



## FRDC News

### September 2024

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## Welcome

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Hey Blair,

Our top story this month celebrates Seafood Directions 2024, held in Hobart this month. Almost 600 people attended in what has been **described as the “best ever” Seafood Directions**.

We're also **taking a look at the 20 incredible companies and individuals** crowned at the Seafood Industry Awards.

Our September issue also contains an **update on the Macquarie Harbour Oxygenation project**, revealing promising results for helping save the endangered Maugan Skate.

Other stories in this edition include a **new sampling technique creating serious savings**, proof that **recreational fishing can be effectively implemented into harvest strategies**, and a leading fisheries scientists' recommendation into **how to create more dynamic fisheries management**.

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



#### **Sun shines in Hobart for Seafood Directions 2024**

On a clear, brisk day earlier this month, over 580 delegates were welcomed to Lutruwita (Tasmania) by a traditional and contemporary dance group - Pakana Kanaplila, for Seafood Directions 2024.

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## WINNER

Professional Fishers' knowledge to inform management of sawfish and river sharks

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY AWARDS 2024



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## And the winner is... Awards recognise the Best of Australian Seafood

Seafood's night of nights – the 2024 National Seafood Industry Awards – was held in Hobart in September celebrating excellence, promoting innovation and showcasing leadership in fisheries and aquaculture.

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## Breathing life into Macquarie Harbour

Pilot trials injecting oxygen into Tasmania's Macquarie Harbour show promising results that could provide a lifeline for the endangered Maugan Skate (*Zearaja maugeana*).

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## Dynamic approach to improve fisheries management

Given the growing impacts of climate change on marine environments, leading fisheries scientist Andrew Penney advocates for greater recognition of changing population dynamics in fisheries modelling and management.

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## Alternative fish sampling technique saving time and effort

A proof of concept using environmental DNA paves the way for more efficient and affordable sampling to estimate relative fish biomasses in rivers and estuaries.

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## Understanding angler motivations for sustainable fisheries management

A pioneering study have revealed that the goals of recreational fishers align strongly with the sustainable harvest of fish stocks, paving the way to effectively integrate recreational fishing into broader harvest strategies.

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## In Brief

FRDC are thrilled to welcome nine incredible new members to our Indigenous Reference Group (IRG).

These passionate First Nations leaders, traditional owners and professionals are dedicated to ensuring Indigenous perspectives are at the heart of our research, development and extension opportunities.

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FRDC is seeking a Delivery Support Officer to support FRDC's cross-functional Finance, Business, and Research & Development Investment (RDI) units. This role provides administrative and operational support to ensure the smooth delivery of research projects and financial activities across the organisation. Reporting to the General Manager Finance and Business, and Senior Portfolio Managers, this role offers exposure to multiple business functions within a collaborative and dynamic environment.

To apply and find out more information, please visit the FRDC [careers page](#).

## Movers

- Jessica McInerney has started a new position as General Manager, Public Affairs and Communications at Petuna.
- Melissa Haslam has started as Western Australia Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) Chief Executive Officer.
- Greg Dyer has stepped down as Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Fish Market, effective 16th September 2024.
- Bella Fountain is now looking after the Fisheries Portfolio within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.



Melissa Haslam

## 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](#)

## Interested in our research projects?

A dynamic list of our **current** and **completed** projects are available on our website. Not only can you search for a project number on our search facility at the top of our website, you can also filter our projects by topics, species, organisation and more on the search page by:

- using the filter list on the right side of the search results page when searching from the desktop (see Desktop view image below) or
- navigating to the bottom of any web page and click on *View filter* section to expand the filter options when viewing on mobile devices (see Mobile view image below)

### Desktop view

The desktop view shows a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a three-line menu icon. Below it is a 'RESEARCH' section with 'Completed' and 'Current' buttons. A 'CATEGORY' dropdown is open, listing: Aquaculture, Commercial Wildcatch, Community, Consumer, and Data. The main content area displays a list of research projects with a 'View Filter' button at the bottom.

### Mobile view

The mobile view shows a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a three-line menu icon. Below it is a 'RESEARCH' section with 'Completed' and 'Current' buttons. A 'View Filter' button is visible. A 'CATEGORY' dropdown is open, listing: Aquaculture, Commercial Wildcatch, Community, Consumer, Data, Environment, Fisheries Management, Indigenous, Innovation & Technology, Post Harvest, Recreational Fishing, and Safety. The main content area displays a list of research projects with a 'View Filter' button at the bottom.



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