You will be asked to pay a deposit as anyone pulling out after September will increase the cost for those still going.



# Market Day

From all counts the Buy/Swap/Sell Market Day was a great success. We had over 30 people in attendance and following our Covid Safety Plan thanks to our marshall, Doug. A lot of buying, swapping and selling went on and I think everyone went home satisfied. Pip did a great job organizing the tables and keeping the buyers and sellers happy. Garry from A1 FlyFishing had stacks of gear for sale making us all wish we all had more money to spend. Thanks to Doug and the other raffle sellers we made enough to pay the hall hire costs.

The casting was an added bonus for those who attended and many people availed themselves of the free instruction thanks to the efforts of Club Captain David.

If you were one of the many people who helped set up and then stay on afterwards to clean and pack everything away your efforts are appreciated. It was a huge job made easy by many hands. Thanks to everyone for your contribution and participation.



## Club Calendar 2020

**We are cautiously returning to regular programs. Please note the changes to the calendar and check each month for updates. Although the dates and venues have been set, there may need to be further changes as the situation surrounding the Covid-19 virus evolves.**

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month <b>Casting</b> at Mylestom at 5.00pm on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Club Meeting</b> at Mylestom Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>
MARCH	<b>Forster Fly Muster</b> (Cancelled) <b>Tasmania</b> Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>
APRIL CANCELLED	<b>Keepit Carp Caper</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> (some members will be going Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>
MAY CANCELLED	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fly Fishing for Trout Workshop</b> Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>
JUNE CANCELLED	<b>Lake St Clair</b> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> <b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>
JULY	<b>Casting Day</b> Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Dunmore Waters</b> Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>
AUGUST	<b>Home Waters Mullet Mash</b> Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Swansea Channel</b> Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>Cancelled.</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>
SEPTEMBER	<b>Fly Tying Workshop</b> Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Postponed</b> <b>Home Waters Mylestom</b> Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>
OCTOBER	<b>Trout Workshop Ebor</b> Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Cancelled</b> <b>Ebor Trout Weekend</b> Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>
NOVEMBER	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>
DECEMBER	<b>Keepit Carp Caper</b> Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Club Meeting</b>

# Mullet Mash Report

*By the Editor*

Twenty people attended the Mullet Mash last month and I think it would be fair to say everyone enjoyed it immensely. Our quarry was not big but what they lacked in size they more than made up for in the challenge to catch and the fun to land.

Now you might have thought this outing was all about catching the biggest and smallest mullet on fly. Well it was, but it was more than that. It was a chance for members to get to know each other better and meet new fishing buddies. It was a chance to brush up on casting skills which needed to be spot on to get the fly in the mouth of a marauding mullet. And once a mullet, or bream, was hooked it was a chance to practice fish fighting skills on a fly rod with light tippet.

The winner of the biggest Mullet on fly was Murray Robinson. Murray had everything going for him in his new boat and with Bill Herd as guide. The winner of the smallest Mullet went to Garry Shephard. Garry was guided by Club Captain David. Well done guys! No wonder they had smiles on their faces!



It was great to see so many members sharing their boats and I am sure all the crew members appreciated the opportunity. A lot of organization went into making the day a success. Captain David and Greg Artlett handled the competition side of things while other members, like Ray with the BBQ, contributed to making it an enjoyable day. It was good to see a couple of our southern members in Ben and Jim travelling all the way north to take part.

I don't think we could have got better weather especially after the rain and wind the previous day. If anyone had problems casting in those conditions they are going to need a lot more casting practice! We need to have more events like this where casting skills can be put to the test and everyone can have some fun and catch a fish on fly.

As no one has volunteered to write a report of their day I will leave you with a few more photos which I hope will convince you to come along next time we have a Mullet Mash.





Glenn and Tom worked well as a team and landed plenty of mullet and bream.



You don't need a nice new, big boat ... but it helps.





The mullet proved harder to catch than the bream but eventually people worked it out.



David and Jim had fun catching mullet and bream.





Barry caught a nice bream on fly but the mullet proved elusive.



Our youngest member Evie, and dad Sam came down from Grafton and had a great day.

## Fly Tying Competition

The winner of the fly tying competition for the month of August was once again Brian (Pip) Bevan. With the August meeting being cancelled the competition reverted to our Facebook Page and Brian received the most likes for his Black Boobie.



Pip's "Black Boobie." will go in the cabinet of fame which, fittingly, was made by Pip.



Pip has put his wood working skills to work again to make two fly boxes which will be

used as raffle prizes at future meetings. If you have had a good look at Pip's craftsmanship you will want to win one of these. Thanks Pip for your donation.



The competition will return to being held at our regular meetings starting 21st September. This month's theme for the competition will be a prawn/shrimp or yabby pattern. You will have to tie two copies of your go to fly and bring them to the meeting. The fly that gets the most votes at the meeting will be declared the winner. It will be great to be able to see and touch the flies again before having to vote.

Flies to be tied for the coming month's are:  
October ... Crab or clouser pattern  
November... Spotlight fly or foam fly



# Fly Tying

## BMS Hammerhead

*By the Editor*

We don't have a guest fly tyer this month. Reluctantly, I am stepping in to the role. Being a troutie, I don't tie many saltwater patterns and this month's theme is a shrimp/prawn or yabby fly for catching bream and bass. That's my excuse for the poorly tied fly and I am sticking to it.

The fly I have chosen is a BMS Hammerhead. I have chosen this fly as it originated as a trout fly; is relatively easy to tie and will catch many estuary species.



The BMS Hammerhead is based on the famous BMS Special that was first tied by the late, great Muz Wilson. The BMS, or "Bullen Meri Special" gets its name from Lake Bullen Merri in Western Victoria. It is regarded as an imitation of the Galaxiid Minnow which trout love. It makes for a good shrimp or yabby pattern for Bream, Bass and Estuary Perch.

The original BMS Special was tied with a glass bead head but my BMS Hammerhead has dumbbell eyes to get it down to where the bream hide. As with all great fly patterns there are as many variations as there people who have copied the original. You can watch a video of Muz tying the original BMS Special here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7DmOJTUR-I>

Now that you have seen how it should be tied I am going to share my quick and messy variation called the BMS Hammerhead.



### Materials:

**Hook:** Size #8 to #14 medium to long shank. I used a stainless O'Shaughnessy #6.

**Thread:** 6/0 colour to suit.

**Tail:** BMS blend, Fuzzle Dub or any other fine mobile dubbing. I used Tan.

**Rib:** Sparkle flash colour to suit.

**Body:** BMS blend, Fuzzle Dub or other.

**Head:** Glass bead for unweighed version.

Brass or tungsten beads, bead chain and brass dumbbell eyes can be used for the Hammerhead version.



Introduce the thread behind the eye and lay down a bed for the dumbbell eyes.



Secure the dumbbell eyes with figure eight wraps.



Dub body and spiral sparkle flash through body and tie off behind the head.



Take a clump of BMS Dubbing and form a tail.



Tie off and get ready to tease out the BMS dubbing with Velcro.

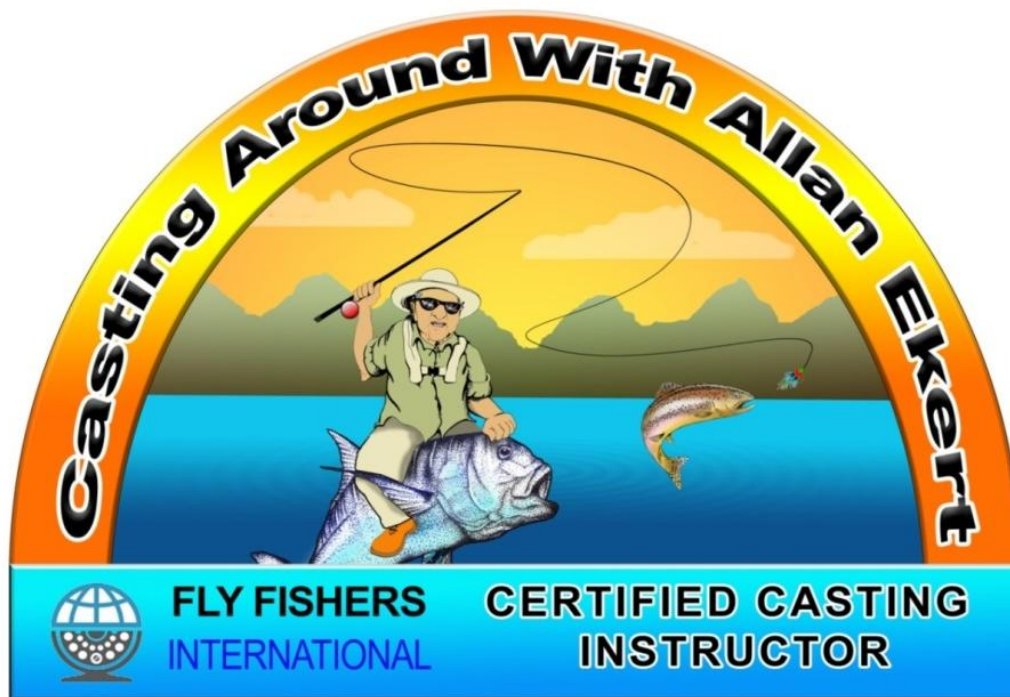


Tie in the sparkle flash.



Brush BMS back to form a shrimpy shape. It looks better in the water.





## **The Half Truths of Learning to Fly Cast**

Pinned to the door of the Red Tag Inn at Launceston Lakes Private Trout Fishery used to be a sign that said: “Don’t Bend Your Wrist.” As you walked out the door with fly rod in hand it was a reminder of how important it was not to bend the wrist if you wanted to form narrow loops and get a fly on the water. Back then I was just learning the mechanics of casting and passing these on to people who came to Launceston Lakes to learn to fly cast and catch a trout ... in half a day. With such limited time I had to teach them how to cast with simple instructions that would help them start fishing as soon as possible. “Don’t bend your wrist” was my constant command.

Launceston Lakes no longer exists and I have learnt a lot more about teaching since then, but I still use these simple ideas when instructing. Lock the wrist; move the rod from 10 o’clock to 2 o’clock and stop the rod are some of the phrases I use. These images of fly casting help to get someone started but they don’t offer the full story. These are the half truths of fly casting which can help and hinder in the complex task of learning to cast a fly rod.

There are many half truths about learning to fly cast that must be explained if we want to understand fully the mechanics of casting. I want to look at some of these to help beginners get off on the right foot. And it’s not just beginners who can fall into the trap of half truths. Instructors use these half truths all the time to speed up the learning process. It doesn’t take long for the half truth to be accepted as gospel and passed on to others as the way to make a cast. Half truths are not wrong but they can lead to problems if they are not understood. Be wary of passing on these half truths in case you set someone off on the wrong track or perpetuate your own misunderstandings.

I'm not a professional instructor and confine my teaching to club and community groups. Over the years I have worked with a lot of people learning to fly cast. These days, when people present for a lesson, I still tell them the half truths of learning to fly cast. As they progress I point out how important it is to look beyond these takeaways to the essential elements of a good cast. If they are to make progress they will have to come to grips with the whole truth about casting a fly rod.

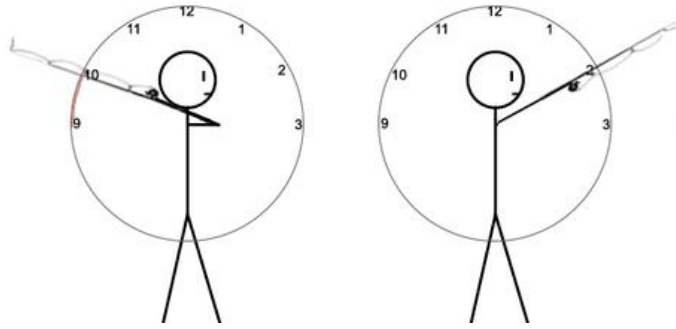
"Don't bend your wrist" is a good starting point for someone picking up a fly rod for the first time. But the use of the wrist is more complicated than that. The wrist plays an important part in speeding up the line and snapping to a stop. Unfortunately, beginners, and some not so new to fly casting, think the wrist is everything. Too much wrist will lead to open ineffective loops - and a sore arm. This happens so frequently I spend a lot of time finding ways to stop people bending their wrists. After they have reached the stage where I don't have to remind them, I can work on the other half of the truth. You have to snap the wrist to add power to the cast.

The 10 to 2 casting stroke is one of the most common half truths found in fly casting. I am always very happy when I can get a beginner to cast this way. In fact I spend a lot of time with a clacker stick to establish this action. By moving the rod through an arc from 10'clock to 2 o'clock you can achieve good loops and therefore make an effective cast.



But 10'clock to 2 o'clock is not the whole truth. It works perfectly well with the right amount of line but what is the right amount? The clacker sticks are designed to work 10 to 2 which is the arc you would need if you were casting about 30 ft of line. More or less line means you have to change your casting arc. Just watch any distance caster in action and you will see their action is more like 9 to 3. Try casting 10 feet of line and your casting arc will be smaller. Rather than work on the half truth of 10'clock to 2 o'clock it is better the grasp one of the essentials of casting and that is the length of the casting stroke is determined by the length of the line to be cast. Short cast short stroke. Long cast Long stroke.





If I had to pin another sign on the door of the Red Tag Inn it would probably say something about stopping the rod. It seems quite incongruous to a beginner that you have to stop the rod to make the line go out. But stopping the rod is critical to forming a loop and is more complicated than it looks. A simple sign to say "Stop the Rod" is only half the story. When watching someone casting, the rod appears to move continuously and the point at which the rod actually stops is difficult to detect. Beginners, and even more advanced casters, have trouble mastering the stop. It needs to be thought of as a rapid deceleration rather than making the rod motionless. Telling someone to stop the rod gets the message across but it is not the whole story.

It is interesting that Bill Gammel<sup>1</sup>, who is responsible for coming up with the 5 Essentials of fly casting, doesn't talk about stopping the rod. He talks of the need **to** apply power with smooth acceleration and implies that when you can't accelerate any more the rod must stop. The other reason Gammel doesn't explicitly mention stopping is that there are casts where we don't stop the rod such as the Belgian cast or the bow and arrow cast. Try explaining the Belgian Cast to a beginner and you will realize it is much easier just to tell them the half truth - you must stop the rod to make a cast.

The final half truth I want to talk about is one I have mentioned many times. As a casting instructor I am always advocating that people get a lesson. Whether from a professional or any qualified instructor, a lesson can save valuable time and ensure correct techniques are learnt right from the start. But, the reality is that getting a lesson is not the whole story. Although one lesson is better than none, and will make a huge difference to a person's learning curve, one lesson is never enough. Unless the skills taught and the concepts explained during that initial lesson are put into practice - a lot of practice - the lesson can be a waste of time and money. It is easy to say a casting lesson can make a big difference but that's only half the story. Practice and follow up lessons is what is needed. The next time you are told you should get a casting lesson remember this is only half the truth. If you want to learn to fly cast you have to be in it for the long haul (pun intended).

These are just some of the half truths that come up when teaching people to fly cast. It's surprising how many more experienced fly casters still believe in them. Half truths are helpful to explain complex skills such as casting a fly rod but they never offer the full picture. Fly casting is more involved than the simple phrases we often coin to make it sound easy. Be wary of relying on these half truths.

<sup>1</sup> *The Essentials of Fly Casting, Bill and Jay Gammel. Copyright 1993 by the Federation of Flyfishers. Published by the Federation of Flyfishers.*

# Beginners Corner

*By the Editor*

Each Tuesday at our casting morning I have been talking about various aspects of learning to fly fish. Although the group is made up of more than beginners, a lot of the topics covered are aimed at those just starting out. With so much experience in the group it can be as much a sharing session as a talk.

One topic that we have been touching on lately is the use of gadgets. Now fly fishing is made for gadget freaks, especially in trout fishing. Have you ever looked at a troutie's vest?



Saltwater fly fishing has a shorter history and a shorter list of gadgets which is a good thing seeing saltwater fly fishers don't wear vests to put all the stuff in.

For beginners corner this month I want to look at an essential gadget that every troutie needs to put in their vest and salties stuff in a boat bag or pocket.

Every fly fisher needs something to cut line with. There are basically four ways to approach this.

1. If you are a minimalist and know a good dentist you can use your teeth for cutting line. Many people try this but soon realize a pair of nippers is more efficient and cheaper than the dentist.

2. In the trout world nippers reign supreme. They provide a simple and effective way to cut line - providing it is not too thick. They are compact so they can easily be stored in your vest or pack. On the other hand, being small means they can easily be lost or dropped in the water thus providing the manufacturers with a never ending market.

There are a multitude of options when it comes to buying nippers. You can spend anything from \$5 to \$300.

The cheapest and simplest nippers are a pair of nail clippers. They work well and don't cost much to replace when they rust or you lose them





No self respecting gadget geek fly fisher would use nail clippers so they end up paying twice as much for genuine nippers.



If you pay a little more you can buy nippers that come with other useful gadget attached such a nail knot tool and hook sharpener. This is my favoured type as I don't need three separate tools.



Once you take these basic styles and add a brand name the price jumps again. You don't get any more features but you do get to spend a lot more money.



And if you really want to stand out in the crowd you can always buy these nippers for \$300.



If you spend a lot of money on nippers you want to be sure you don't lose them. Most sensible people attach their nippers using a zinger or lanyard (more gadgets you must have!)



3. The third option for cutting line is scissors. Scissors are better for cutting thicker line and braid. You could use cheap scissors like the nail clipper approach but if you want to cut thick line or braid they are not going to cut it (pun intended).



Fishing scissors will cost from about \$10 to \$50 with a basic pair of braid scissors a good starting point.



If you want to have the best scissors hanging from your vest or shirt you might look at something like these ceramic bladed ones made in France. Don't expect much change from \$50.



4. The final approach to cutting line favoured by many saltwater fly fishers is the use of multi tools and pliers. It is very easy to spend up to \$400 on the best of these. The advantage is you have most of the tools you will ever need in the one gadget. From cutting line, crimping barbs to releasing fish they can do it all. Whether you go to a disposal store, fishing shop or fly fishing store depends on what you need and how much you want to pay. Here are a few options worth considering.



These "jack of all trades and master of none" gadgets are convenient but you end up with more tools than you ever need adding to the weight you have to carry.





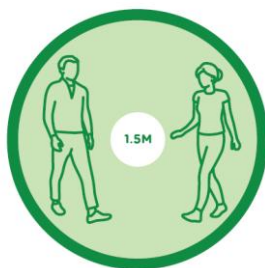


A good pair of pliers like these is probably the best solution but at \$400 you don't want to lose them.

Whatever the method you decide to use you will always find pros and cons and probably end up owning more line cutters than you can ever use. If you haven't already got some of these in your vest or boat bag it could be a good time to leave this page of the newsletter open for anyone that is looking for Father's Day ideas.

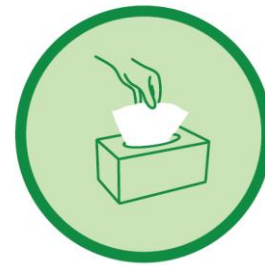
## Covid-19 Safety Policy

Members are asked to abide by the following guidelines whenever we meet:



Practise physical distancing.  
Where possible, stay 1.5m apart.

- If members have any flu like symptoms they are requested not to attend club activities. (We won't ask you to complete a declaration form, as many groups are doing, but will trust you to make the right decision if you are in doubt).



Stay at home and self-isolate if you are unwell.

- The sharing of equipment should be avoided where possible and frequent use of hand sanitizer is encouraged. Sanitizer will be available at all club activities.
- During this time many people are refraining from shaking hands and hugging. If you are a gregarious person you might want to check the body language of the person you are approaching to gauge their feelings on this matter. Not shaking hands or touching during this time shouldn't be seen as being unfriendly.



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.

- You must register and sign in with your phone number for all club activities. If you have the COVIDSafe app active that would be another safeguard.
- When food and drink is part of a club activity you should consider bringing your own crockery and cutlery. For the immediate future, the club will be using disposables.

## Our Supporters

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





## Membership Fees

Membership Fees are as follows:

Adult membership \$30

Concession membership \$20

Junior membership free

eMembership free

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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:

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### 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.



# 2020 Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	1
2	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	2
3	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Keepit 3
4	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Casting Day	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	Keepit 4
5	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	Keepit 5
6	Mo	Th	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	6
7	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	7
8	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Mullet Mash	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	8
9	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	9
10	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr Easter	Su	We	Fr	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	10
11	Sa	Tu	We	Sa Easter	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	11
12	Su	We	Th	Su Easter	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	12
13	Mo	Th	Fr	M Easter	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	13
14	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	14
15	We	Sa Outing	Su	We	Fr	M	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	15
16	Th	Su	M Club Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	M Club Meeting	We	16
17	Fr	M Club Meeting	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	M Club Meeting	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	17
18	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	M	Th	Sa	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr	18
19	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Sa Outing Myestom	Mo Club Meeting	Th	Sa	19
20	M Club Meeting	Th	Fr	M	We	Sa	M	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	20
21	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	M Club Meeting	We	Sa Outing	Mo	21
22	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	22
23	Th	Su	Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr Ebor Weekend	Mo	We	23
24	Fr	Mo	Tu	Fr	Su	We	Fr Dunmore Waters	Mo	Th	Sa Ebor Weekend	Tu	Th	24
25	Sa	Tu	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa Dunmore Waters	Tu	Fr	Su Ebor Weekend	We	Fr	25
26	Su	We	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su Dunmore Waters	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Sa	26
27	Mo	Th	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Su	27
28	Tu	Fr	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	Fr	Mo	We	Sa	Mo	28
29	We	Sa	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	Sa Outing	Tu	Th	Su	Tu	29
30	Th		Mo	Th	Sa	Tu	Th	Su	We	Fr	Mo	We	30
31	Fr		Tu		Su		Fr	Mo		Sa		Th	31





# 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 |
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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)**

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**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)**