

ROTARY DISTRICT 9830 TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA
MONTANA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE 2016

TEAM MEMBER PROFILE



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Education	Advanced Diploma in Tourism (TasTAFE) Bachelor of Science - Aquaculture (UTAS) (75% complete) Year 12 - Newstead College, Tas.
Professional Memberships:	Tourism Industry Council Tasmania Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania Women in Tourism Marine and Safety Tasmania.
Interests	Fly fishing, hiking and bushwalking, outdoor adventures, indigenous culture, wildlife, socializing, horse riding
Family	Married to Daniel Hackett (fly fishing guide and author) and mother of Sidney Hackett. 4 ½ year old adventurous little boy.

ABOUT ME

I am an outgoing person with the ability to go with the flow. I love my beautiful little family, and am blessed with an amazing network of friends in Tasmania, and make new friends easily. I am an eternal student and love seeing and experiencing new things, places and people. I am proud of my business and excited about my future in eco-tourism. I love to laugh, enjoy all facets of fly fishing as a hobby, enjoy gardening and enjoy seeing wildlife.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- RiverFly 1864 is Tasmania's largest fly fishing outfitters.
- Fly guide, casting instructor, business manager, and everything in-between.
- First licensed fly fishing operator in World Heritage Area, Central Tasmania
- Owner/operator of RiverFly Wilderness Huts - eco huts located within the World Heritage Area, Lake Ina Tasmania.
- Australia's leading female fly fishing professional
- Instigator of women's fly fishing movement in Australia - first stockist of Patagonia fly fishing gear in Australia, and largest supply of women's equipment.
- Creator of Fly Fest - festival dedicated to fly fishing classes. Hosting international angling identities such as April Vokey (FlyGal Ventures, BC), and Carl McNeil (Swift Fly Fishing, creator of Epic rods NZ).
- Contributor to Fly Life Magazine Aus/NZ.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE ASPIRATIONS

- BOZEMAN and WEST YELLOWSTONE: as a fly fishing outfitter I would like to see other outfitters, meet fly guides and visit factories such as the Simms etc.
- Yellow Dog Fly Fishing - I would like to introduce them to Tasmanian's fly fishing and am familiar by email with Australian born staff member Kimberley Franke
- Craig Mattews at Blue Ribbon Flies
- Diana Rudolf - I met her as she a customer of ours in Tasmania, but would like to meet up again with her as one of the big names in female fishing.
- Rod builders - As a novice fly rod builder myself I'd love to learn more about the decorative rod wrapping craft.
- Yellowstone National Park - my business is one of a few licensed operators in the Tasmanian World Heritage Area. I want to see and speak with other businesses who operate in YNP to gain more understanding of how to run tourism operations in national parks
- Native American Experience - visiting a native reserve to learn more about Native American culture.
- Fishing Ranch stay - given the opportunity I would love to stay on a fishing ranch/lodge.
- Explore success or otherwise of farming and fishing rivers whilst having minimal/no environmental impact.
- Old Faithful Geysers, and the Old Faithful Inn.

OTHER

- Allergy to seafood, shellfish. Can eat some cooked fish.
- Don't process highly fatty foods as I have had my gallbladder out.
- Love children and would enjoy meeting young people too.
- Asthmatic