

## *Fly Fishing CV of Geoff Lay 2008*

Fly fishing has been my passion now for 32 years having caught my first trout , a 6 ½ pound brown , at 16 years of age.

Having grown up in central Victoria I learnt to fish still water on Newlyn Reservoir and Hepburn Lagoon, and learnt creek fishing on Birches Creek where it was all small dry fly fishing.

Every December for ten years I had full river access on the Swampy Plains at Khancoban Station and this is where I learnt the fine art of river fly fishing.

I have fished a lot of places on mainland Australia from Eucambene – Tantangara , most of the Snowy and hydro water, the Monaro rivers and streams before they became drought affected and the Western District lakes and surrounding waters.

I regularly stay at my mates fishing ‘shack’ in Tasmania and fish mostly the western lakes there.

In 2000 I moved to Clunes near Ballarat, and became a member of Ballarat Fly Fishing Club . Here I fished the Wastel Trophy at Cairncurren and Tullaroop dam and came second twice.

The year 2000 was also the year I started to competition fish after having been to the world titles in Eucambene as a spectator in 1999. ( Catching plenty of fish here after the competition sessions had finished).

My first state contest was the Victorian titles on Lake Wendoree, Ballarat.

I have fished New Zealand numerous times. Two trips were with a guide, fishing rivers and lakes around Rotourua, and going back country by helicopter then rafting the Mahake River. Here I was shown how high stick nymph with great success.

I now use this technique on rivers in hard conditions with confidence.

Four other subsequent trips to NZ I spent traveling around both island fishing lakes and rivers.

I now live at Mansfield Victoria. I work on Mt buller and drive past the Delatite River everyday and regularly stop in for a fish on my way home.

There are 4 other major rivers which run into Lake Eildon close by which I also fish

This year I was voted in as President of The Mansfield and District Fly Fishing Club which I am finding rewarding in many ways .

### *Competitions*

2000. National titles, Eildon . Team event . placed Third.

2000. State champs at lake Wendouree. Qualified for nationals at Khancobin.

2001. Qualified for nationals, Mt Beauty.

2001. Competed at the nationals.

2004. Qualified in S.A. for the nationals. Won a gold medal in a round for S.A. on the Broughton River, Spalding.

2004. Competed in nationals in Tasmania

2006. Qualified in S.A. for the nationals.

2006. Competed at the nationals.

2007. Qualified at the nationals at Black Billy

2007. Competed at the nationals at Falls Creek. Winning the individual bronze medal.

Regards,

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