

# Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC) meeting OUTCOMES

**Meeting Number:** 63      **Date:** 8 December 2020      **Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** Novotel Sydney International Airport, 22 Levey Street, Wolli Creek.  
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), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).

## 1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

## 2. Apologies

Nil

## 3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous meeting

The draft outcomes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> RFFTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.**

## 4. Action items from previous meeting

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

## 5. Recreational Fishing Trust items

### a. Status of the Freshwater Trust

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

### b. Development of the next Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan

The current 2018/19-2020/21 Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan finishes on 30 June 2021. It is proposed to develop a new 3 year Investment Plan commencing 1 July 2021.

### c. Review of new Freshwater grant applications

A total of 57 Freshwater Trust grant applications were received following a widely advertised call for applications released in September 2020. 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 (Table 1, 2 & 3).

### d. Implementation of Citizen Science project variation

The Leeton Bidgee Classic was not a registered entity with Fair Trading when this application was submitted by OzFish Unlimited and approved for funding in RFFTEC meeting 61. Leeton Bidgee Classic has since met the requirements to receive Trust funding and requested to take responsibility of the project. The Committee supported a project variation for a change of project manager from OzFish to Leeton Bidgee Classic for ongoing management of the project. **Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.**

**e. Appointment of RFFTEC representative on Technical Advisory Group for the Driving Fish Habitat Action with a Landcare NSW/OzFish Unlimited community partnership – Years 2 and 3 project**

The Committee nominated Max Graham to represent RFFTEC on the Technical Advisory Group to meet at least every six months or as needed to discuss planning and progress of the Landcare/OzFish community partnership project.

**f. Habitat Action Grants recommendations**

A total of 13 freshwater Habitat Action Grant (HAG) applications were received following the 2020/21 annual call for applications. A summary of the Technical Assessment Panel's (TAP) recommendations of projects suitable for funding was provided to committee members.

Due to efficiency savings in the operational budget in 2020/21, the TAP recommended that \$20,520 from the operational budget in 2020/21 be utilised for Habitat Action Grants in 2020/21. Eleven projects with a total value of \$270,520 were recommended for funding.

Recommendations were provided to members for consideration and supported out of session.

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

**Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Assessing freshwater fish stocking proposals in NSW to boost our recreational fisheries	DPI	Preparation of fish stocking plans, conducting site assessments, analysing fish stocking data, liaising with fish stocking groups, and issuing fish stocking permits to enhance recreational fish stocks.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$145,337	FW \$149,271	FW \$153,290
Boosting freshwater fish stocks in NSW with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities	DPI	Provide additional operational funds for the Dutton, Grafton, Port Stephens and Narrandera fish hatcheries to stock highly valued native and salmonid species, to enhance freshwater fishing opportunities across NSW.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$473,743	FW \$484,211	FW \$494,943
Community \$4\$ native fish stocking grants to boost local fisheries	Community grants – administered by DPI	Matching funds provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to community groups to purchase native fish to stock local waterways for the benefit of anglers.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
Fuel cards for community fish stocking, fish rescue and fish habitat works	Community grants – administered by DPI	To issue fuel cards to community groups to assist with transport costs to / from fish stocking, fish rescue and fish habitat.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$15,000	FW \$15,000	FW \$15,000
Future Fish Stocking Stewardship Fund –	Student funding –	Assists with travel and accommodation expenses for university students learning fish hatchery techniques at	FW	FW	FW	FW

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Government fish hatcheries	administered by DPI	Government hatcheries to develop future leaders in fish production and aquaculture. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b>	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Gaden Trout Hatchery - Boosting salmonid fish stocks in southern and central NSW	DPI	Provides operational funds for the Gaden trout hatchery for the stocking of highly valued salmonid species, to enhance recreational fishing opportunities in the snowy mountains, southern highlands and central tablelands. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$723,294	FW \$746,563	FW \$770,735
Investigations of nodavirus infection in aquaculture reared euryhaline fish produced for stocking and in wild freshwater fish populations in NSW coastal catchments	DPI	This project will provide a continuation of screening of euryhaline fish produced in commercial hatcheries (including under the dollar-for-dollar program) for stocking into freshwater impoundments in NSW for nodavirus. This testing program will ensure only nodavirus free fish are stocked into freshwater NSW impoundments. Any remaining funds will be used to test wild fish collected in freshwater reaches of coastal catchments in NSW for nodavirus. The data collected will be used to determine if nodavirus is present or absent in wild fish and will inform future nodavirus screening requirements of fish produced for stocking. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b> <b>Comment: RFFTEC recognised the need for the program but expressed some concern about the ongoing requirement for testing.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Anglers Reach Boat Ramp	Adaminaby Fishing Club (Sub branch of Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc)	Construct a 70m long by 3m wide all weather concrete boat ramp and gravel parking area at Anglers Reach, Lake Eucumbene.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: DPI to ensure minimum design standards are met to ensure longevity and that land owner approval is gained prior to commencement as part of the funding agreement.</b>	FW \$40,900	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Dumaresq Dam Fishing Jetty	Armidale Regional Council	Armidale Regional Council is seeking funding for a Fishing Jetty at Dumaresq Dam, which will improve fishing opportunities to an area of the Dam previously inaccessible to land based fishers.  <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$144,000 Moved Troy Bright, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: RFFTEC considered the project management and connecting pathway components to be the responsibility of Council.</b>	FW \$228,000 Requested \$144,000 Supported	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Lake St Clair replacement of fish cleaning table	Belgravia pro	To replace the existing fish cleaning table with an under cover table that two people can use in all weather conditions.  <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$8,650 Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: RFFTEC noted that signage can be provided by DPI.</b>	FW \$9,000 Requested \$8,650 Supported	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

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'Pelican' Restoration	Wentworth Angling Club	<p>Pelican is a 7 metre fishing platform at Fort Courage. The pontoons of this vessel need replacing urgently and will add to the superstructure refurbishment recently undertaken by the club.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: John Erskine declared a potential conflict of interest as he was a member of the Angling Club and left the room during discussion.</b></p>	FW \$5,868	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Recreational fishing access (inland) - Publication of angler access locations and developing new angler access opportunities in NSW	DPI	<p>The project prepares agreements with landholders to secure angler access to fishable waters, develops a comprehensive web-page so that anglers are aware of their rights and access opportunities and oversees the concurrence role for land disposal, to secure future angler access across the state.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0	FW \$194,256	FW \$199,412	FW \$204,684
Securing angler access for the future	DPI	<p>The project reviews the high volume of Crown Lands road closures, Aboriginal Land Claims and other public land disposals to secure angler access for the future. The project will also assist in the inspection of angler access sites and maintenance of an angler access website due to be launched soon.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Paul Mullen, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0	FW \$145,337	FW \$149,271	FW \$153,290

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Small Grants Program Freshwater	DPI (funds administered by DPI)	Provides funding towards the development of on-ground recreational fishing facilities and other small, local or regional research, education or enhancement projects to deliver recreational fishing benefits.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$60,000	FW \$60,000	FW \$60,000
Tenterfield Dam Recreational Precinct – Stage 1	Tenterfield Shire Council	Stage 1 of the Tenterfield Dam Recreational Precinct includes a floating disability accessible fishing platform to be located off Ottobeuren Park at the Tenterfield Dam.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>  Comment: Michael Davey declared a potential conflict of interest as he had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Davey was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.	FW \$250,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

#### Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Inland Fisheries Officers x 6	DPI	Funding for 6 inland fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW inland areas.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Paul Mullen, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$908,971	FW \$931,690	FW \$954,988

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - Greater Murray NSW	DPI	<p>Provision of fish conservation management services for the Murray, Lower Darling and Murrumbidgee catchments of NSW, to enhance key fish habitat protection and recreational fisher involvement in fish habitat protection and management.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Peter Johnson, Seconded Paul Mullen, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Troy Bright declared a potential conflict of interest as he had provided a letter of support. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Bright was permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</b></p>	FW \$0	FW \$216,255	FW \$220,912	FW \$226,684
“Eumerella” Shore..Its time to Restore and enjoy Fish galore!	Numeralla Landcare Inc	<p>The Badja Reserve is a popular recreation area at the junction of two rivers. This junction is very much the focal point of all activities and now the bank needs repair.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$15,510	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Habitat Action Program – “Making more Fish Naturally”	DPI (community habitat grants)	<p>Engagement and support of recreational anglers in fish habitat actions and provision of devolved Habitat Action Grants to enhance fish habitat in NSW and support healthy, resilient recreational fisheries.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$361,543 SW \$751,712	FW \$362,941 SW \$754,971	FW \$364,372 SW \$758,312



Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Building a stronger more sustainable freshwater recreational fishery in NSW- Phase 2	DPI	<p>This project builds on the long-term recreational fishing monitoring and research program undertaken throughout NSW. The aim is to improve freshwater recreational fisheries in NSW which will result in economic, social and environmental benefits.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0	FW \$754,559	FW \$755,679	FW \$754,520
Cost-effective social-economic monitoring for NSW inland recreational fisheries	University of Technology Sydney	<p>This project will develop a cost effective, scalable approach to social and economic monitoring in inland recreational fisheries to provide managers and anglers with information at regular intervals.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Paul Mullen, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0	FW \$118,125	FW \$0	FW \$0
Mapping Rainbow trout spawning habitat in the Eucumbene and Thredbo rivers	Pulse Environmental Consulting	<p>This is a proof of concept project that will trial the use of UAVs (drones) to identify and map preferred spawning sites for Rainbow trout in selected areas of the Thredbo and Eucumbene rivers. UAVs will be flown in pilot reaches to collect spot point survey data and high-resolution video imagery of predicted Rainbow trout spawning areas. The information will be analysed and mapped using GIS and will present important information including area of spawning habitat. Data will be used to support research on Rainbow trout spawning location preferences and will inform the development of management initiatives to improve the Rainbow trout fishery.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Michael Davey, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$19,640	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

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		<b>Comment: Karl Mathers and Peter Johnson declared potential conflicts of interest. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and both gentlemen were permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</b>				
Phase 3: Installing Experimental Tube Fishways at NSW Weirs to develop fish passage design guidelines for new or rehabilitated barriers	The University of New South Wales	The Project will develop engineering and ecological guidelines for permanent Tube Fishways through field trials at strategically important sites across NSW. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Troy Bright, Seconded Michael Davey, Carried.</b> <b>Comment: Peter Johnson declared a potential conflict of interest. The Chair determined there was no pecuniary interest and Mr Johnson were permitted to stay in the room during discussion.</b>	FW \$295,748	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Research observations of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH values on trout waters in the Barrington Tops. SF026 continuing.	The Barrington Club Inc.	To continue a second year of a programme, 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 confirming suitability for Trout stocking for recreational fishing opportunities. <b>SUPPORTED Moved Troy Bright, Seconded Michael Davey, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$1,366	FW \$0	FW \$0
Sounding for the Future; Finding Murray Cod in Muddy Waters	Charles Sturt University	This project will test the application of recreational-grade echo-sounder technologies as a simple and rapid tool to monitor Murray cod populations, habitat preferences and spawning activities in the Murray River. <b>Motion was to support the application. Moved Karl Mathers, Seconded Ron Butler. 5 for, 5 against. Vote tied. RFFTEC acknowledged the merit and need for the</b>	FW \$68,723	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

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		program. Some members requested further budget details particularly related to boat, sounder and driver hire costs.				
The economic contributions of recreational fishing to NSW	University of Wollongong	A range of economic contributions by recreational fishing will be estimated via a survey of anglers, estimating the economic benefits of recreational fishing to both fishers and to the NSW regional economy.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>	FW \$65,036 SW \$151,752	FW \$24,757 SW \$57,765	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$0 SW \$0

#### Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Canberra Anglers Association (CAA) – Equipment to Support Community Introduction to Fly Fishing	Canberra Anglers Association Inc	To refresh CAA’s stock of aging fishing equipment that it uses for public engagement events such as their signature free fly-casting instruction for the public event and instruction to new club members.  <b>SUPPORTED FOR \$5,899 Moved Paul Mullen, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>  <b>Comment: RFFTEC noted that the higher valued Primal Raw Combos were not essential for fly fishing beginners</b>	FW \$8,899 Requested \$5,899 Supported	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Casting for Recovery - a Weekend Fly Fishing Retreat for Women with Breast Cancer. An ACT regional project with	ACT Fly Fishers Inc.	ACT Fly Fishers provide a free Fly Fishing Retreat which includes tuition on a one to one basis, weekend accommodation and care, for up to 14 women who have had breast cancer.	FW \$9,034	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

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vision of it becoming an Australian National Project with regional sub branches		<b>SUPPORTED Moved Michael Davey, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b>				
Family Fishing and Seafood Trails – Developing new opportunities for fishing-related tourism which the whole family can enjoy	DPI	<p>This project involves engaging a suitably qualified contractor to develop and implement an advertising campaign involving fishing trails to promote the unique fishing and lifestyle tourism opportunities offered at key south and north coast regions. This will involve identifying a range of fishing options for the keen angler while also providing non-fishing members of the family with opportunities to explore regional NSW with a focus on enjoying fresh local seafood. The trails aim to promote the socio-economic benefits of recreational fishing by promoting regional locations, fishing hotspots (including RFHs) and local fishing and culinary enterprises.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Paul Mullen, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Conditional on commercial industry support.</b></p>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$45,000 SW \$105,000	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$0 SW \$0
Fishcare - Proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW	DPI	<p>The NSW Fishcare Volunteer program uses a network of six dedicated Education Officers and 230 motivated Fishcare Volunteers across NSW to provide face to face and hands-on education to anglers on the ground. Education Officers and Volunteers use targeted messaging to promote responsible and sustainable fishing ('Fish for Life'). Fishcare also plays a key role in the running of the Get Hooked...its fun to fish schools program and the many fishing workshops involving thousands of kids and community members held each</p>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$390,000 SW \$620,000	FW \$400,000 SW \$630,000	FW \$410,000 SW \$640,000

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		<p>year. Our mission is to create a team of fishing stewards that champion, responsible fishing and a sustainable secure fishing future. Fishcare is one of the flagship programs of the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b></p>				
Get Hooked...it's fun to fish. A fun, interactive recreational fishing program for junior and senior school students to learn about sustainable fishing	DPI	<p>Get Hooked is a proactive student recreational fishing program aligned to the NSW Curriculum. Our aim is to teach sustainable fishing skills for life, how to maximise catch and release, and how to fish safely and responsibly. Passionate dedicated Fishcare Volunteers, Fishcare Education Officers and teachers run Get hooked class lessons with interactive fishing resource kits provided to schools. Once class lessons are completed, Education officers and Fishcare Volunteers run practical fishing workshops for thousands of school students each year, allowing them to put new skills into practice at a local waterway. The program has now been extended to senior schools and plays a part in career development for students.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC recommended the budget allocation from the Freshwater Trust be increased to 30% of the total budget noting the level of inland schools participation has increased over the years.</b></p>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$134,400 SW \$313,600	FW \$137,400 SW \$320,600	FW \$140,400 SW \$327,600
NSW Fishing Workshops - Fostering new and	DPI	<p>Fishing workshops teach adults and children how to fish throughout NSW in a responsible and sustainable manner. The program provides a fun, enjoyable</p>	FW \$0	FW \$28,000	FW \$28,000	FW \$28,000

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existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow		<p>educational experience that aims to teach the basics of fishing to new entrants giving them the skills to continue in the sport for life. Our mission is to create the fishing steward's and champions of tomorrow. Each year, an average of 8,000 new entrants are introduced to fishing under the program.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p>	SW \$0	SW \$42,000	SW \$42,000	SW \$42,000
NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info	DPI	<p>These guides provide an easy to read summary of essential information fishers need before they go fishing. This includes fishing rules, gear descriptions, licences and Recreational Fishing Trusts information, sustainable fishing practices and much more. It is proposed to decrease production of the guide by one third to 200,000 per year noting the increasing use of electronic media. Nevertheless, the guides still represent a one stop shop for anglers to access their fishing information. It is especially popular with new or beginner fishos.</p> <p><b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded John Erskine, Carried.</b></p>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$36,000 SW \$84,000	FW \$36,000 SW \$84,000	FW \$36,000 SW \$84,000

**Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network** (Note: these are fee attributable programs)

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Inland fishing services for anglers - co-ordinates grants for Dollar for Dollar stocking and Fuel Cards, RFFTEC and associated sub groups and develops fishing policies and regulations, to enhance fishing opportunities	DPI	This project co-ordinates Trust funded fishing grants for community fuel cards and the Dollar for Dollar native fishing stocking program. It also coordinates the running of RFFTEC and its various sub groups such as the Fuel Card Evaluation Panel, Gaden Hatchery Management Advisory Committee, as well as the Snow Lakes Working Group and Trout Allocation Committee. The program also plays a key role in developing fishing strategies and plans to enhance fishing access and amenity.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$194,256	FW \$199,412	FW \$204,684
Recreational Fishing NSW (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses	DPI (on behalf of RFNSW)	RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$27,390 SW \$63,910	FW \$27,750 SW \$64,750	FW \$28,110 SW \$65,590
RFFTEC meeting expenses	DPI (on behalf of RFFTEC)	The Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee (RFFTEC) is an advisory sub-committee of the Ministerial Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) that reviews applications for funding and makes recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Peter Johnson, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</b>	FW \$0	FW \$36,400	FW \$37,300	FW \$38,200

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Recreational Fishing Facilities and Grants Management	DPI	To target angler identified gaps in fishing facilities throughout NSW, including fishing platforms, fish cleaning facilities and waterway access infrastructure. To provide support to the Trust Executive Officer for financial and auditing management of Trust programs to ensure timely and quality service delivery. The role provides quality advice to the public on all Trust enquiries and application development.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$18,825 SW \$169,430	FW \$19,291 SW \$173,620	FW \$19,768 SW \$177,916
Recreational Fisher Licence Research Database	DPI (tender administered by NSW DPI)	This project involves data entry of fishers details from 1 and 3 year paper fishing licences by an external consultant onto the Recreational Angling database for research and management purposes. Angler details on paper licences sold at fishing tackle stores are required to be data entered which enables electronic transfer of this data to the main database of licence holders. The data is used to send out licence renewal notices but is also in angler research surveys. This data entry project includes data validation and duplication checks of the paper licence information.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$16,500 SW \$38,500	FW \$15,000 SW \$35,000	FW \$13,500 SW \$31,500
Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System	DPI (tender administered by NSW DPI)	Involves an efficient licence renewal notice system (via external contractor) to provide opportunity for recreational fishers to renew their fee when it expires. The notice gets sent out to around 250,000 licence holders per year and has a range of licence payment options to make it convenient for fishers to renew their licence.	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$36,850 SW \$86,000	FW \$36,850 SW \$86,000	FW \$36,850 SW \$86,000



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		<b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>				
Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project – facilitating fishing licences for fishers	DPI	Provides for the safe and secure collection of recreational fishing licences fees (public money) which are deposited into the Recreational Fishing Trusts on a daily basis. It provides a convenient payment network for anglers using a variety of methods such as a dedicated webpage, sales agents (fishing tackle stores etc) throughout NSW, BPAY, automated telephone, and even mail. It caters for all types of anglers. There is 1) an electronic sales platform provided by Service NSW - Government Licensing Service (GLS) which DPI uses to manage electronic licences and 2) a manual payment system of agents run exclusively by DPI.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$452,000 SW \$1,056,291	FW \$466,000 SW \$1,088,347	FW \$476,000 SW \$1,113,531
Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees	DPI (transaction fees payable to Service NSW)	This project provides for payment of licence transaction fees to Service NSW for recreational fishing licences processed through the Government Licensing Service database platform. The GLS platform is utilised by DPI and other government agencies to provide a convenient payment network for the recreational fishing licence and transfer of revenue into the Recreational Fishing Trusts. This application covers transaction fees payable to GLS on a quarterly basis.  <b>SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b>	FW \$0 SW \$0	FW \$225,000 SW \$525,000	FW \$232,500 SW \$542,500	FW \$240,000 SW \$560,000

Table 2. Summary of new Freshwater Trust grant applications DEFERRED for funding by RFFTEC

**Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Floating pontoon for Jindabyne boat ramp	Jindabyne boaters	<p>This will enable elderly folk to board boats without having to take their shoes and socks off and roll up their trousers. The pontoon will be moored to the bank.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted there was insufficient detail and gaps in the application relating to approvals from Snowy Monaro Regional Council and Snowy Hydro Australian standards, pontoon design and installation and budget details. RFFTEC requested these gaps be addressed prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application.</b></p>	FW \$7,000	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Lake Burrendong Boat Ramp Revival	Inland Waterways OzFish	<p>The Lake Burrendong Boat Ramp is used by thousands of inland recreational fishers, is inadequate, out of date and in need of improvement.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: Paul Mullen declared a potential conflict of interest as he is a member of the applicant organisation. Mr Mullen left the room during discussion. RFFTEC acknowledged the merit of the application and that the dam was a high use area with a nearby large population. RFFTEC noted there was a lack of detail in the application, including budget details, methodology, plans and design. RFFTEC requested inclusion of this additional information prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application. RFFTEC also noted there was an access fee to the park but that many other impoundments have an access fee as well.</b></p>	FW \$305,315	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

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Replacement Boat Ramp at Lake Wyangan Recreation & Camping Area	Griffith City Council	<p>Replace boat ramp at Lake Wyangan as the previous concrete ramp was not compliant with modern design recommendations and had become a WHS hazard due to deterioration.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC acknowledged the merit of the application but requested the applicant confirm any opportunities for funding from other sources prior to re-submission and further consideration of the application. The Committee noted the design of ramp may also be over engineered for the site and requested further review of this issue by the applicant.</b></p>	FW \$206,093	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Look after your Tackle – fishers tackling litter in local waterways	Tangaroa Blue Foundation	<p>OzFish and Tangaroa Blue have joined forces to tackle fishing and waterway litter at its source, combining their expertise and resources to raise awareness, collect valuable data, change behaviours and take action that prevents and removes litter across NSW’s waterways.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC recognised the merit of the project objectives and the need for further actions in this space. The Committee recommended that DPI consult further with the applicant to further analyse the best methods for minimising fishing litter/fishing debris in the inland.</b></p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$96,761</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$64,507</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Women's Recreational Fishing League (WRFL) Fishing Skills & Tournament Enclaves	Women's Recreational Fishing League Inc	<p>Annual series of two instructional women's-only recreational fishing workshop enclaves (each culminating in 1.5 day tournament) designed to expand female participation and leadership in our sport, with particular focus on sustainability and environmental stewardship. Each six-day enclave (one inland freshwater, one coastal saltwater) will host a maximum of 100 women, targeting beginner to intermediate skill levels.</p> <p><b>DEFERRED Moved, Debbie Lennon, Seconded Max Graham, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC acknowledged the merit of the application and its objectives noting the gap that the project was proposing to address (that is, women participation in fishing). The project benefit:cost ratio was considered low given the very high participant cost. The number of participants was also considered low compared to the high cost. RFFTEC identified there may be opportunities to increase the benefit:cost ratio and also to investigate the potential for other partnership organisations to be involved to reduce the overall cost of the program.</b></p>	FW	FW	FW	FW
			\$209,750	\$209,750	\$209,750	\$0
			SW	SW	SW	SW
			\$209,750	\$209,750	\$209,750	\$0

Table 3. Summary of new Freshwater Trust grant applications NOT SUPPORTED for funding by RFFTEC

**Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Improving Access & Amenities at Pumpkin Patch for Bundi Fishing Club	Bundi Fishing Club	<p>Improvements to 10km track to Pumpkin Patch, including installing culvert pipes in two places making it safer for Bundi Fishing Club members carrying boats &amp; kayaks to fishing holes. Amenities at Pumpkin Patch will include two picnic tables set on two separate concrete slabs, with transportable gazebos and separate composting toilet (old style).</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Troy Bright, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted that the proposal was not recreational fishing specific and did not provide public access. RFFTEC requested that future applications for projects at the property could be considered after addressing the access issue as the committee was keen to promote projects in the area.</b></p>	FW \$7,904	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Lions Park Recreational Fishing & Educational Precinct	Federation Council	<p>A redevelopment project at Lions Park will allow for greater access to recreational fishing points, along with supporting important education processes associated with fishing, conservation and sustainability.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted the proposal provides general amenity and is not recreational fishing specific.</b></p>	FW \$31,100	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Purtle Park Seating, Tables, & Fishing Education Signage	Mulwala Progress Association	<p>The new Purtle Park Adventure Playground in Mulwala would be enhanced if one end of the park was set aside for fishing, with seating and education signage.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted the proposal was not recreational fishing specific.</b></p>	FW \$10,500	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Swampy Plain River - Angler access and amenities improvement	Khancoban Angling Club	<p>Provide seating and shaded areas for recreational fishers to enjoy this fantastic location below Khancoban Pondage.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted that the project provided general amenity and was not recreational fishing specific.</b></p>	FW \$8,900	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0
Tarragon Lodge wheelchair accessible fishing platform	Tarragon Lodge Holiday Park	<p>Install a prefabricated floating platform in the Murray River that will improve access to recreational fishing.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Troy Bright, Seconded Karl Mathers, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted that while access will be provided for the general public to the project site located on privately managed land, it is likely to provide limited fishing benefit with more accessible fishing alternatives being developed nearby.</b></p>	FW \$41,518	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Developing safety communications for recreational fishers through participant-led design	UNSW Sydney	<p>Using a participant-led design, recreational fishers will be surveyed on factors impacting safety (experience, rurality, ethnicity) and participate in the development of safety communication tools, to be implemented by RLSNSW.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Troy Bright, Seconded Ron Croker, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> The Committee noted there had been no consultation with the recreational fishing sector. The Committee noted that various recreational fishing groups have been significantly involved in fishing safety programs in NSW and recommended that the applicant consult with these groups prior to potential re-submission. The Committee requested DPI to provide contact details of these groups to the applicant.</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$10,327</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$24,096</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Native Fish Challenge 2021	Native Fish Australia (Vic) Inc.	<p>The Native Fish Challenge is a catch, measure and release event held around Yarrowonga since 1995. Data on all fish captures is recorded by anglers, collated and shared with stakeholders.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Butler, Carried.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> RFFTEC did not support providing funding for the business/running of fishing competitions. However, RFFTEC noted that support can be provided from the existing DPI Tournament Management Program and Freshwater Research Monitoring Program for the monitoring aspects of the event.</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$1,800</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>



Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
FISH FOR LIFE 10 part online series	six sixty productions	<p>FISH FOR LIFE is a 10 part broadcast quality series of 3 to 5 minute shows presented by a diverse range of 14 to 18 year old males and females. FISH FOR LIFE aims to promote recreational fishing to their peer group and ages below throughout New South Wales. Kids who love fishing become adults who love fishing.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Peter Johnson, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC noted the project had significant overlap/duplication with the current Fish For Life Campaign Program currently being undertaken and supported with funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</b></p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$15,000</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$35,000</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p> <p>SW</p> <p>\$0</p>
Moree Lions Club Kids Fishing Day	Lions Club of Moree Inc	<p>Hold a mini day out for kids between the ages of 5 to 12 (flexible) to learn more about fishing and encourage family recreational fun by demonstrating basic fishing skills and practical activities.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Debbie Lennon, Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Comment: RFFTEC recommended the applicant refers to the dollar-for-dollar funding program for fingerling funds and the event can be run as a family fishing day under the Fishcare Volunteer Program.</b></p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$9,500</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>	<p>FW</p> <p>\$0</p>

Project Title	Organisation	Project Summary	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
“Reel Regional” – Educational fishing flicks from across NSW	Ribbon Gang Media Agency	<p>A 6 part mini-series hosted by fishing identity Jackson “Jakko” Davis, highlighting the best freshwater fishing spots in NSW to promote fishing and educate viewers about regional, non-coastal angler-tourism.</p> <p><b>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Debbie Lennon, Carried.</b></p> <p>Comment: RFFTEC noted the project had significant overlap/duplication with the current Fish For Life Campaign Program currently being undertaken and supported with funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.</p>	FW \$64,200	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$0