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**Front Cover:** Murray thought all his Christmases had come at once when he caught this Australian Salmon on fly at Swansea while Tom was thinking it was just a baby compared to the one he was fighting.

The Flyer is published each month to let you know what is going on at the Club, report on what has happened and bring you news and information that might help you become a better fly fisher. I hope you find something of interest inside.

This month is another bumper addition. If you missed Tom Clancy at our last meeting, an outline of his excellent presentation starts on page 33.

John Everett provides some valuable information about Luderick on fly. And if you want to know how a true craftsman makes a quality knife, you can read how Bill Anderson made the prize for this month's raffle.

Make sure you check out the latest calendar on page 10 so you don't miss out on coming events.

There will be another newsletter next month so think about what you could contribute to make it even bigger and better.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2022



I finally got my boat out of the shed the other day and took it for a run. Launched at Gumma and headed upstream past Scotts Head Weir. The river was looking good with several deep holes holding fish (this was a bird watching and babysitting trip). I do remember fishing the area around the old weir many years ago in early summer. With the cicadas in full chorus almost every cast under a mangrove resulted in a strike from a waiting Bass or Bream. The Mangrove Jack were also active around the rocky structural remnants of the weir. Last Monday I launched at Nambucca at the Golf Club and again headed upstream towards Macksville. There are some holes there over seven metres in depth, again holding fish.

Boats have come a long way since I bought my first boat, a Stacer 474 Centre Console in the early eighties. A wonderful boat to fish out of but a wet dog of a thing in any cross wind and slop

at sea. The current boat has a windscreen to keep me warm and dry and a bit more space and comfort.

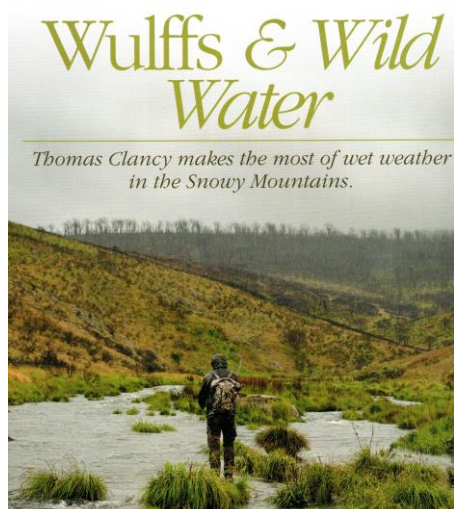


One thing I will be eventually updating on this boat is the Fishfinder set up. At the moment I am using a pair of binoculars to look for birds and goggles to look in the water ... well not quiet. They tell me they have better Fishfinders these days. At our next meeting we will be having a representative from Garmin talk about the latest and greatest in Fishfinders. I'm looking forward to finding our more but I'm told I had better sell a few more cattle if I want to buy one.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Continued

A big thank you to Tom Clancy and his partner Bec for their attendance at our last meeting. If the Recreation Club would have allowed it, and Tom and Bec could have withstood it, we could have stayed until midnight. Tom's presentation on Bread-and-Butter fishing in our area was outstanding. For those who missed the article in FlyLife magazine you must read it. On the night, Tom expanded on all things he wrote about for FlyLife with added references to our home waters on the Bellingier and Kalang. I think every member there was enthralled by the quality of the presentation and the copious amount of information conveyed across the room. You'll find a copy of his PowerPoint presentation in the newsletter. Again, thank you Tom. And by the way, Tom has another article in the latest FlyLife on fishing in the Snowy Mountains in the wet. In view of the prediction for another La Nina event we should all read this article too.



With the weather warming up there are a few more outings coming up on the calendar. Make sure you check and see if there is anything you would like to attend. Some of these will be so popular we will have to limit places so get in quick if you want to go. Don't forget the Gathering @ Gumma is on in a few weeks and it should be a great weekend with plenty of room for everyone to attend.

I haven't been able to get to casting for a while but I did manage to make a few sessions last month. It's good to see so many turning up. Garry Hambly has been helping out sharing some of his expertise and last week Jim set up a tricky trout obstacle course that challenged everyone's casting skills. There's no doubt, the Tuesday casting sessions are making a difference.

The Mullet Mash last weekend saw a good turnout of members with their boats. Unfortunately, the mullet didn't turn out as well but there were plenty of other fish caught as you will see in the report. Vice President Greg has some health issues at the moment and made a special effort to be there and help on Saturday. I'm sure we wish him a speedy recovery.

Tight lines

*Doug*

# From the Editor



One of the good things about being editor is you get a whole page to say whatever you like about the club. It's a two-edged sword and sometimes you have to talk about the elephant in the room. We don't have a secretary at the moment. I'm acting in the position in the hope that someone will put their hand up to take on this important position. It would be easy for me say I will be Secretary again but as I said before the AGM, it is time for someone younger with new ideas to have a go.

From our constitution, the official duties of Secretary are:

- (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.

If no one is ready to take on these duties, we have to work towards making the position easier. We have already established the role of Assistant Secretary to take the minutes of meetings. Some of the other tasks are being shared by Committee members and others. But in the end, a secretary is needed to provide leadership and make sure all the little things that go to making a club work are taken care of. We can continue for now with an Acting Secretary but we have to think about the future and finding the right person to fill the role.

On another note, I met up with a couple of our distant members during the recent Salmon Classic at Swansea and both were asking about the Grand Slam Awards. You don't have to catch the fish locally and you don't need to send in photographic evidence. All fly fishers are honest and if you say you have caught your fish, we believe you. Now that quite a few members have ticked off the first levels of the Grand Slam, it can't be long before we have some Silver and Gold Grand Slams in the Hall of Fame.

We don't have a category in our Hall of Fame for fly tyers but it is something we should consider. At the Salmon Classic the Hunter Valley Club conducted an "Iron Fly" competition where participants were given a selection of materials and 30 minutes to tie the best fly. It was a lot of fun. Maybe we could conduct our own "Iron Fly" competition in conjunction with one of our upcoming events.

Spring is just around the corner and as the weather warms there will be opportunities to participate in some great club outings. This month we have the Gathering @ Gumma, while next month is the Grafton Bass Bash and the Flats Workshop at Woolgoolga. Make sure you check the calendar and join in these opportunities to fish, learn and have fun.

*Editor*

# Club Executive 2022-23



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## September Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club Mylestom. There will be time for anyone to pitch an idea for an outing, give a fishing report and to discuss upcoming events. Our guest speaker will be a representative from [Garmin](#) talking about the latest technology in Fishfinders and answering our questions about how to use them. Not all members have a boat, and not all have Garmin Fishfinders, but I think we would all like to understand how we can use the technology to find more fish.



The usual raffle will be conducted with prizes drawn on the night. The major raffle will also be drawn which is for a handmade fillet knife provided by Bill Anderson.



## Tuesday Casting Group

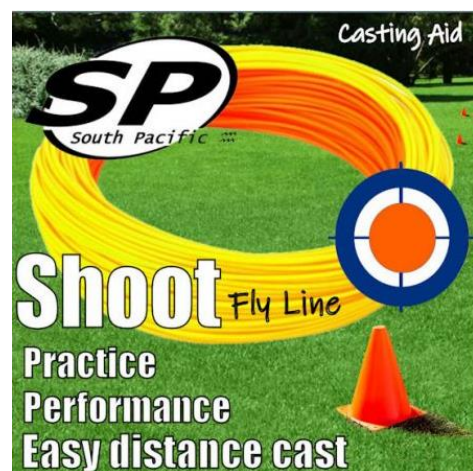
The Tuesday Casting Group continues through the month of September. For anyone who is not familiar with the casting group, it is open to all club members and takes place most Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to noon at the Mylestom Oval. We start right on 10am so most people get there earlier for a cuppa and a chat before we get down to business. If you are running late, we have a break at 11 for another tea or coffee. There is no cost but a donation of a gold coin is appreciated for the morning tea.

The group is led by qualified casting instructors and experienced members of the club so you will always receive first class instruction ... and it's free. This year we are working our way through the FFI Fly Casting Skills Development Program and a number of members are already progressing through the levels (see our Hall of Fame).

Each month we have a fishing day to practice our casting skills. You need to check the program below so you know what days not to go to Mylestom. Whether you go to casting at Mylestom or fishing at various places, there is always time for socializing, catching up with fellow members and having fun.

Anyone is welcome to attend and we welcome beginners. Rods will be available for those without. The venue is the park in Mylestom opposite the boat ramp. For more information you can contact Allan on 0427457725.

Recently, Garry Hambly has been helping out and sharing his knowledge and skills with the group. He has also donated a [South Pacific Shoot Fly Line](#) as an attendance prize for regular attenders (come along each week to find out the details).



The program for September is as follows:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Casting at Mylestom with Garry.
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Casting at Mylestom.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Fishing Gordonville Crossing.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Casting at Mylestom with Garry.

## Fly Tying

Our next fly tying night will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm at the North Beach Recreation and Bowling Club at Mylestom. We will be tying some trout flies ready for the opening of the trout season. You will need to register so that a material pack can be made up for you. The cost will be \$5. You can register at the next meeting or contact Allan on 0427457725.



## Caps, Hats & Patches



We still have 9 hats (4 medium and 5 large) 8 caps (one size fits all) and 4 embroidered patches for sale. Contact David Small on 0423112902 if you would like one.

If you would like the club logo embroidered on your shirt or jacket you can have it done at [Nambucca T-Shirts](#). There is no minimum order and you ask one of our helpful Nambucca members to have the shirt delivered to the shop and collected for you.

## September Outing

There is only one outing planned for September and it is a good one. The Gathering @ Gumma will be held from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September (Pip will be on site from Thursday for those who like to make it an extended stay). Enjoy a day, weekend, or four days of fly fishing, casting and fly tying with fellow club members.

The club will provide facilities for morning and afternoon tea each day from Friday and a sausage sizzle on Saturday night.

Bring your own food and camping equipment if you intend to stay. Bring your boat, canoe, kayak, SUP or fish from the bank. Come for the day or stay for a while. There is no cost for day visits. Camp sites are \$17 single or \$22 double per night. There are no bookings so get there early if you want to pick your camp site.



Please register for this event so we know who is coming. Contact Brian (Pip) on 0490469562 or Allan on 0427457725

If you intend camping you should read the latest information from the Nambucca Council.

<https://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au/files/Gumma-Camping-Reserve.pdf>





# Gathering @ Gumma

**9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Calling all club members to gather at Gumma Reserve via Macksville from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Enjoy a day, weekend, or a few days of fly fishing, casting and fly tying. Fish, cast, tie, learn and socialize with fellow club members.



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

The club will provide facilities for morning and afternoon tea each day and a sausage sizzle on Saturday night. There is no cost unless you want to camp overnight.

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

<https://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au/files/Gumma-Camping-Reserve.pdf>

Fish some of the best waterways in our district. Local members will be sharing their knowledge and ensuring everyone knows the best places to fish. Come and join in this club outing to catch fish on fly, and share, learn and have fun. Bring your boat, canoe, kayak, SUP or fish from the bank.

**You MUST register for this event.**

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

### Club Calendar 2022

Here is the draft club calendar for 2022. It is provided to give you an overview of what might happen and an opportunity to plan ahead. Dates and changes will be added throughout the year and late changes will be in the Mid-Month Update and posted on Facebook and our website.

Month	Outings	Activities
JANUARY	No outing this month <b>Meeting/Casting</b> at Mylestom Oval at 5.30pm on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Club Meeting</b> at Mylestom Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>
FEBRUARY	<b>Bass Outing</b> at Taylors Arm (Doug) Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b>
MARCH	<b>Casting Day at Dorrigo</b> Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Tuesday Casting Group Resumes</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>Homewaters</b> Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Mylestom Major Raffle Drawn
APRIL	<b>Keepit Trip</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Fly Tying</b> at MO Tackle Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm <b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No Club Meeting</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> due to Easter Holidays. <b>Committee Meeting</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>
MAY	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Try Fly Fishing Family Day at Ebor</b> Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Fly Tying</b> at Osprey Room Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>
JUNE	<b>Home Waters</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Lake St Clair</b> Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Major Raffle Drawn <b>Committee Meeting</b>
JULY	<b>Casting Day</b> Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> 12noon - 2.00pm <b>Dunmore Waters</b> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>
AUGUST	<b>Swansea Salmon Classic</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> <b>Mullet Mash</b> Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b>
SEPTEMBER	<b>Gathering @ Gumma</b> Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Major Raffle Drawn
OCTOBER	<b>Bass Bash Grafton</b> Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>A1 Flats Fishing Workshop Woolgoolga</b> Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> <b>Committee Meeting</b>
NOVEMBER	<b>Keepit Carp Caper</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>
DECEMBER	<b>Home Waters Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Christmas BBQ</b> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Club Meeting</b> Major Raffle Drawn

## Future Outings

We are planning four major trips in the future months. If you are interested, ask some questions, talk to the co-ordinators and place your name on the expressions of interest sheet so you can be kept up to date on progress. These trips are in various stages of planning but you will need to get your name on the list if you don't want to miss out. There will be a limit on numbers on some trips and once dates have been settled there will be a cut off for deposits and places will be allocated on a first in basis.

### 1. Grafton Bass Weekend

**Co-ordinator:** Michael Ferris (0428636858)

**Dates:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

**Accommodation:** Staying at an Airbnb on the river at Grafton. Limit 8 people. To book your place phone Michael and he will tell you if you have a spot and you will need to make a \$50 deposit to secure it.

[Home in Waterview](#)

**Cost:** \$100 (approx.) for weekend per person. Food extra.

**Fishing:** Boat based bass fishing on the Clarence River

### 2. Lake Keepit

**Co-ordinator:** Allan Ekert (0427457725)

**Dates:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Accommodation:** We will be staying at Lake Keepit Holiday Park. Those attending will be responsible for making their own bookings.

[Lake Keepit Holiday Park](#)

**Cost:** Depends on level of accommodation. Self-catering with club BBQ last night. Cabins range from \$149-\$174 per night and can sleep 3 or 4. Unpowered camp site are \$27 per night.

**Fishing:** Walking the shores of Lake Keepit stalking carp on fly. A boat will help to get away from the crowds.

### 3. Southern Queensland Dams

**Co-ordinator:** Murray Robinson (0425277026)

**Dates:** To be determined - February March 2023

**Accommodation:** Yet to be finalized.

**Cost:** Yet to be finalized.

**Fishing:** Boat based fishing on a Southern Queensland Dam for bass, saratoga or barramundi.

### 4. Bens Falls Retreat Emmaville

**Co-ordinators:** John Everett/Allan Ekert (0427457725)

**Dates:** To be determined - mid week March 2023

**Accommodation:** Cod Cabin, Bens Falls Retreat Emmaville northern NSW

[Bens Falls Retreat](#)

Places will be limited to 4. Once the dates are published you will need to phone Allan and he will tell you if you have a spot and you will need to make a \$50 deposit to secure it.

**Cost:** Yet to be finalized.

**Fishing:** Canoe and land-based fly fishing for Murray Cod on the Severn River.





# Saltwater Flats Fly Fishing Workshop



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Woolgoolga Lake**



Garry Hambly, Owner and Founder of [South Pacific Fly Rods Australia](http://SouthPacificFlyRodsAustralia.com.au), and operator of [A1FlyFishing.com.au](http://A1FlyFishing.com.au) will be conducting the workshop.

The complexities of Flats Fishing will be simplified and have you equipped and confident on the flats. Woolgoolga Lake is one of the many ICOLLS (Intermittently Closed and Open Lakes and Lagoons) along the east coast, and fully understanding their variables is the secret to successful fishing.

With the new skills acquired on the day, head out onto to your local flats or next international destination with a whole new approach!



**Don't miss this free opportunity to be instructed by Garry Hambly, and learn from his extensive knowledge & experience as Company Owner, Local guide and qualified fly casting instructor.**

## **The Saltwater Flats workshop will cover:**

- Walking the dry flats accessing your approach for the incoming tide.
- Casting tips and approach across undulating sand flats.
- Fly line choices for varying water depths, fly selection & fish species.
- Selecting leaders & flies to suit your target species.
- Fly placement and retrieve techniques.
- Full overview of Rods, Reels, Fly Lines & equipment for fishing the flats.
- Question and Answer time ... and so much more.

## **Free Giveaways & Prizes!**

There will be complementary **giveaways & prizes** on the day, and the **Full range of South Pacific Fly Rods product range will be displayed** and available for sale at discounted prices, so **bring some cash!**

**CCFFC members** and **any non-members** are invited to join us on the day. You'll be welcomed by our friendly members who all on the same journey learning & the experiencing the world of Fly Fishing.

There is a vast range of **accommodation options** in Woolgoolga, including 3 Caravan Parks. **Lakeside Caravan & Cabin Park** is adjacent to the workshop site. Why not plan a **Woolgoolga weekend getaway** and join us on the day!

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The workshop will commence at **8.00am sharp** in the **Woolgoolga Lake BBQ Reserve**, at the end of Lake Road, and finish 12 noon. Morning tea provided. Bring your lunch and stay on to fish after Lunch. Registration essential. Contact:

**Garry on 0412 271 365 or Allan on 0427 457 725**



## Fishing Reports

We kick off this month's fishing report with a couple of photos from the Tuesday Casters fishing at Valla Beach. When you are learning to cast a fly rod there is nothing better than feeling the weight of a fish on the rod when you have made the cast, set the hook and landed the fish all by yourself.



Mark with a feisty little bream - his first fish on fly.



David with his first mullet on fly - he looks pretty happy about it.



Rod has been casting for a while now but he still gets a kick from fooling bream and mullet into taking his bread fly.

Anthony has lots of fishing experience during his days with the Canberra Anglers Club. Now that he lives up here in paradise, he is spending more time with a fly rod in hand he is enjoying the variety of fish he can catch.





# Swansea Salmon Classic

*By the editor*

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club once again hosted the Swansea Salmon Classic. Just in case you are a Tasmanian, the Swansea is the one near Newcastle in NSW and the salmon are Australian Salmon.

Six local club members went down to be joined by three distant members for the weekend. As usual, the hospitality shown by the HVFFC was worth the trip alone and everyone had a great time. Fish were caught but not all were landed.

The Salmon Classic is based around the arrival of salmon in the Swansea Channel in winter. Unfortunately, they come and go as only they know why and they feed when they see fit. Having made a number of trips to Swansea I've learnt there are no certainties and every year is different.

This year there were plenty of salmon around but they were not always hungry. Success came to the early risers getting on the water before the sun came up and the other boats arriving. Once the boat traffic reached Pitt Street proportions the salmon left the channel and headed out to sea, sometimes encouraged by a shark or Sammy the Seal.



It wasn't difficult to find the fish early in the morning and it was just a matter of casting a tiny surf candy into the mosh pit and hoping the small hook would stick.



Once the sun was out so too were the other boats. I counted over 25 on one occasion all within casting distance of each other. Needless to say, the fish became gun shy and only a few were caught except for those casting soft plastics where long casts made a difference.



*HMAS Katie* proved a formidable fishing platform for Murray, Tom and Nigel and after a slow start they finally got a couple of fish on board.





The mornings were cold but that was the best time to catch the fish.



Jim didn't have the luxury of his boat so had to squeeze into *HMAS Fly* but that didn't stop him from getting among the salmon.

Distant member Jim came down from Forster only to be beset with bad luck pulling the hook on a number of fish.



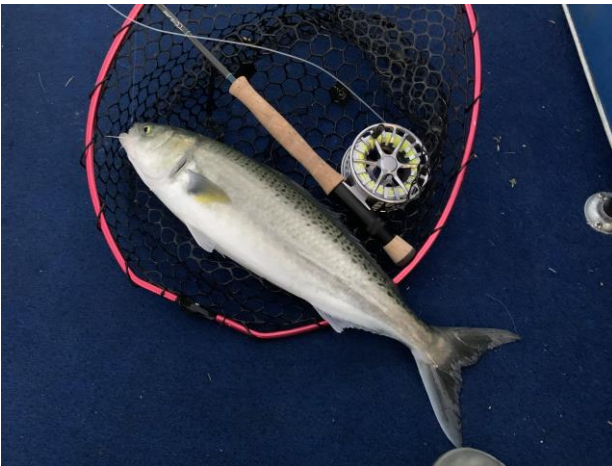
Ctrl+Click the photo below to see a video of how many salmon were around the boat.







It could have been a shark or it could have just been the number of salmon around the boat, but Jim was keen to land his fish as quickly as possible.



One of the highlights of the weekend with the Hunter Valley Fly Club was the "Iron Fly" contest. Participants were given a selection of materials and a hook and asked to tie a fly in 30 minutes. The materials and hook size were kept secret to the last moment and then it was up to each person to create a fly they would happily fish. Murray Robinson represented our club and although the fly didn't win, he did us proud.



If you are looking for a fish to stretch your fly line and test the limits of your gear you can't go past the Australian Salmon. The Salmon Classic should be on again next year so start planning to get there. You need a boat, some friends to share the cost and the fun and be prepared to get up early.





## Mullet Mash *by the editor*

Put it down to the cold water, the wrong bread flies or bananas in the boat, for whatever reason the mullet were hard to find at the Mullet Mash. Murray, Garry, Tom and Nigel managed to find a few but I think they were the only ones.



The mullet pulled hard on the three weight but in the end it was just undersized for Sashimi and was released for another day.



If the mullet weren't co-operating, the other fish were. Brian managed to catch at least a dozen bream with probably as many breaking his 2lb tippet and taking his bread flies back into the oyster racks.



Jim must think the Club is doing something right as he travelled up from Forster to attend another club event. This time the hooks stuck and he got a few bream.



There were plenty of bream around, some of a respectable size.





Glenn added flathead and bass to our species list for the day with these great captures ... but not on bread flies.



Fifteen members turned out for the day with eight boats. My little boat didn't get wet as there were more than enough captains looking for

crew so I was spared the ignominy of being swamped by all the big flash looking boats.



The sausage sizzle at the end was enjoyed by everyone thanks to master chefs Brian and Pip.



The fishing was good, so good that we all forgot to take photos, especially the few that did manage to catch mullet. Everyone has a smart phone these days capable of taking great photos so please snap a few shots so they can be put in the newsletter. A picture is worth a thousand words, and I would rather be inserting more pictures than typing more words.

Another successful Mullet Mash is over but plans are already underway for it to be bigger and better in 2023.

## Facebook



On the subject of photos, remember we have a Facebook Group called [Coffs Coast Fly Fishers](#) to share all your fishing related photos. There are about 400 members of this group (but not necessarily members of the club). Anything you post to Facebook can be seen by anyone, anywhere. New members need to ask to join this group and answer two simple questions:

*Why do you want to join the group?*

*Do you agree to the group rules from the admin?*

If you don't answer the questions, you won't be able to post photos or comments.

We also have a Facebook Page called [Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc](#) where official notifications are posted.



This page is public and can also be seen by anyone, anywhere. The Committee is considering making this a private group for financial members only. This would enable members to communicate and post materials without everyone in the world seeing it. If you have a view, please let the Committee know or talk to the administrator of our Facebook Group and Page, Jason Stratford.

## Fly Tying

### *Bass Vampire*

Last month's fly tying night was all about the Bass Vampire. If you weren't there here is one version of tying this essential fly pattern that you should have in your fly box.

There are many versions of the [Bass Vampire](#) but if you would like to know more about who created the original pattern and how it is used you, should read this article by [Chris Beech](#) from FlyLife Magazine.

This is a SBS (step by step) version of what we tied on Monday night.



Introduce thread (black here but chartreuse often used) to the hook (size #4 Ahrex B10S) but there are plenty of other options.



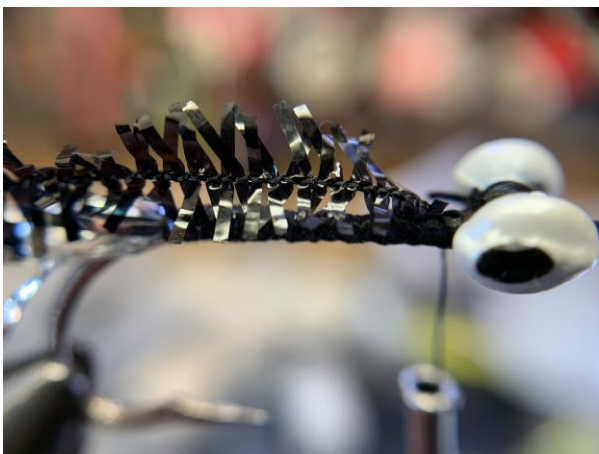
Tie some mylar for the tail or use crystal flash.



Tie in dumbbell eyes. Some people prefer to tie in the eyes first ... that's OK. Colour and weight of eyes depends on your preference. White glow in the dark are popular.



Introduce some black sparkle chenille and build up body. You could also use other chenilles and other colours.



Turn hook upside down to make it easier to add wings. Select a small clump of purple Slinky Fibre and tie in.



Then tie in some black Slinky Fibre. You can add some crystal flash between the wings if you wish.



Trim excess and tie of with a whip finish. Seal with head cement.



This month, someone will be the lucky winner of a fillet knife made by Bill Anderson. In this article, Bill sets out how he made the knife. Whoever has the winning ticket drawn out at the next meeting will understand how much work and skill went into its construction.

## Fillet Knife

*By Bill Anderson*

This is my process of making a knife.



Select material, cut and shape blade then drill any holes. I heat treat at this stage at 1085°C held for 10 minutes then quenched in oil and placed in a freezer for 30 minutes. Take out of the freezer and temper at 185°C for an hour. Let go to room temperature then temper again at 185°C for another hour.



Once blank is treated it is time to bevel. I have a bevel jig as shown above. This is done with different grit belts starting coarse 60 grit and finish at 180 grit.





I try and get any scratches out at this stage by hand sanding with wet and dry emery paper.



Bolster and handle material are fitted to the blade. The bolster is then silver soldered to the tang. Drill the handle to fit the tang. Fit and glue the handle with two-part epoxy. This is left to set for 48 hours. Once set, I put an edge on the blade with a linisher belt. I then wrap the blade with masking tape to protect it and my hands. Then I shape the handle to what I'm happy with. Tape is removed and I give it a final sharpen and make a sheathe.







## LUDERICK ON FLY

*By John Everett*

The beautiful and hard fighting Luderick, aka Blackfish, is such a great species to be targeting on fly! Mainly focused on by anglers in the cooler months, this special little sport and table fish can be caught all year round. They are predominantly herbivorous, feeding on seagrass and green algae, and sometimes molluscs, prawns and polychaete worms.....and they love eating weed flies too!!

Catching Luderick on fly, like many species, can be done in a number of ways. However, it was when I was shown the double-fly indicator set up, my fishing for these little brutes went to the next level.

Even though many different weight fly rods can be successfully used to catch Blackfish, my preference is a four weight, as it has enough capacity to easily cast the  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch bubble float with tandem flies, and has enough pulling power with the ability to enjoy the tussle. One caveat though is that the fish can't be 'polled' by using the rod if that is a preferred way of landing the fish. A net is definitely required with lighter weight rods.

So as far as a set up goes, preferred weight of fly rod would be between a #3wt-#7wt with a floating line. A 8-12lb tapered leader with a 'bomb fly' attached (weighted fly) then run another fly, this time unweighted as a dropper about twelve to fourteen inches below and attached to the bend of the hook on the bomb fly. This allows both weight and drift to your presentations. The use of two different colour weed flies is a great way to see what the fish are eating, and once determined the fish's preference, you could go ahead and tie two the same colour to increase chances of flies being taken. I generally use 6-8lb fluorocarbon tippet to attach the dropper.

The use of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch bubble float enables me to hold my flies in the right depth, whilst giving me a strike indicator to detect interest around my flies and when a fish eats. The bubble float also offers an uncompromising visual on what's happening where other indicators can struggle if conditions are a little rough.

In saying all this, a simple floating line with a weed fly attached to the end of a tapered leader can be very successful too.

However you choose to target them, Luderick are a species to be excited about when chasing fish on fly!



## **“The Tug is the Drug”**

It's always interesting to watch how different people approach the task of catching a trout. Recently we had a club outing to Dunmore Trout Waters, a nearby private fishery. Ten members braved the winter cold to try and catch one of the stocked rainbow trout. With all the rivers closed, this outing is our only chance to chase trout until October when the season opens. It's always a popular outing as people try to shake off "cabin fever" and spend an enjoyable couple of days with good company and a good chance of catching a fish.

As I watched everyone rig up and set about catching the first trout, I could see there were two distinctly different approaches. Some were motivated by "the tug is the drug." Others thought "the eye is the high." Before I elaborate on these two methods let me make it clear that there were no elicit substances on the trip. There may have been a tipples of homemade whisky consumed to ward off the cold, but the only mind-altering experiences came from catching fish.

The term "the tug is the drug" originated in America and is commonly used when talking about fishing for steelhead and salmon. It refers to why anglers endlessly cast wet flies hoping for the tug of a fish on the end of the line. Chris Santella<sup>1</sup> gave it prominence when he used the phrase as the title of his book of essays on fly fishing. Whether it's swinging streamers for steelhead or stripping woolly buggers for trout, the adrenalin rush that comes when a fish takes the fly is what it is all about.

"The eye is the high" is a phrase I conjured up for all the dry fly enthusiasts who get their kicks waiting and watching for surface action. In contrast to "the tug is the drug", this approach is based on seeing what happens, not feeling it. The excitement that comes when all the action is visual is equal to any high that can be generated by a fish taking a wet fly. If you are looking for that rush of adrenalin from your fly fishing, what the eye sees can match any tug on the end of the line.

On this trip, in the middle of winter, it was unlikely there would be many insects moving on the surface of the water to entice the trout to look up. So, to get their high, the visual protagonists resorted to hanging a nymph under a dry or using a nymph and indicator rig. The fish would eat the fly under the water, but the action would take place on the top where it was all visual.

The battle lines were drawn between those whose drug was the tug and those whose highs were the eyes. I didn't count heads but it seemed to me to be a fairly even spread of tactics. The numbers fluctuated during the trip as people swapped and changed but, in the end, it was obvious everyone had a preferred method and kept coming back to it. As to how effective each method was, there was no conclusive evidence one was better than the other.



I have to declare my hand here by stating I am firmly in the camp of the "eye is the high". I get my kicks from seeing things happen on the surface. If I can't use a dry fly, I put a nymph under an indicator and watch that. It's not just because I'm a visual sort of person, it's because I am lazy. If I can make one cast and give the fish plenty of time to see my fly, I believe I have the best chance of catching it. Those who enjoy throwing streamers have their chances limited by the distance they can cast and therefore how long the fly is in the water. Success comes from making longer casts.

As this is supposed to be a column about casting, I'm not going to give you a scorecard of how many fish were caught stripping a woolly buggler as opposed to drifting a nymph under an indicator. Nor am I going to dwell on the pros and cons of fishing wet flies versus dry flies. We all have our own favoured methods and they are all effective when used properly. What I do want to write about is the casting.





I believe if you want to cast streamers and get your highs from the tug on the line, you need to be able to make longer casts. I know trout can be caught almost under your feet but that is usually the domain of those who use their eyes. If the tug is your drug, you need to be able to cast further. Now I am not saying that those at Dunmore weren't casting far enough, but most people can improve their chances of catching a fish by being able to cast further. The longer the cast the more water is covered and the longer the fly is in the strike zone.

Based on what I have seen from most trout fly fishers there is one thing they could do to cast further and that is to learn to double haul. Hauling increases line speed by pulling the line through the rod guides. Hauling also adds extra rod bend which increases line speed when the rod unloads. When you can haul, you can reduce the strain on your rod arm and add distance to your cast.

Hauling is not easy to learn. There are many resources out there to help you if you are willing to put in the time. Ctrl+Click the picture below to watch a video by Simon Gawesworth which is an excellent introduction to learning the double haul.



You can watch the videos and read the books but there is no substitute for first hand instruction and plenty of practice. Once mastered, you will cover more water with less effort and increase your chances of catching a fish. If you are looking for extra distance, mastering the double haul is going to improve your fishing ability. I know many competent trout anglers who pull flies every chance they get without double hauling. It can be done as has been proven to me many times. But if you are motivated by the tug as your drug adding a double haul is going to produce more tugs.

The double haul doesn't just apply to fishing situations. Competition fly casters use extreme double hauls to get maximum distance. Applying some of the techniques used in competition casting can add even more distance if you want to give it a go. The average trout angler would cast the fly between 10 and 20 metres. The average competition caster would cast the same outfit between 30 and 40 metres. Michal Duzynski is an Australian/Polish distance caster who has performed at world championship level. Ctrl+Click the picture below to watch the video of Michael using the double haul to make a cast of over 40 metres.



There is no need to take the double haul to this extreme to make the most of your streamer fishing. But if you want to learn all the techniques required to be this competitive it can't do any harm. I've never heard a fly fisher complain about being able to cast too far.

If you belong to the church of the tug is the drug, learning to double haul is going to be your saviour. The more water you cover, the more time your fly is in the water, the more fish you will catch. The trip to Dunmore wasn't conclusive about which method worked best. My "eye is the high" with nymph and indicator didn't produce any more fish than those who choose to strip a woolly bugger. The only conclusion I came to is that learning to double haul can make a difference if you believe "the tug is the drug."

*<sup>1</sup>The Tug Is the Drug, Chris Santella  
Globe Pequot / Stackpole Books Paperback • May 2022*





# FLY TYING *Sessions*

- Surf Candies - Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
- Trout Flies - Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm
- Flathead Flies - Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm

- Learn to tie flies
- Improve your fly tying skills
- Learn new fly patterns
- Meet other fly fishermen
- Share you skills with others

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# Grand Slam Awards

To encourage members to improve their fly fishing skills, a series of awards is being implemented. These **Grand Slam Awards** have four levels (like the casting program) and members can achieve an award by meeting the criteria listed. The fine details are still being worked out but if you want to get started, this is what you have to do:

## Foundation Grand Slam.

This is for someone just taking up fly fishing and goes hand in hand with the Foundation Level of the Fly Casting Skills Development program.

The following three fish species must be caught on fly over the calendar year:

### Mullet, Bream and Flathead.

Can be caught over any number of days  
Must be photographed with some means of verifying the date  
Fish do not have to be legal size but if undersize MUST be released unharmed.



## Bronze Grand Slam

Any three fish species from the list below must be caught on fly on the one day:

### Mullet, Bream, Flathead

Must be caught on the one day  
Must be photographed with some means of verifying the date  
Fish do not have to be legal size but if undersize MUST be released unharmed.



## Silver Grand Slam

Any three fish species from the list below must be caught on fly on the one day.

### Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, (Redfin, Herring or Bass)

or

### Bass, Bream, Trevally

or

### Whiting, Flathead, (Bream or Luderick)

Must be caught on the one day  
Must be photographed with some means of verifying the date and length.  
Fish have to be legal size.



## Gold Grand Slam

Any three fish species from the list below must be caught on fly on the one day.

### Carp, Murray Cod, Yellowbelly

or

### Rainbow, Brown, Brook Trout

or

### Mangrove Jack, Bass, Bream

or

### Salmon, Luderick, Kingfish

or

### Dolphin Fish, Tuna, Mackerel

or

### Queenfish, Barramundi, Permit

or

### Tailor, Salmon, Dart

Must be caught on one day  
Must be photographed with some means of verifying the date and length  
Fish must be legal size.





# HALL OF FAME

## FISHING

### Foundation Grand Slam

Ray Phipps  
Michael Ferris  
Greg Artlett  
Jim Hyatt  
Brian Mighell  
Garry Bennett  
Anthony Heiser  
Rod Ryan

### Bronze Grand Slam

Greg Artlett  
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Garry Bennett  
Anthony Hesier

## CASTING

### Foundation Level

Bill Anderson  
Greg Artlett  
Garry Bennett  
Mick Cannon  
Michael Ferris  
Ken Holley  
David Lindsay  
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Murray Robinson  
Nigel Smith  
Doug Urquhart  
Jim Wray  
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David Small  
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### Bronze Level





# HALL OF FAME

## FISHING

**Silver Grand Slam**

**Gold Grand Slam**

## CASTING

**Silver Level**

**Gold Level**

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## Bread and Butter Basics

Fly fishing the Coffs Coast, NSW

Tom Clancy

### What we will cover today

- Coffs Coast waterways overview
- Coffs Coast bread and butter species overview
- Flies
- Gear



### What we won't cover today

Spoon feeding of locations

'Must have' brands of rods, reels, lines or flies





## A bit about me

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Currently live in Woolgoolga, NSW

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Fly fishing for over 15 years; learnt to fly fish on bread-and-butter species in SE QLD

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Experience in a wide range of Australian fisheries

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Contributor to Flylife Magazine since 2015

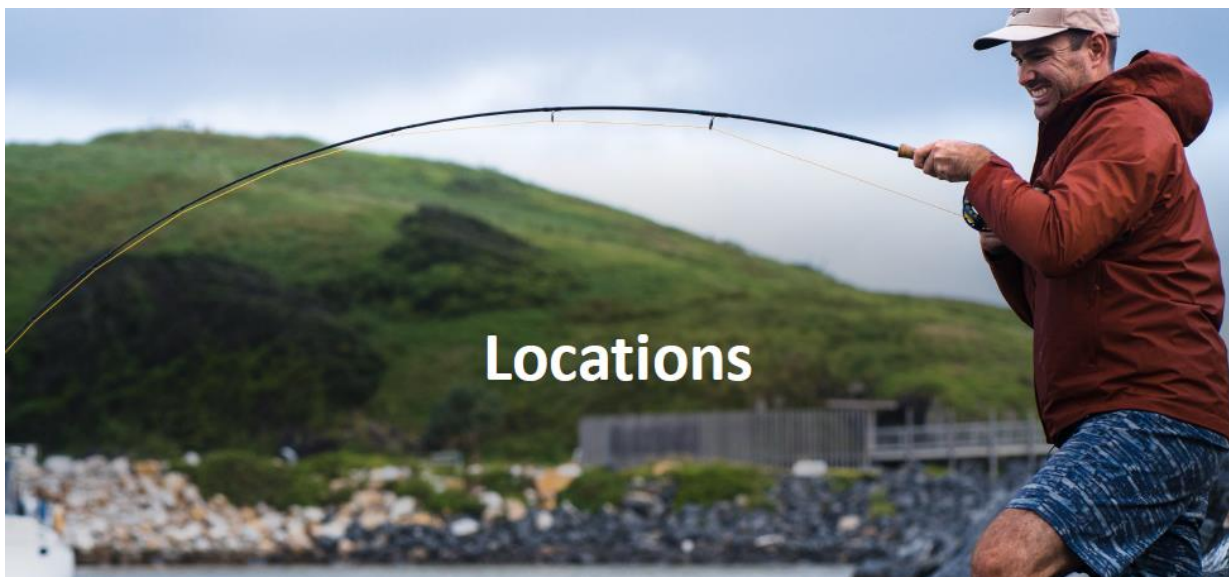
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Brand ambassador for Manic Tackle Project

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Enjoy flyfishing, photography, hiking and spending time with my family

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## The Coffs Coast is an estuary fly fisherman's paradise

### What defines the 'Coffs Coast'?

For our purposes: Yamba to Nambucca Heads

Beach creeks (e.g. Coffs Creek, Boambee Creek)

Lagoons (e.g. Woolgoolga Lake)

Small estuaries (Bonville Creek, Corindi River)

Medium – large estuaries (Bellinger River, Clarence River)

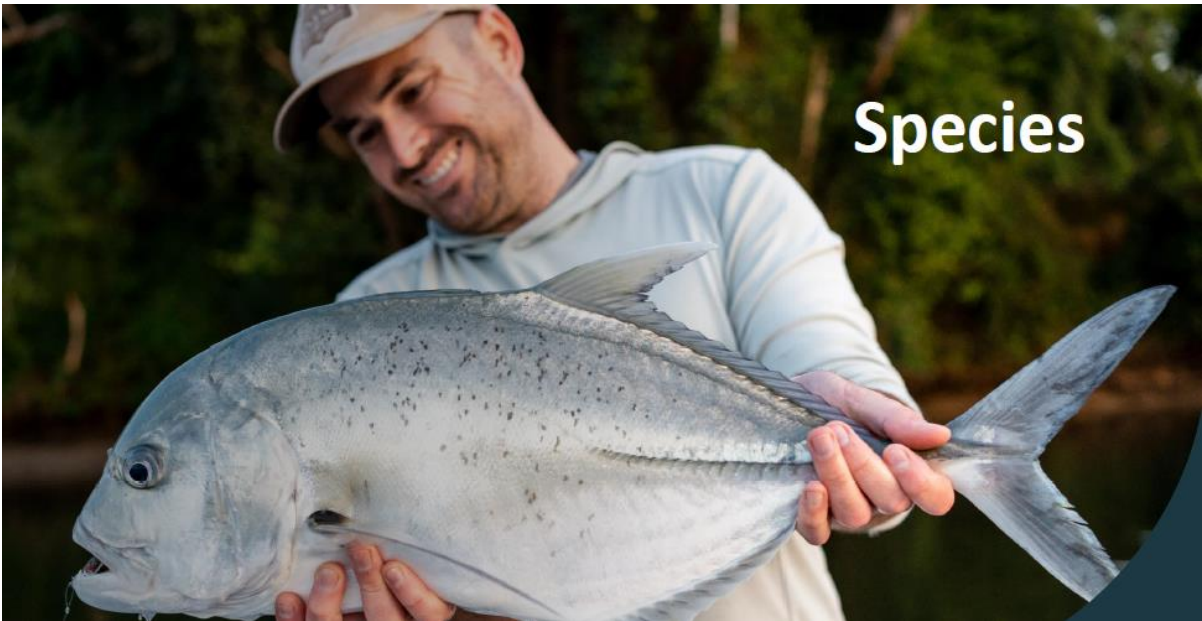
Rockwalls (e.g. Harbour boat ramp, south wall)

Headlands/Marina

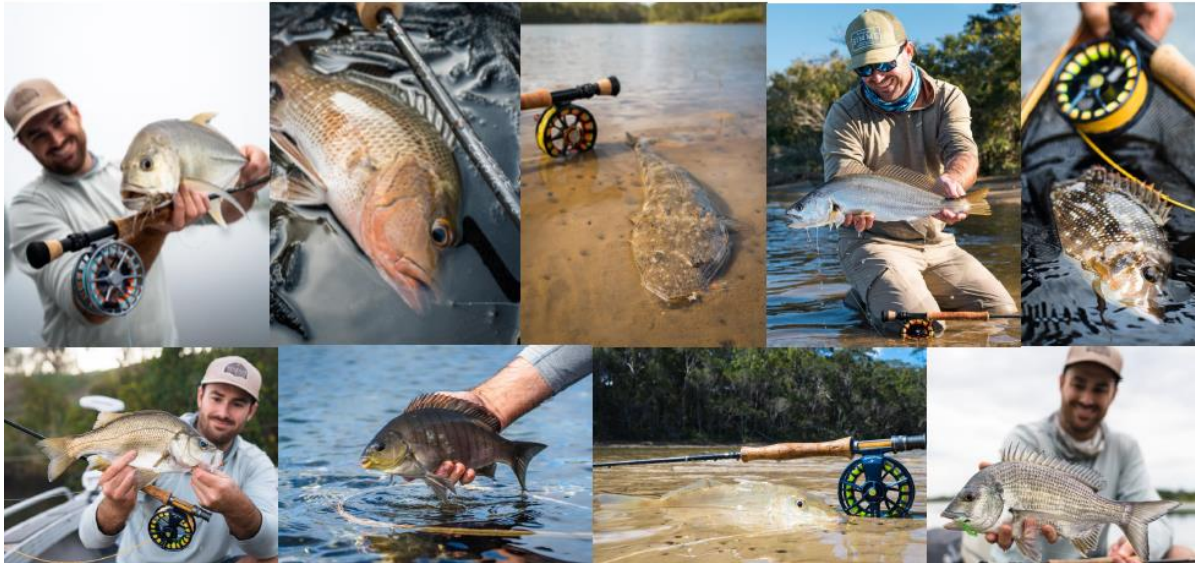
**There's always somewhere to fish**



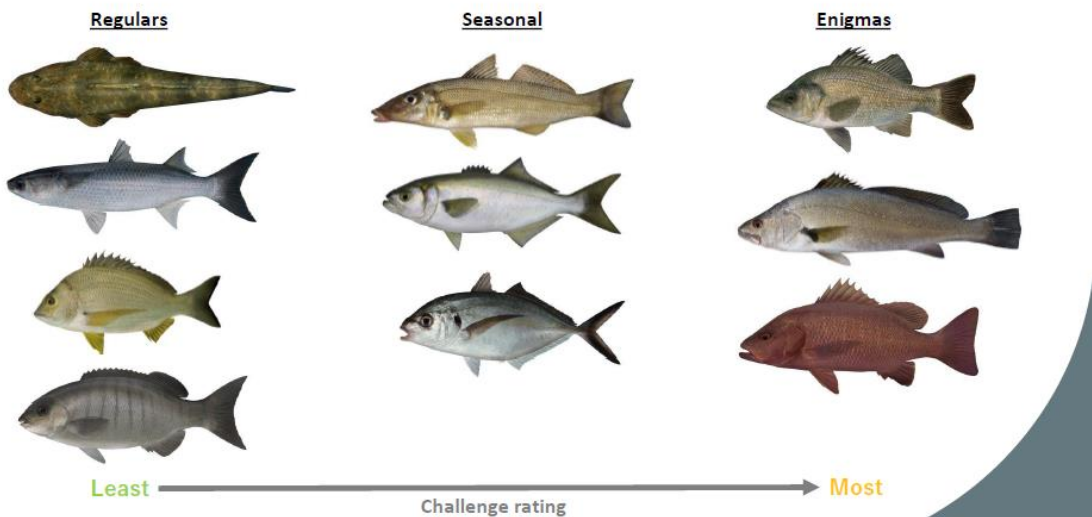




Mixing of warm and cool currents = rich & diverse systems



Bread-and-Butter species of the Coffs Coast





## Fly fishing for luderick

### Species

Luderick

Bycatch includes bream, surgeon fish, drummer, mullet, dusky rabbit fish, grassy sweetlip (even remora and trevally!)

### Habitats

Coffs Harbour boat ramp and Coffs Harbour Marina rock walls  
Training walls in Clarence, Bellinger, Nambucca etc.

### Seasons

All year round - rougher seas and overcast conditions preferred

### Flies

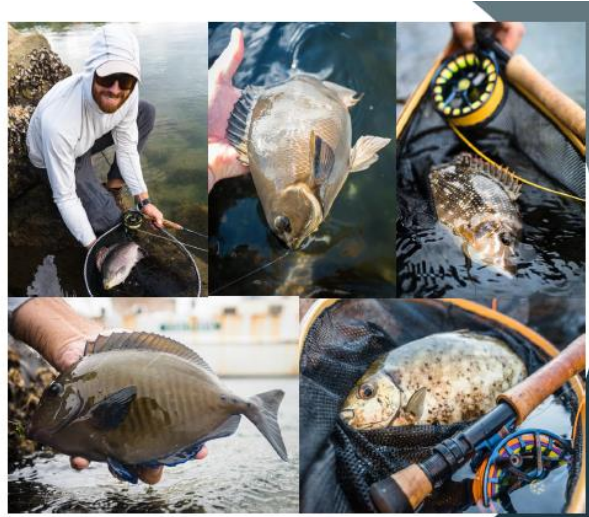
Weed flies: size 6 and 8 Gamakatsu panfish hook with Tiewell weed dubbing dubbed onto shank. Tungsten bead or weightless.

### Presentation

One or two flies suspended under moveable strike indicator or bobber. Split shot added if necessary. Length of drop dependent on water depth

### Tackle

5 – 7 weight, floating line, 9ft leader (2/3 10-12lb and 1/3 4 – 8lb)



## Fly fishing for flathead, bream & tailor

### Habitats

Sandflats, oyster leases, rock walls, sunken timber, gravel beds, artificial structures

### Seasons

Winter: Bream near river mouths, flathead in the shallows sunning themselves

Winter: Tailor enter estuaries and spreads throughout lower-middle reaches depending on salinity and tide

Summer: Bream throughout rivers up into brackish reaches, flathead spread throughout

### Flies

Size 6 to size 2 shrimp and minnow variations

- BWC raw prawns, bream vampires
- Clousers

Large brass - large lead dumbbell eyes to suit depth and tidal flow

### Tackle

6 – 7 weight, floating line, 9-12ft fluorocarbon leader ending in 6-10lb.



## Fly fishing for trevally

### Habitats

Throughout river, depending on food source and salinity.

Prefers beats along drop offs, snaggy riverbanks etc.

### Seasons

Can be caught all year round

*Early-mid summer & early-mid autumn: plague proportions enter the medium and large estuary systems from spring through into summer.*

### Flies

Size 1 – 2/0 shrimp and minnow variations

- BWC raw prawns; clousers

Large – extra large lead dumbbell eyes to suit depth, fly size and tidal flow

### Tackle

7 – 10 weight depending on size of fish and type of structure fishing, floating, sink tip and intermediate lines, 9-12ft fluorocarbon leader ending in 14-30lb



## Fly fishing for whiting

### Habitats

Sandflats, ideally between 30cm and 1.5m deep

### Seasons

*Summer- early Autumn: warm water temps are key to get this species aggressive enough to hit a fly.*

### Flies

Surface flies such as SK Skipping Prawn, Disco Shrimp with stinger hooks

Small gotcha style patterns with plenty of weight and lots of shine

### Tackle

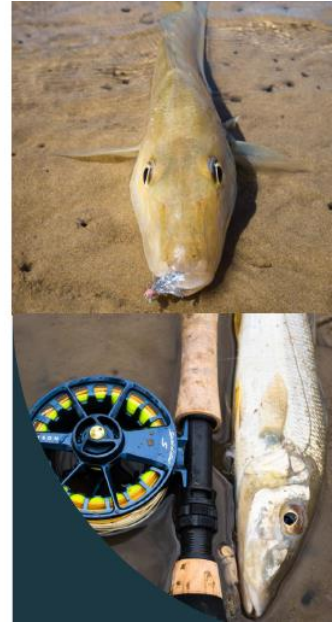
4 – 6 weight, floating line, 9-12ft fluorocarbon leader ending in 4-6lb for subsurface, 4-8ft monofilament leader ending in 8-10lb for surface fishing

### Presentation

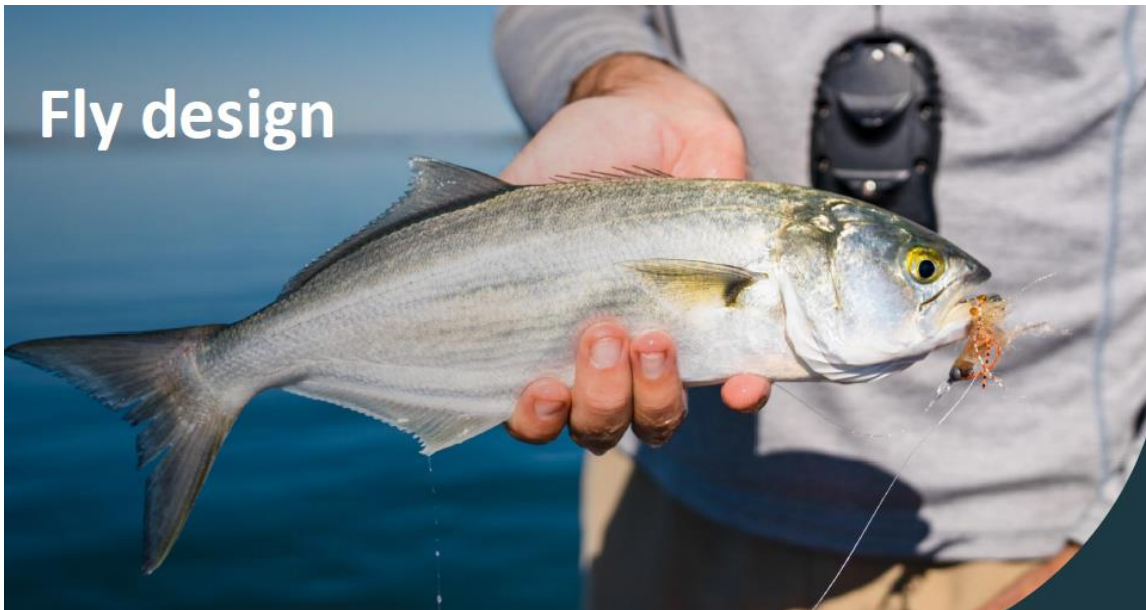
This is the single most important aspect about consistently catching whiting on fly.

Surface – medium to fast pace, constant stripping with no pauses. If a fish is following or strikes your fly, keep same pace. If you pause, the fish will become disinterested.

Subsurface – similar retrieve, medium to fast, short sharp strips, very little pausing. Pause and the fish often lose interest.



## Fly design



### Two things to keep in mind

- Get your fly to where the fish are
- Don't be afraid of adding weight





Consider this...

Typical estuary rig for a conventional lure angler



General weight used:  
1/16 – 1/8oz (1.8 – 3.7g) jig head  
Ultra fine braided line = minimal drag



Hareline Dubbin Heavy Lead Eyes

| Heavy Lead Eyes (Size) | Heavy Lead Eyes (Length) | Heavy Lead Eyes (Weight) |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Small                  | 4.8 mm                   | 0.3 grams                |
| Medium                 | 7.3 mm                   | 0.6 grams                |
| Large                  | 7.5 mm                   | 1.0 gram                 |
| Extra Large            | 8.5 mm                   | 1.5 grams                |



Fly line is thick = substantial drag

Most of the flies I fish in the medium to large Coffs Coast estuaries have the following weight systems:



Spawn flyfish 5.5-7.5mm (0.4 - 1.4g) tungsten football beads



Spawn flyfish 6.3mm (2g) tungsten beads



Plain lead eyes (med, large)



Generalist patterns for bream, flathead, EPs, tailor etc.



Manic Tackle Project Spawning Shrimp

Works well for flathead over flats in 0.5m – 1.5m deep



Bream vampire (lead eyes)

Generalist pattern best along rock walls, sunken timber shorelines 1 – 2.5m deep



Raw prawn (various weights)

THE generalist pattern – I've caught jewfish, jacks, GTs, bream, flathead, bass, EPs, tailor etc. on this thing



## Luderick



Weed fly - weighted

In a two fly rig I will use this one much like the 'bomb' nymph in trout fishing, to get my rig down to depth



Weed fly - unweighted

In a two fly rig I will trail this one 30-40cm after the weighted weed fly, tied off the bend of its hook



Thingamabobber

Perfect for luderick fishing as they always stay afloat  
3/4 inch size is good for most conditions



## Whiting



Whiting Mesmeriser

Short, sharp constant strips at a medium-fast pace



Disco shrimp

When you need more surface presence than the SK Skipping Prawn



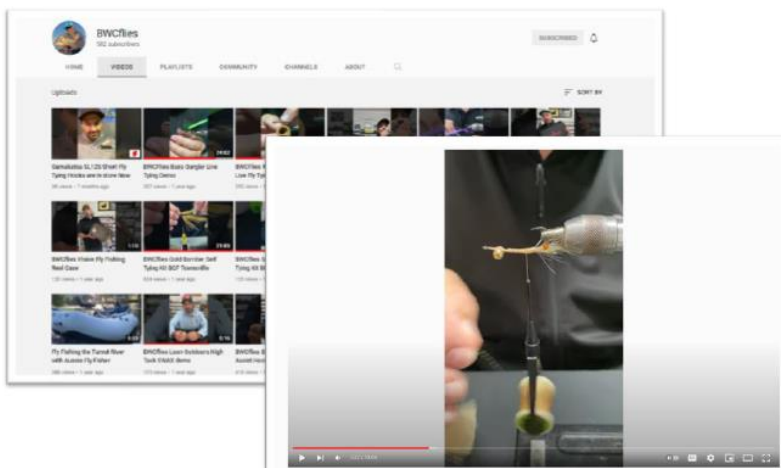
SK Skipping Prawn\*

Subtle skittering action on the constant medium-fast paced retrieve. Treble hook aids greatly in hooking whiting



*\*Shannon Kitchener has a YouTube channel which has a fly tying tutorial for the SK Skipping Prawn (X Stream Fly)*

**BWC Flies have a comprehensive library of fly tying videos – an excellent resource**







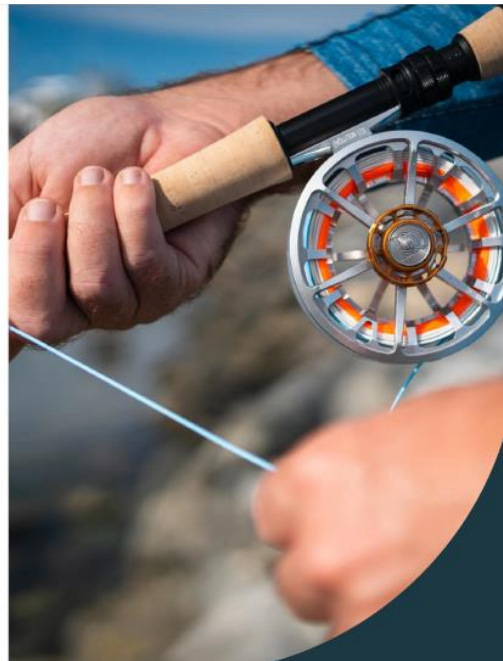
## My recommendations:

### General purpose 'workhorse' outfit

- 6 – 7wt 9ft saltwater build fly rod, with a med-fast to fast action
- Two lines  
 A floating line with an aggressive head (SA Titan Taper or similar; bonefish tapers not overly ideal for bread n butter fishing)  
 A sinking line (5-7ips) for dredging deeper holes or channels
- Fly reel to balance outfit. Doesn't need to be flash, just rugged enough to withstand the salt (most freshwater reels are fine with proper care and maintenance).

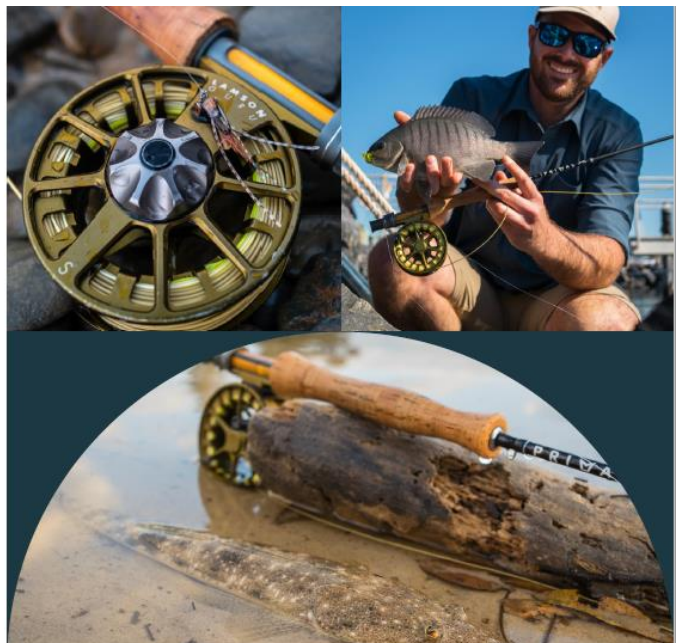
### Tailor, trevally, jewfish, big flathead

- 8 – 10wt 9ft saltwater build fly rod, fast action
- Two lines  
 Intermediate sink tip (Airflo Flatsmaster or similar) or full floating with aggressive head  
 A sinking line (5-7ips) if targeting river mouths or bridge pylons for jewfish
- Reel same as above, just with a more robust drag



## Leave the trout gear at home!

- Trout fly line tapers are ill suited to most estuary applications
- Flex profile/taper of trout rods usually aren't optimal for estuary work
- Components of freshwater rods often not built to withstand saltwater environments
- There are exceptions (e.g. bread flies for bream & fishing for luderick) but wash your gear properly!



## Waterway overview

### Lagoons (e.g. Woolgoolga Lake)

Typical fishing depth  
30cm to 2m

What you'll be fishing  
Sandflats, channels, gravel beds, weed beds, isolated timber or rock structures

Outfit

- 9ft 4 - 6 weight, fast action  
  
- Weight forward, floating line  
  
- 9ft fluorocarbon tapered leader

### Beach creeks (e.g. Coffs Creek)

Typical fishing depth  
30cm to 3m

What you'll be fishing  
Lagoon habitat plus mangroves, more timber lined banks, limited man made structure

Outfit

- 9ft 5 - 7 weight, fast action  
  
- Weight forward, floating or slow intermediate line  
  
- 9ft fluorocarbon tapered leader

### Small estuaries (e.g. Corindi/Bonville)

Typical fishing depth  
30cm to 4m

What you'll be fishing  
Beach creek plus deeper bends, rockbars, abundant overhanging vege and submerged timber

Outfit

- 9ft 6 - 8 weight, fast action  
  
- Weight forward, floating or slow intermediate line  
  
- 9-12ft fluorocarbon tapered leader

### Medium-large estuaries (e.g. Clarence/Bellinger)

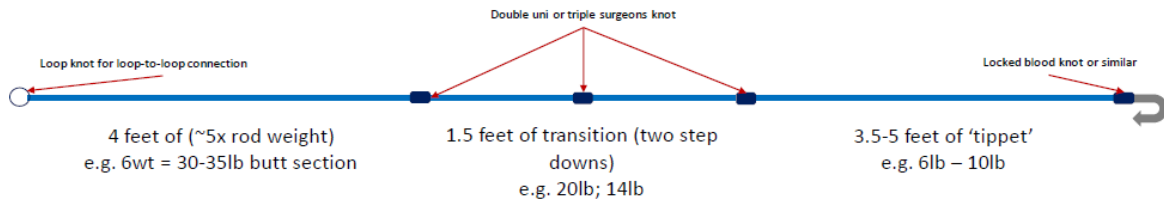
Typical fishing depth  
30cm to 5m+

What you'll be fishing  
Small estuaries plus more man made structure, deeper water

Outfit

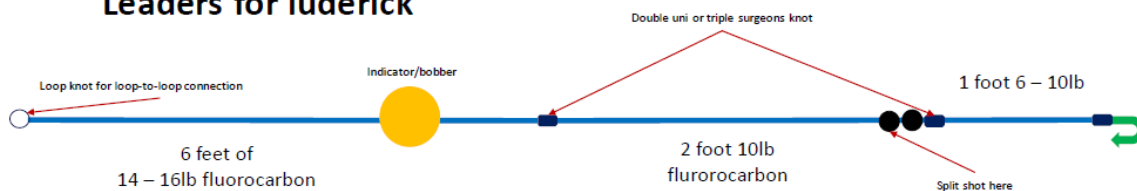
- 9ft 6 - 10 weight, fast action  
  
- Weight forward, floating, slow intermediate, fast sink (5 - 7 ips) line  
  
- 9-12ft fluorocarbon tapered leader

## Leaders for general bread & butter fishing



- I make my own leaders with 3 to 4 different breaking strains of fluorocarbon
- Sunline FC Rock or Daiwa J-Thread FC – much more economical than fly fishing specific material
- Bream, flathead, EPs etc. – starting 'tippet' 8-10lb
- GT, tailor, big flathead – starting 'tippet' 12-16lb
- Approximate rule I follow:
  - Half the leader of butt section, 1-2 feet of 'transition zone', then the remainder your 'tippet'

## Leaders for luderick

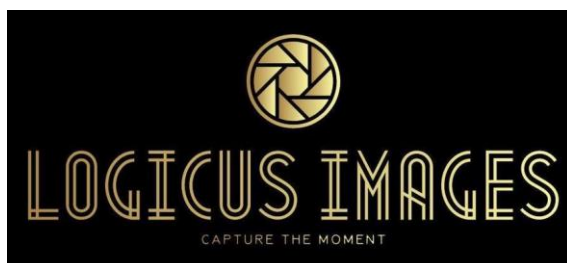


- Luderick leader is approx. 9ft in total and made of 2 - 3 breaking strains (depending on terrain)
- 2/3 of the leader is 14 - 16lb fluorocarbon. This is where you will add your sliding bobber or indicator. By placing the bobber on the stronger fluorocarbon, you reduce the risk of losing it if you get snagged.
- Placing a triple surgeon knot within your tippet section gives the split shot something to rest against
  - Prevents the shot sliding down onto weed fly



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



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



BSB 533 000

Account Number: 02051766

Name: Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc

Reference: Your surname

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

### Club Contact Address

Our official email address is

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

Our mailing address is:

The Secretary

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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



## Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc.

### Membership Form

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

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

#### Please fill all information below:

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

#### Post signed form and cheque to:

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

 Bananacoast Community Credit Union  
Ltd and Police & Nurses Limited

#### Direct Deposit:

BSB: 533 000  
Account No: 02051766  
Coffs Coast Fly Fishing Club Inc  
Reference: **Your surname**

## Notes

### **Club Membership Definitions:**

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

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

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

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

### **Fees:**

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

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

### **Completed Membership Forms:**

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

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

Can be posted to the Secretary at the above address.

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