

# Fly fish the world with the Victorian Fly Fishers



If you're a fly fisher already or just someone interested in becoming one, then the Victorian Fly Fishers' Association (VFFA) is the perfect group to join.

Arguably the longest-established fly fishing body in the State, the VFFA offers instruction in casting, streamcraft and fly tying, information on the latest equipment and trips to various fishing locations. The VFFA offers a wealth of benefits for fly fishers regardless of the level of experience.

Monthly dinner or luncheon gatherings with knowledgeable guest speakers provide ideal opportunities to mix with fellow fly fishers to share experiences in a convivial atmosphere.

Interested? Well read on

The origins and history of the VFFA can be traced back more than a century. It was formed in 1932, in part to lobby for a trout licence to fund the Victorian fishery, primarily by members of an earlier body formed in 1906 that subsequently became the Trout Fishers' Association.

Anyone interested in the history of fly fishing in Victoria can find much material in VFFA publications and archives.

VFFA members are fly fishers from all walks of life who enjoy sharing their experience and knowledge with others. Junior or inexperienced members gain valuable instruction and the VFFA provides a fertile forum for members to form friendships during luncheons and dinners and to arrange successful trips among themselves.

*These flies were created by VFFA member, Hubert Reichelt using the latest materials and techniques. Members are a great resource for those wanting to develop their fly tying ideas and techniques.*



*A four man helicopter trip to a remote South Island river resulted in this magnificent brown trout.*



*April Vokey, world renowned casting champion and Canadian guide was the guest presenter at the May 2016 VFFA dinner.*



**D**uring the winter closed season casting practice and tuition is held at the Red Tag Casting Pool in Yarra Park, Fairfield.

Fly tying classes are offered from time to time as well as streamcraft advice. An annual auction of fly fishing equipment and books provides many bargains.

Members have access to the VFFA library of new and rare angling books, DVDs and videos and a museum of fly fishing memorabilia.

Members also receive an outstanding and informative newsletter, "Fly Lines", published each month to keep members up to date on the latest news and coming events. A constantly updated website provides even more information.



*Some useful knots for fly fishing.*



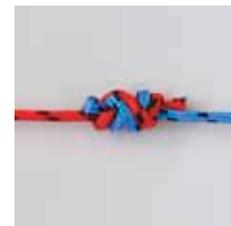
*Albright knot*



*Uni knot*



*Nail knot*



*Double surgeon's knot*

VFFA general meetings are held normally on the third Thursday of the month at the Celtic Club in Melbourne at 8pm. They are preceded by dinner which many members attend. Most meetings include a knowledgeable speaker talking on an interesting topic related to fly fishing in Australia or overseas. From time to time meetings are held at lunch time to provide a more convenient event for members unable to attend at night.

New members are welcome and anyone interested should visit the VFFA website at [www.vffa.org.au](http://www.vffa.org.au) for further information and a current contact phone number, or email [HYPERLINK](mailto:HYPERLINK) below.

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**Top left:** Clinton Isaac, an expert fishing guide, based in Queensland, specialises in trout and saltwater fly fishing for exotic species worldwide. **Centre:** Rick Wallace, columnist for *The Australian*, fly fishing maestro, travels the world for all types of trophy fish in the most challenging environments. **Right:** April Vokey world renowned Canadian guide demonstrated fly tying techniques, described fishing methods that regularly produce exceptional results in the Northern Hemisphere. **Lower left:** Christopher Bassano of Tasmania's Rainbow Lodge, expert guide and designer of a range of high performing Australian flies.

## Our objectives

- To promote the philosophy and traditions, the ethics and public image, and the art of fly fishing.
- To protect and propagate trout.
- To conserve fisheries and enhance trout habitat.
- To encourage, promote and engage in activities which may improve or relate to fly fishing.
- To collect books, publications, artefacts and memorabilia related to fly fishing.
- To cooperate with any body or person for the furtherance of those purposes.
- To promote social intercourse among fly fishers.



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