



FRDC NEWS June 2024

A new era for FRDC

Dr. Beth Woods OAM
FRDC Chair

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Welcome
JUNE 2024

Welcome back to (a jam packed) FRDC News!

The feature story for this month is on our new Chair, Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Woods OAM. [Read why Beth](#) is an outstanding choice to lead FRDC through our next phase.

Other top stories include [Snapper Science](#), the impending [digital revolution for prawn fishers in South Australia](#), the launch of a new [FRDC project investigating the potential impact of alternative proteins on the future of fishing and aquaculture](#), plus much more!

As always, your article suggestions and feedback are welcomed. 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



New Chair at the FRDC Board helm

FRDC welcomes Dr Elizabeth (Beth) Woods OAM who has been appointed FRDC Chair by The Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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Charting the course to a Snapper recovery: The Snapper Science Program

The Snapper science program is a 3-year initiative to address key research priorities that are relevant to Snapper fisheries throughout Australia, but with a focus on South Australia.

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Prawn fishers to harvest their reporting data and more

South Australia's prawn fishers are on the brink of a digital transformation, after successful sea-testing software, Deckhand, showcased the potential to improve the efficiency and profitability of their operations.

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Will alternative proteins change Australia's fishing and aquaculture sectors? Read on and find out.

A groundbreaking project is set to explore the impact of alternative proteins on Australia's fishing and aquaculture sectors and uncover new opportunities to mitigate potential risks and ensure a sustainable future for our fishing and aquaculture sectors.

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Expo ignites new conversations on fishing emissions and fuel systems

Delegates sponsored by FRDC at the recent Electric and Hybrid Marine Expo had the opportunity to explore new global perspectives and lead discussions on advancing the decarbonisation of Australia's commercial fishing and aquaculture sectors.

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On the Map: New Portal to support Tasmanian marine planning decisions

A new online mapping portal that collates information on Tasmania's marine activities, and the environments in which they occur, will inform the state's marine planning decisions – and will make spatial data more user-friendly and accessible to the community.

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Seafood Directions 2024: A gathering of seafood visionaries

Prepare to be inspired, challenged and amazed by the keynote speakers for Seafood Directions 2024, taking place September 10-12, in Hobart.

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In Brief

- The Salmon Science Hub website has been launched and established to bring together research on Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) farming in Tasmania, undertaken and funded by FRDC, IMAS and CSIRO. [Find out more](#)
- Seafood Industry Australia, Blue Economy CRC and FRDC are offering Australia's seafood and ocean estate stakeholders a front-row seat in telling the seafood story. Make sure your voice is heard by joining your regional **Seafood State Of Play Workshop!** [Find out more](#)
 - **NSW:** [Click here to RSVP](#)
 - **SA:** [Click here to RSVP](#)
- FRDC has collaborated with Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia (PIEFA) to create ten student worksheets accompanied by interactive videos that highlight career prospects, sustainability efforts, and technological advancements in Australian fishing and aquaculture. [Find out more](#)
- Seafood Industry Australia are seeking to appoint three Non-executive Directors to its Board. [Find out more](#)
- Standard registrations are now open for Seafood Directions 2024 – Australia's premier seafood conference. [Find out more](#)

Movers

- Matt Barwick, FRDC's General Manager of Strategy and Innovation, has accepted a permanent ongoing role at the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. FRDC will miss Matt greatly and wish him all the best in his new role!
- Denise Bridger has started as a Communications Officer for FRDC.
- Katherine Winchester has stepped down from her role as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Seafood Council, with Daniel Capps commencing from the 10 June 2024.
- Matt Osborne has commenced a new position as the Senior Executive Director Fisheries, within the Northern Territories Government Agriculture, Fisheries and Biosecurity division.
- Eric Brain, Operations Manager of the Aquaculture Branch in NRE Tasmania, has resigned.
- After over 30 years at the helm, Andy Dyer is stepping down as Operations Manager of Yumbah Mussels.



Matt Barwick

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! [Click here for the latest schedule](#)

FRDC Projects

Interested in our research projects?

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- using the filter list on the right side of the search results page when searching from the desktop (see Desktop view image below) or
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