

Programme Day 1: Friday 24 August 2018

Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum

Friday 24 - Saturday 25 August 2018

Ballina Beachside Resort, Quality Hotel, Ballina NSW

**times and content may change slightly*

From 8:45	Registration Tea and coffee available Meet and greet other participants
9:15	Cast off! Welcome to Country Open Forum
9:30	The 3 R's – Reflect, Review & Reveal A look back at what we've achieved over nearly 10 years since we were last in Ballina
9.45	The value of habitat – not just for fish! Who else benefits from improved habitat?
9:55	Habitat heroes – fishers getting their hands dirty Hear from fishers from around the State who are getting in and getting things done – how do they do it?
11:00	Time for (morning) tea Take a break and chat with other participants
11:15	The Basin Plan and E-Water What are they? What do they mean for fish and fishers? How have recreational fishers been involved in the process?
11:45	The marine estate reforms and NSW DPI's role in managing habitat A new way of managing the NSW coast, what opportunities will it bring for recreational fishers?
12:15	Providing safe passage What is the NSW Fish Passage Strategy? Why is it good for fish and fishers?
12:30	Take a break Lunch
13:15	Natural oyster reefs - a lost ecosystem (special session) What have we lost? And what are we doing about it? Setting the scene globally Oyster Reef Restoration in VIC - what's good for the oysters is good for the fish! What about NSW? Current status and emerging opportunities
14:25	Latest learnings Some of the recent work being done to understand how fish use habitat. Includes the secret life of prawns and saltmarsh, restoring a lost marine forest, fish tagging and habitat use and how highways are helping fish
15:40	Rehydrate Afternoon tea
15:50	One man's trash is a fish's treasure Reusing waste materials – recent projects and upcoming opportunities
16:00	Grant opportunities and applications – are they as daunting as they appear? Funding programs including the Habitat Action Grants
16:10	Putting it into practice Mentoring session and feedback
16:55 – 17:15	Reel it in! Wrap up of the Day 1 Time for a break until dinner
From 18:30	Forum Dinner featuring special guest - fishing author Anna Clark Enjoy great food and some great stories on the banks of the Richmond River at the local Ballina RSL



Programme Day 2: Saturday 25 August 2018

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8:00	Meet at the Ballina Beach Resort foyer
8:15	On the bus - depart from Ballina Beach Resort
	Richmond River Roamings A tour of the Richmond River Catchment from the estuary to the upper reaches. From instream habitat to providing fish passage -have a look at what's being done to rehabilitate fish habitat in the local catchment. Refreshments including morning tea and lunch included along the way
14:50	Return to Ballina Beach Resort Stretch the legs
15:00	Winding up and Forum close Interactive forum feedback
15:15	One for the road Afternoon tea and close ready for return flights from Ballina.



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