



February 2023 Newsletter

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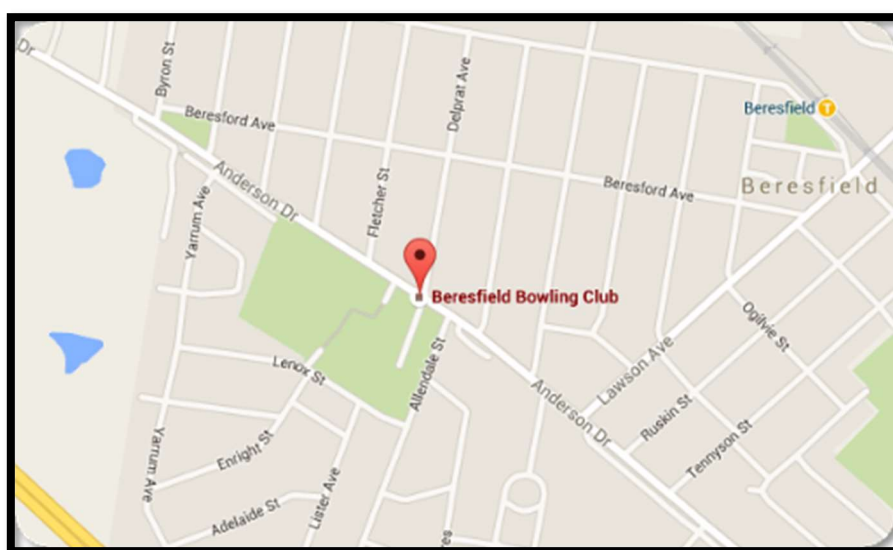
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Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club meets on the
first Wednesday of each month at:-

Beresfield Bowling Club
Anderson Drive, Beresfield

Next Meeting
Wednesday 1st Feb 2023
7.00 pm



President's Report



Hi all and welcome to the February 2023 issue of the HVFFC newsletter. I hope you had the opportunity to relax and be merry over the holidays, catch up with family, and maybe even wet a line. Personally, I had the chance to fulfil a goal I've had for a while, to do a multi-day hiking and camping trip, deep in the wilderness. Not only was it a great experience with fantastic company, but I managed to tick off an iconic Australian species, the Murray Cod. Now that the blisters have healed and the glycogen been replenished, keep an eye out for a trip report in future editions.

On the topic of trips, we've had a slight reshuffle of upcoming club trips. Due to unavoidable commitments for the February tripmaster, the planned outing to Clarencetown has been moved to Paterson on the weekend of the 24-26th. It will now be at my family farm on the bank of the Paterson River, tripmastered by me and catered by woodfire pizza oven. As well as the river at the campsite (best from some kind of watercraft), there are multiple access points between 5 and 30 min drive away for wade fishing some of the smaller creeks. If you'd like to come (so far I only have one attendee) please let me know soon for catering purposes.

In March we have two outings scheduled! If you're a fan of the salt, or only have time for a daytrip, Pete S will be hosting a trip on the 18th to Lake Macquarie targeting tailor, flatties, and anything else that shows up in this eclectic waterway. If you prefer the fresh, or are looking for the opportunity to meet, great and compete with a range of anglers from other clubs, the Central Coast Fly Rodders are hosting the 2023 Interclub Fly and Lure Fishing Meet at Glenbawn Dam, the 17th-19th of March. It promises to be a great event, and it would be goof to have a HVFFC representation there. Program details and registration can be found via the link below.

<http://www.centralcoastflyrodders.com.au/cfainterclub2023.html>

In other news, this month saw the delivery and release of our bass fingerlings supplied by Searle aquaculture. This stocking event was made possible *via* the Glencore community grants program and the DPI \$4\$ program, as well as the time and effort volunteered by members who were there to help with the release. A particular thanks to Tony W who jumped through all the paperwork hoops to secure us the Glencore grant for this year. I have it on good authority all fish were released safely and in good health, so now you have 10 850 less excuses for a donut on the dam.

On a sombre note, the club recently lost a good friend and former member in the form of Trevor Ward. I didn't know Trev well, but he left an indelible mark on the club *via* his "Trev's fly", a deadly streamer that remains the go-to for many when fishing St Clair. In fact it was on a Trev's that I got my very first impoundment bass on fly. Though I doubt I ever exchanged more than a few words with Trev, I'll remember fondly his eccentricities, his flies, and his glowing cigarette tip winking on a clear night at the dam.

Messy desks make tidy flies,

Matt.

Editors Note



Well, here we are. The last moments of summer are here already and this incredibly well-planned newsletter is having both the initial and the final touches added to it at the same time.

Thank you, Matt, for an awesome Presidents Report, we look forward to a rundown of how the weekend at your farm went. From the photos I've seen it looks great.

From a personal standpoint I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the first trip of the year. Matt was cooking pizza, the trip was close to home, my oldest daughter was keen to come, we had some new camping gear to test out and I had just bought a new rod. Yet all of this combined didn't manage to keep two of us from getting a dodgy something-or-other that we think we brought back from Fiji.

Tomorrow night's meeting will see a few potential members join us. This is great news, and with reading some of the emails sent through there seems to be a wealth of experience and knowledge amongst some of them which is a great relief as it will offset my lack of ability nicely!

Now for something to put everyone to sleep. Since around Christmas we have setup the primary roles of the club again with their own email accounts. This is a zero cost setup with zero ongoing cost. This will enable our amazing office holders to separate their personal or work email from the club's ongoing needs and also make the ability to transfer information to a new or temporary office holder much easier. These accounts haven't yet been activated until this is properly discussed in the meeting, but everything is sitting in place ready to go.

The next edition of the newsletter will be only a couple of weeks away and will include the calendar (as best as it can be defined) for the trip and events for the year ahead.

I do apologise for the lack of extra content in this newsletter, as well as the lack of diligence and preparation on the part of this editor. I do though hold much hope for an awesome year for the club, for the stories that will be shared throughout it and the fish that I will be able to say got away.

Take care.

Cheers,

Tom



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022 - 2023

Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club Incorporated (the "Association")
(Incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*)

I,

[insert full name]

of

[insert address]

.....
[insert email]

.....
[insert contact number]

☐ Full member ☐ Junior member ☐ Family membership** (✓ applicable)
(\$50 pro rata) (\$20 pro rata) (\$60 pro rata)

I hereby apply to renew my membership of the Association until 30th Sept 2023

By renewing my membership, I agree to comply with and be bound by the constitution of the Association for the time being in force.

.....

Signature of applicant

Date:

**** Members renewing a Family Membership must complete the information on page 2 below.**

LODGEMENT AND PAYMENT

Once completed, please sign, scan and email back to c3091769@uon.edu.au and headstarting@bigpond.com

Membership fees can be paid by cheque or via bank transfer.

If paying by bank transfer, please use your name as a reference for payment so your payment can be easily identified.

Bank transfer should be paid to the following account:

Name: Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club

BSB: 637 000

Account No: 780 089 059

Please make cheques payable to **Hunter Valley Fly Fishing Club**

Application for Family Membership

To be eligible for Family Membership, and have the Association's insurance cover extend to include all applicable family members, the following conditions will apply:

- Family Membership is available for a member and their immediate family members only (i.e. wife/husband/ partner and children under 18 years of age at the start of the new membership term) and does not include Grandparents or member's siblings or other relations, etc.
- Member's children 18 years or older will be required to join as a full member
- Each family membership is only entitled to 1 vote at club meetings.
- the requested information in the following table must be supplied in respect of all people proposed to be covered by a Family Membership:

Full name	Date of birth	Relationship to member

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