



## Tight Lines - August 2017

*The Monthly Newsletter for the Red Tag Fly Fishers' Club*

### Club Trip.

*(...let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...D.Martin)*

On Sunday, July 16, seven Red Tag members ventured west in search of trout and hypothermia. The rendezvous was St George's Lake just outside Creswick. When Bill Jackson and I arrived at 9.45am



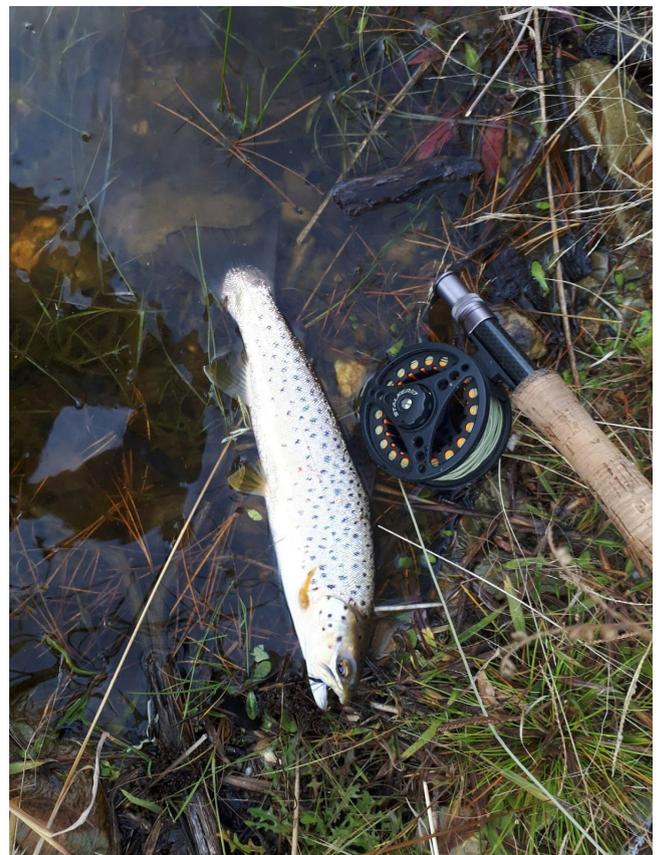
***A mad dog, two Englishman, a South African and four Australians, go out in the Arctic sun***

Sean Ehlert and Marshall 'The Machine' Pardee were already fishing with Marshall landing his third fish of the day. Conditions were somewhat challenging: overcast with a strong wind chill factor. However, undeterred we were soon fishing and joined by Peter Coles, Dan Mamrot and Ross Caton, his girlfriend Samantha and Harry the dog.

Online discussion the day before concerned preferred flies and a bead head Tom Jones seemed a favourite. Marshall generously presented Bill and I with one each on our arrival. The next couple of hours proved tough fishing. I landed a nice brown on an Olive Woolly Bugger (whilst wearing the green beanie of victory made famous by Barney on the Goulburn) and the guys gradually

moved around the lake to search for fish and escape the wind. Then Sean caught two nice trout from atop a prominent rock feature and showed admirable surefootedness in managing to land both.

Thoughts turned to lunch and as Ross had arranged an excellent BBQ we repaired to a couple of the gas-powered BBQs available. It was at this point that tragedy struck. Ross propped his rod up against a picnic table and tied up Harry to the adjacent seat. But Harry, whether driven by the smell of sausages or need for company, wrapped his lead around the rod, lunged forward and with a snap that Bill heard in the car park broke said rod in two. An Orvis. Four figure price tag... Ross coped admirably and after we had tranquilised him the BBQ continued.



***Snap Frozen.***

By now the wind had increased dramatically and after much discussion the decision was made to relocate to the nearby Cosgrave (or Cosgrove) Reservoir, a

relatively small body of water with a low level, which left a very muddy shoreline but we had the place to ourselves. Seeking respite from the wind we gradually moved to the end of the lake and Peter was immediately into a string of redfin. Many other successes followed and everyone caught fish. Smelt had been chased to the end of the lake and the larger fish were having a feast. Ross, on a borrowed rod, Peter and Sean were all having success with redfin and trout. Bill caught fish three casts in a row but Dan and I a little further around had slimmer pickings and were concentrating on trying not to get bogged. Dan was generously helping with his net as Bill had some sort of malfunction and couldn't reach his. I then foul hooked a large rainbow and Dan dutifully slogged over and netted it for me. A little later he realised the sole of his boot had come adrift too! The mud was something else.

Bill and I took our leave (my idea...parts of me still haven't thawed out) but not before Sean had some more success (see the Team App for a video).

All-in-all a very challenging but rewarding winter's day fishing in good company. - D.H.



## The Library Report

Hi everyone

Many new library acquisitions this month.

First a big thank you to Leff Andropof who donated the following title as a splendid two volume set:

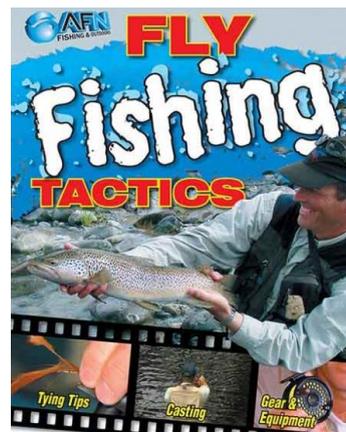
### ***Fish flies: The Encyclopedia of the Fly Tier's Art***

- Terry Hellekson

"In one of the enduring classics of fly-fishing literature, Terry Hellekson addresses everything from the history of fly fishing and fly-tying around the world, to fly-tying material and hooks. This is not just another book on popular fly patterns, although it is the authority on those as well.

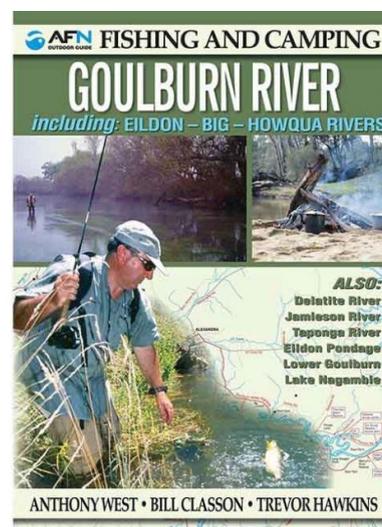
Terry shares the insights and interviews with fly-tying greats of years past, along with the history of some of the popular individual flies and fly-tying vises, making this a great read. He also shares years of wisdom and knowledge on colors, fly-fishing techniques, and tricks of

the trade on the best kinds of tools and materials to buy



and where to find them." (Amazon)

Also thanks to Marianne Wallace for donating the DVD ***Fly Fishing Tactics***, which is packed with information aimed at the beginner. I've watched some of this and it's very useful. Presented by no less a person than Philip Weigall. Highly recommended.



### ***Fishing and Camping: Goulburn River***

-Anthony West, Bill Classon, Trevor Hawkins

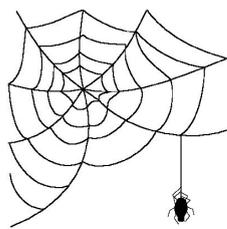
Fishing and Camping Goulburn River is a full colour users' guide to what's available for the entire length of the Goulburn River – from its start to where it joins the Murray. It contains 16 maps that cover the river's length on which access and facilities are detailed.

Thanks to Ross Caton for suggesting this title.

There are many other titles added this month so please browse the shelves and keep borrowing.

Remember the library is open every club night and a list of all titles is available via the *TeamApp* under documents. Thanks to Dan for organising this.

If you have any books you would like to donate, please feel free to contact me. -D.H.



## From the Web...

*What's App?*

### "Team App."

A number of members have started using a group chat and notifying app. (short for application or program), for phone, tablet or computer. It has been useful in connecting people with information and sharing photos or other useful items. If you need help downloading or installing the software give out a shout, and those members already using it, will be more than pleased to help.

## Fly Tying Night



Beginner fly tying is conducted on the 4th Tuesday of each month and over 12 members and prospective members attended the inaugural lesson.

The prospective members are currently engaged in the Development Program and fly tying is part of their learning process.

Lessons are being conducted by Barney Stephens, Ross Caton and Dan Mamrot, on a roster basis, with other assistance from Tony Ryan and Peter Coles. The lessons are slower paced to allow the new fly tiers to grasp the concept.

Next month (Tuesday 22nd August) will see the eponymous **Red Tag** fly pattern being tied.



***A rollicking good night is had by all in attendance.***

Thanks to the members supporting this initiative as it has been well received and all the participants went home with a couple of nymphs ready to be used on their next fishing trip.

## Members Raffle Winner

The Red Tag members raffle was won by Ian Morgan, and Rick Dobson from Aussie Angler presented Ian with the fabulous Scott Flex Series rod.



**A big shout out again to Rick and Aussie Angler for their ongoing support.**

## Auction

The club is going to have an auction of used fly fishing equipment in October. Some items have been donated by members and member's families and we are also going to invite members to participate with auction items. There will some new fly fishing/tying items (surplus stock) from our sponsors also for auction/sale. The club is thinking to have the auction at another venue and we would like get an indication if you may be interested in putting items into the auction. Perhaps you have surplus rods, reels, lines fly tying equipment & materials and would like to place them up for auction. Here's how it is proposed to work:

1. Members will provide a detailed list of items
2. Items will be catalogued for the auction
3. Once sold the member will need to pay a small commission of 10% (e.g item sold \$100 member picks up \$90 and \$10 to the club)

Can you indicate to me if you are interested in placing items into the auction. (not a detailed list). Just come back and advise approximately how many items. (e.g. I have 4 items for auction)

Over the next week or so the club will then send out a formal invitation to put items into the auction along with other details.

Thanks Bill (0414.254.229)

## Sponsors

### AFN Fishing & Outdoors

20/52 Corporate Boulevard  
Bayswater t:9729 8788

### Aussie Angler - Fishing Tackle & Gear

Contact Rick Dobson t: 9432 1501  
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aussie.angler@bigpond.com.au

### Flyfinz

Contact: Jim Baumgurtel  
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## Newsletter Contributions:

Know a good guaranteed pattern? Or a place where they are jumping onto the hook?

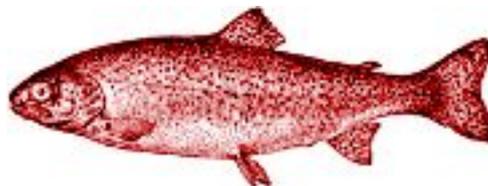
***Then drop us a line!***

No story, (or fish) too big or too small.  
Every picture or anecdote gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

**Email: redtagflyfishers@gmail.com**

Have a chat with the eds.

David Honeybone or Andrew Rodda.



## Red Tag Calendar

The club is very pleased to release this list of activities. Accurate at time of publishing but subject to amendment. When things change, every endeavour will be made to notify those affected.

August		
9	Fly tying	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
12-13	Australian Fly Casting Championships	Southern Pool 9:30am
16	Committee Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
19	Club Championship (5) ICF Skish	Yarra Bend Pool 1:15pm
20	Australian Plug casting Championship	Bullengarook 9:30am
22	Fly Tying (Beginners)	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
25	VFFA Annual Dinner	Celtic Club 6:30pm
26	Club Cast - Australian Skish inc. Charles Brittain Trophy	Yarra Bend Pool 1:15pm
27	Turville Shield Interclub Teams Event	Yarra Bend Pool
September		
2	Trout Stream Opening Day	T.B.A.
6	Activity Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
9	Club Championship (6) - Australian Skish	Yarra Bend Pool 1:15pm
13	Fly Tying	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
20	Committee Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
30	AFL Grand Final	
October		
4	Activity Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
11	Fly Tying	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
13-15	Stawell Fly In	All day
18	Committee Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm

21-22	Wastell Trophy inc Ted Barkley Fishing Trophy	Creswick
28	Red Tag Annual Dinner TBA	TBA
November		
1	Activity Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
7	Melbourne Cup Day	
8	Fly Tying	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
10-12	Taggerty Family Weekend (FISHING)	Taggerty
15	Committee Meeting	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm
December		
6	Activity Meeting + Social BBQ	Yarra Bend Pool 6:00pm
13	Fly Tying	Red Tag Clubroom 7:30pm

