



# Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc.

Founded 17th August 1955

Postal Address: PO Box 460, Launceston 7250

## Newsletter - September 2024

### Coming Up

**Next General Meeting:**

7:30pm 4th September 2024

1-3 Chant Street,  
East Launceston

**Next Committee Meeting:**

7:00pm 11th September 2024

1-3 Chant Street,  
East Launceston

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 7:30pm

The new committee will be elected and Club awards will be handed out

This will be followed directly by the general meeting

### Next Club Outings:

Council of The Aging Class "COTA" - 20th October

Pine Tier Lagoon - 22 - 24th November

Penstock Lagoon "One Fly" - 14th December

## ***Annual Subscriptions were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024***

To continue as a member, please get yours settled at your earliest opportunity.

<b>Annual Subscriptions are:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ordinary Member	\$84
Junior Member (Under 18) & Full time Student	\$42
Eligible Pensioner (As defined by the Club Rules)	\$42

*Members who have not paid their annual subscription by 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 will be deemed un-financial, requiring payment of the \$30 joining fee as well as the subs rate (\$84) for membership.*

The Fly Fisher's Club of Tasmania Inc.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday the 4th of September**

**WE WANT YOU TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE**

## **Will you run for Committee?**

Prior to each Annual General Meeting volunteers are called upon for nomination for committee. If you are considering standing for committee and feel slightly daunted have a chat to an existing committee person. You may even attend, as a guest at one of our committee meetings to see first-hand how the system works.

There are plenty of diverse Club business projects each year and each requires a dedicated close knit group to see them through to completion. The Club survives on volunteers from all walks of life sharing their various talents to reach a common goal.

So if you believe that you can offer some time and expertise – please complete the nomination form.

## Committee nomination form 2024/2025

I hereby nominate ..... (please print)  
as ..... (position)

of The Fly Fishers' Club of Tasmania Inc, for the year 2024/2025

Nominator ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

Seconder ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

I hereby accept nomination

Nominee ..... (signature) Date ...../...../2024

Nominations for any of the above positions in the Club must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting (Rule 24.1.b).

To clarify, your nomination must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than the 27th August 2024

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 6th of September 2023

**Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm.**

### **Welcome:**

Vice President Martin Hingston took the Chair and welcomed the 37 members and 2 guests to the Annual General meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned phones off or placed on to silent.

### **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Peter Berne, Marcus Rae, Joe Conti, Glenn Becher, Stephen Hill, Nigel For-teath, James Doherty, Robert Wolf, Ron Whittington, Dan Dempsey, Norm King, Scott James, Alan Styles, Jim Leslie

### **Guests:**

Matthew Stagg, Andrew Wood

### **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

The Secretary moved the 2022 minutes that appeared in the newsletter for acceptance, se-  
conded by Chris Crawford - and **carried unanimously**.

### **Matters Arising:**

Nil

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### President's Annual Report:

The Chairman moved the President's report that appeared in the newsletter for acceptance, seconded by Corey Harris – and **carried unanimously**.

### Treasurer's Annual Report:

The Treasurer highlighted the items that were listed in the prepared Club's audit thanks to Alan Styles.

The total current assets in the Bendigo Bank 2022 (\$7571.19); 2023 (\$16,539.49) with an increase in members equity to \$27,019.85. The comparison of payments and receipts are 2022 (\$23,750.65) to 2023 (\$32,218.26).

The Club's listed assets were also revealed, including the library contents, Club rods, shacks & contents, and land.

The complete financial details will be listed in the coming newsletter.

The Treasurer moved the audited annual report for acceptance, seconded by Jimmy Ellenberger – and **carried unanimously**.

### Election of Office Bearers & Committee:

The Chairman (prior to standing down) then asked the Public Officer to confirm the nominations received in accordance with Club Rules.

The executive nominations received were:

**President** – Martin Hingston; **Secretary** – Richard Hawley; **Senior Vice President** – Peter Berne; **Vice President** – Jack Barker; **Treasurer** – John Quarry.

As there was only 1 person nominated for each position – those were duly elected to their position.

The nominations received for the committee were:

Graeme Frankcombe, George Dale, Bill Greensmith, Jimmy Ellenberger, Peter Ray

Nominations was called from the floor for the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the committee. As there was no response this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The New President declared those committee members duly elected and congratulated all incoming Office Bearers and Committee upon their election.

### Election of Auditor:

Alan Styles has agreed to continue as the Club's Auditor.

### Election of Patron:

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Nigel Forteach has agreed to continue as the Club's Patron.

### Election of Librarian:

Jimmy Ellenberger has agreed to continue as the Club's Librarian.

### Election of Editor:

Richard Hawley has agreed to continue as the Club's Editor.

The Chairman asked if any other member would like to take on this role - with no success. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

### CLUB AWARDS:

Max Christensen / Tanglefoot Trophy: **No Award**

Snorkel Award Awarded to:

Jimmy Ellenberger: This is Jimmy's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive award. It happened 3 hours into last year's season whilst trying to jump across the Camden River. The bank collapsed and he fell head-first into the river.

Tom Seppala: Was found submerged in Little Pine somehow falling out of his boat by John Stagg. John towed Tom back to Bertram's Island where he could remove his waders, get back in his boat and return to the shack for dry gear.

Life Membership Awards: **Jimmy Ellenberger**

**MEETING CLOSED: 7:45pm**



President Martin Hingston (R) with guest speaker Paul Middleton



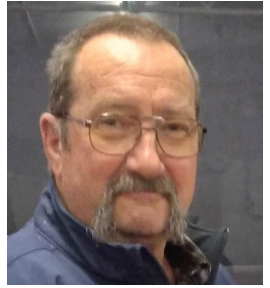
**Graeme Frankcombe  
fixing the side access  
door at the Isle of  
Shalom.**



## President's Annual Report

Hello members,

Firstly, I would like to thank Richard Hawley for his support and tireless efforts as secretary throughout the year, he is the one who keeps the club running smoothly. He has now been doing the secretary's job for 14 years. (Almost due for long service leave). I would also like to thank John Quarry for his outstanding effort as treasurer, and the other members of the committee for their support.



This past year has seen an average of 28 members attending the club meetings. The \$ value of takings has increased due to sales from the fly bowl, raffles and other items that have been sold. Thanks must go to the members who donate flies, books, fly-tying material and other items to the club.

For the 2023 – 2024 season there has been a slight increase in shack usage, with September, November, December, January and February being the most popular.

The merger of CFF&FCA and the FFCT has seen the continuation of their fly casting at the Grindelwald base, and their inter club casting competition with the DFFC continue under the FFCT banner.

Thanks to Bill Greensmith and his trusty helpers the club has continued with the Basic Fly-fishing classes.

This past year has been reasonably quiet for the club with no major works being done.

At Koongara new mattresses were purchased and the bunks resized thanks to the carpentry skills of Graeme Frankcombe. From all reports this has been a great success.

We also held a very successful wood cut, with 17 members attending and around 12 cubic meters of wood being cut. Thanks to Peter Berne there are now 3 more small tanks in which the wood can be stored, it is now up to the members who stay at Koongara to keep these full.

There are still some minor works planned for Koongara, i.e... The sign off of the 240-volt electrical system and the raising of the solar panels to prevent debris collecting under them.

At Noonameena new mattresses the same as Koongara will be purchased.

It is also planned to upgrade the hot water system; this will also require an upgrade of the electrical system.

Thanks to the members who use the shacks, the inside, and the area around the buildings are

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always kept neat and tidy.

This year the club held several club outings the first being the Lake Fergus Foray with 7 members attending and a good number of fish caught.

Unfortunately, road access to this water has been stopped for the 2024 -2025 season, foot access is still available via the designated walking track.

This year in place of the Lake Fergus trip we have planned a trip to Pine Tier Lagoon, this is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

The second club outing was the Penstock One Fly, with 14 members attending, some fishing from boats and others from the shore, returning to the shack later in the afternoon for a well-earned BBQ. The go to fly was a possum emerger.

This Year it is planned to have members arrive between 9.00 – 9.30 am for a breakfast of egg and bacon muffins, then heading out to fish for the day and returning to the shack later in the afternoon to decide who is going to get their name on the trophy. The Penstock One Fly this year will be held on December the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January the Cane Day was held with 21 participants, some from the club and others from outside the club. Money raised from this event was donated to Mending Casts (women fly fishers with breast cancer). Thanks to Chris Crawford for organizing this event. This year it will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Pine Plunder was held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Only 2 members attended, this may have been due to the weather conditions, heavy cloud, strong W/NW wind with gusts up to 50 kph. There were no duns showing, but a possum emerger was readily taken, lots of fish were hooked and lost. The Pine Plunder in 2025 will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.

The annual Clean Up Australia Day was held on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, with not much rubbish collected. In 2025 CUAD will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

We have had several guest speakers, covering a range of topics throughout the past year, with guest speakers planned for the coming year.

The December meeting will be a club trivia night with raffles, drinks and nibbles, so come along and test your knowledge.

Martin Hingston, President FFCT.

# Minutes of the General Meeting Held at Chant Street on Wednesday 7th of August 2024

**MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm.**

## **Welcome:**

President Martin Hingston welcomed the 29 members and our guest speaker Paul Middleton to the meeting. He recommended that all mobile devices be turned off or placed on to silent.

## **Apologies:**

Gary & Katie Baird, Marcus Rae, Jimmy Ellenberger, Annie Skarratt, Stephen Hill, Peter Ray, Vince Bannon, James Doherty, Phil Harker, Jim Leslie, David Swallow, Matthew Stagg, Jack Barker

## **Guest Speaker:**

Martin introduced Paul Middleton from the IFS to the members. His topic tonight was on the new “anglers diary” and the “Infish App” that can be installed free on your phone.

The App features – Where to Fish, how to get there, Fish stocking, weather, Anglers Access Maps, and the Fishing Code. The user will record the times, places, number of fish and sizes, any photos and the weather conditions.

The IFS will have access to this data to improve the management of the fishery by having a better understanding of the water’s performance assessment and stocking numbers. Only the number of fish caught, and the sizes will be used by the IFS.

The President led the members in showing their appreciation to Paul for his well-presented presentation.

## **Appreciation:**

The President expressed the Club’s appreciation to:

- Ross Frankcombe and Nathan Merriman for supplying the meats for the Christmas in Winter.
- Graeme, Peter Berne, Peter Ray, Martin, Phil and John Dekkers for attending and supplying other foods for the same event.
- Peter Berne for sourcing, cutting and transporting the GI tanks up to Koongara.
- Graeme Frankcombe for changing the batteries & SD cards for the camera at



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Koongara.

- Alan Taylor for submitting the report on the interclub casting outing with Devonport FFC.

### **Minutes of last meeting:**

The Secretary moved that the minutes, that appeared in the last newsletter was a representative record of that meeting, seconded by Tom Seppala – **and carried unanimously.**

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

### **Correspondence (since last meeting):**

#### Inwards:

1. Newsletters – (email) Coffs CFFC, VFFA, SAFFA, GFFC,
2. Rainier Coronado – (email) Annual Rise film festival on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Du Cane Brewery.
3. Secretary QFFC – (email) Notice of their Open Day on 27<sup>th</sup> July.
4. Nigel Forteath – (email) Agreed to continue as Club Patron.
5. Alan Styles – (email) Agreed to continue as Club Auditor.
6. Jimmy Ellenberger – (email) Agreed to continue as Club Librarian.
7. Robert Catchpole (COTA) – (email) Invitation to join Seniors Week on 14 – 20 October as a Club.
8. AAT – (email) Notice of AGM and dedicated Woods Lake website on blue-green algae.
9. Norm Cribbin – (email) Great Lake tie-in invitation and flyer 12<sup>th</sup> October.
10. Paul Brougham – (email) Invoice for Sports Insurance.
11. Jean Crocker, Kath Humphris – (email) Resignation from Club.
12. Pontech – (email) Invoice for website and domain hosting.

#### Outwards:

1. Fly Tying members – (email) Appreciation for their demonstration roles.

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2. Nigel Forteach – (email) Appreciation and invitation to continue as Club Patron.
3. Alan Styles – (email) Appreciation and invitation to continue as Club Auditor.
4. Jimmy Ellenberger – (email) Appreciation and invitation to continue as Club Librarian.
5. Jules Stevens – (email) Invitation as guest speaker for April.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence was accepted; and outward was approved, seconded by Norm King – **and carried unanimously.**

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Expenses: \$ 122.03 (Christmas in July \$74.85)

Income: \$ 3,647.00 (Subs \$3208.00, FF Class \$150.00, Christmas in July \$135.00, Sales \$44.00)

CBA: \$ [REDACTED]

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Cash Book: \$ [REDACTED]

The Treasurer, John Quarry moved the Treasurer's report for acceptance, seconded by Chris Crawford – **and carried unanimously.**

### **Matters arising:**

Nil

### **General Business:**

#### **Chairman's Lead:**

#### **Just some reminders for the members:**

Martin reminded the members:

- Of the 'fly bowl' which provides good value of flies at \$1 each.
- The list of fly-tying items for sale on the table.
- To send photos and /or articles of outings to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

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### **Club Outings: (on whiteboard)**

Members heading out on an excursion may also place their information on the white board.

**August – 11<sup>th</sup>** Basic Fly-Fishing class.

Peter Berne has agreed to assist Bill Greensmith instructing the 4 people that have enrolled.

It will be set up at 9:30am at Grindelwald.

**October - 20<sup>th</sup>** Isle of Shalom “COTA” class {not advertised yet}

**November - 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>** Pine Tier Lagoon (in lieu of our Fergus trip)

**December - 14<sup>th</sup>** Penstock “One Fly’

The members were asked if there was any interest in having a Club outing in **February** and where their preference would be. Martin suggested Lakes Arthurs, Sorell, McKenzie or Talinah Lagoon area. Ideas and preferred locations are to be forwarded to the Secretary.

Graeme Frankcombe is the contact and coordinator for all Club fishing outings.

Fly casting at Grindelwald – coordinator Don Cameron

The next outing is on the **11<sup>th</sup>**, contact Don to confirm all outings.

### **Fly Tying Class:**

The members were asked for their thoughts on the Club holding fly tying classes for the public.

It is planned to be held at the Club rooms on a Saturday afternoon over a 3-week period.

Comments and ideas are to be sent to the committee.

### **Fly Casting:**

Alan Taylor reported that their first outing against DFFC at Devonport they lost by 9 points but won the recent one at Grindelwald by 40 points. This meant that they won the overall competition. Alan noted that even though only the best 4 scores are counted we had an excellent roll up at Grindelwald.

### **Club Rooms:**

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Martin thanked the volunteers that assisted in the preparation of the room and in advance for the clean-up of the kitchen area tonight.

### **CLUB SHACKS:**

The President reminded the members that:

- If you are a regular visitor to any of the shacks and notice that some consumables are running low – remember to replace them the next time you visit. And to discard any items that are 'out of date'.
- Report any faults or shack issues to the shack warden or Club committee.
- Noonamena is still winter proofed so follow the posted signs. During June/July we had several -10deg mornings and had no major issues.
- We now have some small GI tanks to keep the wood dry. Make sure that you replenish the supplies for the next person.

### **Club Awards:**

Members are reminded to forward to the committee nominations for the:

Tanglefoot Trophy (Max Christensen)

Snorkel Award – We have one nominee Norm King. Notify the committee if there are any others.

### **Other General Business:**

Nil

### **Fishing Reports:**

On Opening weekend some members attended their favourite waters with some success. With Little Pine, Penstock, Currawong Lakes and the Devonport Club Dam providing some results.

### **Club Raffles:**

Dan Dempsey drew the night's raffle which was won by Don Cameron.

### **Next Meeting:**

September – **AGM**

The President noted that the members who believe that they can help the Club are encouraged to nominate. If they are unsure of what is involved, they are welcome to

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attend the next meeting as a guest

The new seating arrangements was approved tonight by the members and will continue to be set up like this for all meetings.

**Meeting Closed: 8:50pm**



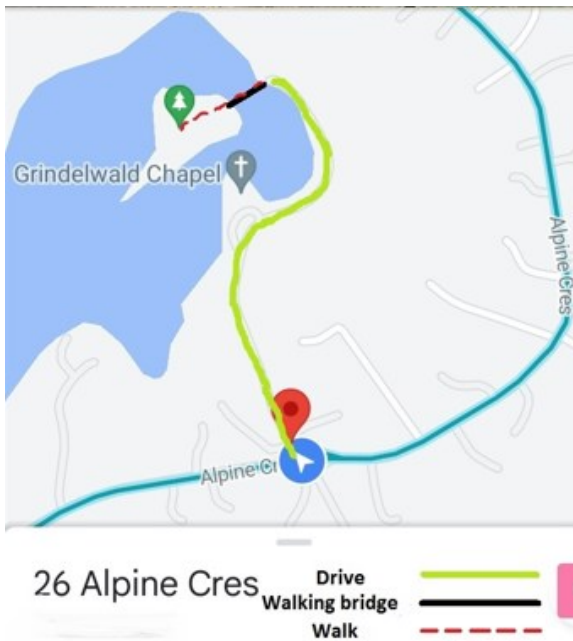
Bill Greensmith and Charlie Gall introducing the 4 news students to fly fishing.



Bill Greensmith and Charlie Gall assisting the students with fly casting.

**Basic Fly Fishing Class Held at Grindelwald on the 11th of August.**

**Photos by Peter Berne.**



Access to the property of 26 A Alpine Crescent .



Gate to enter the property of 26 A Alpine Crescent.

**Grindelwald Fly Casting and Social Outings - Confirm Dates with Don**

- ◆ 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◆ Confirm all dates with the coordinator.

Coordinator Don Cameron (ph. 0409 636 273).

## Important Notice

As all members are aware, we are currently living in difficult and unprecedented times. So, to keep all members notified on what is happening within the Club, either by our monthly newsletters or important notice issues.

It is therefore extremely vital that we have your current contact details.

If you have recently changed your postal address, or email address, or phone number, or are uncertain that we have your correct details, then please tell us.

By contacting the Secretary by email at:

[secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au](mailto:secretary@flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au)

### **For Booking of the Club Shacks go to our website**

[www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/](http://www.flyfisherscluboftasmania.org.au/uncategorized/booking-a-shack/)

**Remember booking is made only by a phone call**



**Noonamena**



**Koongara**

**Members** please check your accounts with **Treasurer - John Quarry**

at: [john.r.quarry47@gmail.com](mailto:john.r.quarry47@gmail.com)

**Payments and club banking Details**

**Account: The Fly-Fishers Club of Tasmania Inc**

**BSB: 067-603; ACC: 1052 0644**

**Please ensure that your surname & what the payment is for is included**

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