

Tight Lines

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC.



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Cover: Paul Baker (*Rolling River looking up towards Mt Owen*)
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CLUB MEETING

Monday 4 May 2026, 7.30pm

Tararua Tramping Club Rooms
4 Moncrief St, Mount Victoria, Wellington

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Presentation of Trophies

**"Why are 90% of fish caught by 10% of anglers"
A presentation answering this question.**

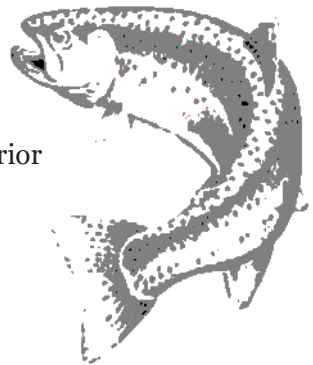
EVENTS THIS MONTH

Club Trip: 22-24 May - Manawatu

Fly Tying: Monday 18 May – 7.30pm - Pheasant Tail Nymph
for details see Fly of the Month...p12

The April fly tying evening was cancelled because of flooding, strong winds and slips in several Wellington suburbs and the central city.

On-Stream Day: Saturday 30 May
Hutt River or Ruamahunga
Phone Strato 386 3740 by the Wednesday prior



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Moritz Kreft and Leo Kershaw

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

It's hard to believe a year has gone by since I became Club President, I've learned a lot and become aware of many things I don't know enough about.

Thank you to the committee for your help and support.

Club trips have been held each month. Thank you to Strato for organising and leading. I'd love to see some other people learn and organise trips next year.

One of the highlights for me has been to see new members join, almost every month. Please make them welcome.

As a committee the hardest task is finding speakers or activities for Club nights.

Some of my highlights include hearing about club members trips, learning about the Outdoor Access Commission and the excellent maps. We also heard from Fish and Game about possible changes to legislation and how they operate. Geoff Naylor's talk about his life and fishing was super entertaining. Not bad for an Aussie!

What would you like more of? What were your highlights?

Fly-tying nights have continued with small groups turning up to learn and improve their fly tying.

The Capital Trout Centre has been well used this year. There were some open days, some holiday programmes and birthday parties. Thank you to club members who came to help catch, weigh and gut fish, write certificates and sometimes cook sausages.

Growing baby trout in the tank was wonderful to watch but a lot of work, particularly for Strato and Carmen who fed them most days.

The recent flooding and storms did not damage the shed but certainly left a lot of rubble and silt around the ponds. It also appears that all the little trout were washed away. It was good to see that the earlier work on the outlet had prevented the water levels rising and damaging the council buildings.

Thank you to the people who helped clean up and fill the bins with mud and rubble.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM on Monday 4 th May.

Tight Lines

Heather Miller

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC

A.G.M.

Monday 4th May 2026

AGENDA

Welcome

Guest Speaker's Presentation

Judging of Photographic Competition

AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM 5th May 2025

Matters Arising

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

General Business

Election of Committee

Prize Giving

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2025

		<u>INCOME</u>	
4,320	Subscriptions		4,065.00
573	Raffles		707.00
1,130	Interest		718.94
1,486	Auction		1,468.80
550	Magazine Advertising		550.00
0	Wellington High School Course		711.75
7	Miscellaneous		0.00
4	Donation		0.00
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8,070			<hr/> 8,221.49
		<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	
587	Insurance	586.50	
969	Printing and Postage	603.69	
106	Engraving of Trophies	79.00	
3,165	Rent and Projector Hire	3,216.88	
200	NZFFA Subscription	0.00	
376	Catering and Social	321.23	
280	P O Box Rental	0.00	
214	Website Costs	221.37	
550	Raffle Vouchers	550.00	
0	Biggest Fish" voucher	15.00	
0	Library	60.00	
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6,447			<hr/> 5,653.67
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<u>\$1,623</u>	<u>SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR YEAR</u>		<u>\$2,567.82</u>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

31.3.2025

<u>ASSETS</u>		
9,591	National Bank - Cheque Account	11,735.65
1,695	National Bank - Call Account	1,704.69
15,790	National Bank - Fixed Deposits	16,468.53
1,736	National Bank - Capital Trout Centre Account	1,288.99
625	National Bank - Competition Account	628.92
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29,437		31,826.78
	<u>LESS LIABILITIES</u>	
125	Sundry Creditors	139.50
0	Sundry Creditors - Pond Account	0.00
390	Subscriptions in Advance	640.00
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515		779.50
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<u>\$28,922</u>	<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$31,047.28</u>
	<u>MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>	
24,938	Balance 31 March 2025	26,561.55
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1,623	Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year	2,567.82
26,561		29,129.37
	<u>RESERVES</u>	
1,736	Capital Trout Centre Reserve Account	1,288.99
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625	Competition Reserve Account	628.92
2,361		1,917.91
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<u>\$28,922</u>		<u>\$31,047.28</u>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2025

3,955	<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>		1,735.77
	<u>INCOME</u>		
5,070	Sponsorship Fish & Game	7,302.81	
3,582	Open Days and Functions	3,773.50	
835	Member Donations	945.00	
88	Interest	12.33	
1,000	Grant - Pharazyn Trust	1,000.00	
0	Raffles	525.00	
698	Wellington High School Course	697.80	
1,500	Grant - Pub Charities	0.00	
<u>12,773</u>			<u>14,256.44</u>
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>		
11,970	Fish Purchases	13,052.81	
280	Fish Food	135.69	
654	Clean-Up Costs	971.48	
0	Aquarium	267.44	
78	Stationery & Photocopy	0.00	
1,739	Pumps	0.00	
220	Repairs	275.80	
52	Barley Straw	0.00	
<u>14,993</u>			<u>14,703.22</u>
<u>\$1,735</u>	<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>		<u>\$1,288.99</u>

WELLINGTON FLYFISHERS CLUB INC

COMPETITION FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2025		
611	<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	625.25
14	Interest	3.67
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625		628.92
	<u>Less:</u>	
0	Bank Fees	0.00
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0		0.00
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<u>\$625</u>	<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>	<u>\$628.92</u>

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The club's annual photographic competition will be held in conjunction with the AGM at the meeting on Monday 4th May 2026. Bring along your photos taken in the last 12 months with a flyfishing theme or scene, (limit two photos per person).

Make sure you bring your photos early on the night to enable them to be displayed properly. Please put your name and contact number on the back of your photo. The photos will judged by the club members attending the AGM.

FLYBOX RAFFLE

As advised last month, the fundraising raffle for the Capital Trout Centre of a fly box filled with beautifully tied flies will be drawn at the AGM.

There are still some tickets left, \$5.00 each. Come and buy a ticket, it could be your lucky night.

UPCOMING CLUB TRIPS

May 22nd - 24th	Manawatu	
June 5th – 7th	Turangi	Auckland Club House
July 31st -2nd August	Turangi	Auckland Club House
August 21st – 23rd	Turangi	Accommodation to be confirmed
September 18th – 20th	Turangi	Auckland Club House

CAPITAL TROUT CENTRE CLEAN-UP

The storm which hit Wellington over the weekend of 18th to 20th April did a huge amount of damage throughout the Brooklyn and Owhiro Bay area.

Properties that were close to any waterways suffered the worst and must have been a heartbreak for the owners. The clean-up must be soul destroying.

The Capital Trout Centre which has its own waterway running through it, fortunately didn't suffer any structural damage but the ponds and pathways were covered with debris, in some places up to two feet high.

A great group of club members and other helpers did a great job on Friday and Saturday mornings and a large bin and a skip bin were filled with debris.



Many thanks to all those who came and helped.

Unfortunately, any trout that were in the ponds before the storm appear to have taken the opportunity of escaping down the overflow stream and could now be in the Cook Strait together with the whale which proved a happy sight for onlookers along the south coast, Saturday afternoon.

Further clean-up of the ponds is scheduled for July and we will be all set to welcome groups of children when we reopen in August.

Hopefully last week's weather event is not a sign of winter weather to come.

Strato

WFF FACEBOOK PAGE

Checkout the latest news on the club facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonFlyfishersClub>

A BROTHER'S VISIT

A visit from my brother from Greece in early April to attend mum's 100th birthday and also a school reunion at Dannevirke, also gave us the opportunity to do a bit of fishing together in the Tukituki and the Manawatu.

Costa had done a bit of fishing with me over the years, virtually all of which was downstream wet lining and his limited mobility placed some restriction on where we could fish.

I'd decided we would use size 8 green woolly buggers on teeny 200 lines in the hope that the larger flies would limit our catches to larger fish.

That supposition proved totally false as everywhere we went these large green woolly buggers were attacked by small rainbows (half pound) which somehow managed to get hooked on what is, one of my most productive flies in my fly box when fishing wet lines.

Each one would hit the line with such vigour that you were sure that you had caught something reasonable but the aerial jumps soon proved otherwise. Getting the hook out of the mouths of these small rainbows was often difficult.

Over the two and a half days of fishing, 49 of these small ones came to the net with many others lost.



Fishing the Tukituki was not so productive as many of the places we tried already had anglers fishing, despite that fact that it was mid-week. Obviously, the news the Tukituki was fishing well this season is well known. The Manawatu on the other hand was far more productive and we both caught good numbers of fish up to 4lb which was very satisfying for my brother.

We had hoped to do more fishing before he returned to Greece but the diabolical weather made this impossible. I'll now have to look forward to his next trip.

Strato

FLY OF THE MONTH

Fly tying is sponsored by [Fishscene](#)



Monday 18 May 2026, 7.30pm - Tararua Tramping Club Locker Room
(Access through side door on north side of building)

Pheasant Tail Nymph

There are numerous variations of this pattern



The Pheasant Tail nymph is one of the most useful nymph patterns. Rainbows and Browns love them because the nymph imitates a wide range of naturals.

Materials

Hook	Kamisan B175 #12 & #14 or TMC 3769 #10-18
Tail	Fibres from pheasant tail
Gold rib	Copper wire
Body	Pheasant tail fibres (over lead wire if extra weight is required)
Wing Case	Pheasant tail fibres
Thorax	Peacock herl or hares fur or copper wire
Head	2.8mm gold, brass or glass bead – optional extra
Legs	Hackle or pheasant tail fibres

If anyone has suggestions for fly patterns they would like to see tied at the fly-tying meetings please let Strato know (386 3740).



*Winter is here
and Lake Taupo river fishing is calling.*

*Time to stock up on your
favourite flies and equipment.*

*Rods, reels, waders etc
all in stock*

Other than for specials, Club discount 10% is available on flyfishing purchases with your membership card.

**The Flyfishing Experts
Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing NZ
8 Te Puni Street, Petone.**

P O Box 33 206, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand
Telephone: 0064-4-589 9500

ON-STREAM DAY

Next onstream day – Saturday 30 May, Hutt River or Ruamahunga. Onstream days are opportunities for members who are new to flyfishing to learn from an experienced angler. It is your responsibility to have a current NZ sports fishing licence. These can be purchased from Hunting & Fishing, 8 Te Puni Street, Petone, or online from Fish & Game. Contact Strato (386-3740) before 9pm on the Wednesday prior to get details of where to meet. Limited numbers can be accommodated and acceptance will be on a first come first served basis

USEFUL LINKS

For a list of useful links including licences, river flow levels, weather sites and organisations please visit the club website.

<https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/links>

CLUB MEETING VENUE

Tararua Tramping Club rooms - 4 Moncrieff St, Mount Victoria, Wellington. For a detailed map and instructions on getting there please visit the club website <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/club-meetings/>

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please visit the Website for details relating to newsletter submissions <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

COMMITTEE MEETING

6 pm, second Monday every month. For additional details please see the club website <http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz/committee>

HELPDESK

Helpdesk is an opportunity for those attending club meetings to have their questions answered. This is a chance for newer members to have fly fishing mysteries unravelled. Tying techniques and problems, rigs, knots, fly selection, issues, casting, how to and where to go. Bring your problems and try the Helpdesk out.

WEBSITE

The club website and facebook pages provide online information, contact details and useful links. <http://wellingtonflyfishers.org.nz>

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

To join the club: collect a form at a club meeting; download a copy from the club website; or phone a committee member. Mail the completed form to PO Box 14006, Kilbirnie, Wellington 6241, or hand it in at the next meeting with your subscription and joining fee.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of every month except January at the Tararua Tramping Club rooms, 4 Moncreiff Street, Mt. Victoria, Wellington.

Tight Lines, the club newsletter is published monthly, except January, and is also available to club members via email as a pdf – contact the editor to be added to the distribution list.

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Full member or family membership	Junior membership	Joining fee	Overseas Newsletter (Email only)
\$35	no fee.	\$10	\$35

Enquiries wellingtonflyfishersclub@gmail.com

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

As a club member you should receive a copy of the club newsletter via email if you are not receiving club emails please see the website for details. <https://wellingtonflyfishers.org/newsletter/>

CLUB MISSION

To establish, maintain and conduct a club for the encouragement and promotion of flyfishing and all activities pertaining thereto.

COMMITTEE

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Fly Tying & Casting	Strato Cotsilinis	386 3740
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Committee	Peter Irwin	021-499-582



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