

# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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## NOVEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER OF THE SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend the next meeting of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc.  
This will be held on Wednesday 16th November 2005, at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.  
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005  
Meeting Opened: - 8:05 PM

Attendance: - 12 Members & 1 visitor present

### Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:  
Blue Morris, Dean Cousin, James Tourtoulas and Ron Bassler

### Visitors To The Meeting Were:

Errol Parmigiani (DPI)

### New Members:

Nil

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and confirmed as per the Newsletter, this was moved by Neil Morrison, second by John Utan and carried.

### Business Arising From the Previous Minutes:

Items discussed were:  
GACA Meeting with Craig Ingram in attendance

### Inward Correspondence Tabled:

Bairnsdale Fly Fishers September 2005 Newsletter  
Response letter from the Minister for Agriculture Bob Cameron MP  
VR Fish Fishing Lines October 2005 issue  
WGCMA Report of Recreational Fishing on the Thomson & Macalister Rivers  
Response letter from Craig Ingram (NFA)  
Information and application forms for the Recreational Fishing Grants Program 2005/2006  
Fish-E-Fax Issues 153 - 156  
Victorian Fly-Fishers Association October 2005 Newsletter  
Southern Fly Fishers October 2005 Newsletter  
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers October 2005 Newsletter

Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers Sept. 2005 newsletter  
Response letter from the Australian Trout Foundation  
WGCMA – Wetlands plan Community Survey  
Gippsland Coastal Board - Coastal Action Plan

VR Fish – Licence Fee Review

VR Fish – Marine Safety Victoria Regulatory Impact Statement , The most significant change is the mandatory wearing of life jacket while on board a boat less than 4.8m long while under way

### Promotional Material

NZ Trout Tours

Hillmark – Anuka Electric Fish Smoker

Anaconda Club night and specials on outdoor gear

### Treasurer's Report:

Accounts for payment:

Newsletter postage \$17.00

GACA Affiliation fees \$80.00

P/L Insurance \$640.76

Year to Date: Nov. 04 – Sept. 05

Total Income: \$2,485.00

Total Expense: - \$2,094.92

Net income: \$340.08

General account Balance of \$1,878.88

GSI Investment Accounts \$2,153.42

Total Amount in Accounts is \$4,032.30

Treasurers Report and accounts for payment was moved by Ray Clissold, second by Mick O'Brien and Carried.

### General Business

Peter Murray and Ian Brideson attended the GACA meeting with Craig Ingram in attendance, Peter & Ian said that Craig was not as Anti Trout as his article in the paper led us to believe. Craig said that he also enjoys trout fishing but is frustrated in the way that trout, an introduced species gets an overwhelming amount of support compared to our native

fish, Bass. He explained that that he would like to see a more balanced approach to native fish and trout. Craig also said that Native Fish Australia are lobbying to have the closed season on trout lifted from the Snowy River Catchment, he believed that this would be one way help to reduce trout numbers and allow Bass numbers to increase in this system.

This would not be out of line with our own thoughts on this subject, however we still have to remain vigilant as we are aware, if we do nothing and others get their way, the stocking of trout could be phased out in some areas in preference for native fish.

Nominations for office bearers should be in for next meeting. This is our Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers for the coming year. There is a nomination form at the back of the newsletter for you to nominate someone to be involved with the running of the club.

Please think about these positions as they will all be declared vacated and we will need members to fill the roles of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Public Officer and five Committee Members.

### **Fish Reports**

Peter Neligan fished the Goulburn for 8 days, he caught 34 fish, the best of these being 6½ lb.

John Utan - Macalister River for 2 Brown Trout to 35cm

Ian Brideson – Macalister River 3 Fish

Tony Dawkins – Archer Fish from the Daily River

Dean Cousin – 3 Barramundi to 7.8kg, from Arnhemland

Max Simmons – 2 small Tailor from Narooma and he also fished Traralgon Creek and caught several fish to 30cm

Mick O'Brien – 3 fish from the Macalister, 2 Browns to 35cm and 1 Rainbow of 38cm

### **Licola Bunkhouse Trip**

12 members made the trip to Licola on Friday night and there were eight who stayed for Saturday night. Reports available from members who attended the meeting were:

Mick O'Brien – 11 fish to 33cm

Ray Clissold – 7 fish to 30cm

Max Simmons – 5 fish

Ian Brideson – 2 fish

John Utan – 6 fish to 36cm

### **Guest Speaker:**

Errol Parmigiani is the Regional Manager for the Department of Primary Industry, he spoke on trout stocking

in this area, due to low water in the Western District some of the trout stocking for that area had to be redirected into other impoundments, so they have put a lot more fish into Blue Rock Dam, Errol said that it has been fishing very well with good catches of trout being recorded.

Errol said that they have been thinking of putting larger trout into the Macalister next year if it gets approved by fisheries Victoria.

Mostly Errol answered questions from the members who attended.

### **Fly Tying Night:**

Peter Neligan said that we would be most welcome to have fly tying night at his place this month.

### **Meeting Closed: - 08:45 PM**

### **Show Us Your Fly for October was:**

Barry Lodge's Emerger

There were four entrants in show us your fly and 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of a \$10.00 voucher went to Ian Brideson for his tie of Barry Lodge's Emerger

The runner up was Ray Clissold

The \$10.00 Voucher for first prize was kindly donated by The Sale Angler.

### **The Fly to Tie for the October 2005 Meeting is:**

Backswimmer

(Australia's Best Trout Flies Pages 71 & 73)



*Backswimmer*

Hook: Medium longshank #14

Thread: Olive

Body: Light olive, antron or substitute

Legs: 3-4 fibres from a bronze mallard flank feather, tied in at an angle of 45 deg between body & thorax, but horizontal to the plane of the fly

Wing case: Sparkle yarn or twinkle organza, pulled forward from the bend to the eye of the hook, covering the upper half of the entire fly

**“CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER”**

Contributions to the newsletter would be appreciated; all articles, stories, recipes, fly tying instructions, patterns or any humorous cartoons etc. will be published.

Submissions close on Wednesday, 2 weeks prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Meeting Night.

**Download Your Newsletter From the Internet.**

Apart from the normal snail mail, we now have Newsletters on the website, for those of you who have requested their newsletter by e-mail; you will receive an e-mail notification each month when the newsletter is available for downloading. Check this feature out by logging onto our website at: <http://sffc.no-ip.org/newsletters/>

Or you can go to our Home Page at: <http://sffc.no-ip.org/> and follow the link to Newsletters

Also our picture Gallery is now back on line with some new photos, so you should check it out.

**COMING EVENTS**

Put these dates in your diary

- ◇ 16 November – Annual General Meeting, Election of office bearers for the coming year
- ◇ Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Annual Dinner at Duart’s Restaurant in Maffra

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**Nomination Form**

I nominate..... for the position of.....

Of the Sale Fly Fishing Club Inc. for the season 2005 – 2006

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26 September 2005

Dear Members,

The Minister responsible for Fisheries, Bob Cameron, has asked VRFish, the Rex Hunt Futurefish foundation and AFTA, to formulate a proposed licence fee for the introduction of a three-year licence. Additionally, these three organisations jointly approached Premier Steve Bracks recently, to announce a buy-back of commercial netters in all Bays and Inlets in Victoria. We have now been asked to formulate a proposed increased fee structure for recreational fishing licences, to fund the buy-back.

VRFish, the Rex Hunt Futurefish Foundation and AFTA have met and considered the licence fee structure required to accommodate a three-year Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) and the repayment of a loan to Treasury to fund the voluntary buy-back of commercial fishing licences. The recommendations submitted are based on the voluntary buy-back having a reasonable amount of successful applications followed by the Government enforcing a compulsory buy-back of all remaining commercial netting licences issued for Victorian bays and inlet waters.

Attached is a proposed fee structure with associated changes to expenditure of Recreational Fishing Licence revenue.

Could all members please provide feedback, from the clubs and/or members that you represent, in regards to the proposed changes and forward comments to the VRFish office, either by return e-mail or mail written response to:



VRFish  
Licence Fee Review  
SUITE 509, 89 High St  
Kew Vic 3101

Responses need to be received as soon as practicable, so as to formulate a truly representative response from the membership of VRFish.

Regards,



David Kramer  
Executive Officer

## VICTORIAN RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE – FEE STRUCTURE REVIEW

The Victorian Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) is currently priced as follows:

- 2-day licence, \$5.50
- 28-day licence, \$11.00
- 1-year licence, \$22.00

In 2004/2005, 245,231 RFL's were sold, generating revenue in excess of \$4.5m. This is an increase of 6,000 licences and \$300,000 on the previous year.

Should a **three-year licence** be introduced without consideration of funding the voluntary buy-back of commercial fishing licences, we suggest the licence fee should be **\$60.00**

It should be noted that our desired outcome is a successful voluntary buy-back of commercial fishing licences, and ultimately, a compulsory buy-back of all commercial netting licences in bays and inlets.

Consideration needs to be given to increasing the RFL fee to fund loan repayments to Treasury for the purpose of funding the buy-back. We also believe it is timely to review other items related to RFL revenue expenditure.

The success, or otherwise, of the voluntary buy-back of commercial fishing licences, will not be known for several months. However, we propose that the value of repayment of a loan should not exceed \$2m per annum. To fund the loan repayment, amongst other proposed changes for expenditure of RFL revenue, we propose the following licence fee structure:

- 2-day licence, \$5.50
- 28-day licence, \$11.00
- 1-year licence, \$30.00
- 3-year licence, \$75.00

Estimates are that this fee increase will generate an additional \$1.5m per annum revenue.

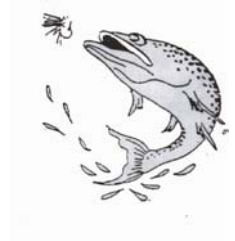
Additionally, we propose that as part of the licence fee review and introduction of a three-year licence, the following changes be made in conjunction with the licence fee increase and introduction of the three-year licence.

- Licence renewals are sent to all one and three-year licence holders.
- The mail out of renewals also contains a double-sided page brochure that contains the following information:
  - One side, full page- how is RFL revenue spent and promotion of FRAC, RFGP etc.
  - One half-page promoting VRFish, how to contact, who they are etc.
  - One half-page promoting DPI, stocking program etc.
- The current funding of 10 recreational Fishing Officers from RFL revenue is absorbed into Fisheries Victoria budget.  
*Note: While we understand that when the All-Waters licence was introduced, there was a need for increased enforcement and education, the time has come to realise these Officers are performing the same duties as those funded by Fisheries budget. It is therefore recommended that these Officers are no longer funded by RFL revenue.*
- A review of all current exemptions takes place, with a view that all recreational fishers must carry a licence, even if it is at no cost to individuals who are exempt.



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## PRESENTATION DINNER CHRISTMAS 2004

### REMINDER

WHEN: - FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005

WHERE: - DUART RECEPTION ROOMS  
20 McLean Street in Maffra.

TIME: - 7:00 PM START

COST: - \$27.50 per person

The evening is to start with pre dinner drinks provided on arrival (Beer & Wine Only)

A selection of appetizers will be served with pre dinner drinks.  
This will be followed by a buffet style main meal.

After the main meal will be our Presentation of Trophies

Following the presentation Sweets will be served

After the meals Gavin has once again organised our traditional Raffle, with some wonderful prizes.

This is an evening not to be missed, so make sure you are there to join in and have a great night.

**R.S.V.P. Before Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December by calling Gavin Sculley on 5147 2480 AH  
Or Ray Clissold on 5143 1804 during office Hrs**