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## Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names – Update #2/2023

### *Introducing the new Project Manager*

We are delighted Mr Gordon (Gus) Yearsley has accepted the role of Project Manager for the Fish Names and Aquatic Plant Name standards from 1 April 2023 – welcome.



Upon accepting the position, Gus stated *“After decades of experience working with fish names and more recently with aquatic plant names, I am thrilled with the opportunity to be Project Manager for the Standards. It's a privilege to continue, and to build on, the good work of the previous two managers. I look forward to working with our stakeholders – please contact me with any questions and comments about the Standards or specific names.”*

Gus, formerly the Chair of the Aquatic Plant Names Committee and Deputy Chair of the Fish Names Committee, brings a wealth of knowledge to this role.

### *FRDC News February 2023 - All you need to know about Standards*

Read about the Aquatic Plant Names Standard in the [February edition of FRDC News](#).

*We are pleased to announce that you can view the Australian Aquatic Plant Names Standard AS 5301 at no cost to the user (or buy a printed copy of the standard) – [view the Standard now](#).*

Annex A 'List of Standard Aquatic Plant Names' in the Australian Aquatic Plant Names Standard AS 5301, is current only at the time of publication, i.e., published every 3 years. If you are looking for a complete up-to-date list of species, please ensure you [download the Australian Aquatic Plant Names Database](#) (excel spreadsheet). This up-to-date list is directly linked to the Aquatic Plant Names search engine to ensure you receive the most current data as new names are added/amended each year.

## International Seaweed Symposium

Several members of the Aquatic Plant Name Committee (APNC) presented a [poster](#) at the [24<sup>th</sup> International Seaweed Symposium](#), 19-24 February 2023, in Hobart.



*The then Chair of the committee, Gus Yearsley, pictured here with (L to R) James Ashmore (APNC member), Gus, Suzie Hullick (FRDC Board member), Alecia Bellgrove (APNC member) and John Huisman (APNC Deputy Chair), found the symposium informative, stating "Standardising aquatic plant names early in the expansion of the industry, will reap significant benefits for a variety of stakeholders, including consumers. Standard names bring confidence to consumers' purchasing decisions as Australians continue to enjoy nutritious seaweed products."*

## Applications Approved for Addition to the Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300)

**Application 1:** SEABLITES for *Suaeda* spp.

**Application 2:** Red Bladeweed for *Halymenia durvillei*

## Scientific Names Updates

Taxonomic research (including DNA sequencing) has resulted in changes to scientific names. The APNC has no influence or input into scientific names, but is required to update the relevant species information to reflect changes. The database on the [Aquatic Plant Names Standards website](#) reflects these changes.

- A proposal was received to add the recently segregated genus *Neopyropia* to NORI, which currently includes *Porphyra* & *Pyropia* spp. However, the standing of *Neopyropia* has been questioned and the genus has not been universally accepted, as such this proposal will not be considered until the taxonomy is settled.

## Next Aquatic Plant Names Committee (APNC) Meeting – July 2023

If you are submitting an application to amend the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names AS 5301, either by adding a new species or updating a currently listed species, all completed applications with supporting documents must be emailed through by **15 April 2023**. This will ensure they are added to the agenda for review. The [application form](#) can be found on our website. Email the completed document with any attachments to [apnc@frdc.com.au](mailto:apnc@frdc.com.au). Also, you can use this email address to get in touch if you have any questions.

### *Aquatic Plant Names Committee (APNC)*

Information about our committee members can be found in the [APNC Committee section](#).

The FRDC has approved Ms Umar Nguyen (Expert Member – Hospitality) as a new member of the APNC taking over from Cassandra Austin - welcome Umar.

We thank Cassandra for her commitment and contributions to the APNC, sharing her considerable expertise from May 2020 to October 2022.

### *E-newsletter Feedback*

Do you have any feedback or comments on the e-newsletter? Do you like what you are reading, or would you like to see some changes? Email [apnc@frdc.com.au](mailto:apnc@frdc.com.au) with your thoughts!

### *Keep updated on the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names*

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### *Keep updated on the Australian Standard for Fish Names*

There is also an Australian Standard for Fish Names (AS 5300). If you want to be added to the Fish Names email list, [register your details on our website](#).

It would be greatly appreciated if you could share this email through your networks!

*Gus Yearsley*

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Visit the [Aquatic Plant Names Standard website](#) for more information