

Latest projects approved for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

Note: SW and FW denote the Saltwater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. Amounts shown are the approved funds for each project.

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23
Allworth floating pontoon	The Allworth and District Social Fishing Club Inc	The club and the wider fishing community of Allworth encompassing Stroud, Dungog and Gloucester propose to install a floating pontoon adjacent to the existing boat ramp jetty at the Allworth NSW picnic grounds to increase safety and usability by fishers.	SW \$78,000
Mylestom Pontoon Access Repair & Enhancement	Bellingen Shire Council	The existing pontoon shoreline access slab and walkway has been dangerously undermined by shoreline erosion. A new erosion proofed shoreline access slab and walkway will be installed aligning with the floating pontoon.	SW \$32,500
New Mylestom Fish Cleaning Table	Bellingen Shire Council	Construction of a new covered fish cleaning table adjacent to the Mylestom boat ramp, including bins for fish waste and bins for waste fishing line.	SW \$18,106
Fishing Upgrade infrastructure across Shoalhaven 2022-23 (FUN-AS)	Shoalhaven City Council	Construction, upgrade and repair of old/outdated recreational fishing facility infrastructure across the Shoalhaven region for improved usability and accessibility for local communities and visitors.	SW \$150,000
Cattai Creek kayak launch facility	Hawkesbury City Council	To provide a publicly accessible kayak launch facility to enable fishers to access Cattai Creek. The facility will be multi-level to accommodate tidal heights and allow safe access at all times. Riparian vegetation will be enhanced through weed control and revegetation with local native species.	SW \$175,835
St Georges Basin - Basin Rd Jetty	Shoalhaven City Council	This project aims to improve the fishing experience in the St Georges Basin Recreational Fishing Haven for land based fishers by complete renewal of the existing fishing jetty off Basin Rd, St Georges Basin.	SW \$252,000
Repair our existing sea wall and improve safe access to the water for boats and other user groups by widening our existing ramp by 1m x 8m	Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club	Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club propose to repair the sea wall on which boats are kept on and expand the ramp by 1m x 8m to improve access to the water and help create a safer point of entry. The ramp is situated on the rock platform at North Bondi Point and is a convenient rock platform access point.	SW \$9,500



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Briely's Fish Cleaning Table Renewal	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Install a replacement fish cleaning table at Brierleys boat ramp for the fishing community. These works will align with Council's overall plan for the facilities including a new boat ramp.	SW \$9,905
South Durras Extension of Access Stairs	Eurobodalla Shire Council	This project will extend the current staircase access to the lower rock platform at South Durras with timber steps and handrails to provide safer access for anglers to access the rock platform in all weather conditions.	SW \$9,950
Fish Cleaning Table on Fishermen's Public Wharf - Port Macquarie Town Centre	Port Macquarie Hastings Council	This project will install a 4 person fish cleaning table on the edge of the main deck of the Fishermen's Public Wharf. The wharf has recently been constructed and is now a popular fishing location. The table will be connected to the nearby potable water supply.	SW \$9,930
Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing (2022/23 season)	DPI Fisheries / Transport for NSW	This project has been jointly funded by Transport for NSW and the Recreational Fishing Trusts since 2017 and promotes responsible fishing behaviour on Sydney Harbour's wharves and piers during the key summer fishing season. The project complements the long running Clean, Safe Wharves program. NSW Police Marine Area Command patrols at the 50 plus commuter ferry wharf locations and Walsh Bay piers provides an effective enforcement presence to help manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behaviour from a minority of irresponsible recreational fishers. Police reports and Transport for NSW information indicates the patrols significantly reduce public complaints and help increase public acceptance of recreational fishing activities at these locations. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2022/23 summer fishing season.	SW \$180,000
Kyffins Reserve Boat Ramp Project (KRBRP)	Federation Council	This project will construct a concrete single boat ramp to replace the current sand ramp at Kyffins Reserve. This will not only allow for greater attraction of recreational fishing users, but also ensure greater accessibility for those attempting to access the site using a wheelchair.	FW \$80,000
Lake Burrendong recreational fishing boat ramp upgrade	Reflections Holiday Parks	The Lake Burrendong concrete boat ramp used by thousands of inland recreational fishers is narrow, aged and desperately in need of improvement. It is proposed to widen the existing boat ramp to make more user friendly while improving safety.	FW \$170,000
Essential angler access enhancements for the Swampy Plain River	Khancoban Angling Club	To provide essential access and amenities below Khancoban Pondage to encourage recreational fishers to enjoy this fantastic fishing location.	FW \$8,900



Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23
City of Canada Bay Tackle Bin Project	Individual	This project will install 4 tackle bins in popular fishing locations in the Canada Bay Council area to encourage anglers to protect the marine environment from fishing debris and pollution.	SW \$1,060
Fish Salvage in Murray Irrigation Channels During Winter Shutdown	Edwards Wakool Angling Association (EWAA) Inc	Traditional owners, subject matter experts and volunteers will rescue and relocate native fish to suitable refuge areas during Murray Irrigation Limited winter shutdown channel maintenance period.	FW \$85,228
Mann River Rehabilitation 2022	Coombadjha	This project will remove lantana and other noxious weeds to provide areas for use by recreational fishers and clean the riparian areas of Coombadjha Creek and the confluence with the Mann River to improve access to the river and campgrounds for fishers.	FW \$4,000

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23
Using eDNA to assess how estuarine fish communities respond to consecutive extreme events of drought, bushfire, and flood.	Charles Sturt University	This project will utilise weekly environmental DNA (eDNA) samples collected from NSW estuaries between 2018 - 2020 to explore how recreational fish assemblages were impacted by consecutive extreme events.	SW \$156,525
Smart approaches to surveying recreational fishing facilities	Macquarie University	This project will monitor fish cleaning tables and associated boat ramps using high-definition video and leverage artificial intelligence to extract information about recreational fishing catches and facility use.	SW \$191,403
Monitoring of changes in Lake Macquarie Blue Swimmer Crab populations following the recent regulation change	NSW DPI	The project will monitor for potential changes in the Blue Swimmer Crab population following the removal of the crab traps closure in Lake Macquarie, comparing data collected following the regulation change with independent surveys from 2018-2021 and a reference estuary monitored over the same time frame.	SW \$19,468



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Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2022/2023	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	The project facilitates and conducts monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.	SW \$32,500
Fishery biology and ecology of the marine snail, Turbo militaris	National Marine Science Centre	This research addresses critical knowledge gaps on the biology and ecology of the recreationally and culturally harvested turban snail, Turbo militaris for sustainable management.	SW \$8,000
Long-term security and archiving of tissue samples collected from billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish at NSW tournaments from 2015 to 2022	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Biological samples of these recreationally caught fish collected at game fishing tournaments continue to be stored and utilised for various scientific studies in NSW and around Australia. Due to the growing number of samples, this project insures against loss by dividing all tissue sample collected from billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish since 2015 into three sets frozen at -20°C, -80°C and the third set in liquid in preserving fluid.	SW \$8,950
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2021/2022	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision and publication of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2021/22. The report is widely distributed throughout the game fishing community each year.	SW \$6,700
Drilling down into spawning locations for wild yellowtail kingfish (Seriola lalandi) using otolith oxygen isotopes	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	This project will validate the relationship between water temperature and oxygen isotopes in kingfish otoliths and use this to bracket the likely habitat within which NSW kingfish were born.	SW \$9,994
Making More Maccas	NSW DPI	This project will augment the current Macquarie perch recovery actions by providing support for genetic enhancement, population monitoring, relocation of introduced species, eDNA surveys and captive breeding efforts.	FW \$76,971
NSW DPI Freshwater Fish Tagging	NSW DPI	This project will increase the number of fish tagged and broaden the species included in the current tagging program. This will focus on increasing the number of tagged fish released by NSW DPI trout hatcheries and expanding the locations of where these fish are stocked. Tagging of native species is also proposed.	FW \$10,000



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Impacts of parasites on larval fish of the Murray Darling Basin	Charles Sturt University	This project will assess the impacts of parasites and other pathogens on the growth and survival of larval freshwater fish in the Murray Darling Basin, which will inform future hatchery breeding technology for Murray Cod and Golden perch and potentially boost stocking production.	FW \$102,656
Extending knowledge of the development of fish survival behaviour to inform re-stocking programs: night-time behaviour of Murray cod and rainbow trout survival	Charles Sturt University	This project will extend the research findings from a previous Recreational Fishing Trust project on evaluation of survival behaviour of fish by examining the survival behaviour of Rainbow Trout and Murray Cod under night-time conditions. This research will support the economic and environmental benefits of re-stocking practices.	FW \$39,407

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23
Forge Through Fishing Program	Forge Through Limited	The Forge Through Fishing Program has been developed to assist veterans and first responders who are suffering mental health issues to socialise and engage in meaningful relationships whilst learning to fish.	SW \$4,875
A Rock Fishing Safety & Skills program, contributing to reducing rock fishing fatalities in NSW	Surf Life Saving NSW	This project will deliver targeted rock fishing safety education through the provision of 1,000 lifejackets, rock fishing safety workshops, classroom-based education, family targeted school programs, multilingual rock fishing safety resources and newly developed media targeted at at-risk communities.	SW \$204,030
Fostering Environmental Custodianship through Fishing	Emmanuel Anglican College	Ballina is often described as a fisher person's paradise, yet many young locals prefer to play on their devices inside their homes. The EAC Marine Science program will foster teenagers' interest in fishing in a responsible and environmentally friendly way such that students will become custodians of this remarkable ecosystem.	SW \$2,539
Phase 1 – Gadigal, Bidjigal and Dharawal Fish Harvesting, Sustainability and the Community	Stingray Workers Cooperative	Phase one of this project will bring together Gadigal, Bidjigal and Dharawal Elders to capture and record traditional fishing knowledge, and fully develop a project plan for Phase 2 for future delivery.	SW \$9,775



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Casting for Recovery - A weekend Fly Fishing Retreat for Women with Breast Cancer. An ACT regional project with vision of it becoming an Australian National Project with regional sub branches	ACT Fly Fishers Inc.	ACT Fly Fishers will provide a free retreat which includes fly fishing tuition on a one to one basis, weekend accommodation and care, for up to 12 women who have had breast cancer.	FW \$10,000
Fly Fishing Rods for the Greenwells Fly Fishing Club, Fly Fishing course	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club	This project will purchase six fly fishing rod, reel and line sets to train people in the sport of fly fishing and for use in community-based activities.	FW \$2,916
Carp We don't Keepit, Carp Muster 2022	Lake Keepit Family Fishing Club	This project will provide an opportunity for the general public and recreational anglers to come together and catch a carp, win a prize and learn about protecting and enhancing native fish habitat and abundance in and around Keepit Dam and the Namoi River.	FW \$6,000

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23
2021-22 Reserve BBDSFC FAD	Byron Bay Deep Sea FC	The club will acquire materials and pre build a FAD for rapid deployment in the event that the club's current recreational fishing FAD (fish aggregating device) becomes missing at sea.	SW \$1,510
Boosting our fisheries: expanding the stocking of NSW estuaries with popular species	NSW DPI	The marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of species including but not limited to mulloway, dusky flathead and kingfish using world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing opportunities. This funding application aims to build on the success of the current program to expand marine stocking activities even further along the NSW coast, involve more anglers and angling clubs in opportunities to stock their local waters and increase the production efficiency of marine hatcheries, including the private hatchery sector.	SW \$100,000



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Stocking of Estuary Perch within Brogo Dam and to investigate stocking Estuary Perch within Danjera Dam, Glennies Creek and Lake Toolooma	NSW DPI	The aim of this project is to continue to stock up to 20,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo Dam and to investigate the potential release of a further 20,000 Estuary Perch into Danjera Dam (Nowra), Glennies Creek Dam (Singleton) and Lake Toolooma (Waterfall), to provide anglers with exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunities.	FW \$25,000
Review and update the NSW trout strategy and design a framework for the development of management strategies for other key NSW freshwater sportfish	NSW DPI	This project will review the structure, content and progress of the existing NSW trout strategy framework and develop a new five-year trout strategy including recommendations relating to research, stocking strategies, management action, enhancement and promotional opportunities for the NSW recreational trout fishery. The review and development of the trout strategy will be used as a framework to develop a Murray cod species management strategy. The Murray cod and trout strategies will inform the future development of similar management initiatives for other key species including golden perch and Australian bass.	FW \$50,000