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Welcome to the June 2023 edition of FRDC News.

In this edition you can delve into research on the drivers of **Indigenous-led brands**, learn about Northern Australia's iconic **Giant Mud Crab** and see highlights on **'Tasmania's Marine Atlas'** - a user-friendly program supporting future marine planning, plus much more!

Make sure you register for the Salmon Open House event in Hobart on 8 July 2023 where attendees can speak to the experts about Storm Bay science and environmental research.

As always, your feedback is most welcome along with any story requests. Please submit them in this [form](#) and the **Communications Team** will be in touch.

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.

TOP STORIES



Connection to country comes first for Indigenous led brands

Price premiums are one potential benefit of Indigenous led brands, but new FRDC-funded research shows strengthening communities and employment are stronger drivers.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 2 and 5](#)

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There are crabs, and then there are Giant Mud Crabs

Research in Queensland is focused on maximising the commercial and ecological health of one of northern Australia's iconic species, the Giant Mud Crab (*Scylla serrata*).

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Tasmania's Marine Atlas

An online mapping platform is being developed for Tasmanian waters to improve accessibility of information supporting marine planning.

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Seafood Directions makes its way to Hobart

Following a sell-out event in 2022, Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) has announced that the biennial, Seafood Directions conference, will be held in Hobart from 10-12 September 2024.

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Supporting Strength in Aquaculture

Over 1200 conference delegates descended on Darwin in early June to hear and share global aquaculture research and news at the World Aquaculture Society Conference 2023.

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Supporting cultural fisheries research for Aboriginal Tasmanians

FRDC, IMAS and ILSC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Research to Rights: Supporting cultural fisheries for Aboriginal Tasmanians.

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Deep diving into Storm Bay Research

Hobartians - You're invited to our Open House event 'Talk to the researchers' - Learn about Storm Bay science and environmental research.

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Stakeholder engagement with the FRDC Board of Directors

Last month saw FRDC Directors and Staff travel to Hobart, visiting farms and facilities, and listening to presentations from a range of organisations.

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Optimising Individual Transferable Quota Fisheries

Effective fisheries management involves controlling the total catch within a specific fishery, including where that catch is shared between commercial, Indigenous, and recreational fishers.

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IN BRIEF

- FRDC funding opportunities **are now open** for researchers and postgraduate students to address priorities identified by stakeholders in Indigenous, commercial and recreational fishing, and aquaculture.
- The South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association Inc. is hosting the **Trans-Tasman Rock Lobster Conference 2023**, held from 25-27 July in Adelaide, exploring the theme, 'The Changing Environment - Charting the Course'.
- The **Sixth Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Australasian Scientific Conference on Aquatic Animal Health and Biosecurity** will be held in Cairns from the 3-7 July 2023. [Register here.](#)
- Check out [University of Technology's article](#) on FRDC Project 2021-024: Development of an Indigenous engagement strategy for fishing interests with a focus on Commonwealth fisheries.

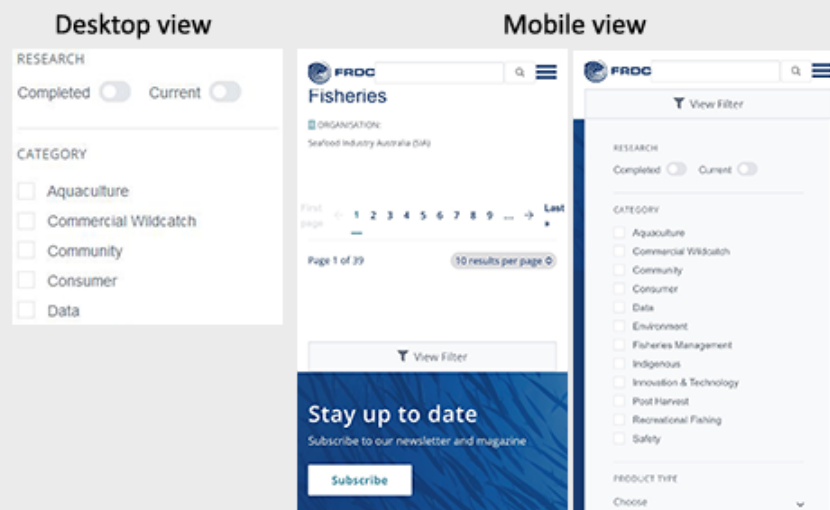
UPCOMING EVENTS

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For our researchers, information on **reporting guidelines** is available from <https://www.frdc.com.au/reporting-guidelines>

MOVERS

- The Sydney Fish Market has announced the appointment of **Craig Davison** as Chair.
- The Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association has appointed **Daniel Casement** as the association's new Executive Officer.

As always, we love your feedback and story suggestions, which you can submit on our website <https://www.frdc.com.au/contact-us>

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