



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Annual General Meeting, Lenah Valley RSL, 21st August 2023

Present: 42 members

Denis Abbott, Tony Abel, Mark Aspinall, Glenn Becher, Anna Bellette, Wayne Bellette, Chris Berndt, Andrew Blackwood, Elliott Blackwood, Michael Bourne, Brent Bowerman, Stephen Butler, Bryn Carman, Norm Cribbin, Lyndon Cubbins, Tony Dell, Simon Ellis, Craig Granquist, Chris Hilton, Andrew Hood, Nick Ingles, James Jones, Peter Langton, Tim Lewis, Stephen Luttrell, Paul Markey, Laurie Matcham, Paul McCosh, Doug Miller, Tim Munro, Peter Murphy, Peter Rasmussen, Andrew Reed, Colin Shepherd, John Smith, John Spencer, Stuart Spotswood, Ian Stokes, David Travalia, Tim Urbanc, Brian West, Noel Wilson, Tom Woolley, Chris Medwin (Zoom).

Apologies:

Ashley Artis, Rob Brodribb, Glenn Cannell, Malcolm Crosse, Henry Edgell, Martin Exel, Jason Garrett, David Hemmings, Adrian Hope, Eric Howard, Dave Long, James Mackay, Douglas Mosenthal, Heather Noga, John O'Halloran, Robert Phillips, Mark Quinane, Chris Roberts, David Tarbath, David Young, Stuart Spotswood, Chris Rothe, Andrew

Minutes of the 2022 AGM – These were adopted as a true record.

Business arising from the minutes – nil.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood has circulated the auditor's report and presents his treasurer's report. Of note, we had an operating surplus YOY of \$5731 and are in a sound financial position. Shack income increased slightly – higher fees – albeit usage declined. Andrew also noted our shacks are significantly undervalued at this point – perhaps not a state of affairs to be too upset about, from a rates perspective. His report and the auditor's report accepted moved Doug Miller, seconded Andrew Hood.

Election of Office Bearers

Nominations were received 10 days prior to the AGM for the following positions:

President: Andrew Reed (nominated James Jones, seconded David Travalia)

Vice President: David Travalia (nominated James Jones, seconded Andrew Reed)

Secretary: Tony Abel (nominated Andrew Blackwood, seconded Doug Miller)

Treasurer: Andrew Blackwood (nominated Andrew Reed, seconded Norm Cribbin)

Committee:

Wayne Bellette (nominated Paul Markey, seconded Andrew Reed)



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Norm Cribbin (nominated David Travalia, seconded Andrew Reed)

Tim Urbanc (nominated Andrew Reed, seconded David Travalia)

Paul Markey (nominated Wayne Bellette, seconded Andrew Reed)

All positions were filled.

Appointment of Auditor

Michael Muller reappointed - moved Tim Urbanc, seconded David Travalia

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Moved Steve Butler seconded Tony Abel that Robert Phillips be appointed as Honorary Solicitor. Our thanks to Brett Cassidy for his service in this role over a number of years.

Patron

No nominations for Patron were received.

Life Member

John Smith was awarded life membership. See the August 2023 Vice for his important formal contributions: <https://www.tasmanianflytyersclub.org/site/Vice/ViceAugust2023.pdf>. There is another very important John Smith - see the viral YouTube – <https://youtu.be/i2m0RKfJ2tg>. Note this latter is a first for the Club – the first Life Membership assisted by AI, assistance gratefully acknowledged by the narrator, Steve ‘The New Attenborough’ Butler. The eclecticism of AI seems curiously appropriate wrt Smithy..... 😊

AGM Presidential Report 2023 – Andrew Reed

My speech this year is a long list of saying thank you.

Steve Butler, Granny and Aspro for Bothwell Farm Dams.

Chris Medwin for Tyenna Euro Nymphing Workshop and Demonstration. I think Westie provided some Euro Nymphs as well.

Wayne and Martin Excel for Lake Pedder Trip.

Tim Lewis for the Lake Fergus trip, including sorting access to the private road. I managed 6 fish for the day all while in the Coolum as Tim guided me to all his favourite spots.

Steve Butler and Granny for Weasel Dam Camping Weekend.



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Cubbie and Hoodie and the Food Providers for Tiger Hut Sessions. Encouraging day visitors is something new we did this year.

Wayne and Helpers for Salmon Ponds Casting Day and Wind Knots evenings.

Westie and Steve Butler for Beginners and Advanced Fly-Tying Days.

The Committee for work around Club business including insurance and other invisible things.

David Travalia and Tony Abel for the Lake Sorell Shack Project. The costings are now in and thankfully close to expectations. A building plan is being developed and we will let you know as soon as we know.

Mentors and BBQ Chefs for the Fly-tying Days.

Thanks to Dave Long for his 4 years on the Committee. He has certainly found his place in the Club after moving here from Victoria.

Steve and Granny for Tuesday night zoom sessions with all the guest Tyers.

There was a very successful collaboration with the Tasmanian Fly Fishers Club for the Cane Day at Little Pine Lagoon. So, I would like to thank Peter Rasmussen, who belongs to both Clubs.

Finally, to Doug Miller for his Vice Editorship.

The Club has been involved in some external issues this year with Anglers Alliance Tasmania sorting through its funding issues and support required for the camera network. There is the ongoing work with the St. Patricks Plains wind farm proposal, which is now at the public consultation stage.

This year is a record 10 new members and this demonstrates the Committee's, past and present, commitment to the future of the Club. Counting all forms of membership, the grand total is 118. As mentioned earlier, Smithy has been instrumental in the early demographic research as well as the Membership survey. This work showed an aging group that required action in recruitment. We are very happy that the changes to the Constitution have been utilised to facilitate this. The need for renewal is further highlighted as Guy Nicholson (13 years) and Bill Turner (40 years) take up Associate Membership. Both spoke fondly of their time in the Club and the friendship and support they received. Bill was telling me he's so old he was nominated to the club by Margaret Knight in 1983!

The Club has lived up to aim of "The cultivation and encouragement of the art of fly-tying and fly-fishing". The sharing of knowledge and skills through both formal and informal interactions is a wonderful thing to be involved with.

It's easy job to be President when there are members like you supporting the Club the way you do.



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Thank you all.

See also the August 2023 Vice for the full text of Andrew's speech:

<https://www.tasmanianflytyersclub.org/site/Vice/ViceAugust2023.pdf>

'Johnny Walker' Clubman of the year

Awarded to Brian West, for his enduring generosity and continuing contributions to the Club, in particular with respect to novice tying training and related activities, which are going from strength to strength.

Close of AGM 8.26pm

Tony Abel

Secretary