



Hello

Welcome to the February 2023 FRDC News, another bumper edition.

Some of the stories this month include a feature on a collaborative approach to managing sea urchin invasions, an article on the latest research to help reverse Pearl Perch stock decline and a story demonstrating how FRDC has helped to build capacity through its support of the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program.

FRDC is also supporting a range of fishing and aquaculture events and conferences over the coming months. Take a look at this video our team filmed while working at the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival recently.

Don't forget, it's not too late to submit an application for membership on one of our Research Advisory Committees. You can play a vital role in ensuring FRDC investments deliver real impact through research, development, and extension. See the link in the 'In Brief' section below.

We'd love your feedback or story suggestions, you can submit them in this [form](#) and the **Communications Team** will be in touch.

*Click on the screen to see the video



FRDC acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and culture. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.



Career and industry development gather pace through seafood leadership program

As NSILP celebrates its 24th year, alumni reflect on their experience with the program, including the challenges and opportunities along the way.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcome 5



Can all lemons become lemonade? Workshop considers range of options to deal with invasive urchin

A strategy is being developed following the *National Centrostephanus Workshop* that aims to both control the species in Tasmania and optimise its value as a premium product.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 5



New findings to help guide Pearl Perch recovery

Research to gain a better understanding of Pearl Perch biology provides scientific evidence to help fisheries managers reverse a serious decline in stocks.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 2 and 3



All you need to know about Standards

FRDC was successfully re-accredited by Standards Australia in September 2022 'to develop Standards in terminology, sustainability, and operational practices in the fishing and aquaculture industry'.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 2 and 5



Review highlights need for more species-specific data

Fisheries managers need the best possible information when making fisheries management decisions on fish stocks, so CSIRO fisheries scientist Dr Karen Evans has led a major review into the biological parameters used in stock assessments as part of FRDC-funded research.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 2 and 3 and Enabling Strategy 2



Ready! Set! Go! Exercise Flywheel

The farmed barramundi industry will be joining with the Commonwealth, state, and territory governments to hold an emergency simulation exercise responding to a hypothetical disease outbreak.

[Read more](#)

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 1 and 2

In Brief

- **Do you want to help shape FRDC priorities? FRDC is seeking expressions of interest for membership of our Research Advisory Committees (RAC) in each State, the Commonwealth, and the Northern Territory.**

RAC's play a vital role in ensuring FRDC investments deliver real impact through its research, development, and extension. Visit our [website](#) for more information. Applications close 1 March 2023.

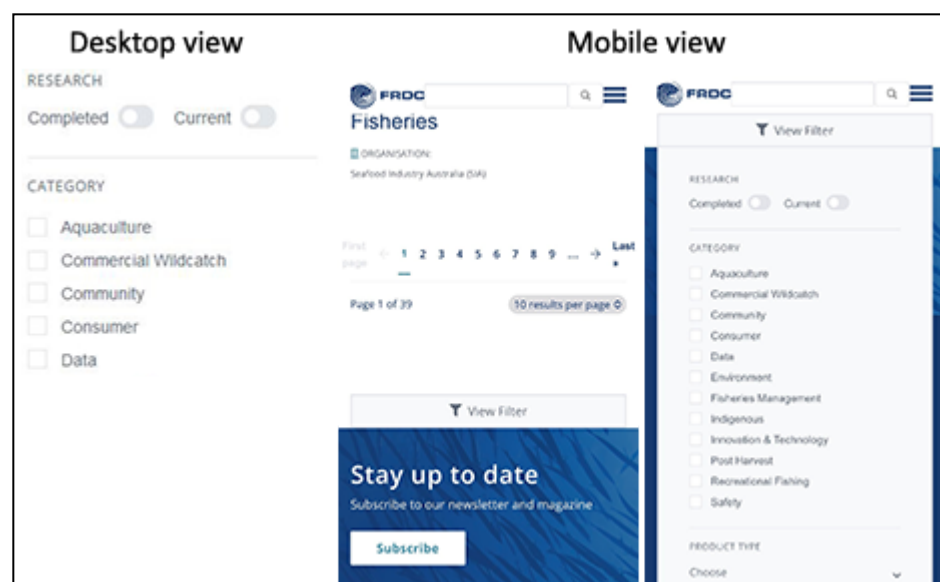
- **Have your say on aquatic animal health. AQUAPLAN 2022-2027** is Australia's national strategic plan for aquatic animal health. As part of AQUAPLAN, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is conducting a short survey of all aquatic stakeholders to understand how the aquatic animal health system is performing and shape future national activities. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZQZFMC> to have your say today. Responses close on 28 February 2023.
- On the 1-2 March, the **Ocean Business Leaders' Summit** at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney, will help establish a regular gathering of business, research, science, and government stakeholders to engage in discussion about a sustainable ocean economy. Register your interest to attend.
- The **International Fisheries Observer Monitoring Conference** is the premier conference series for developing and promoting effective fishery monitoring programmes throughout the world, aiming to ensure sustainable marine resource management. The event will be held in Hobart, Tasmania from 6-10 March 2023. Tickets available at <https://www.ifomc.aq/registration>
- **Agriculture Victoria has released 'Outbreak!'** - a set of guidelines to use in the event of a disease outbreak in aquatic animals including finfish, molluscs and crustaceans. This project was supported by FRDC under project 2021-061. View the publication at <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/aquatic-animal-diseases/outbreak!>

Upcoming events

Find all the latest events at <https://www.frdc.com.au/upcoming-events>

FRDC projects

Find a dynamic list of our current and completed projects on our website. On these pages, you will also be able to filter our projects by topics, species, organisation and more, using the filter list on the right (on desktop view) or at the bottom of the list (in mobile view).



FRDC website updates

Catch up on the latest updates across our website

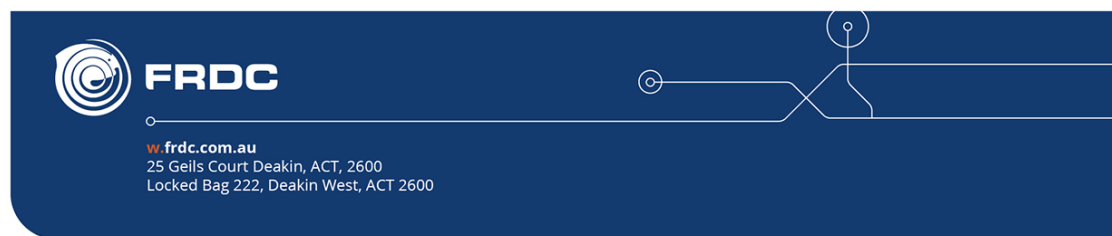
- FRDC Standards
 - Seaweed Aquaculture in Australia
 - White Spot Disease
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Movers

- **Len Stephens** has stepped down from being Chair of Oyster Australia. David Jordan will take their place.
 - **David Kramer** has been appointed as the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) Aquaculture manager.
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