



# The Vice



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**Inside: Fergus, Bothwell, four Springs Leake *and much more...***

*Cover Shot – Dave Long at Lake Fergus  
By Chris Berndt*

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## President's Report

As we cruise into the end of the year the fishing is now on in most places. The Club has run numerous field trips all with great success.

Lake Leake started the ball rolling with many fish caught. Those in the know used a stick caddis well down in the water column. Meals were at the Lake Leake Inn and accommodation was a combination of camping and pub rooms.

Tim "Secretary" Lewis took a band of hardy souls to Lake Fergus in early November in the hope of sight fishing. Mostly rain was seen until the very last day! The Club lock worked well as we now own several padlocks keyed the same as the shack keys so members can come and go via locked gates.

Most recently the Farm Dams weekend was held around Bothwell. We were able to fish in Henry's and Scotty's covering Weasel, Brickfields, Sheep Wash and Wood Springs. There was a choice of camping at Weasel and the Shearer's Quarters; combined with day-trippers we had 30 members. There were two distinct groups as access to the camping was VERY wet and a few vehicles needed recovering! The usual Saturday night dinner was smaller than usual at Henry's but he was still very happy to receive a bottle of very nice red wine to thank him for granting the Club access to his property. Felicity also provided an enormous fruit cake for dessert and Andrew "Ex-President" Hood produced an exceptional bottle of port from the furthest reaches of his wine cellar!

I managed a cracking rainbow from Brickfields, see attached photo. I also fished with two Club legends in the form of Malcolm Crosse and Noel Wilson. I am planning some time at the fly vice as the browns in Sheep Wash were going crazy on small redfin fry less than an inch long. It was great to fish with all those who came along.

The Committee has been busy with a long-term strategy meeting this month. Topics covered were:

- Finishing the drainage plan at the Lake Sorell Shack
- How to encourage younger Members as average age is now 63 years old.
- Managing the special youth/female category of membership as it is now full.
- Engaging newer members in Club activities
- Maintaining the exceptional Club spirit of sharing and fishing together.

- Long term plans for Shack maintenance and improvements.
- If the Club needed a Club Patron.
- Succession planning for Treasurer and Secretary at next years AGM.

As always, the Committee is open to suggestions from Members about any of these issues.

In a reminder that COVID is still part of our lives Tasmania had a 3-day lockdown recently. It unfortunately coincided with the Great Lake Tie In, which had to be cancelled. Even though the event did not go ahead I would like to thank all those Club members who put in so much effort both on the Organising Committee and to help the team. Anna and Wayne Bellette and Steve Butler did so much for this wonderful event.

The next Club event is Christmas Drinks and Food. It will be held at the Lenah Valley RSL Club starting at 6pm. Partners are welcome so please register on the website.  
Tight Lines.

**Cheers Andrew.**





Steve at Spot On fishing tackle has kindly provided the Club with 4 vouchers to the value of **\$30** each for the coming season. Many thanks for this kind support, and continue to patronise Steve’s shop. Vouchers can be picked up from the Editor at your leisure!

***This time the voucher goes to new contributor Chris Hilton and Andrew ‘Treasure’ Blackwood for their fantastic contributions.***

**So...Write the best story and win a \$30 Spot On voucher!**

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## Editorial

The last edition of The Vice featured an excellent article by Norm Cribben on Tippet Rings that inspired the following response to the president.

*Hi Andrew - Jim Baumgurtel from Flyfinz here. I was recently forwarded a copy of The Vice newsletter and was pleased to see my micro rings getting a comparison test - which they seemed to stack up against more known brands pretty well. I take pride in providing top quality gear and was pleased with the*

*independent results. I thank you and your committee for publishing the results.*

*I would also take this opportunity to offer your members a repeated discount for purchases thru my new web site. [FlyFinz – Fishing Tackle and Books](#).*

*I am continually adding more products on a regular basis and have a newsletter which also maybe of interest.*

*If there is an interest in the discount opportunity I could prepare a short paragraph advising members of the process to activate the ongoing discount which could be forwarded, by yourselves, to members at your discretion.*

This is excellent feedback and well done Norm!

The Spring Vice has stories about the Four Springs, Lake Leake, Fergus and Bothwell Dams trips – all of which were very enjoyable and unique in their own special ways!

Chris Hilton has once again written a very well thought out review on *The Feather Mechanic* and when I suggested a few photos to back it up, he contacted the author to ask permission and has struck up a friendship with him. Fantastic!

Sadly we lost two very highly regarded members recently in Philip Fisher and Cliff Ludford. There are tributes to both gentlemen. They will be greatly missed.

Finally check out the tutorial on Welded loops. It may well make a difference to your fishing now that duns are in the offing and the fish are finally starting to look up.

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## Four Springs Trip 2021

The annual club trip North to Four Springs Lake was scheduled for the second week in October, hopefully coinciding with the prolific dun hatches that usually start in late September. Eight intrepid fishermen ventured North hoping to take in the cultural highlights of Launceston and perhaps catch a fish or two.

Accommodation was booked at the Hadspen Caravan Park (a planned accommodation unit in Westbury may have been more appropriate), which is a very convenient 20 minutes' drive from Four Springs. It's also a bit nicer than the Legana Caravan Park. Fortunately, the park warden had forgotten David Young's drag race around the children's playground from two years before.

I was fortunate enough to be able to travel up a day early and fish the Thursday as well. Upon embarking from the boat ramp, who would we immediately run into? Delly, Macca, Tim and Bryn! Apparently static nymphing under an indicator was the go. My companion's tennis game is certainly rather "static" so I mistakenly thought he might be well suited to this type of fishing. Getting an actual fly out on the water was sufficient challenge for him let alone targeting an actual fish. My effort was little better! It was late in the day when I finally landed a nice rainbow that had taken a duck fly trailing behind some dun patterns.



The fish were interested in duns, but they were not popping up in sufficient numbers to get the fish going. Naturally, the day before was warmer with more action on top. Tony Abel and Dave Long also caught fish on the Thursday mostly with wet flies like a Tom Jones. There are prolific damsel fly hatches later in the spring, so a green damsel fly nymph is always a good option.

Friday dawned with promised overcast skies, light winds, and a slightly higher temperature. Of course, Tim and Bryn had been on the lake at least an hour before anyone else and were once again catching him or her on static nymphs six feet below an indicator. The locals claim that the fish are reluctant to take a moving nymph. Needless to say, this method didn't work for my companion and me.

Doug and Andrew Hood headed straight to the Northern end of the lake where Doug had been very successful the previous year. They caught fish both nymphing and on "emergers" once the hatch started at about 2 pm. Even my companion was able to catch fish in such favourable conditions and on a fly that he claimed to have tied for himself! If anyone would like to experience a "Pythonesque" example of how not to play a large fish, then there is a club member that I can highly recommend watching. Anyhow, conditions were certainly favourable as I was able to land 3 nice fish and we saw some cracking big fish "porpoising" on the surface. I even broke my landing net lifting a large fish into the boat!

Naturally Pete Murphy had caught fish, mostly on a duck fly fished just below the surface and Chris Hilton was also successful with 2 nice fish. Tony Able and Dave Long also caught fish.



This, however, paled into insignificance compared with the cultural highlight we experience that night. The initial plan was to eat at the Carrick Hotel, but it

was hosting a football dinner (possibly a cultural highlight in itself), so we opted for the nearest option on Google. The Iron Horse Bar and Grill in Prospect. Unbeknown to us, it is attached to Richardson's Harley Davidson distributor and was not only hosting bikies but a "70's" murder mystery night with ABBA style fancy dress, music and karaoke! The meal was just OK, but the entertainment provided in the adjoining room was a fitting precursor to the Rocky Horror Picture show that I had to leave early to attend the following night! We will book in for the full experience next year! Some red wine was consumed back at the caravan park.

Saturday dawned with more cloud cover but a forecast for strong winds and the passage of a front later in the day. It was certainly accurate! Large numbers of duns popped up at about 3 pm but the strong winds made life difficult, and the fish just didn't seem to find the duns in the rough conditions. Once again, nymphing didn't work for me but I did see Jason Garret catch at least one fish using this method and Pete was certainly catching a few.

I had to leave early so I will leave it up to Doug to describe the return home via Lake Leake. I enjoyed the Rocky Horror show and now know how to win at tennis. Just draw a fish in the sand at the back of the court and my opponent won't put anything near it!

**Andrew Blackwood**

It was certainly a great trip and many thanks to the Treasure for organising it! I had the privilege of fishing with Life Member Hood who was great company, a great boat man and also knew a bit about nice wine!

We went ok at Four Springs but the duns didn't really seem to get going enough for the fish to really target them. It was nice to see fishing on the top though!

On the way home we decided to drop into Lake Leake as Andrew had never fished there. It was a good choice!



Acting on very sound advice from Messrs.' Abel and Hilton we put on stick caddis and fished up where the river comes in. We managed four magnificent fish in about an hour with the Life member snagging three of them in very quick succession. It was a perfect ending to a great trip!

## AdVice Tips and Tricks

*Gadgets, gear and good ideas are always close to the surface whenever fly tyers get together. This section of The Vice features recommendations, quick reviews and tips to make the fishing experience even richer. Please feel free to send in any tips you might like to share.*

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Making DIY Fly Line Welded Loops - Fixing and Repairing Fly

Pete Murphy showed me this tip for making your own welded loops on your fly line. It works really well and Pete catches a lot of fish that haven't managed to break the connection yet.

Basically it involves using heat shrink tubing to shield the fly line from the heat source and the result is a very professional looking and strong welded loop in your fly line.

The steps are as follows:

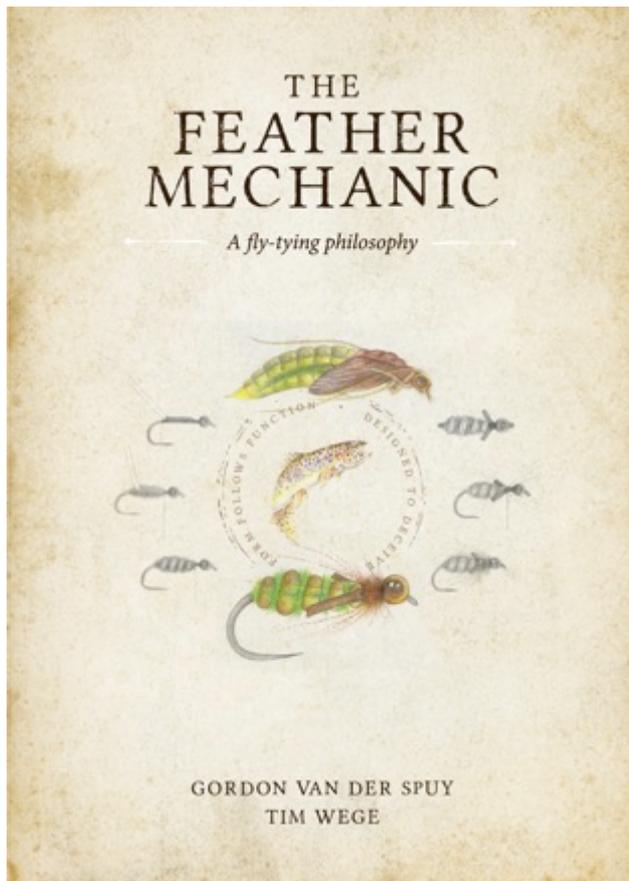
- Cut your fly line at a sharp angle
- Make a loop
- Slide some heat shrink tubing over the line
- Heating it gently
- Heat it a bit more so it shrinks and welds the line
- Cut off the heat shrink

The heat sources suggested range from a lighter to hair tongs or even a heat gun.

Check out the YouTube links below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q6VCKI22vw>

<https://youtu.be/L4AgPqMAfQE>



Review of 'The Feather Mechanic' by Gordon Van Der Spuy and Tim Wege

I have never been one for big books. At medical school we were told to buy big complex textbooks. I could never see the trunk for the leaves, to paraphrase the old saying. It was only when I started to buy little books such as 'Clinical neuroanatomy made ridiculously simple' or 'The ABC of Physiology', and later on, 'Anaesthesia for the uninterested' that I started to make progress. A kindly and wise Professor told me 'you have to understand the trunk and roots first, before you begin to look at the branches.'

This book, for me, is one of those magic ones that somehow manages, with periodic dollops of humour, to give a thorough education about the trunk and roots ending all too quickly with some rather special leaves. I found it



hard to put down whilst at the same time having to put up with repeated 'Ah ha' moments of inspiration leading to a need to immediately try out this or that better way of doing things.

The author is quite didactic at times....

"it's common for inexperienced tyers to try and tie over mistakes and compensate for them later in the process. DON'T DO IT!" [ mmm, OK yes, that's me ]. And...

'Whoever invented the gallows fly-tying tool needs a talking to. it's the most inefficient and impractical tying aid ever created. If you do own one, do yourself a massive favour and throw it in the trash right now. ' [ thanks Gordon, you've just saved me lots of money ]

... whilst also giving the reader bucketloads of thought provoking vignettes about clearly successful South African anglers. There is real gold in these stories especially for fly fishing novices like me.

Mr Van der Spuy's philosophy when thinking about fly tying is "form follows function" and this informs the book. Early on in the book he describes the light bulb moment [ in his case the twenty bulbs ] when he woke up to this idea. So inevitably this leads into thinking about and understanding choice, as well as use, of materials which is so crucial in achieving the effect required to fool the fish. Permeating the book are his beautiful illustrations of the finished fly and the practical process of getting there.

A beautiful example of FFF is the story we all know about Frank Sawyer who noticed that when the hackle on his red Peasant Tailed Spinner disintegrated, the fly still took fish as it sank and the rest, as they say ... is history.

'Take your cue from nature when trying to imitate living organisms. Observe the real creatures in their natural environment or catch them and observe them in a tank of water. Seeing the insect in action will give you far more to work with than just reading about it ...' Reminds me of a famous Tasmanian fly tying innovator who once wrote 'if I can draw it I can tie it ...'

Like most modern fly tyers he is willing to utilise natural and synthetic materials though I sense a preference for the latter. Like current Tasmanian



experts he is more than willing to utilise nature's offerings whether in the form of road kill or from a successful hunting trip. Possums anyone ? Even the family is recruited ' I've got a whole little team on the constant lookout for cool things to tie with '.

Marc Petitjean and his advocacy of CDC have influenced many of us. GVDS describes a very simple CDC soft hackle wet, which to me is of the brilliance and simplicity of Marjan Fratnik's F-Fly. And makes an interesting comment about it in comparison to some shop bought flies that I wish I had read about fifty years ago .....



' It's the kind of fly that wouldn't sell well commercially. People want to see hackle and wings and lots of stuff on a hook when they buy a fly. I think they feel they're getting value for money. Fish often have other ideas though. The guys who understand this are often the ones catching the majority of the fish. Not that catching huge quantities of fish is what it's all about. The scenery in the Cape is first class. You'll still have a great time out even if you suck as a fly fisher '.

Ok, point taken... sparse is the go.

Today's fly tyers are blessed with an almost unlimited resource on the internet in the form of written and video as well as an ever expanding range of materials compared to what we had fifty

years ago. However, there are moments when the choices available remind me of my big, complex, textbooks and a degree of paralysis occurs.

Put the computer away. Read and again read this book. You will find most of what you need to know set out in a straight forward and logical fashion. Chapters on tools and materials beautifully distill the essentials of what you need and why you need them with prudent advice to buy quality ... after actually feeling what you are proposing to buy in the case of materials. Again, the importance of 'form follows function' here clearly matters and the reader is encouraged to consider that the same material might be better at some times of year for some flies and at another, for a different use in tying. The classic example here might be deer hair, the characteristics and behaviour of which can be different across the seasons, something it took me a little while to understand. The use of unconventional fly tying materials from conventional sources such as bridal organza from Haberdashery shops is just one example of persuading you to think broadly when designing flies. Sometimes cheaper too if willing to use the family pet !

Unlike other recent books on fly tying, or perhaps You Tube videos, which show in photographic detail how to tie multiple different patterns this book seems to want you to understand fly tying techniques ie ' the mechanics '. Beautiful clear drawings show each step with a different computer font used for the explanations to differentiate them from the general text. Specific points at each stage of tying are made using this text in a way that photographs alone may not achieve. These clarify what, why and how each effect is achieved as well as the key traps to avoid.



After describing some key techniques in detail whilst tying a 'Skinny Damsel', subsequent chapters cover specific flies again making generally utilisable points along the way, cleverly interspersed with the nuggets referred to earlier.

In summary, this is a book which is enjoyable, inspiring and funny. Most importantly it will

definitely make you a better fly fisher and tier. But don't just take my word for it ... buy it and see!



Chris Hilton

## Vale Cliff Ludford



be greatly missed.

Cliff was one of the first members of the club who, along with his great mate Noel Wilson, demonstrated the generosity of spirit and expertise gleaned through many years of loving tying flies and catching fish. His tip of using a sliver from the stem of a peacock feather as eyes on wet flies is one that many members regularly use.

Cliff (seated in front of the fire) was one of the early members, joining in 1963 and remaining as a member for some 53 years. He was on the committee from 1973 for 7 years and editor of *The Vice* in 1974 and 75. Very capable with his hands, he was a regular helper at working bees and club projects. Few people would be aware that Cliff built and installed the surround for the fridge in the Miena cabin and regularly varnished the windowsills.



Over many years Cliff was a consistent participator in club activities including field weekends and other club events. He would tell some good stories about the port bottling days when the bottles were filled right to the top so you had to have a slug out

of each one so you could get the cork in!! No breathalysers in those days! He regularly attended all club events such as the pig roasts, barbecues, fly-casting events and all the Snowy Range events. He didn't miss many meetings was a very active member. It would be doubtful that we could find a current member with a greater number of attendances at club activities over 53 years as a member.

Cliff was a regular user of the club cabin at Miena – mostly in the company of Noel Wilson, Westy, John Spencer, John Smith and others. Cliff has a great sense of humour and kept members entertained in the cabin. John Smith was lamenting Cliff's absence in the cabin the other day without Cliff's humour and "quality control" at dishwashing time.

John Spencer will tell you that he was seeking Cliff's endorsement of Westy's nomination for John's membership to the club. Unfortunately John brought along a bottle of red wine to the cabin that was well past its use by date and was undrinkable. Cliff stirred John up by telling him it was a requirement for club membership that you bring a decent red to the cabin and unless he lifted his game in that regard he could not second the nomination for membership – he did of course.

Cliff and Noel Wilson lived in the same street – "the old fart up the road and the old fart down the road" and have had many great fishing trips together – ranging from blank days to very productive days. Cliff is a good fisherman and likes to use flies he's tied himself, and with a lot of success.

He has also had many adventurous fishing trips with Malcolm Crosse at Show Time each year and they have many stories, mostly about inclement weather, which Malcolm wrote about in an earlier edition of *The Vice*.



*Cliff – on the far right at a Lake Sorrel trip*

## Lake Fergus Trip



It is testimony to the respect he had in the club that a great number of emails were posted on the club website at the time of his passing more recently. Noel received a number of condolences as well. Cliff will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.



*Noel, Cliff, Ross, and Malcolm*



The opportunity to fish Lake Fergus is one of the highlights of the early season. Tim Lewis' organised this trip through landowner Randall Trethewey offered members a unique opportunity to visit this wonderful part of Tasmania without having to walk the 10km upstream from Little Pine.

A number of members took up the opportunity to camp at the lake on the Friday night and spent a generally successful day fishing the edges. Fish that were caught were full of mud eyes and small wets of similar shape accounted for quite a few good fish.



Saturday revealed a smorgasbord of weather events that tested many. I traveled up for the day with David Travalia and Jim Jones. We decided not to camp as the forecast for Sunday was even more adventurous. We circumnavigated the lake, which was completely full and spilling out over the edges. We experienced rain, hail, wind and sunshine at bewilderingly random times.

There were very few fish showing on the surface but both Jim and I managed a nice fish. (It's about 7-8km around the lake and that was a great test for my new hips!)



We decided that a warm meal at the Lodge at Miena was a good idea and we weren't tempted to stay up for the Sunday as the weather report looked terrible. So we headed back to Hobart safe in the knowledge that we probably had the best of the weekend.



On Sunday however we got the news that Tim, Wayne and Anna had gone up again to Fergus. They went out in Tim's boat and... found fish everywhere! They were on top and taking Royal Wulff flies with great gusto! With Tim as guide Anna and Wayne apparently managed ten beauties and had a really memorable day!

Next year...

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## Vale Philip Fisher (1934 – 2021)



**Philip Fisher, Woods Lake 2010, with his beloved planing hull Purdon**

Philip Fisher was a character, in the very best tradition of fly fishing. Philip died on 6 September 2021, almost a month after his 87th birthday and the birth of his first great grandchild. Sincere condolences to Jill and to Andrew, and to Catherine, Matthew, Alison and their families.

Philip was great company, on and off the water. He was a great host and cook - his Brown Dog stew was legendary, and he loved a beer (preferably his own home-brew) and a wine. But, as he would tell you, he never touched the hard stuff - well not often, anyway. He was also an accomplished and successful angler and fly tyer.

I say angler, rather than fly-fisher, advisedly, as he was one of the early pioneers of game fishing out of St Helens and, in this, he was equally adept and successful as he was as a fly fisher.

He was also one of the pioneering members of the Fly Tyers Club, joining in 1957, a year after its founding and resigning in 1967 when he was transferred in his Bank job to Burnie. In those days membership was absolutely restricted to those living in Hobart and you had to attend a certain number of club meetings a year or be asked to consider your future in the Club. Philip re-joined the club after his return to Hobart in August 1990, which was when I first met him. We struck up an immediate rapport and it turned out we were both Oatlands boys, although not contemporaneously. Both our fathers were country bank managers there. When Lake Dulverton 'refilled' and was dammed behind Mary's Island we went back to fish there a couple of times 'for old times' sake', but with limited success.

He was an active member and regular attendee at club meetings, but unfortunately resigned in July 2014, being somewhat miffed after two consecutive

years' subs cheques were mislaid and then receiving a 'please explain' letter re his unpaid subs. As an ex-banker and finance man, he had strong views about those sorts of things.

Nick Ingles and I coaxed him back to the Club by getting him to allow us to nominate him as an Honorary Member in July 2017. He was Honorary Secretary in 1965 and on the Committee for three years from 1991 to 1993.

Many club members will have enjoyed his hospitality at his favourite Central Highlands lair, his Tods Corner shack, over the years. His barbecues, sheltered behind the Teatree, were legendary!

After his re-joining the Club in 1990, I spent many enjoyable hours fishing with him and staying with him at Tods Corner. The shack there was an extremely welcoming social centre for all visiting fly fishers and I will always remember the happy times I had there and on the water with Philip.

He was one of the pioneers in Tasmania of using Marabou in his wet flies which, having read about it in US fishing magazines, he imported into the state in the 1960's. I still have samples in my box of his very successful weighted Marabou 'Green Eyed Monster', tied with separate wings of Veniard-dyed Olive and Summer Duck marabou tied in at the head, the eyes being green Mylar flash, with a red head.

Philip and Charles Peck, his life-long best mate from around age 16 and 17 in Launceston, also pioneered the use of drogues in the Lake country, first using war surplus ex-RAAF silk parachute-type drogues (designed for use with life rafts after ditching), experimenting with dagger boards they had read about in English fly fishing magazines and then coming up with the design most of us use today - the first versions made from shade cloth.

As the above would indicate, he was hugely knowledgeable and widely read on fishing and was a joy to chat to about fishing strategies, gear selection, knots, fly tying etc. He loved his fishing, and after he no longer felt confident to skipper his boat on the Central Highland lakes, he spent many happy hours, until quite recently, with Nick Ingles, fishing the farm dams on properties around Bothwell. I was fortunate to accompany them on some of those trips. John Smith also hosted him several times at Snowy Range during this time.

He was a good mate and I will miss him.

**Tony Dell  
September 2021**

## Bothwell Farm Dams Trip 2021



The Bothwell dams weekend is one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the club calendar and once again it was very well attended. It was a however very different event to previous years. Did anyone mention that it was wet? Well it was! All the dams were overflowing or at least at full capacity. Roads and paddocks were sodden and cars struggled to get where they could normally go. (Thanks for the tow Stokesy!)

The result of the wet was that there were essentially two groups; one at Henry's place with the shearers quarters, the open fire and general warmth and jolliness that goes with it, and one at Scott's which was essentially a camping in the rain and the sleet and the wind kind of adventure. From all accounts both were excellent!



I chose the camping session, which was very well organised with Steve Butler and Craig Granquist doing a great job providing BBQs fire pots and even a PortaLoo! Even though it was cold and dark and wet at times the atmosphere was great and the camaraderie excellent.

Fishing started early with the hope of midge feeders. Pete Murphy was the first on the water, often leaving camp before 4.30am. As a result I think he managed the most fish of all of us. Others found fish around the edge and even in the rivers. I found it difficult and

didn't manage to land one until the guiding event of the year happened.



It was around 8.30pm and organiser and guru of the trip Steve Butler said that they were rising along the road shore. I immediately set off, rod in hand. Steve sauntered along too with a red wine. 'There's one! Walk forward about 10 paces... now cast about 5 metres out and .... Strike!' It was easy as that when someone guides you brilliantly. He even netted the fish for me!



Reports from Henry's indicated that a few nice fish were caught along with plenty of redfin. Check out the fish that the President caught from the first dam! Many thanks to Henry and Scott for their generosity in opening up their magnificent properties to our very appreciative members!  
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## Lake Leake Weekend



Lake Leake was constructed in 1883 for £12500 and was well worth it! According to a booklet celebrating its centenary there has always been a caretaker tasked with looking after the place. In the first 100 years there were a total of three! I suppose that once they got the position they got a reasonable amount of job satisfaction.

The Lake Leake weekend was organised by Wayne Bellette and his team and was very well attended with members staying in campers, caravans, cars and of course the hotel which looked after us really well.



There were over 50 fish caught for the weekend with anglers Murphy and Dell performing extremely well. The majority of fish were found



very close in to shore and behind the island and seemed to prefer Magoo and Shrek style flies in a variety of colours. Stick caddis patterns also did quite well, particularly at the top end of the lake.



Shore based anglers also managed to do well from the edges of Choc 'n' Log Bay. There were even some rising fish!



The condition of the fish was generally superb with Rainbows and Browns often reaching 50cm plus and exceeding 5lbs.

The hotel was great and looked after us well with a big table set up in the dining room and very reasonably priced meals.

It was a great trip!

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## Index of Vice Articles

I have compiled a list of contents from previous editions of the Vice as some members have asked about various stories and the like. All these can be accessed directly from the club website under the link to The Vice. I will include it in all future editions and add to it where possible.

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