



# 2009 Flyfishing Conclave

Sydney - The Sydney Academy of Sport & Recreation,  
Narrabeen, 5 & 6 September.

*"I guarantee these two days will change your fly fishing destiny!"*  
Peter Hayes

I have assembled tutors that I call **'THE BEST OF THE BEST'** from all over Australia to deliver a variety of exciting and informative workshop programs for you to participate in. There is an equal emphasis on fresh and saltwater fishing. Join us and fast track your skills on these entertaining fun weekends. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.



*Enjoy the camaraderie of like minded fly fishers and forge lifelong friendships with those that I consider fly fishing's 'Best of the Best'.*

**Tutors include:** Peter Morse, Peter Hayes, Philip Weigall, Mick Hall, Matthew Howell, Simon Zarifeh, Nick Taransky, Muz Wilson, Sean Ash, Brian Henderson, Greg Jackson, Justin Duggan, Roy Wybrow, Bintoro, Jim Gilchrist and Billy Ryan

**To find out more, or book online visit:** [www.peterhayesflyfishing.com](http://www.peterhayesflyfishing.com)

**Workshops include:** All levels of fly casting tuition, fresh and saltwater fly tying, fly fishing, cane rod casting, two handed spey casting, angling entomology, children's learn to fly fish programs and fishing photography classes are amongst some on offer.

Joint discussions and demonstrations on many important aspects of fly fishing and casting are part of the weekend.

**In addition to the workshops you can fish at these venue too.**

Come along and try all the latest products from Sage, Winston, Scott, Vision, Innovator, Simms, Cortland Scientific Anglers, and more.

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The events start at 9 a.m. each morning and conclude at 5.30 p.m.

**Venue:** *The Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen*

During each day there are a variety of two x 2 hour workshop programs of your choice to attend.

Included each day are two x 1 hour group discussions/demonstrations and tutorials on topics that your instructors consider of vital importance for all fly fishers.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea is provided. Ideally participants will attend the weekend as a **'Live In'** guest. Alternatively you may come for the day on Saturday or Sunday or both. Flyfishers under 16 years of age may attend at ½ price.

A separate dinner ticket is available for those wishing to stay on after the Saturday classes and enjoy the Fly Fishing Forum dinner event with the tutors that I call **'The Best of the Best'**

Bookings are absolutely essential and can only be booked online at [www.peterhayesflyfishing.com](http://www.peterhayesflyfishing.com)

## **Mandatory Group Discussions & Sessions**

**All Tutors & Students - Sat a.m.**

**"Line Management"** - avoid the frustration, get more organised and catch more fish.

**All Tutors & Students - Sun a.m.**

**"Retrieves Catch Fish"** - get yourself a 'tool box' full of retrieves for tricky and hard to catch fish. This group discussion draws on a wealth of experience from all the tutors. Information applies to all species of fish in any environment.

**All Tutors & Students - Sat/Sun p.m.**

**"Rod Swap & Casting Jam Session"** - All hands on deck, Master and Certified Casting Instructors are available to help you work on various aspects of your cast. Maybe you need to cast further, know how to mend, roll cast, double haul or understand knots and leader configurations. Whatever it is that you wish to learn the tutors are all available during the **'Casting Jams'**. Using a dozen very different rods during the **'Rod Swap'** will give you a greater depth of understanding about the power application, rod loading and loop control. You will cast all the latest gear along with some antiques.

## **Workshop Programs**

**Peter Hayes - Sat/Sun a.m.**

**"Practice What I Preach"** - Peter draws on his 15 years of guiding and casting tuition skills to deliver useful and fun practice drills that are guaranteed to improve your fishing success.

**Peter Hayes - Sat/Sun p.m.**

**"Cast Into The Next Postcode"** - Learn the six fundamental secrets to casting with **'Power and Distance'**. This is a class for casters with intermediate or better skills.

**Matthew Howell - Sat/Sun a.m.**

**"Taming the Wind"** - Learn to love the wind. Let it mess up your hair not the fishing. As a FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) Certified Master Casting Instructor, Matt Howell shows you simple and practical solutions to deal with the problems presented by windy fishing days.

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### Simon Zarifeh - Sat/Sun a.m.

**“Perfecting your Stroke”** – have your casting stroke analysed by the Analyser! Get rigged up to the Sage casting analyser and have your casting stroke comprehensively analysed. You will be provided with a 3 page print out explaining the attributes of your cast, such as how fast you decelerate the rod, whether you are creeping and various other factors. Then have your print out analysed by a FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor who will give you some suggestions and drills to improve your cast. This should put you on the road to perfection!

### Simon Zarifeh - Sat/Sun p.m.

**‘Presentation Casts - be slack’**. Learn the casts that will catch more fish: pile casts, puddle casts, bucket casts, wiggle casts, curve casts and more.

### Muz Wilson - Sat a.m.

**“Dry Fly Tying Techniques”** - Everyone loves to fish with a dry fly. Come along and learn the various techniques that have made Muz one of the countries greatest tyers.

### Muz Wilson - Sat p.m.

**“Wet Fly Tying Techniques”** - Trout eat 70% of their food from below the surface. Let Muz show you how to tie many of his innovative and exciting killer wet fly patterns. Muz really does **‘think like a fish’** and he provides you with a stimulating and

insightful session on underwater flies and how to tie them.

### Muz Wilson - Sun a.m.

**“Foam Fly Tying Techniques”** - Foam is the modern day fly tying material. It is durable and will float forever. Enjoy learning special techniques developed by Muz. You too can be a foam tying expert in just a couple of short hours. Tie flies like the Fluffy Dun, Gutless Mudeye, Foam Damsel, Stimulator Sandwich and more.

### Muz Wilson - Sun p.m.

**“Problem Solving and tricks at the Vice”** - A hands on session dealing with your specific issues. Let Muz ‘fast track’ you to years of enjoyable and rewarding fly tying. There is nothing more rewarding than catching fish on your own flies. Let Muz show you how easy it can be. You will learn in hours what Muz has taken a lifetime to learn.

### Peter Morse - Sat a.m.

**“Fishing Photography”** - Learn simple tricks and techniques that make a huge difference to your fishing images and the way you will remember those precious moments.

### Peter Morse - Sat p.m.

**“Don’t Clouser your Rod”** - dealing with the wind and casting heavy flies in real fishing situations. There is no one with more species or more destinations under their belt in Australia. Come along and learn from the best.

### Peter Morse - Sun a.m.

**“Arbour to Fly”** - Learn various techniques of how to set up your tackle from the arbor of your reel right thru to the end of your leader. It’s not difficult you can easily learn it all in this fun two hour class.

### Mick Hall - Sat/Sun a.m.

**“Study of the Bugs and Tying of the Bugs”** - This 2 hour entomology and tying workshop combines a macro photographic study of the key insects that our trout feed on followed by a clever and thoughtful tying session that produces amazingly successful flies incorporating feeding **‘trigger points’** from the macro observations. Prior knowledge of fly tying preferable.

### Mick Hall - Sat/Sun p.m.

**“From Willow Grubs to Mayflies”** - My season on the Mountain Streams. Local fly fisher, keen entomologist and expert fly tyer, Mick Hall shares with you his season successes on his local streams. Gain intimate local knowledge and learn Micks secrets, successful fishing techniques and killer patterns. Bring your vice and learn many tying shortcuts from one of the masters. Prior knowledge of fly tying preferable.

### Nick Taransky - Sat/Sun a.m and p.m.

**“Casting with Cane”**. Join Nick and learn about the beauty of casting and fishing with Bamboo. Apart from a FFF Certified Casting Instructor, Nick is a leading maker and we are lucky to have him

### Workshop Programs

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in our midst. Cast a variety of his magic wands from tiny 5'6" 0 weights, the popular 7'0" 4/5 weights and powerful saltwater size rods. You will be enchanted and amazed by them and Nick's craftsmanship. You will leave this class with an understanding of how the romance of cane can be backed up with tight loops and tremendous line speed. By all means bring along your own bamboo rod to cast.

**Bintoro - Sat/Sun a.m and p.m.**

***"An Introduction to Two Handed Spey Casting"***

Bintoro, is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor at the forefront of two handed rod spey casting in Australia. This form of fly fishing is fast gathering momentum in our country so come along for a session and get in on the ground floor. You will learn just how effortless it is to throw prodigious distances with ease and grace. Much of what you learn can be applied to your normal single handed rod casting. All equipment is supplied.

**Shaun Ash - Sat/Sun a.m and p.m.**

***"Saltwater and Native Flies"*** - and how to fish them. This is a 'Tie and Try' session on some of the more popular flies - Toads, Dahlbergs and more. Sean is a great angler with a depth of experience rarely matched. Much of the knowledge he shares about Australian natives is also relevant in trout and saltwater fly fishing.

**Greg Jackson - Sat/Sun a.m and p.m.**

***"Big Casts - No Effort"***. *"I say Greg Jackson is Australia's best caster and the most delightful of all our tutors"*-Peter Hayes. There is no better caster of an 8wt in Australia, or perhaps the world. Don't miss Greg's class on effortless long distance casting. Greg will teach you about loop symmetry, perfect plane casting and smooth rod loading. Greg is the only man I know that can hold the nail knot on the end of his flyline and false cast perfect loops for an hour while he casually talks to you. Come along, meet Greg and learn his secrets.

**Brian Henderson - Sat/Sun a.m.**

***"Single Hand Roll and Spey Casts"*** - effortless and efficient casting with a single handed fly rod for lakes and streams. There are few casters in the world that can match Brian Henderson in roll casting. Learn the simple keys to make long, fast, tight loop rolls that are often the best solution to catching smart fish under cover. You will leave the class with a love for Roll and Spey casting concepts and never again will you think that you use a roll cast only when there are trees behind you.

**Brian Henderson - Sat/Sun p.m.**

***"Mending My Ways"*** - Brian discusses, demonstrates and teaches aerial and on water mending techniques for drag free presentations that will catch more fish. In moving water the fishing starts when your fly lands on the water. Australians are notoriously poor at mending line. Come along and enjoy the delightful teaching skills of Brian Hender-

son. You will be rewarded by longer drifts, drag free presentations and many more fish the next time you venture out.

**Justin Duggan - Sat/Sun a.m.**

***"Double Hauling made Easy"*** - If you can halve the effort and double your line speed you will smile more often and live longer. This class is a *'must do'* for all fly fishers that cannot already double haul. Justin is a very experienced saltwater guide and FFF CCI instructor and he will have you double hauling inside 5 minutes. Let Justin teach you in simple, easy to learn steps that double hauling has nothing whatsoever to do with rubbing your tummy, patting your head and jumping up and down at the same time. I guarantee you will get the 'Dopey Grin' when the concept of double hauling in perfect timing kicks in.

**Justin Duggan - Sat/Sun p.m.**

***"Shooting Heads & Saltwater Fly Fishing Techniques"***. Learn how to catch all manner of species with the local guru Justin Duggan. Hear about his season on the harbour and more exotic locations. Gain some of the intimate local knowledge that has taken Justin more than a dozen years of professional guiding to learn retrieves, shooting heads and lots more will be covered in this class.

### Workshop Programs

#### Philip Weigall - Sat/Sun a.m.

**“Right Place - Right Time”** - In this course, Philip discusses the fundamental importance to trout fishing success of matching conditions with destinations. You will learn how to access and interpret lake and stream information available on the internet, access and interpret weather data and forecasts, identify and use reliable fishing reports as opposed to the unreliable, plan trips to destinations with options and fall back positions, match time of year with likely waters and much more.

#### Philip Weigall - Sat/Sun p.m.

**“Stream Fishing Efficiency”** - Using time on the water effectively is one of the secrets to successful flyfishing, and no more so than when fishing fastwater trout streams. In this presentation Philip will explain what makes a prime trout feeding lie, break a typical river up and rate the ‘bits’ according to appropriate flyfishing effort, talk about events like grasshopper activity and evening rises which can temporarily ‘shift’ the best water, and discuss preparation and fishing techniques to maximise your fastwater fishing efficiency. This one simple class can make a huge difference to your future fishing success.

#### Roy Wybrow, Jim Gilchrist, Billy Ryan

Sat/Sun a.m.

**“Kids can flyfish too”** - A fun childrens learn to fly fish program designed to give your child a love for

fishing, a connection with the outdoors and nature in general. A class for 7 to 15 year olds with or without the big kid parents. All flyfishers under 16 are able to attend the conclave events at 1/2 price.

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Sat/Sun p.m.

**“Learn to Fly Fish”** - Learning to fly fish is as easy as ABC under the direction of Certified Casting Instructors. Come along and enjoy the almost meditative feel of the cast. Learn about the gear and practical fishing tips. You will leave this class with thorough understanding of what is required to catch fish in river, lake or saltwater environments.

### Why good casting is important?

*Here is what the expert says:*

To cast, or not to fish; that is the question. If you can’t adequately cast a fly line you might as well not fish.

“If you don’t know where the fish lie but can cast well enough to cover all of the water with finesse, you are likely to solve the mystery and catch fish. If you know where they lie but can neither reach them nor present the fly naturally, ***you are not even in the game.***”

*From Joan Wulff’s book:  
“Fly Casting Techniques”.*

### From the past conclave

