

## Projects from the latest round of funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts – September 2020

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

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Quarantine Bay Timber Jetty Renewal	Bega Valley Shire Council	Refurbish the existing timber jetty at Quarantine Bay into a level, accessible platform for recreational fishing and associated uses.	SW \$90,280	SW \$0	SW \$0
Accessibility Upgrades to Gwandalan Jetty – Gwandalan Bowling Club Foreshore Reserve (contingency funding)	Central Coast Council	Funding has previously been provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to provide an upgrade to the accessibility of the jetty at Gwandalan Foreshore including a designated fishing area to allow for accessible recreational fishing activities. The costs to undertake the project have exceeded the project budget due to an increased cost of materials, disposal fees and labour and additional funding is sought in order to successfully complete the project.	SW \$22,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Collarenebri Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station	Collarenebri Fishing Club	Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Barwon River at Collarenebri adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp and recreational area.	FW \$13,730	FW \$0	FW \$0
Hanging Rock Fish Cleaning Tables Cover	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Provide a single, structural cover and lighting over the four fish cleaning tables at Hanging Rock boat ramp.	SW \$14,336	SW \$0	SW \$0
Mill Bay Fish Cleaning table replacement	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Remove an existing fish cleaning table at Mills Bay, Narooma, which is situated in an area suffering erosion and replacing it with a new fish cleaning table in a more suitable location nearby.	SW \$9,005	SW \$0	SW \$0
Northern River Fish Cleaning Station (contingency funding)	Evans Head Business & Community Chamber	Since Recreational Fishing Trust funding was previously approved for installation of this fish cleaning station, the proposed location has been required to move to the northern breakwater of the Evans River mouth bringing it into deeper water. Contingency funding is sought to cover unforeseen expenses.	SW \$5,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Accessible Fishing Platform Lake Wallace	Lithgow City Council	Council propose to install a relocatable floating accessible fishing platform at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang, to enable	FW \$53,062	FW \$0	FW \$0

		fishers in wheelchairs or with mobility restrictions to fish at this popular and well stocked fishing waterbody.			
Management of Merimbula Fish Cleaning Pontoon – 3 year extension of SS003 which concludes 30 June 2020	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	The Merimbula fish cleaning pontoon is situated near the entrance of Merimbula Lake and provides essential services for fishers. It is proposed that funding continues for ongoing management and maintenance of the facility by the club.	SW \$7,370	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jabiru Fish Cleaning Table	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Install a new fish cleaning table at Jabiru Reserve, Lake Cathie, providing a safe and hygienic facility and encouraging increased participation by boating and shore-based fishers.	SW \$18,255	SW \$0	SW \$0
Installation of Solar LED Lighting at Fish Cleaning Tables across Port Stephens	Port Stephens Council	Install solar LED lighting at various fish cleaning tables across the Port Stephens LGA.	SW \$8,750	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table – Copeton Dam	Reflections Holiday Parks	Install a fish cleaning table at Fireball Point, Copeton Dam.	FW \$9,800	FW \$0	FW \$0
Erowal Bay – Fish Cleaning Table Relocation	Shoalhaven City Council	Relocate and provide a new FCT closer to deeper water to better manage waste disposal and amenity issues for the purposes of mitigating community and neighbour complaint.	SW \$7,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Heimdall House Jetty Restoration- an original recreational fishing facility for the Sussex Inlet Community	Sussex Inlet and District Chamber of Commerce Inc	Restore the jetty in front of the site of the original Heimdall House built on the Sussex Inlet estuary. This will enable the jetty to meet safety standards, enhance physical appearance and ensure continued use for fishing, tourism and educational activities.	SW \$63,811	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Mill Pond - A New Public Fishery	Wallerawang branch CAS	Wallerawang CAS was approached by a private company who has offered free access to anglers to the Mill Pond, one of their water storages located at the old Portland cement quarries. DPI Fisheries has negotiated a legal deed of access to the waterbody securing managed public access for anglers to the site. The agreement has some access conditions to ensure public safety and requires installation of some infrastructure.	FW \$78,418	FW \$0	FW \$0
Wee Waa Recreational Fishing Upgrade – Fish Cleaning Station	Wee Waa Fishing Club	Install a custom orb curved roof fish cleaning station with lighting and pressurised water on the Namoi River at “Yellowbanks” Wee Waa adjacent to the newly developed boat ramp, recreational and camp area.	FW \$18,800	FW \$0	FW \$0

Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing	DPI Fisheries/ RMS	This project has been jointly funded by Roads and Maritime Services 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. NSW Police Marine Area Command patrols at the 50 plus commuter ferry wharf locations and Walsh Bay piers provide 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 RMS information indicates the patrols significantly reduce public complaints and continue to be a highly effective deterrent. It is proposed to continue the patrols into the 2019/20 summer fishing season.	SW \$180,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Extra operational funds for emergency native fish rescue and drought recovery activities: in principal funding support only	NSW DPI	Undertake emergency native fish rescue and recovery operations across the Murray Darling Basin to protect and restore native fish populations impacted by the drought.	FW \$180,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
Stocking of Estuary Perch within Brogo, Danjera and Glennies Creek dams	NSW DPI	Continue to stock up to 20,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings within Brogo Dam over the next 2 years and to commence Estuary Perch stockings within Danjera and Glennies Creek Dams (up to 90,000 Estuary Perch fingerlings), to provide anglers with exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunities.	FW \$25,000	FW \$50,000	FW \$0
Purchase of an additional fish transportation vehicle for drought response and hatchery expansion activities	NSW DPI	Purchase a new fish transportation vehicle as part of recovery operations for critical drought response and the expansion of the Narrandera Fisheries Centre Hatchery.	FW \$250,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
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	ACT Fly Fishers	Provide a free fly fishing retreat including tuition on a one-to-one basis, weekend accommodation and care for up to 14 women who have breast cancer.	FW \$7,338	FW \$0	FW \$0

Project with regional branches.					
Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club – Kids Fishing Workshop	Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club	The Club proposes to introduce recreational fishing to the youth of Walcha and surrounding communities by sponsoring children to attend DPI’s kids’ fishing workshops at the Dutton Trout Hatchery where participants will be educated by DPI staff. It is expected that three events each supporting up to 10 children will be held each year for an initial period of two years.	FW \$1,920	FW \$0	FW \$0
Restoring fish habitat off Merimbula Fishing Platform (Wharf)	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	Reduce sea urchin densities by culling to restore weedy habitat and fishing opportunities in fishing areas adjacent to Merimbula wharf.	SW \$6,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Tackle Bin Project (formerly known as Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program)	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc. (TVWC)	Purchase additional debris bins to extend project to other identified hotspots for interactions between fishers and wildlife and update and re-print Tide Times brochure promotional material.	SW \$3,097	SW \$0	SW \$0
Evaluation of survival behaviour of fish to inform re-stocking programs for recreational fisheries and conservation of wild fish	Charles Sturt University	To examine the behaviour of larval and juvenile fish to improve survival of recreational and conservation in stocking programs.	FW \$48,883	FW \$0	FW \$0
What can ectoparasites tell us about apex marine predators? A marlin’s story	Macquarie University	Investigate feeding patterns and movement characteristics of striped, black and blue marlin caught in recreational fishing tournaments through ectoparasite taxonomy, morphometrics and stable isotope patterns.	SW \$9,900	SW \$0	SW \$0
Citizen Science BRUV Artificial Reef Monitoring Program	NSW DPI	Develop a pilot citizen science program designed to determine the potential for incorporating citizen science based on baited remote underwater video (BRUV) for artificial reefs. Members of the community who have expressed an interest in participating will be inducted into the project.	SW \$34,350	SW \$24,350	SW \$4,000
Managing the black bream fishery in southern NSW – understanding genetic spatial distribution	NSW DPI	Evaluate the genetic spatial distribution of the black bream fishery in southern NSW. This data will form the basis for a future stock assessment and potential stocking activities.	SW \$65,303	SW \$66,634	SW \$0

Enhance and upgrade the Gamefish Tagging Program's recapture database through an online GIS platform	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Recapture information for billfish, tuna and sharks will be verified and migrated to a user-friendly online GIS platform. Visualising recaptures on maps with embedded data will greatly enhance the Program's utility for all stakeholders.	SW \$19,800	SW \$0	SW \$0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2020/2021	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Facilitate and conduct monitoring, sampling and biological research on billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish captured and weighed at the major game fishing tournaments in NSW.	SW \$31,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2019/2020	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2019/2020.	SW \$6,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish and fish habitats around the estuarine artificial reefs (Reef Balls) in Botany Bay	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	The artificial reefs deployed in 2006-2009 in Botany Bay have not been recently surveyed for fish or seagrass. This project will monitor fish abundance, diversity at rocky reef, sea grass and reef ball habitats to assist in environmental assessments for the proposed cruise ship terminal which may threaten biodiversity, fish habitats and fisher access.	SW \$20,685	SW \$0	SW \$0
Literature review on fish habitats in Botany Bay with respect to the proposed cruise ship terminal	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)	Extensive fish populations support large recreational fisheries in Botany Bay. However, knowledge about the habitats supporting stocks is outdated and urgently needed given the proposed cruise ship terminal in Yarra Bay.	SW \$80,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Quantifying the benefits of fish friendly seawalls	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	Quantify the benefits of seawall greening to fish. It will document changes in the community structure and behaviour of seawall-associated fish following interventions adding complexity and seaweeds.	SW \$159,975	SW \$0	SW \$0
Valuing Recreational Spearfishing Competitions – Pilot Study	Sydney Institute of Marine Science	Pilot project to calculate the economic value of two regional recreational spearfishing competitions using an economic analysis technique (travel cost method) based upon surveys of participants.	SW \$9,944	SW \$0	SW \$0
Research observations of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH values on trout	The Barrington Club Inc.	Conduct a 3 year program compiling a detailed log of key indices on varying sites in streams and dams on the Barrington Tops, including the Upper Manning, Hunter and Barrington Rivers and their tributaries with a view to confirm suitability for trout stocking for recreational fishing opportunities.	FW \$3,766	FW \$0	FW \$0

waters in the Barrington Tops					
Restoring Lake Macquarie's <i>Posidonia australis</i> meadows	UNSW Sydney	Use recent innovations in restoration to revegetate meadows of the endangered seagrass <i>Posidonia australis</i> in Lake Macquarie while actively involving local recreational fishers. Donor shoots will be collected by volunteers following storms to avoid damaging existing meadows, transferred to growing tanks or ponds until there are enough for restoration, replanted in unvegetated habitat adjacent to environmental friendly moorings and monitored for associated fish and invertebrates.	SW \$39,935	SW \$0	SW \$0
Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees	Department of Primary Industries/ Department of Customer Service (Service NSW)	This project is part of the licensing system that provides for a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing licence and transfer of revenue into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. The payment network system includes an electronic platform run by Service NSW - Government Licensing Service (GLS) for payment of licence fees electronically as well as for backend management of the licence system. This application covers transaction fees payable to GLS on an annual basis (also includes funding of \$750,000 in 2019/20).	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0