

# CURRICULUM VITALE

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### **Introduction**

I began fishing at age 8 on my local waters in and around Ballarat. By the age of 12 I had progressed to fly fishing on Lake Wendouree and my love of the sport has not wavered ever since.

I consider my self a proficient fly fisherman adept at mastering new techniques and methods, with a strong desire to perform to the best of my abilities at all times.

I know that I am a team player and believe that for a team to be successful all members must share knowledge freely and be able to work as a cohesive unit.

I also believe, based on my international competition experience, that it is essential to be proficient at fly tying. New waters present new challenges, which require teams to adapt with innovation and creativity. This can mean the difference between success and failure.

I am an extremely proficient fly tyer.

I have had the honour of representing my country on three previous occasions: at the World Championships in 1996 in the Czech Republic and in 2002 in Spain; after which I competed in the Commonwealth Championships in the UK. I finished mid field in both World Championships and I came 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Commonwealth Championships.

## **River Fishing Experience**

Apart from our Australian waters I have also fished in several countries including the Czech Republic, Spain, New Zealand and North America. This was predominantly river fishing ranging from small streams, spring creeks and large fast flowing rivers. The methods used to fish these waters were Czech Nymphing, Dry Fly, Upstream Nymphing, Down and Across with floating and sinking lines with nymphs and streamers.

The ability to be able to read a water is essential to know what method to utilise in order to gain the optimum result. I feel that this experience has assisted my ability to do so and am confident in all situations.

## **Lake Fishing Experience**

Lake Wendouree was my local water as a young man and my early years of fly fishing was shore based fishing on this water. When I joined the local Fly fishing club at 16 I had a steep learning curve, being mentored by many experienced fly men who took me under their wing and introduced me to many different lakes in Victoria, Tasmania and NSW.

I have confidence and am very competent in all types of lake fishing methods, including Long leader nymph fishing, Dry fly, Intermediate and sinking lines with nymphs and attractor patterns.

I am capable and competent in reading these types of waters looking for wind lanes, taking account of the surrounding topography and land patterns at the lakes edge.

## **Competition Overview**

I have in the last 10 years consistently finished in the top ten of my state championships with competitors numbering up to a 120. In the national competition I have been a consistent performer finishing 1<sup>st</sup> on two occasions and being in the top twenty on many occasions.