

Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC) meeting OUTCOMES

Meeting Number: 64 **Date:** 31 March 2021 **Time:** 9:00am – 2:00pm
Location: Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, Mascot with videoconference (Zoom)
Invitees: Bruce Schumacher AM (Chair), Max Graham (Region 1), Ron Butler (Region 2), Ron Croker (Region 3), Michael Davey (Region 4), Paul Mullen (Region 5), Debbie Lennon (Region 6), John Erskine (Region 7), Troy Bright (Region 8), Peter Johnson (NSW Rod Fishers' Society), Karl Mathers (RFNSW) and Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).

1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Peter Turnell, Troy Bright, Michael Davey, Karl Mathers.

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 63rd RFFTEC meeting on 8 December 2020 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.

4. Action items from previous meeting

The progress of action items from the previous meeting was noted.

5. Recreational Fishing Trust items

The financial status of the Freshwater Trust was presented to members. Statistics and trends of licence sales for the various licence types were discussed.

a. Review of new Freshwater grant applications

Two new freshwater applications were received. Funding recommendations with respect to each project will be forwarded to the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council for consideration prior to submission to the Minister for approval (see Table 1).

6. Presentations

Presentations and updates were provided on the following programs:

- Inland Fisheries Compliance
- Fishcare and Get Hooked it's fun to fish
- Statewide Recreational Fishing Survey 2017/18
- Research on building a stronger more sustainable recreational fishery in NSW
- Macquarie perch conservation recovery
- Fish for Life

Table 1. Summary of new Freshwater Trust grant applications SUPPORTED for funding by RFFTEC

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
10th Dam Aeration – Guyra Anglers Club Inc	Guyra Anglers Club Inc.	Provide a reliable sustainable aeration system to oxygenate the 10th Dam to ensure increased health of fish stock. SUPPORTED as a small grant application (to the value of \$10,000). Moved: Debbie Lennon, Seconded: Ron Butler, Carried.	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Expansion of the Narrandera Fisheries Centre hatchery	NSW DPI	More re-development of the hatchery at Narrandera to provide a state-of-the-art fish production facility to enhance capacity for breeding and stocking of recreational and threatened species across the Murray Darling Basin. SUPPORTED. Moved: Ron Butler, Seconded: Max Graham, Carried.	\$400,000	\$285,376	\$157,735