



# ROTORUA ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

August 2024

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 75th anniversary luncheon is the most important event on this year's club calendar. You should all have already received an email detailing how you can purchase tickets to this event. This is a significant milestone for our club, and I hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Also coming up in the next couple of months is our AGM. The strength of the club has always been those of you who have contributed in so many ways over many years.

It is a tribute to all those who have made the club what it is over all those years. Please consider becoming a part of the next committee that takes the club forward to its next milestone.

Dave Hutchison has been working with Resene over recent weeks regarding paint for the club rooms. While they are unable to sponsor paint for the rebuild, we have made an application for a quantity of recycled paint to paint over the recent graffiti. Once we have this paint we will let you know so that we can have a working bee to spruce up the back of the building. We will still be planning a full repaint this coming summer, but hopefully we can discourage the graffiti attacks in the meantime.

## COMING EVENTS

- 3 August** Stream team
- 5 August** Fly tying
- 9 August** Club night
- 11 August** 75-year anniversary luncheon.
- 16 August** Club night
- 16 August** Committee meeting
- 23 August** Club night
- 30 August** Pot luck dinner.



How fortunate we are. A big thank you to the organizers of the Home and Lifestyle show for making exhibition space available at no charge to our club.

There was less foot traffic than previous years but we still succeeded in generating interest from those looking for tuition at the next A to Z course. We also caught the attention of a number of fishermen who seemed keen to take up the offer of visiting our club rooms on a Friday evening.

To make the most of the interest generated, it is vital that any visitor to the club be given a warm welcome. Play your part, make the effort, introduce yourself.



Lille helped Todd McClay tie a guaranteed fish catcher

## STREAM TEAM

Fishing the Ngongotaha, upstream from the village, is a challenge for even the most experienced angler.

One of the objectives of the 'Stream Team' is to identify good fishing waters that can be made more accessible for anglers. Steep banks, overhanging trees, and debris in the stream itself are the most common challenges faced.

Pictured, is a set of steps are constructed to make access to a promising stretch of the stream more accessible. Prior to their installation, intrepid anglers had to contend with a steep and slippery slope.

There is more work yet to be done on this particular stretch of the stream. A track needs to be cleared along the bank to give anglers better visibility for locating holding fish.

Willows, growing low down on the bank and stretching across the stream impede progress for the wading angler. If those could be removed, an angler could wade upstream a considerable distance fishing the holes and undercut banks. This will be the next project for the Rotorua Anglers stream team.



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# PUT THESE EVENTS INTO YOUR DIARY

## Kid's Fish Out 2024

4 August

1 September

6 October

3 November



# 75-YEAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Venue. Copthorne Hotel

Sunday 11th August

11.30 a.m . Meet and greet

12 noon Luncheon and guest speakers.

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The committee has agreed to a 50% subsidy for financial or life members.

The discounted cost per head is \$21.75 for a financial or life member

The price for a partner who is not a financial member is \$43.50.

**CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE** by buying tickets.

Booking must be confirmed by 31st July.

Payment by direct deposit into Rotorua Anglers Association account number

38-9014-0578816-00

Identify payment as '75 years' and your name(s)



# EASY-AS BAKED TROUT

## Ingredients

Fillet of **good quality** trout

500gms asparagus. You can substitute with whole green beans if asparagus is out of season

3 table spoons of olive oil

3 cloves of minced garlic

i/2 teaspoon freshly ground sea salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

## Instructions

- Pre heat oven to 180c
- Line a suitable size oven proof dish with foil or baking paper
- Place fillet skin side down in the centre of the dish
- Mix together one table spoon of olive oil and crushed garlic
- Use a pastry brush to coat the fillet with the oil and garlic mix
- Toss the asparagus in the remaining olive oil. Arrange around the fillet
- Sprinkle the fillet and asparagus with salt and pepper
- Thinly slice the lemon and arrange to completely cover the fillet
- Loosely cover over the dish with a sheet of foil or baking paper.
- Bake for 15 min until the fillet is cooked through. You are aiming for moist and flaky, not dry and tough.
- Remove the majority of the lemon before serving. Leave a few for visual appeal.



Club members and friends enjoying the Mid-winter Christmas Party

## GLO BUGS. THE TWO MINUTE TIE.

Put a small drop of super glue onto the shaft of the hook. This will prevent the finished fly from sliding down the hook when you are fishing it.

Pinch the glo-bug yarn onto the shaft of the hook and secure with a couple of turns of Kevlar thread. Note, it is essential to use Kevlar thread. Conventional thread is simply not strong enough.

Hold the two ends of the secured yarn, and pull vertically before using the bobbin to complete two , very tight, helicopter turns against the top of the hook shank.

The next step is to complete a couple of turns at the eye of the hook which are then tied off with a couple of half hitches.

Now for the tricky bit that defines the miniature ball shape of your glo bug. First, place a drop of gloopy head cement on the underside of the hook. This will help when you are ready to shape the yarn around the hook , forming that perfect ball.



Grasp the glo bug yarn firmly and pull vertically to create some tension.

With a very sharp pair of scissors, cut over the top of the yarn, shaping a curve as you do so.

Now mould and shape the yarn fibres to form the perfect ball.



# OUT THERE DOING IT

One of the great benefits of belonging to an angling club is that you are able to learn from those more knowledgeable and experienced than yourself. Since reconnecting with Rotorua Anglers back in March, I've become aware of how out of date I had become, I welcome the opportunity for a bit of a catch up. I have been particularly keen to learn the technique of soft baiting, and have had a couple of trips out on Tarawera with Richard Pryce and Roger Bowden. Roger explained that it was late in the season and the trout were more interested in spawning than feeding, which meant the catch rate was going to be down but we were still in with a chance.

As it turned out, I caught nothing (I had a couple of taps) but learned heaps about the technique for hooking fish. Roger also gave me the low down on how he makes up his leaders and the best way to use a fixed spool reel. Roger stressed that the bail arm should be clicked over manually. Using the reel handle to click it into place puts unnecessary wear and tear on the reel. Roger shared information on the entire set up: rod, reel, braid, lures and jig heads. It was a master class in soft bait fishing. I



Ray Punter's second time lucky. He was lucky enough to go out with Roger for a second attempt. He was very pleased to land this beautifully conditioned fish.



Marie's fish of the day.



Fishing the pipe. Hard work and persistence pays off for Bryce. This is an excellent example of a well-conditioned Rotoiti fish.

Ron