

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	2023/24
Seymour Street Laurieton Fish Cleaning Table	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	Removal of existing fish cleaning table and installation of a new fish cleaning table at Seymour Street Reserve, Laurieton, providing a safe and hygienic facility and encouraging increased participation by boaters and shore-based fishers.	SW \$25,500	
Hawks Nest Fishing Platform Upgrade	MidCoast Council	This project will result in the revitalisation of a prominent fishing platform within Hawks Nest to provide a safe and accessible facility for the recreational fishing community.	SW \$53,268	
Shelter and solar sensor light for existing fish cleaning table Lintern St Wharf Davistown NSW	The 3 Villages Community Group Inc	Project involves purchase and installation of a shelter with solar sensor light to go over an existing fish cleaning station adjacent to the boat ramp at Davistown NSW.	SW \$9,492	
Preddy's Wharf Fishing Platform	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Provision of a fishing platform to the west of the boat ramp at Preddy's Wharf marine facility (part of overall facility upgrade project).	SW \$35,000	
The Loop Boat Ramp Marine Facility Minor works	Eurobodalla Shire Council	Remove gabion rock from one side of the boat ramp to create a small beach, install additional tie down points on ramp for boaters and undertake minor concrete works at fish cleaning table for improved and safer operation.	SW \$20,000	

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Cattai Creek kayak launch facility - shortfall funding request	Hawkesbury City Council	Funding to provide a publicly accessible kayak launch facility to enable fishers to access Cattai Creek has been previously approved. A shortfall in funding has been identified due to increases in material and labour costs since the original application was submitted. In order to successfully deliver the project, Council requests additional funds to cover these increases.	SW \$36,000	
Manning River Recreational Access Upgrade Project – Moores Road Bootawa	MidCoast Council	Upgrade of the existing public road access to the Manning River at Moores Road Bootawa to facilitate easier access to a strategic section of the river for recreational use.	SW \$172,835	
Light Watercraft Launching Facility Lugarno	Georges River Council	This project involves the design and construction of a light watercraft launching facility at Lugarno for use by recreational fishers at a popular fishing location.	SW \$250,000	
Quarantine Bay Timber Jetty Renewal (shortfall funding)	Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC)	Provide shortfall funding to cover unforeseen costs identified during a structural condition assessment for the previously Trust funded Quarantine Bay timber jetty renewal project in order to successfully deliver the project. This project will refurbish the existing timber jetty into a level, accessible platform for recreational fishing.	SW \$62,370	
Police on ferry patrols and Police boats to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing by promoting responsible fishing– a key initiative of the Clean, Safe Wharves program.	NSW DPI	A trial of having covert Police onboard ferries to patrol recreational fishing on wharves last summer was successful in further promoting responsible fishing and deterring irresponsible, anti-social behaviour at the 50 commuter wharves. It is proposed to continue the covert ferry vessel patrols over the next 2 summers. An extension of the overt Police boat and land based patrols to June 2024 is also proposed.	SW \$50,000	SW \$230,000
The Pergola at the Jetty	Jerilderie Fishing Club	The Jerilderie Fishing Club plans to construct a small Pergola (6m × 6m) above their jetty and boat ramp built about 5 years ago to provide shade for users.	FW \$7,500	
Inclusive Fishing Platform – 10th Dam	Guyra Anglers Club Inc	To build a platform that will enable all recreational fisher people, including those with mobility issues to access Tenth Dam Guyra in a safe and appropriate manner.	FW \$13,835	

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Carcoar Dam – boat ramp improvements	Blayney Shire Council	To install an all-weather bitumen seal to and from the boat ramp and install a carpark for vehicle and boat trailers to improve the current outdated amenities.	FW \$59,400	
Supply and Installation of 2 x 60W LED Solar Powered Lights	Gwydir Shire Council	Supply and Install 2 x 60W LED solar powered lights on powder coated pole to illuminate boat ramp at Bingara Boat ramp.	FW \$9,211	
Keeping trout anglers on the right track.	Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc	To rehabilitate major informal tracks that provide access to the foreshores of Lake Eucumbene, Lake Jindabyne and Thredbo River.	FW \$30,000	

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23	2023/24
Long Reef Fishing Club – Winches Restoration Project	Long Reef Fisherman’s Club Committee	Long Reef Fisherman’s Club is the oldest fishing club in NSW. Its publicly accessible historic winches would be preserved and a storyboard would be created about the history of fishing in the area for the public to view.	SW \$29,500	
Botany Bay Kids Gone Fishing	Botany Bay Game Fishing Club Inc	An opportunity to get children of the local community outdoors and away from electronic devices. The project will aim to provide some basic fishing skills and safe handling of fish and promoting catch and release techniques.	SW \$5,250	
Fish For Life (FFL) Stage 2 – strengthening recreational fishing through sector growth, more diversity, enhanced fisheries sustainability, improved social licence and stewardship.	NSW DPI	Following the launch of the FFL (Stage 1) brand in 2021, DPI plans to team up with external partners to deliver a range of new on ground and online initiatives under the FFL banner as part of Stage 2 campaign. Five subprograms will align with the core values of the FFL brand – sector growth, diversity, sustainability, social licence and stewardship – and will be delivered in close partnership with the recreational fishing industry and community (through government tender processes). This approach and next stage is a recommendation from RFNSW following review of Stage 1 FFL outcomes.	SW \$459,084 FW \$153,028	SW \$261,175 FW \$87,058

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Angling Skill Transfer and Compendium for Merimbula fishers	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.	At the beginning of each month, the Club proposes to utilise in-house and visiting experts to present an educational tutorial to members and guests on how to target fish (different species each month) by means of suitable equipment and written text. The goal is to practice sustainable fishing and transfer fundamental angling skills applicable to a variety of fish species. The outcome will be angling skill transfer and creation of a manuscript on how to target and catch and release a variety of local fish species.	SW \$5,500	
Let's Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing: Phase 5	Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA)	AFTA has successfully completed Phases 1, 2 & 3 of the "Let's Go Fishing" Schools Program in partnership with the Marine Teachers Association and is in the process of finalising Phase 4. Now, it is time to progress to Phase 5 for educational continuity for the 2023 academic year. Phase 5 will comprise of restocking and replacing equipment where required in the existing school's fishing kits and providing fishing equipment to an additional 20 new schools. This follows from Phase 4 and provides continuity for schools and teachers in delivering quality education and engagement in recreational fishing.	SW \$115,000	
Rock Fishing Safety Signage	Wollongong City Council	This project will involve the purchase and installation of rock fishing safety signage, reflecting the requirement to wear life jackets at rock platforms, as per the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016.	SW \$30,000	
FishSmart for Mighty Mulloway - Improve recreational fishing catch data for Mulloway through 'real time' reporting via the FishSmart app	NSW DPI	Improving data collection and monitoring for Mulloway through mandatory reporting of recreational catch data, facilitated through enhancements to the existing FishSmart App and development of a new web portal. 'Real time' reporting would provide for accurate, instantaneous data collection of Mulloway recreational fishing harvest to contribute to stock recovery assessment & monitoring, which has been identified as a key priority by the Mulloway Harvest Strategy Working Group.	SW \$165,000	
Fly Fishing Rods for the promotion of Fly Fishing	Sydney Fly Rodders Club	Purchase 6 robust fly fishing rods, with reels and lines for the use of members of the public interested in trying fly casting and potentially taking up the sport.	SW \$3,600	
Lake Cargelligo Central School Fishing for Recreation and Learning	Lake Cargelligo Central School	This project plans for students to be more involved in fishing for sport and recreation while learning about their local area and requirements involved in sustaining our local environment.	FW \$3,538	

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Boys to the Bush (BttB) Fishing for Connection: Fishing education and social inclusion for disadvantaged youth	Boys to the Bush Ltd	This project will enable youth and community development organisation BttB to purchase fishing equipment to provide one-on-one mentoring, schools programs and holiday camps across six NSW locations.	FW \$10,000	
Brag mats for when you don't feel like bragging.	Darlington Point Riverina Classic Catch and Release Fishing Competition	Purchase brag mats with educational fishing information and mental health resources for distribution at the Darlington Point Riverina Classic Catch and Release Fishing Competition, via Rural Outreach Counselling and our sponsor. Funds requested for brag mats only.	FW \$4,800	
Collingullie Fishing Comp	Collingullie Fishing Comp	To encourage local residents to engage in local recreational fishing around the region. To provide information on the legality of fishing and boating in local waterways	FW \$4,000	

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23	2023/24
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 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
FADs and artificial reefs boat motor and trailer replacement	NSW DPI	Nine offshore artificial reefs and 34 fish aggregating devices are deployed along the NSW coastline, providing high quality fishing opportunities for anglers. These projects continue to expand requiring fit for purpose and safe boat equipment for DPI staff to maintain and monitor fishing enhancement assets. Involves replacement of FADs and artificial reefs boat motors and trailer (which is done periodically).	SW \$45,500	

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Enhancing coastal recreational fishing opportunities by installing a new offshore artificial reef	NSW DPI	A recent Ministerial expression of interest survey has highlighted the need for more artificial reefs as a high priority among recreational fishers. Stakeholder expectations of this program continue to remain high as artificial reefs are well accepted as an excellent way to maximise recreational fishing opportunities while providing high quality, cost effective fish habitat along the NSW coast. This project will involve the delivery of a new offshore artificial reef in 2024.		SW \$1,500,000
Trial \$2 for \$1 native fish stocking scheme – doubling down on community fish stockings to boost freshwater native fish stocks	NSW DPI	To trial the doubling of the matching amount of funds provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to community stocking groups to purchase fish to boost freshwater native fish stocks, following drought, fish kills, floods and Covid restrictions.	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
Fish transport tanks and lease vehicles for Gaden and Dutton trout hatcheries	NSW DPI/ in collaboration with Monaro Acclimatisation Society & Central Acclimatisation Society	Purpose built fish transport tanks that can be mounted to leased trucks to increase carrying capacity and ability to transport and stock fish.	FW \$150,000	
Hatchery Technician at Narrandera Fisheries Centre	NSW DPI	This project involves continuing the role of the additional hatchery technician at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre to enhance fish stocking production at the hatchery. The additional role commenced in 2021 and is essential given the expanded hatchery capacity, which will greatly increase production of fish for stocking throughout NSW to improve recreational fishing even further.		FW \$168,146

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23	2023/24
Rec Fisher Habitat Capacity: Building the fish habitat capacity, knowledgebase, delivery capability and leadership qualities of NSW recreational fishers	OzFish Unlimited	OzFish now has 22 chapters of fishers across NSW willing and interested in taking action to improve the habitat and health of their local waterways. This program will pilot for one year, provision of the support and resourcing sought after by the recreational fishers in these chapters to take action and be leaders in aquatic habitat restoration and improve fishing outcomes in their local waterways, across NSW.	SW \$138,600 FW \$59,400	
Revegetation of Bellingen River Estuary, Yellow Rock Road	Latsyrc Project Management	This project will focus on pollution removal and weed removal from 2 property boundaries that front the Bellingen River estuary system. Once weed species are moved, they will be replaced with endemic plant species to allow the riverbank to repair itself between flood events.	SW \$1,695	
Fishers for Fish Habitat 2	OzFish Unlimited	This project will continue and enhance the current Fishers for Fish Habitat program providing information on fish and fish habitat to NSW recreational fishers and the broader community through a yearly Fishers for Fish Habitat forum, 4 issues of Newstreams per annum and the maintenance of the Fish Habitat Network website.	SW \$12,950 FW \$5,550	SW \$12,950 FW \$5,550
Engaging recreational fishers to recycle opera house yabby traps to restore fish habitat	TierraMar Ltd	A project to reduce the impacts of illegal yabby traps by engaging recreational fishers to hand in their traps, have them recycled and turned into useful products, with proceeds going to fish habitat restoration.	FW \$177,420	
NSW Cold Water Pollution Mitigation Strategy – Phase 1 Development	NSW DPI	Finalisation of Phase 1 of the NSW Cold Water Pollution Mitigation Strategy will deliver a coordinated plan to proactively improve water quality and temperatures at high priority dams across NSW to benefit native fish. Will also involve development of a demonstration Cold Water Pollution case study at a suitable dam site.	FW \$236,387	FW \$242,615

Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2022/23	2023/24
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2022/2023	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2022/2023.		SW \$7,000
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2023/24	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd	The project organizes, 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 \$34,200
Utilisation of modified habitats, rehabilitated sites and conservation areas by fishes in Kamay (Botany Bay)	University of Sydney	This project seeks to provide a quantitative understanding of the movement patterns and habitat usage of recreationally and commercially important fish species within Kamay (Botany Bay).	SW \$85,444	SW \$89,077 SW \$68,853 (2024/25)
Parasites of Rainbow trout: impact on fish survival, other fish and human health	Charles Sturt University	To examine hatchery-reared Rainbow trout for parasites. Parasites can influence the ability of fish to avoid predation and can pose a risk to other fish and human health. This research will support the economic, environmental and community health benefits of re-stocking practices.	FW \$39,965	
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring	Ghosn Consulting Services	Collate data to support fisheries research and management of game fish species and to strengthen negotiations between recreational fishers, Government and other interested organisations regarding fishery access and resource sustainability		SW \$87,000

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