



Hello

Welcome to July's FRDC News, we hope you enjoy the read. We are always keen to get your feedback and story suggestions, so please send them to [Communications Team](#).

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.



[Welcome to Senator Murray Watt Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry](#)

In a recent meeting with sector leaders, the Minister observed that his immediate priorities for fishing and aquaculture were to deliver on the election commitments, including Country of Origin Labelling, increase value-adding on seafood, address climate change and biosecurity, and ensure sustainability of the sectors and the environment.

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[Taking Atlantic Salmon research to the people](#)

The world class science associated with [Atlantic Salmon aquaculture](#) was on show at a recent event in Hobart where FRDC collaborated with CSIRO and the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) in an open-house engagement day for the public.

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Relates to [R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 5](#)



Wild prawn sector shares its stories to build trust

Australia's commercial prawn fishers are [sharing their stories and engaging with communities](#) to build trust and maintain their social license to operate.

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Relates to [R&D Plan Outcome 5](#)



Plastic Free July - Fishing for data on plastics

The [problem of plastics in our oceans](#) is at the forefront of international meetings and global policies.

FRDC has funded a body of research looking at the plastic issue in an Australian context. [The latest of these projects](#) focussed on the potential effects and implications of plastic in seafood and its impacts for fishing and aquaculture.

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Relates to [R&D Plan Outcome 2](#)



Supporting R&D and capacity building for Indigenous fishing and aquaculture

As part of our support for NAIDOC Week 2022 this month, FRDC acknowledged the special relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with their traditional lands and waters.

FRDC is committed to investing in R&D projects around Australia to help Indigenous Australians achieve their aspirations in fishing and aquaculture.

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Relates to [R&D Plan Outcomes 3 and 4](#)



2022 National Seafood Industry Leadership Program kicks off

The new cohort of the (in-person) 2022 [National Seafood Industry Leadership Program \(NSILP\)](#) began their NSILP journey at a residential workshop in Fremantle on 21-23 June.

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In Brief

The Longspined Sea Urchin - from sea waste to horticultural gold

The Longspined Sea Urchin is an invasive species with an expanding range, damaging kelp forests in Southern NSW, East Coast Victoria and East Coast Tasmania, however, it may now become an asset for the wine and fruit growers in the region.

Dr Nigel Swarts from the University of Tasmania is leading an [FRDC-funded project](#) assessing the benefits of sea urchin processing waste as an agricultural fertiliser and soil ameliorant.

This project contributes to advancing two [important FRDC values](#): promoting healthy oceans and putting waste to good use in a circular economy model.

Sound science and great management to the rescue of Sea Lions

A [recent paper](#) is the latest chapter in a story of good management that started when an [FRDC-funded project](#) uncovered unsustainable numbers of Australian Sea Lions (ASL) caught as bycatch in the Commonwealth Gillnet Hook and Trap Fishery off South Australia.

This discovery sparked immediate and lasting management changes through the [Australian Sea Lion Management Strategy](#). Now, a decade later, the new research has confirmed that there has been a 98% reduction in sea lion bycatch mortality from gillnet interactions.

Upcoming events

Seafood Directions Key Note

Have you registered for the Seafood Directions Conference?

It will be held in Brisbane on 13-15 September 2022 and now [all speakers](#) have been finalised, including keynote speaker Jas Chambers, founder and CEO of [Ocean Decade Australia](#).

World Recreational Fisheries Conference

Submissions are now open for the next [World Recreational Fishing](#) conference to be held in Melbourne on 18-23 February 2023. The themes will be around keeping pace in a dynamic and challenging world with changing fisheries.

International Seaweed Symposium

Early registration rates are now available for the 24th [International Seaweed Symposium](#) which will be held in Australia for the first time. It will take place in Hobart, Tasmania, on 19-24 February 2023.

AgriFutures evoke^{AG}

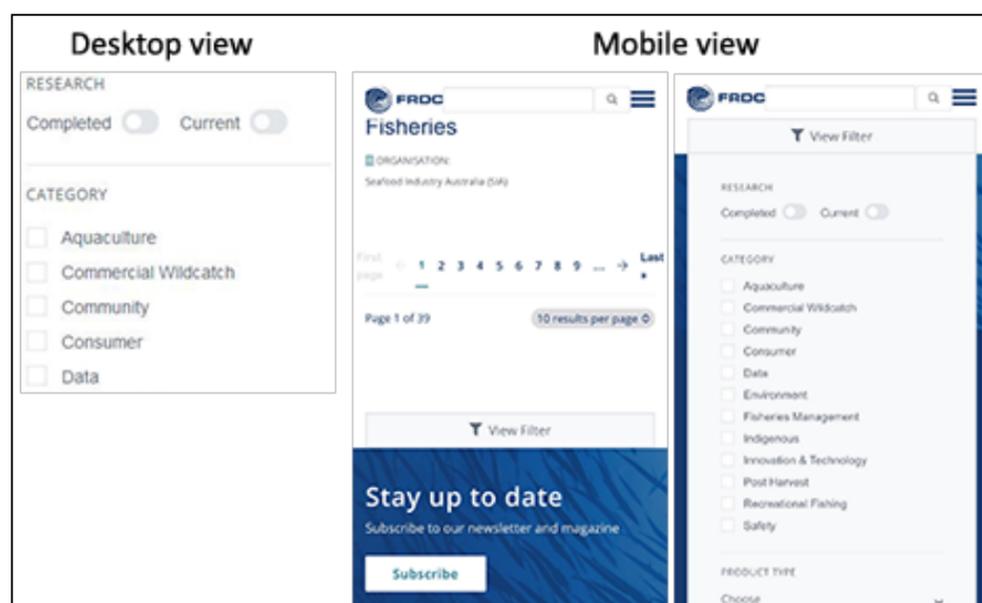
Tickets are now on sale for [AgriFutures evoke^{AG}](#) is the Asia Pacific's premier agrifood tech event, attracting leaders, farmers, innovators, researchers, universities, corporates, government and investors to one location to connect and collaborate on 21-23 February 2023, in Adelaide, South Australia.

2021 Australian State of Environment Report - discussion with authors

Join environmental scientist, Professor Emma Johnston AO, the co-chief author of the 2021 Australian State of Environment Report and her co-authors to [discuss key findings of the report and what is in store for our environment and wellbeing](#). This is a free, in-person event on 21 July, 6pm, at the University of Sydney.

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).

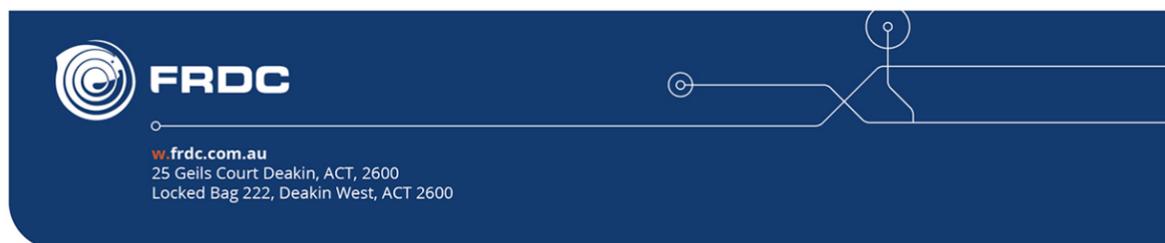


Movers

- At the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), Sean Tracey is now Centre Head – Fisheries and Aquaculture and Catriona Macleod is acting Executive Director.
- Laura Fatovich is the new Marine Industries Engagement Specialist at the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (Tasmania).
- Natalie Moltschaniwskyj is NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) new Chief Scientist while Matt Taylor is currently acting in Natalie's previous position as Director Fisheries Research also at NSW DPI.
- Peter Coulson has started a new position as Senior Technical Officer with IMAS.
- Doug Hall is the new WA Aquaculture Council Executive Officer.
- Iain Evans has been appointed Chair of Southern Rock Lobster (SRL).
- Ornatas hatchery's Research and Development Manager Jennifer Blair, has been appointed as the President of the World Aquaculture Society.
- Clayton Nelson has been elected as Chair of Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) and Catherine Sayer has been elected as Deputy Chair. They will commence their roles following the September SIA Board meeting.
- Robbie Oppenheimer joins Provectus Algae as Director of R&D.

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