



# SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC.

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## AUGUST 2008 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 **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008** at the Sale Community Sports Club Meeting Room.  
The Meeting will begin at 7:30PM

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Date: - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008  
Meeting Opened: - 8:05 PM

Attendance: - 7 Members present

### Apologies: -

The Following Members Were Unable To Attend:  
Neil Morrison, Peter Neligan, Ian Brideson, Steve Alen &  
Jack Groenewald

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and confirmed as per the Newsletter, this was moved by Terry Kuch and second by Chris Vafiopulous.

### Inward Correspondence Tabled:

VR Fish Monthly Report – July 08  
VR Fish Media Release – New Grants Officer  
Seafood R & D Magazine  
Souther Fly Fishers July Newsletter  
Bairnsdale Fly Fishers Club July 08 Newsletter  
VFFA Invitation to attend Annual Dinner  
VFFA's July newsletter  
VFFA's June Newsletter  
VFFA Invitation to VFFA 2008 Art Show  
Invitation for Lake Tyers fishing competition  
Wellington Community Representative Group N/letter  
Southern Fly Fishers June Newsletter  
Wellington Shire 2008/2009 community assistance grants  
Meeting Summary of DPI's combined Angling Clubs  
meeting held on March 2008  
GACA Meeting minutes from Tues May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Invitation to Annual Lake Bullen Merri Classic Fishing  
Competition  
DPI Re: Draft Fisheries Regulations 2008 Proposed  
changes to Recreational fishing regulations.

### Treasurer's Report:

As tabled

The treasurer's report and Accounts for payment were moved by Dean Cousin, second by Mick O'Brien and Carried.

### General Business

John Utan presented the shirts that are to have 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary embroidery, these have been accepted at the committee meeting and has also been approved by the members. John said all members who would like to purchase a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirt will need to have their size and money to John by our September General Meeting which will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The cost of these shirts have not been finalised yet, but they will be around \$40 each

John Utan had researched back through all the old newsletters and found all the names of past Presidents, Secretaries and treasurers and presented all their names for our online Honour Board. Ray is to build and attached it to the website. (See the list of names on page 4)

Discussion held over the email from Rod Barford sent to John Utan regarding the condition of the Macalister River. (See contents of email on page 3)

Items discussed at our recent committee meeting were: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations venue for family day BBQ. It was decided to be held at the Knob Reserve. Further discussion was held at the meeting and it was thought that both our annual dinner and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary BBQ day into the one event. As there were no many members at this meeting, it was decided to resolve this at our next meeting.

It was discussed at the committee meeting introducing lure fishermen to the club in the hope to bring in more members, this issue was raised and a small discussion was held

during the meeting, but it was decided to bring this up at another meeting as there were too many members away.

As Ian (Brack) was not at the meeting there was no report on Licola booking / costs etc.

It was reported that some members did not know that the Jindabyne club trip had the "official" club trip duration for a fish to be accepted for a club trip trophy was not the whole week and was supposed to be set prior to the Trip each year. More discussion will need to be held on this subject as there were not enough members present at this meeting.

Jack Groenewald and Neil Morrison were looking into a brochure for our club that can be left at tackle stores and the bait shop for any interested persons. Jack is to report on the stage of this brochure at our next meeting. If it is ready, Dean has offered to provide some printing.

Weigh Master Mick Obrien said that he did not have a lot of weigh slips in to date, and he was not going to prepare anything from the fish reports in the newsletter as this would not be accurate enough information. Please get your weigh in slips to Mick for inclusion in this year trophies. There are a lot of sections still to be filled.

### Fish Reports

Mick and Neil had been fishing MacLauchlan's beach over the past 4 weeks and have been doing very well catching Tailor, Salmon and Trevally on fly.

Meeting Closed: - 9:20PM



Peter Murray with a Tuna taken during his trips to Northern Queensland in 2006



Peter with a Giant Trevally taken during the same trip to Northern Queensland.

### Show Us Your Fly for July was:

Rubicon Belle. First prize went to Chris Vafiopulous and second was Mick O'Brien.

### The Fly to Tie for the August 2008 Meeting is:

The Black Marabou Muddler (AKA Jindy Muddler) (Australian Fly Patterns Page 88)

HOOK: Wet 2X long, size 8 - 12

TREAD: Black

TAIL: Black marabou

BODY: Gold oval tinsel

WING: Purple mallard and black marabou

OVERWING: Black deer hair

HEAD: Black deer hair, spun and clipped



If you have access to the Internet, go to our website and look up newsletters – other info – fly of the month for a complete list of flies for 2008

### COMING EVENTS

(Coming Events are regularly up dated on the website to keep you informed)

- August 18 – Next General Meeting
- September 15 – General Meeting

### Club Trip Dates to put into your diaries:

- Our Licola trip is 10, 11 & 12 October (TBC next meeting)
- November 15 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Day BBQ
- November 16 – Salt Water Fishing Trip to Lake Tyers

### **"CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER"**

Contributions to the newsletter would be appreciated.

Be creative, write a few notes and take a couple of pictures on your next trip, then send it in to share with others members.

All articles, stories, recipes, fly tying instructions, patterns or any humorous cartoons etc. will be published.

**"Submissions close two weeks before the meeting"**

### **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 out this feature by logging onto our website at: [www.sffc.org.au](http://www.sffc.org.au) and follow the link to Newsletters

Please note that the Forum on the web page has been disabled for the time being. It is hoped to get it up and running again soon.

### **Rod Barford Email:**

Below is the content of an email sent from Rod Barford. This is what was discussed during the meeting. Rod clearly has some of his facts wrong, fish were caught in the Macalister after the big flood when we were up there at our Licola trip last year.

Some of our members had met with the researchers while they were taking the samples, they said the where the river had cut through over new ground the river bed was sterile, but the existing bed is still holding aquatic life.

*Since my last communication on the Macalister catchment issue, there has been no noticeable improvement in the fishery itself, except that the water quality has improved significantly, running clear in most places except where adjacent road works occur. Cheyne's Bridge is now open for traffic, a very important milestone in restoration of infrastructure.*

*Rainfall in the area has been only modest, and subsequently river flows are less than the typical July average, but are expected to improve significantly over the next month or so. Snowfall had thus far been minimal and disappeared rapidly, but the falls over the past week have been significant and more likely to stay on the ground until the spring thaw.*

*Tests on the soil and gravel deposits left by the flooding have shown them to be completely sterile. This comes as a shock to most people, myself included, but clearly shows the extent to which separation and disintegration of the suspended soils occurred during the high water flows. Normally such a level of soil disintegration doesn't occur like this, but so prolonged was the flooding and so far did suspended soils and gravels travel, that there was ample time for it to occur on an unprecedented scale. It has yet to be proven, but the assumption is that the bulk of the nutrients have been deposited in both Lake Glenmaggie and the Macalister River downstream of the weir. This will eventually surface as algal blooms and increased turbidity downstream, with increased weed growth in-stream.*

*Right now, there are 30-tonne excavators working to clear these sterile deposits from previously fertile river flats paddocks, as while the deposits remain in place, the properties affected are largely unusable for agriculture.*

*Obviously there is still a long way to go before anyone can even hint at life resembling normalcy in this region, and nobody is yet game to guess at when normalcy might return.*

*For the trout fishery, that's clearly a long way off. Unconfirmed reports of trout being caught in the Macalister over the long weekend will probably prove to have emanated from the river below the weir, where fish stocks were less affected.*

*Kind Regards, Rod*

# **SALE FLY FISHING CLUB INC HONOUR BOARD**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>
1989	Greg Dunne	Geoff Innes	John Hall
1990	Greg Dunne	Neil Morrison	John Hall/Ray Warner
1991	Ron Bassler	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1992	Ron Bassler	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1993	Ron Bassler	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1994	Ian Brideson	Neil Morrison	Ray Warner
1995	Ian Brideson	Dean Cousins	Ray Warner
1996	Ian Brideson	Dean Cousins	Ray Warner
1997	Ian Brideson	Frank Jones	Ray Warner
1998	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
1999	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
2000	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
2001	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
2002	Mick O'Brien	Ron Bassler	Ray Warner
2003	Peter Murray	Ray Clissold	Guy Curtis/Dean Cousin
2004	Peter Murray	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2005	Mick O'Brien	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2006	John Utan	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2007	John Utan	Ray Clissold	Dean Cousins
2008	John Utan	Neil Morrison	Dean Cousins