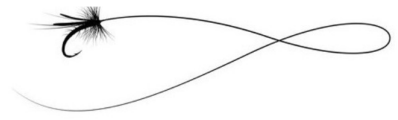


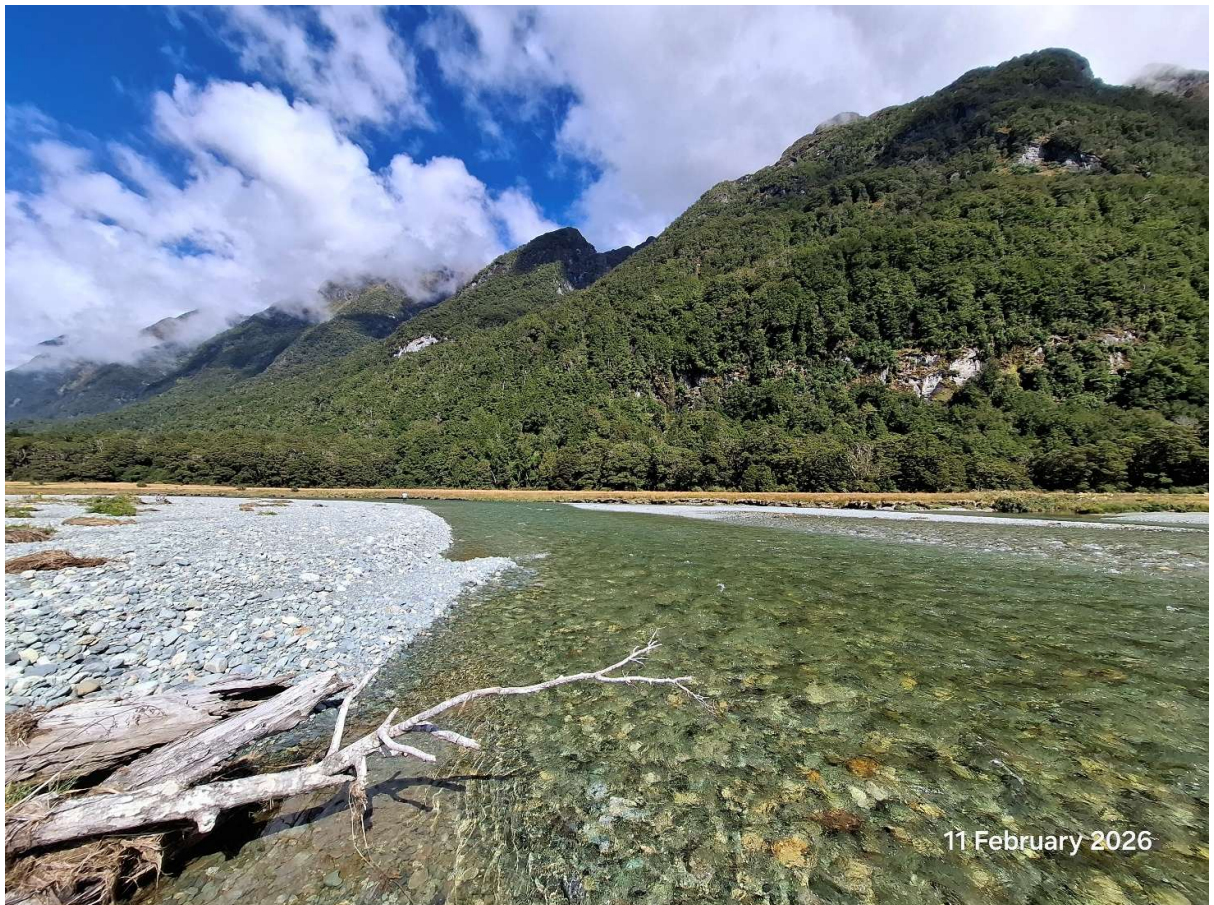


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The Newsletter of the Illawarra Fly Fishers' Club Inc.,
Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia

March 2026



Above - The stunning Eglington River in Fiordland, South Island, New Zealand,
February 2026



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CLUB NEWS

Newsletter Editor and Facebook Co-Ordinator

The club needs a new newsletter editor following the resignation of the previous Editor in addition to a Facebook Co-ordinator.

The newsletter is the primary source of internal communication and information between club members, while our now dated Facebook page broadcasts the club news and happenings to the fly fishing community and other interested people at large.

Yes, preparing the newsletter each month does take some time, but if you would like to participate in the management of the Illawarra Fly Fishers' Club and contribute to the ongoing success of the club, please consider taking on either of the roles. The club is fortunate to have a team of fellows who strive to ensure the club is successful and provides the membership with a quality meeting and social programme and both the newsletter and Facebook page play an important part in achieving those goals.

End of Year Raffle Results



The end of year raffle was drawn at the January meeting and the lucky winner of the rod, reel and line package was Paul Steffen.

The package comprised:

1. a 9'-00" four piece Primal "Revel" 7 weight fly rod;
2. a Lamson "Liquid Max" fly reel;
3. an Airflo WF7F "Flats Universal" fly line; and
4. a spool of Vision 30lb thin backing and was valued at \$1,280.00, a great prize to win by any standards.

A prize of this quality could not have been made without the wonderful generous support of Brett and Cherie and **BWC Flies**.

*Above - the smile on the dial says it all.
Paul Steffen with his first prize raffle haul,*

Other prize winners included:

1. A casting lesson with Barry Gentle (CCI) and Peter Henderson (MCI) - Craig Stevens;
2. BWC Flies Gift Vouchers - Paul Emms, Paul Steffen (yes, lightning DOES strike twice sometimes) and Trent Milne; and
3. 2024/2025 fly tying competition winning flies - Neil Nelson

A big thankyou to everyone who participated in the annual raffle and of course to **BWC Flies**, which I encourage all members to support with their fly fishing purchases. Also, a big thankyou to Barry and Peter for donating their time and expertise to provide quality instruction to Craig.

Club News Continued

Next Club Meeting

The March club meeting is programmed for Tuesday March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Collegians RLFC, Charlotte Street, Wollongong.

Our guest presenters will be club members Barry Gentle, Joe Manzano and Grant Hilder and if time allows, Peter Henderson, each of whom tying a fly that will be useful in any fly box.

These flies include:

1. Barry Gentle - Kosciuscko Dun, the subject of this month's fly tying competition;
2. Joe Manzano - Mudeye;
3. Grant Hilder - "a Bass fly".....stay tuned for a potential surprise package; and
4. Peter Henderson - Trout tube fly.

So come along, bring your cameras to record the steps and watch some great club tiers in action.

Management Committee Meetings

The club's Management Committee meets once per month via ZOOM for approximately one hour to discuss the necessary business, financial and social affairs of the club and attend to the club's statutory obligations that demand attention.

Nonetheless, Management Committee meetings are not a "closed shop" and as such, an open invitation to all members to actively participate in committee meetings and engage in the management of your club. ZOOM offers us the opportunity to attend a meeting without the need to leave the comfort of home and discussing things fly fishing is a far better option than sitting on the couch watching "Home and Away".

As with any organisation or social club, a regular exchange of ideas from both within and outside the Management Committee will ensure that the club continues to grow and does not become "blinkered" in its approach to its management style and the many and varied club issues that arise from time to time

Largest Fish Register

The latest Largest Fish Register as at February 3 which is co-ordinated by Phil O'Brien is included in the Annexures to this newsletter.

If you have the fortune of catching a fish of merit of any species, whether it be in New South Wales, interstate, or overseas and either in fresh or saltwater, please provide the details to Phil at fisherphil01@gmail.com for inclusion in the Register.

Better still, if you have any photos of your fish or of your trips, please consider forwarding them to Joe Manzano, the club's INSTAGRAM co-ordinator at anaandjow@yahoo.com or to the newsletter editor (currently me) at Neil.Nelson1953@gmail.com or to the FACEBOOK co-ordinator, whomever that may be when we have a volunteer!

Club News Continued

Guest Speaker - April Meeting

Our guest speaker for the April meeting is **Peter Morse**.

Peter needs no introduction to any Australian fly fisher as he has been at the forefront of Australian saltwater and freshwater fly fishing for close to and maybe more than, forty years. He is a Master Casting Instructor for the Federation of Fly Fishers for both base fly casting skills and Spey casting and from personal experience, he is an excellent raconteur and instructor.



Peter has travelled extensively around the world fly fishing and has documented his exploits both in numerous magazine articles (FlyLife) and on film (“Wildfish” [26 episodes] and “Arbor to Fly” amongst others) and is the author of three authoritative books, “Wildfish”, “A Few Great Flies” and “Saltwater Fly Fishing Fundamentals”.

IFFC has been fortunate to have had Peter present to the club on a number of occasions in addition to instructing at several casting workshops.

The subject of Peter’s presentation will be “Spey

Casting”, but if you think that spey casting is for big rods, big flies and big rivers, make sure you come along to find out why you should have a few spey casts in your casting arsenal.

Club Trips

With the Christmas and festive season followed by the January holiday period and then with a number of club members fishing in New Zealand in February, we have unfortunately had little time to arrange either a day or weekend trip away so far this year.

The next programmed trip is the Harrington “Fly Fest” over the weekend of March 6 and 7, although should you wish to attend you will need to arrange your own transport and accommodation.

For details, see the “Fly Fest” flyer in the Annexures to this newsletter.

Despite some terrible weather, those who attended the Fly Fest last year spoke highly of the event, of the programme and of the topics that were covered by the presenters. As Peter Henderson and Barry Gentle will again be presenting topics this year, it would be great to have an IFFC contingent in attendance to give both they and the event some support.

The management committee is always open for suggestions regarding day, weekend and longer trips in which members may participate, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let a committee member know.

Club News Continued

Club Events

Twilight Casting - Techniques and Casting for New Zealand: [January](#)

In mid-January Barry Gentle, with the assistance of Peter Henderson, hosted a workshop on casting and fishing for New Zealand conditions. Not only were casting options discussed, explained and demonstrated, but all aspects of fishing in New Zealand were covered, with additional input from others who attended.

Barry covered issues such as casting with m-u-c-h longer leaders than which we fish here in Australia (16'-00 to 18'-00), different casting techniques (eg. seated and kneeling casts, reach mends and particularly for Willow Grub feeders, low, horizontal casts.

Barry also spoke of maximising your time on the water by looking for and avoiding mistakes such as tangles, fly lines getting caught around objects on the bank or in the water or the stock standard mistake, casting your fly into bushes, grass and trees.

Another great evening season of learning and doing on a glorious Summer's evening, followed by a quiet ale donated by Barry.

Club Competitions

Fly Tying Competition Results - February

The fly for the February fly tying competition was **the Bredbo**, a classic Australian hopper pattern.



The winning flies were tied by:

1. Michael Parkinson
2. Barry Gentle
3. Neil Nelson + Mark West



The pattern for the March meeting is the **Kosciusko Dun** - for details, see FLY TYING COMPETITION 2025/ 2026 - FLIES FOR FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER in the Annexures to this newsletter.

Club News Continued

2026 Fly Tying Competition Flies

Fly patterns for the 2025/ 2026 fly tying competition, ranging from classic patterns such as the Gold Ribbed Hares Ear nymph to the more contemporary Olive Perdigon, are detailed in the Annexures to this newsletter, complete with photographs and references to instructions to tie them.

Monthly Casting Competition and Workshop

There was no competition casting/ casting workshop in February due to the inclement weather on the day.

Details of the club members who are participating in the FFI Casting Skills Development programme are included in the Annexures to this newsletter.

FISHING REPORTS

Local and Interstate Reports

The following tales of woe were recorded at the club meeting on February 3, 2026.

Peter Henderson fished Lord Howe Island during a family holiday (a family holiday wouldn't be complete without a few casts, eh?).

Using a shrimp pattern, Peter caught one of Lord Howe's well-known species, Bluefish. However, his efforts to entice one of Lord Howe's iconic species, the Doubleheader Wrasse, to take a fly proved frustrating. Peter presented a light-coloured crab pattern which was the only pattern he had, but observed that it stood out like "the proverbials" against a dark bottom, which, of course, made the fish wary.

Tony Dimitrieski fished in the Goulburn Valley, Victoria, in December, learning some techniques from guide Tom Jarman.

Tony was mostly nymphing with very small flies and very light tippet, including 7X. A notable catch was an Atlantic Salmon in the Rubicon River, evidently an escapee from a local fish farm.

Joe Manzano also fished in Victoria, in particular helping out at [The Flyathon](#) weekend when approximately 60 runners ran and fished a particular course around the countryside. While Joe maintains that his main job was "keeping the beers cold" and helping with rigging rods, etc., he and Rob Gee (Troutlore) also guided participants on a beat each along with other local guides.

On the day after the event, Joe and Rob fished around the Rubicon and Goulburn Rivers catching a number of Browns to 4lb on 6lb leader using a "Stickie 2.0" stick caddis pattern which Rob ties on his Troutlore YOU TUBE channel.

In addition, Joe and Rob fished for Carp, the largest being 12lb on 10lb tippet using a

Fishing Reports Continued

Troutlore "Carp Torch" fly.



Above and right - Joe Manzano with some lovely Victorian Browns



Left - Only a face a mother would love (the Carp that is...)

Barry Gentle fished his favourite Broughton Creek for Bass to 35cm, although observed significant numbers of Carp in the system.

few outings with a fly rod.

Hayden Sully kept the meeting thoroughly entertained recounting his trip to Tasmania on a family catch up and holiday over the Christmas period during which he managed a

The first outing was in the saltwater at St. Helens but he had no luck.

Moving North to the Meander River (near Deloraine), he took several fish on a Hare's Ear nymph.

Finally, in Penstock Lagoon, he had a challenging session. While there were apparently plenty of fish rising to a spinner fall, all declined his various and by all accounts, varied presentations. He then changed to a streamer pattern and proceeded to have two bust-offs on big fish before he netted a 47cm Brown.

Ron Lynch also fished in Tassie in the Great Lakes area. Despite a fair amount of wind, he caught plenty of smallish fish on a Red Tag, while at Little Pine Lagoon, he caught "lots of small fish".

Bob Hurt visited New Zealand enjoying six days of lake and river fishing around Twizel. Bob's most successful fly was a Blowfly pattern and he accounted for 23 fish all up.

Fishing Reports Continued

Phil O'Brien fished Killick Creek at Crescent Head with a Skipping Prawn pattern but had no luck.

Neil Nelson and **Mike Parkinson** had a few days in the Snowies in December, with very lean results.

The first afternoon was spent on Perisher Creek, both in the village and at the aqueduct. The only fish seen was a 30cm Brown Neil caught at the aqueduct

A day on the Gungahlin yielded a couple of small fish, as did the Moonbah.

They explored the Eastern Monaro around Nimmitabel and found the streams to be really low and barely flowing. The Kybean was a trickle and appeared to only have Carp. The

Maclaughlin also was very low, barely flowing and essentially not worth fishing. They finished off with some blind casting in the Snowy below the weir at Dalgety, but had no takes.



Left - Doing it tight in the scrub. Joe Manzano in Victoria recently

TRIP REPORTS

Victoria - December 2055 and January 2026
Gary Batey

News from down South.

Well, I have spent the last six weeks in limbo down at the Mornington Peninsula due to the impending birth of twins from my Tasmanian family. One of the twins has a heart condition and will need an operation in Melbourne, so birthing is also in Melbourne.

Of course my fishing gear had to be packed. The Goulburn River, as well as many other smaller rivers, is about a two-hour drive from here. Closer to home is Main Creek, about half an hour drive and Devilbend Reservoir.

I ventured out to Devilbend which is a small, stocked impoundment. Fishing access is restricted by the water authority and the local fly fishing club often reports of fishing in kayaks and float tubes. I was restricted to shore fishing and found that there were thick weed beds all along the shoreline, meaning to get to fishable water was near impossible. I sighted no fish and nothing was caught.

Trip Reports Continued

Main Creek was my next spot. I fished there a couple of years ago and landed one nice brown and a couple of smaller ones. On this visit the creek was very low and again nothing was sighted or caught.

Throw in a babysitting trip back in Tasmania for three days while the parents were in Melbourne for another medical appointment, with no time to go fishing!

The first week in January I managed two days in the Goulburn Valley before the heatwave and the bushfires. On the first day I fished the Steavenson River at Buxton and as nothing was rising, I tried dry dropper with a lightly weighted euro nymph and it wasn't long before I was into a few fish; around a quarter of the fish took the dry and the rest were on the nymph.

After landing around a dozen fish, with three or four over 30cm, I decided to have a look at the Goulburn for the evening, although it was running full and fast. Again, nothing was rising and after walking the bank looking for fish in the margins, I decided it was not worth going any further.

Later I fished the Acheron at Taggerty where I was camped for the evening. Fish were rising to Snowflake Caddis, so I tied on my lightest coloured, almost white, caddis fly. I caught four fish all around 20-25cm before it was too dark to see my fly.

The next morning, after the obligatory sleep in (not unusual Gary - Editor), I fished the Acheron again and landed a further four fish Czech nymphing. The day was very hot and the fish seemed to go off the bite as the temperature warmed up, so I headed home.

A few days after getting home, the Northern end of the Goulburn Valley was ablaze, with temperatures around 42° and I have not been out again. Hopefully I will be able to fly home to Wollongong and head off to New Zealand in February, although I have just heard from my son and I may have to jump on a plane to Tassie to help him out again.

It seems like the season is in full swing down here and I can't take advantage of the better fishing.

International Report - New Zealand, February 2026

Neil Nelson

Over the period between February 7 and 21, several members of the IFFC and Lakeside Fly Fishing Club (LFFC) travelled to New Zealand on the group's fifteenth annual trip to fish Southland, New Zealand.

If it was hot and humid in Sydney and Wollongong and elsewhere around Australia, Southland was the complete opposite, with the Southland locals complaining that they had not experienced any form of Summer whatsoever. Cold morning starts of 3 and 4 degrees to maximums of 11 and 12 degrees were the norm, with cold, biting breezes and winds

Trip Reports Continued

making conditions uncomfortable to say the least and making spotting fish difficult.

Surprisingly the dreaded “Mossburn Mauler”, the gale force Nor’ Westerly wind that regularly blows in Southland, rarely appeared and my son Joel and I appeared to be luckily heading in the opposite direction to, or fishing in a valley that was not affected by, the Mauler. While Southland had experienced a substantial recent rain event in addition to significant flooding in October 2025 at the start of the 2025/ 2026 season, we luckily experienced no major daytime rain other than annoying showers from time-to-time.



Above - Joel, 4 ¼ lb Rainbow, Eglington River



Above - Neil, 6lb Rainbow, Eglington River

We experienced only three days when temperatures reached the mid-twenties and minimal cloud.

Most of our group experienced difficult fishing and that was mirrored by many others with whom we spoke as well as the well-known guide, Chris Dore. Due to the colder conditions, our experience was such that the active willow grubbing fish were hard to find and those we did find were either spooky or reluctant to eat. “Doggo” fish were common and on one river we found fish in what appeared to be spawning mode in that they were chasing each other and zooming all over the shop.



Trip Reports Continued



The best day for Joel and I was on the Eglington River on an absolutely stunning day. In one run I caught a 6lb fish on my first cast, then Joel caught a 4 ¼ lb fish on the very next cast, then I caught a 4 ¼ lb fish on the very next cast and Joel, under immense pressure to keep the catch a fish on the first cast record alive, caught a 5lb fish on perhaps his fourth cast! A glorious session of dry fly fishing.

Despite the weather and low fish numbers, fishing in New Zealand is delightful whether it be good or "bad"

SNAKE ALERT

Remember, **snakes are out and about** at this time of year, so consider carrying at least two snake bandages on your person. Snake bandages are **NOT** the elasticised crepe bandages used for the treatment of sprains and the like - they are specialised, fit for purpose bandages.

If you don't have a snake bandage or two, it's in your best interest to purchase and carry them and learn how to use them with current, up to date first aid procedures in the field.

Living in the Sutherland Shire, albeit on the edge of Heathcote National Park, we have had two Brown Snakes and a Diamond Python in the yard in the past four weeks and a near neighbour has had three, so be aware and be on the lookout.

OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE - A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH DNA FISHING TACKLE

Oftentimes when we experience good/ great/ outstanding customer service we simply accept it and move on, while when the opposite occurs, we generally grumble, complain to ourselves, make a commitment to never use that retailer again and once again, move on. If that is not you, it definitely has been me!

I have no doubt that operating a retail business is tough going and having realised that fact, my attitude to acknowledging good/ great/ outstanding service has changed, from face-to-face acknowledgement of staff and service at the service centre of a well-known appliance manufacturer, to written advice to other providers acknowledging my personal (good) experience.

Last year, Jo Starling, partner of fishing commentator Steve, spoke at the club's February meeting. Jo spoke of how she started fly fishing, how she started fishing competitively and how her drive and success led her to be chosen for the Australian women's fly fishing team that was to compete in the world championships in the United States that year. As part of her presentation, Jo mentioned both that **DNA Fishing Tackle** was a team sponsor and that Alex of **Trippin' on Trout** fame was a user of DNA fly fishing equipment.

Some months later and being "in need" of a new six weight reel, I recalled Jo's testimony of DNA products and after reviewing the DNA web site, I decided to purchase a "Lightweight Series DNA 5-6" reel". The specifications read well and were consistent with those of other manufacturers, but best of all, the reel was considerably cheaper than the "name" brands whilst matching very similar performance and aesthetic criteria .

Delivery was also quick and upon inspection, while the reel seemed to be smaller than other reels in my collection, it physically appeared to deliver what the specifications described and was nice to look at, an essential consideration for the contemporary fly fisher!!

I did not have the opportunity to use the reel until a trip to Southland, New Zealand, this past February. The reel had performed well...smooth operation, good line pick up and a surprisingly good drag for stopping those larger New Zealand fish, until when, about a week into the trip, the spool popped off the backing plate. Somehow the spindle that had a threaded connection to the backing plate had un-threaded, somehow the spool popped and the spindle disappeared into the shingle of the Mataura River to be lost forever...



Luckily, we were only half a kilometre or so from a spare in the car, so a quick return trip to replace the reel had us fishing again quite quickly.

Upon returning to Australia I wrote to DNA about the possibility of purchasing another spindle and the next day I received a response from Alan Minshull, Manager at DNA, stating that a spool

Customer Service Continued

assembly and frame would be replaced as he didn't want me "to simply end up with a repaired reel, especially given how new it is and that it comes with a 5-year warranty".

I can't determine with any certainty that what had happened with the reel was the result of something that I had done or not done, or was a failure on the part of the reel. Nonetheless, the response from DNA was unequivocal.....something HAD happened, the reel was under warranty and the spool assembly and frame would be replaced. For mine, Alan's approach to a random customer epitomises what good/ great/ outstanding service is all about.

Following Alan's advice that DNA would replace the reel, I again wrote expressing my thanks and the company's generosity in doing so and advised him that I would include details of my personal experience in this newsletter. Alan has responded with an offer of a 15% discount on any normal priced item, but that discount cannot be used for items on special where the discount is more than 15%. I have asked Alan whether a code is required to take advantage of the offered discount.

FISHING QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Fly fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations.
It's not even clear if catching fish is actually the point."

John Gierach



IFFC SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

The Illawarra Fly Fishers' Club is supported by a number of generous sponsors.

Please remember them when you are considering buying new fly fishing and/ or fly tying gear and materials or in the case of Collegians RLFC, consider joining the club as a member. Help support those businesses that support our club.

- Collegians Rugby League Football Club provides IFFC with the use of the Mu-Blu Room for our meetings and when required, a room in which to hold other activities such as IFFC's fly tying course. Collegians provides this facility to IFFC at no cost.

Please consider becoming a member of Collegians, as members receive discounts on both food and beverages.



- BWC Flies

Not only does BWC Flies offer IFFC members a 10% discount on purchases, but they have an outstanding range of both fly fishing and fly tying equipment, accessories and materials. In addition, the mail order and delivery service offered by BWC is without exception, second to none.



Follow IFFC on social media: **FACEBOOK** (when we are able to secure a new Facebook Co-ordinator) AND **INSTAGRAM**



2025/ 2026 IFFC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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Joe Manzano - Instagram
Co.ordinator



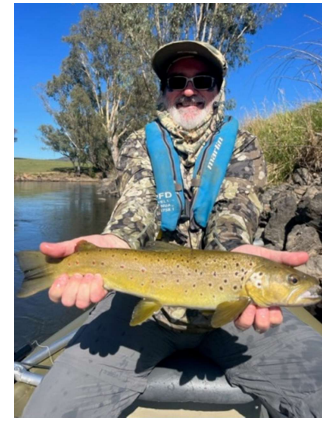
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ANNEXURES

(DRAFT) CLUB PROGRAMME - JANUARY TO AUGUST 2026

MONTH	Date	MEETING	EVENT
January		No meeting	No events
February	2	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 pm	
	3	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m.	
	8		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 9 a.m.
March	2	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 pm	
	3	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Fly Tying demonstration with Barry Gentle, Joe Manzano and Grant Hilder.	
	8		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 9 a.m.
	20		Harrington Fly Fest
April	6	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 p.m.	<i>Note the <u>change of time</u> for fly casting due to the end of daylight saving</i>
	7	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker - Peter Morse: "Spey Casting"	
	12		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 10 a.m.
May	4	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 p.m.	
	5	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m.	
	10		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 10 a.m.
June	1	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 p.m.	
	2	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m.	
	7		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 10 a.m.
July	6	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 p.m.	
	7	Club Meeting - 7:30 p.m.	
	12		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 10 a.m.
August	3	Management Committee Meeting via ZOOM - 7:30 p.m.	
	4	Club Meeting AGM - 7:30 p.m.	
	9		Casting Workshop - Towradgi 10 a.m.

ILLAWARRA FLY FISHERS' CLUB - LARGEST FISH REGISTER



Fish must be caught on fly, in season, in NSW public waters and equal or exceed the minimum length requirements.

Bass to be measured to tail fork.

Largest Fish as at: February 5, 2026

SPECIES	FLY FISHER	LENGTH (cm) or WEIGHT (Kg)	FLY AND HOOK SIZE	TIPPET (lbs)	LOCATION
Australian Bass	Ray Ellis	46	Martin's Minnow	16	Glenbawn Dam
Australian Salmon	Mike Parkinson	56	#6 Surf Candy	16	Port Hacking
Carp	Ray Ellis	83	Brown Nymph		Split Rock Dam
Bream					
Brook Trout					
Brown Trout	Neil Nelson	30	Slovenian Black Caddis	4	Perisher Creek
Estuary Perch	Paul Dwyer	50	Disco Shrimp	8	Lake Conjola
Flathead	Peter Henderson	50	Zonker Fly	14	Shoalhaven River
Luderick	Joe Manzano	39	Weed Fly	12	Bass Point
Mullet	Ken Gordon	35	Weed Fly	6	Minnamurra River
Trevally	Alan Griffiths	33	Bread Fly	10	Bass Point
Rainbow Trout					

Largest Fish Register Continued

Interstate and International - Catches of Merit.

Barry Gentle	Christmas Island (Kiribati) 180 cm Barracuda	60lb tippet; 6/0 Black Brush Fly
Joe Manzano	Karatha, Western Australia 70 cm Blue Bastard 125 cm Queenfish 70 cm Barramundi 45 cm Mangrove Jack 55 cm Giant Trevally	20lb tippet; Joe's Shrimp Fly 30lb tippet; Pink on White Half and Half Fly 30lb tippet; White Clouser 30lb tippet; White Clouser 20lb tippet; Joe's Shrimp Fly
Joe Manzano	Tokyo Bay, Japan 60 cm Sea Bass	20lb tippet; Surf Candy

FLY TYING COMPETITION 2025/ 2026 - FLIES FOR FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER



<p>February</p>	<p>March</p>	<p>April</p>
<p>The Bredbo</p> 	<p>Kosciusko Dun</p> 	<p>Black Spinner</p> 
<p>May</p>	<p>June</p>	<p>July</p>
<p>Muddler Minnow</p> 	<p>Matuka</p> 	<p>Kate McLaren (Wet)</p> 
<p>August</p>	<p>September</p>	<p>October</p>
<p>Gold Ribbed Hares Ear</p> 	<p>Olive Perdigon</p> 	<p>Joe's Shrimp</p> 

Fly Tying Competition Flies 2025/ 2026 Continued

November	December
<p>Lefty's Deceiver</p> 	<p>Coch Y Bonddu</p> 

Tying References:

Month	Fly	Reference/ Web Site
February	The Bredbo	Rob Gee - Troutlore https://youtube/nrV8H4fxqXM?si=U0RLgFGNTDMj3jvC
March	Koskiusko Dun	Yarra Valley Fly Fishers newsletter - Page 13 https://www.yvff.com.au/userfiles/files/04%20-%20YVFF%20Fly%20Line%20May%202020(1).pdf
April	Black Spinner	Jan Spencer OR Red Tag Fly Tying https://youtube2TJ89Dew6o4?si=pHueFethHYIApCHYQ https://youtube/mEqpK8lbbw?si=jXGA0-Z87NdSIJat
May	Muddler Minnow	Tim Flagler - Tight Line Video https://youtube/vTF8QuilHwM?si=50bTbDJdRO_Mdelj
June	Matuka	McFly Angler https://youtube/FyvCLrONvJE?si=d33SPDgJ7MTFwuDv
July	Kate McLaren	Davey McPhail https://youtube/-c3Wg5E3lc0?si=jH2UtoMqXA_wZzYA
August	Gold Ribbed Hares Ear	Charlie Craven - Charlie's Fly Box https://youtube/8V-PD6JV8tU?si=CJErVLGrkP2rKSi3
September	Olive Perdigon	Tom Jarmin https://www.youtube/j6NUcYfyPJ0?si=EgED0MxLb0a1bs63

Month	Fly	Reference/ Web Site
October	Joe's Shrimp	Rob Gee - Troutlore https://www.youtube/MhGn0Nx3pC0?si=dxEDaJkr4G0r_Djw
November	Lefty's Deceiver	Tom Rosenbauer - The New Fly Fisher https://www.youtube/sJvzia0UHqY?si=BbxHiirMwcma3KjH
December	Coch Y Bonddu	Barry Ord Clarke - The Feather Bender https://www.youtube/-n2Rf4dJEgg?si=MFhvtIIWpiJdEGI

**FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI)
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**



IFFC MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level
Barry Gentle	Barry Gentle	Barry Gentle
Neil Nelson	Neil Nelson	
Michael Smith	Michael Smith	
Mark West	Mark West	
Michael Parkinson		
Kenneth Gordon		
Joe Manzano		
Craig Stevens		
Glen Short		
Bob Hurt		
Ron Lynch (TBC)	Ron Lynch (TBC)	

CERTIFIED CASTING INSTRUCTOR (CCI)

Barry Gentle

Peter Henderson

MASTER CASTING INSTRUCTOR (MCI)

Peter Henderson

ILLAWARRA FLY FISHERS CLUB INC.

Application for New Membership or Membership Renewal.



Cost:

Membership fees for the club year (August 1 to July 31 the following year) fall due at the AGM on the first Tuesday in August and are as follows:

1. For Commonwealth pension card holders, holders of a Commonwealth disability card, full time students, students under 16 years of age, or non-residents (those members residing a distance greater than 50kms from Wollongong) - \$10.00 per person per year. Under the provisions of the Club's Constitution, a self-funded retiree or superannuant is not defined as a pensioner.
2. For all others (including self-funded retirees) - \$25.00 per person per annum.
3. Where a person joins the club on or after the first Tuesday in April, half membership fees apply, i.e. \$5.00 for those persons described in dot point 1. above and \$12.50 for those persons described in dot point 2., including self-funded retirees.
4. An establishment (joining) fee, in addition to the annual fee, applies to all new members - \$2.00.

How:

To apply for membership, please complete the application form below and either:

1. Present it, together with your payment, to the Treasurer at a club meeting; or
2. Email a completed form to: treasurer@illawarraflyfishers.com.au and remit the membership fee via a funds transfer to the IFFC bank account at:

Bank CUA
BSB 814282
Account No. 42098170
Account Name: Illawarra Flyfishers Club Inc.

Please ensure that your name is entered in the "Payment Reference" field to assist with the identification of your payment.

Application for New Membership/ Renewal Continued



Applicant Details:

Please Note: The personal details of all members are treated in the strictest of confidence and will not be provided to other persons/ groups without the express permission of a member or members.

Name

Address

Telephone No.

Email Address

Please Tick

New
Applicant

Membership
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