



Hello

Welcome to September FRDC News.

As a statutory authority, FRDC observed the official mourning period for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, so this newsletter comes to you two weeks later than usual. This has given us the opportunity to add a short article about the recent Seafood Directions Conference. The conference will be covered in more detail in October FRDC News.

In this issue we also bring you the final results of an important community trust project, we showcase how freshwater dams can become fishing hotspots, one of our Board members attends an Indigenous festival and more.

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.



United for the future

The themes of communication, collaboration and unity ran strongly through Seafood Directions 2022, reflecting the conference motto 'One voice, one future'.

Seafood Directions, the premier ideas, innovation and networking event for the Australian seafood industry, was presented by Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) in Brisbane from September 13-15 with support from FRDC and many industry partners.

[Read more](#)

The community trusts fishers and aquaculture producers

2021	82.5%
2020	81.9%
2019	80.2%

National survey identifies opportunities to grow community trust

Community trust in fisheries and aquaculture is high, but there are opportunities to further improve public perceptions through stronger communication.

Over 80% of Australians believe fisheries play an important role in our society and the percentage is increasing steadily. This is one of the findings of the recently completed Community Trust in Rural Industries (CTRI) national research program survey, which ran for three years and surveyed 19,194 participants.

The program began in 2019 and involved 11 rural research and development corporations, including FRDC.

[Read more](#)

This is reflected in [R&D Plan Outcomes 5](#).



New FRDC leader in stakeholder engagement

FRDC's new General Manager Stakeholder Engagement, Kylie Dunstan, is a communications leader with extensive experience in rural industries and government relations and a background in commercial fishing.

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Build it and they will come - freshwater anglers to reap rewards of fish habitat trial

Log cabins (aka porcupine cribs) and synthetic trees were part of a successful FRDC-funded trial of fish-attracting structures in Queensland which could be just the boon freshwater fishers have been angling for.

The project also developed a set of guidelines now available on the Department of

Agriculture and Fisheries and the FRDC websites. This allows fish stocking groups and fishery managers around Australia to run through best practices, step by step.

[Read more](#)

This is reflected in [R&D Plan Outcome 2](#).

Image: Porcupine cribs, © The State of Queensland 2022



Garma 2022: Prioritising Indigenous Voices

FRDC Board Director Suzi Hullick recently attended the Garma Festival, a gathering that emphasises Indigenous Australian cultures and voices and highlights the value of listening and collaborating with Indigenous people about matters of Sea Country.

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This is reflected in [R&D Plan Outcomes 3 and 5](#).

In Brief

Winning students' research aligns with FRDC R&D Plan

Sustainable development, blue carbon and reducing community conflict in aquaculture were the focus of the [winning students](#) at the Australian Marine Science Association annual conference.

Supporting Safety

FRDC and Australian Maritime Safety Authority have recently joined forces to fund a new four-year National Safety project, to be run by Seafood Industry Australia (SIA). SIA will host a webinar on Thursday, October 6 to discuss the program in more detail and look at ways you can be involved. If you would like to attend, please email jessica@seafoodindustryaustralia.com.au

Plate for a Mate

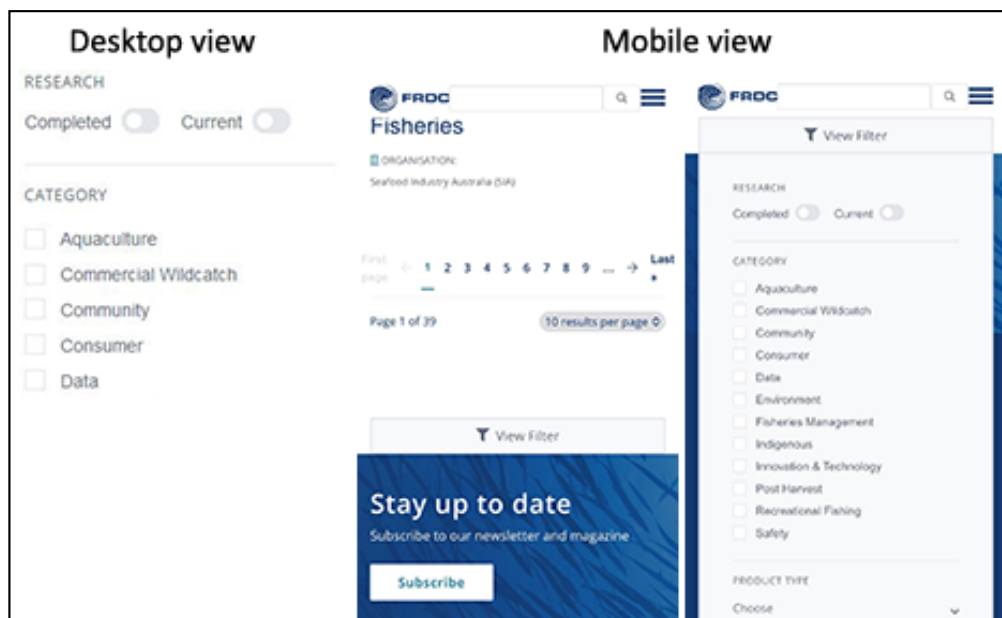
#PlateForAMate is an [awareness campaign](#), now in its third year, raising funds for the Black Dog Institute's Community Education programs. This year Humpty Doo Barramundi has joined the campaign to support the mental health of farmers and people who work hard to put food on our plates.

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).



Movers

- Dr Natalie Moltschaniwskyj has taken the reins as the NSW Department of Primary Industries' new Chief Scientist.
- Angela Williamson recently joined the Blue Economy CRC Co Ltd as Director of Blue Policy & Planning.
- Emma Johnston Professor of Marine Ecology and Ecotoxicology resigned as dean of science at the University of NSW to take up a senior role as deputy vice-chancellor at the University of Sydney.
- Travis Baulch has left the Victorian Fisheries Association.
- Following the Machinery of Government changes, from 1 July 2022, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has been established and some of the functions covered by its predecessor have now been move to the new Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

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