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Hello

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of FRDC News.

In this edition, we're looking at the Northern Territory's Aboriginal coastal communities and the [importance of seafood connection](#), what the east coast trawl sector is doing to 'strike gold', and an activity [schools can look forward](#) to now that they are back from school holidays.

We also pay our respects to [John Kerin](#) AO and celebrate his enormous contribution to establishing the Rural Research and Development Corporations.

Don't forget, we're always keen to get your feedback and story suggestions. 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



Seafood builds physical and cultural health of Indigenous communities

For the Northern Territory's Aboriginal coastal communities, seafood connection to community is much more important than just the meals it provides and the jobs it supports, finds new FRDC supported research.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1 and 3](#)

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Fish toxin tests to track ciguatera risk

Commercial and Recreational fishers have contributed hundreds of samples to help researchers at the University of Technology Sydney track Ciguatera fish poisoning in tropical fish species.

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



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FRDC Board travels West

An early morning visit to the Albany marina kicked off a series of FRDC Board stakeholder engagement events in Western Australia in early April.

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Trawl workshop 'strikes gold'

1500+ years of fishing experience come face-to-face to discuss issues facing the East Coast trawl sector.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1 to 5](#)



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FRDC supporting its stakeholders

Once again, FRDC has undertaken a number of valuable stakeholder engagement activities through sponsored events attended by FRDC over the last month.

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VALE The Hon John Kerin AO

Remembering the great John Charles Kerin and his everlasting impact on rural Australia through the establishment of the Research and Development Corporations.



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Educating the next generation

The Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia is hosting an Industry careers panel - allowing a chance for teachers and students to chat with fishing and aquaculture leaders.

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IN BRIEF

- The [FRDC April Update](#) outlined a number of changes to the 2023/24 financial year investment in R&D options. These include, incentivising co-investment options, implementing a new investment approach with Research Advisory Committees (RACs) and focusing on R&D adoption and resourcing trails for emerging solutions.
- Bringing primary industries to life in classrooms will be the focus of the [PIEFA Conference 2023 'Growing the NextGen of Food and Fibre Education'](#) on 1-2 May 2023 in Canberra.
- 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. Registrations are now open.
- Registrations are now open for the [2023-Trans-Tasman Rock Lobster conference 'The Changing Environment - Charting the Course'](#) being held in Adelaide 25-27 July 2023.
- Registrations are now open for the [12th International Conference and Workshop on Lobster \(and Crab\) Biology and Management](#). This event hosted by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and the Western Rock Lobster Council, will held in Western Australia 22-27 October 2023.
- ['Have your say'](#) consultation [is now open](#) for the discussion paper of measures to prevent the importation of seafood from fisheries involving illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing practices.
- [Australia's National Science and Research Priorities public consultation](#) is currently being reviewed, with this feedback helping shape Australia's future social, economic, and environmental priorities. [More information available on the website.](#)

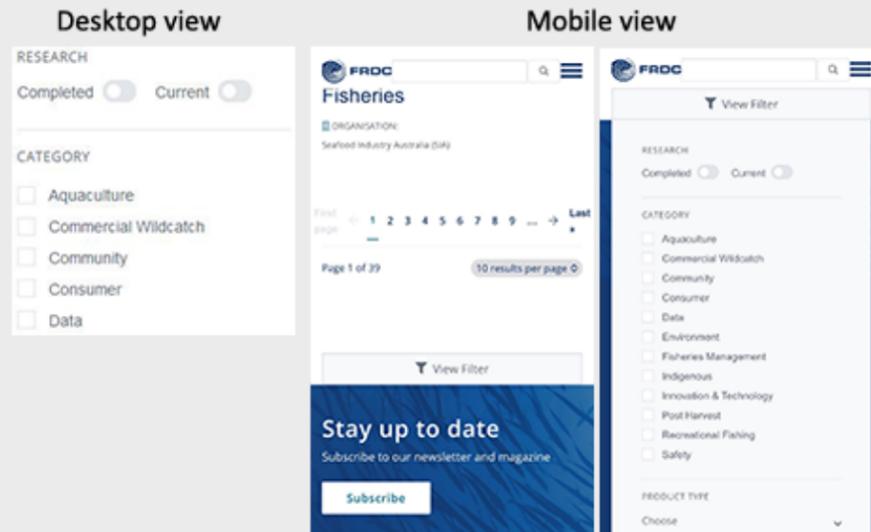
UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay up-to-date with our schedule of exciting and informative gatherings, from conferences to workshops and more. Whether you're looking to network with like-minded individuals, learn from industry experts, or simply have a good time, you'll find it all here. Browse our events calendar, find one that interests you, and join us for a memorable experience!

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MOVERS

Mark Rehbein will be joining the Integrated Marine Observing System as the new Australian Ocean Data Network Director.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia has had several staffing changes:

- **Annabel Jones** has been appointed General Manager of Fisheries Management
- **Sam Stone** is now a manager of Community Fisheries
- **Steve Shanks** takes on the role of Commercial Fisheries Manager
- **Hamish Telfer** is now a Fisheries Manager
- **Yolande Markey** is now an assistant Fisheries Manager

Henry Hewish has been appointed by the Board of the Australian Seafood Industries as the new General Manager of the company, replacing Lewa Pertl. Henry will begin on 8 May.

Delahay Miller is leaving the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation and starting a new role with Price Waterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting team.

Seafood Industry Australia has employed two new staff:

- **Jacky Cartwright** has joined as a Safety Policy Officer
- **Natasha Exel** has joined as a Wildcatch Project and Policy 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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