

Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan 2021/22 – 2023/24

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Vision

Deliver a wide range of programs to boost recreational fishing opportunities in NSW.

Goals

- Innovative projects to boost recreational fishing tourism opportunities.
- Promotion of recreational fishing as a healthy, outdoors activity for the whole family.
- Educating fishers to fish responsibly and safely.
- Promoting the sustainable growth of recreational fishing.

Background

All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Licence Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on improving recreational fishing in NSW.

Over **3,000** projects have been funded from recreational fishing licence fees in NSW since 2001 and many of these have been completed. These include Recreational Fishing, Habitat Action, Dollar-for-Dollar Stocking, Fuel Card, Gone Fishing Day and DPI grants.

This Investment Plan provides a guide on expenditure of funds on projects in key priority areas from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts over the current three-year period (refer to Table 1). New projects to take account of any new emerging priorities for expenditure of Trust funds are periodically added to this Plan following annual funding rounds.

A range of partners are undertaking the projects in this Plan, including DPI, other government organisations, fishing clubs, community groups and universities. The NSW Government also continues to contribute funding from general state revenue every year to manage and improve recreational fishing in NSW.

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Priority areas for funding opportunities

1. Fishing enhancement – e.g. fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking.
2. Education – e.g. fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory, increasing participation in recreational fishing.
3. Fishing access and facilities – e.g. fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other facilities, protecting fishing access.
4. Aquatic habitat rehabilitation – e.g. habitat action grants to improve fish habitat.
5. Research on recreational fishing – e.g. fishing surveys, stock assessment, angler catch projects.
6. Enforcement of fishing rules – fisheries officers.

What have Trust investment plans delivered on?

Fast facts:

- Boosted stocking in creeks and dams to around 5 million native fish and trout and salmon each year.
- Offshore artificial reefs constructed off Sydney, Shoalhaven Heads, Port Macquarie, Southern Sydney ("JD" reef), Merimbula, Newcastle, Wollongong, Tweed Heads and Batemans Bay. More reefs to follow soon.
- Fish aggregating devices deployed at 34 locations each year to boost angler catch.
- Around 100 schools and 5,000 kids participating in 'Get Hooked...it's fun to fish' program each year.
- Over 300 fish habitat grants have been provided to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting river bank vegetation and restoring water flows.
- Fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms constructed each year.
- 300 Fishcare Volunteers out and about promoting responsible fishing.

Previous Investment Plans can be downloaded from -

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work

Applying for funding

A major round of funding is advertised each year by DPI calling for applications. There are also two minor rounds during each year.

Anyone can apply for funding from the Trusts, including fishing clubs, community groups, universities and even individuals. More information on how to apply for funding can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds

Partnerships and linkages

It is recognised that some projects can benefit other sectors such as commercial and Aboriginal Fishing, conservation, boating etc. DPI will work with project applicants to identify and leverage funding where there is overlap of benefits and encourage various sector groups to collaborate to boost potential outcomes of projects. Joint funding arrangements are actively encouraged.

Assessment

Applications are carefully assessed against a range of criteria, including the extent of benefits to recreational fishing, cost effectiveness, support from recreational fishing organisations or other relevant groups/agencies, innovation, project team expertise and track record and technically sound methodology. Angler committees provide recommendations to the Minister's Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council which in turn provides advice to the Minister for Primary Industries. Successful projects are promoted in the media to advise fishers about new and ongoing projects to benefit recreational fishing.

Financial accountability

It is important that the Trusts are accountable to the community for how Trust funds are spent. DPI carries out periodic surveys of recreational fishing licence holders to ensure that the broad funding priorities are in line with angler expectations. Trust financial statements are published on the DPI website. Independent audits of the Trusts are also undertaken periodically.

Table 1 Summary of project recommendations for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts 2021/22 – 2023/24. Note: SW and FW denote the Seawater and Freshwater Trusts, respectively. Amounts shown are the approved funds for each project. All projects valued at \$10,000 or less listed below receive funding through the Small Grants Program.

Platforms: Fishing access and facilities Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Bendalong & Kioloa – Fishing Access Improvements Provide safer access to existing fish cleaning tables located on intertidal rock platforms.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$40,490	SW \$0	SW \$0
Chipping Norton boat ramp wharf To build a new wharf adjacent to the boat ramp, to re-concrete ramp as current ramp is very slippery to walk down to launch boats at low tide.	Liverpool Fishing Club		SW \$12,821	SW \$0	SW \$0
Cover over fish cleaning table at Allworth NSW To install a cover over the fish cleaning table at Allworth.	Allworth and District Social Fishing Club Inc.		SW \$3,775	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table with Sheltered Pitched Roof Construct a four-person fish cleaning table with a concrete flooring at ground level which allows disabled access. The structure will be of metal fabrication material with pitched roofing with solar lighting.	Brooms Head Holiday Park/Clarence Valley Council		SW \$9,951	SW \$0	SW \$0
Fishing Platform – Mosman Rowers Mosman Rowers urgently needs a fishing platform to access Mosman Bay, Sydney Harbour. This will facilitate recreational fishing for the club's 1,500 members, visitors and the general public at large.	Mosman Rowers Limited		SW \$105,261	SW \$0	SW \$0
Replacement MBGLAC Jetty Spencer Park Merimbula The Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc. (MBGLAC) maintains a public jetty at its club site in Spencer Park, Merimbula. The jetty is dilapidated. It is proposed to replace with a modern floating pontoon style jetty which will be much safer and wheelchair accessible.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.		SW \$203,610	SW \$0	SW \$0
G.D.A.C. boat ramp access Repair potholes and level boat ramp, access road and re-bitumen surface of the GDAC's boat ramp for use by members and the public.	Grafton District Anglers Club		SW \$9,872	SW \$0	SW \$0
Install a solar floodlight adjacent to boat ramp & fish cleaning table at Joshua Porter Reserve	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association Inc.		SW \$7,810	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Supply and install an intelligent solar floodlight on a 6m pole, adjacent to the boat ramp and fish cleaning table at Joshua Porter Reserve, Lloyd Avenue, Chain Valley Bay.					
Installation of 2 separate fishing platforms at the Nambucca Heads V-Wall Upgrade works at the Nambucca Heads V-Wall are nearing completion, and new raised and separate platforms for recreational fishers at this very popular location are proposed to ensure safety for all users of this iconic landmark.	Nambucca Valley Council		SW \$153,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jack Buckley Memorial Park Fishing Platform Construct a concrete fishing platform over the existing rock wall.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$9,865	SW \$0	SW \$0
Jervis Bay/Currumbene Creek/Myola - Fishing Access Improvements Construction of a fish friendly boardwalk and fishing platform(s) on the Currumbene Creek/ Myola training wall to make access safe and more user friendly for fishers.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$78,140	SW \$0	SW \$0
Kennedy Drive Boat Ramp: Recreational Fishing Upgrade The existing fish cleaning table is outdated and unstable. The table needs to be replaced and the revetment stabilised. Fishing from the jetty is popular however various aspects require addressing to move towards universal access.	Tweed Shire Council		SW \$69,619	SW \$0	SW \$0
Lord Howe Island Boat Ramp – Install new load line To install a mooring and rope system adjacent to the Lord Howe Island Boat Ramp for fishers and other boat users to tie up boats.	Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Club		SW \$9,775	SW \$0	SW \$0
Recreational fishing access (coastal) – maintaining and enhancing land and boat access for fishers along the NSW coast This project involves a dedicated access officer managing saltwater fishing access which is under threat or at risk of being compromised. A key aspect of this role involves highlighting the socio-economic importance of recreational fishing to land managers and other relevant entities to ensure access is retained and where possible enhanced. This involves negotiation with stakeholders to identify access solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes for recreational fishers. Put simply, more access means more fishing opportunities!		DPI	SW \$191,256	SW \$195,911	SW \$200,684
Small Grants Program		Community grant funds	SW \$100,000 FW	SW \$100,000 FW	SW \$100,000 FW

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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.		administered by DPI	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
St Georges Basin – Fishing Access Improvements This project aims to improve the fishing experience in the St Georges Basin Recreational Fishing Haven for boat-based and land-based fishers by 1) Renewal and improvement of the existing popular fishing jetty located off Island Point Road; 2) Renewal of the existing fishing jetty off Basin Road and provision of a fish cleaning table and rod holders; and 3) Upgrading of fenders on the Sanctuary Point and Erowal Bay jetties to make more user friendly for boat-based fishers.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$145,965	SW \$0	SW \$0
Anglers Reach Boat Ramp Construct a 70 m long by 3 m wide all weather concrete boat ramp and gravel parking area at Anglers Reach, Lake Eucumbene.	Adaminaby Fishing Club (Sub-branch of Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc)		FW \$40,900	FW \$0	FW \$0
Dumaresq Dam Fishing Jetty Install a fishing jetty at Dumaresq Dam, which will improve fishing opportunities to an area of the Dam previously inaccessible to land-based fishers.	Armidale Regional Council		FW \$144,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
Lake St Clair replacement of fish cleaning table To replace the existing fish cleaning table with an undercover table that two people can use in all weather conditions.	Belgravia pro		FW \$8,650	FW \$0	FW \$0
'Pelican' Restoration Pelican is a 7 m 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.	Wentworth Angling Club		FW \$5,868	FW \$0	FW \$0
Recreational fishing access (inland) -Publication of angler access locations and developing new angler access opportunities in NSW The project prepares agreements with landholders to secure angler access to fishable waters, develops a comprehensive webpage 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.		DPI	FW \$194,256	FW \$199,412	FW \$204,684

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Securing angler access for the future 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.		DPI	FW \$145,337	FW \$149,271	FW \$153,290
Tenterfield Dam Recreational Precinct – Stage 1 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.	Tenterfield Shire Council		FW \$250,000	FW \$0	FW \$0
Too Good To Lose! Water Police and Police on ferry patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing The project aims to ensure continued recreational fisher access on ferry wharves. Water Police patrols have 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. The project provides an effective enforcement presence to help manage issues involving rubbish, noise and anti-social behaviour on more than 50 commuter ferry wharves and Walsh Bay piers. This project also includes an additional new component with police officers onboard ferries at peak fishing times.		DPI/RMS/ Water Police	SW \$230,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Allworth floating pontoon 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.	The Allworth and District Social Fishing Club Inc		SW \$0	SW \$78,000	SW \$0
Mylestom Pontoon Access Repair & Enhancement 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.	Bellingen Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$32,500	SW \$0
New Mylestom Fish Cleaning Table 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.	Bellingen Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$18,106	SW \$0

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Fishing Upgrade infrastructure across Shoalhaven 2022-23 (FUN-AS) 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.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$0	SW \$150,000	SW \$0
Cattai Creek kayak launch facility 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.	Hawkesbury City Council		SW \$0	SW \$175,835	SW \$0
St Georges Basin - Basin Rd Jetty 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.	Shoalhaven City Council		SW \$0	SW \$252,000	SW \$0
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 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.	Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club		SW \$0	SW \$9,500	SW \$0
Briely's Fish Cleaning Table Renewal 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.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$9,905	SW \$0
South Durras Extension of Access Stairs 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.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$9,950	SW \$0
Fish Cleaning Table on Fishermen's Public Wharf - Port Macquarie Town Centre 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	Port Macquarie Hastings Council		SW \$0	SW \$9,930	SW \$0

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popular fishing location. The table will be connected to the nearby potable water supply.					
Too Good To Lose! Water Police patrols to help keep Sydney Harbour ferry wharves open to fishing (2022/23 season) 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.		DPI Fisheries / Transport for NSW	SW \$0	SW \$180,000	SW \$0
Kyffins Reserve Boat Ramp Project (KRBRP) 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.	Federation Council		FW \$0	FW \$80,000	FW \$0
Lake Burrendong recreational fishing boat ramp upgrade 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.	Reflections Holiday Parks		FW \$0	FW \$170,000	FW \$0
Essential angler access enhancements for the Swampy Plain River To provide essential access and amenities below Khancoban Pondage to encourage recreational fishers to enjoy this fantastic fishing location.	Khancoban Angling Club		FW \$0	FW \$8,900	FW \$0
Seymour Street Laurieton Fish Cleaning Table 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.	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council			SW \$25,500	
Hawks Nest Fishing Platform Upgrade	MidCoast Council		SW \$0	SW	SW \$0

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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.				\$53,268	
Shelter and solar sensor light for existing fish cleaning table, Lintern St Wharf Davistown NSW 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.	The 3 Villages Community Group Inc		SW \$0	SW \$9,492	SW \$0
Preddy's Wharf Fishing Platform Provision of a fishing platform to the west of the boat ramp at Preddy's Wharf marine facility (part of overall facility upgrade project).	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$35,000	SW \$0
The Loop Boat Ramp Marine Facility Minor works 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.	Eurobodalla Shire Council		SW \$0	SW \$20,000	SW \$0
Cattai Creek kayak launch facility - shortfall funding request 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.	Hawkesbury City Council		SW \$0	SW \$36,000	SW \$0
Manning River Recreational Access Upgrade Project – Moores Road Bootawa 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.	MidCoast Council		SW \$0	SW \$172,835	SW \$0
Light Watercraft Launching Facility Lugarno 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.	Georges River Council		SW \$0	SW \$250,000	SW \$0
Quarantine Bay Timber Jetty Renewal (shortfall funding) Provide shortfall funding to cover unforeseen costs identified during a structural condition assessment for the previously Trust funded Quarantine Bay timber jetty	Bega Valley Shire Council (BVSC)		SW \$0	SW \$62,370	SW \$0

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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.					
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. 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.		DPI / Transport for NSW	SW \$0	SW \$50,000	SW \$230,000
The Pergola at the Jetty The Jerilderie Fishing Club plans to construct a small Pergola (6m x 6m) above their jetty and boat ramp built about 5 years ago to provide shade for users.	Jerilderie Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$7,500	FW \$0
Inclusive Fishing Platform – 10th Dam 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.	Guyra Anglers Club Inc		FW \$0	FW \$13,835	FW \$0
Carcoar Dam – boat ramp improvements 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.	Blayney Shire Council		FW \$0	FW \$59,400	FW \$0
Supply and Installation of 2 x 60W LED Solar Powered Lights Supply and Install 2 x 60W LED solar powered lights on powder coated pole to illuminate boat ramp at Bingara Boat ramp.	Gwydir Shire Council		FW \$0	FW \$9,211	FW \$0
Keeping trout anglers on the right track. To rehabilitate major informal tracks that provide access to the foreshores of Lake Eucumbene, Lake Jindabyne and Thredbo River.	Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc		FW \$0	FW \$30,000	FW \$0
Fence Stiles for facilitating angler access into Travelling Stock Reserves, Crown Lands, Crown Reserves & Council Reserves TAngler access to public land (Travelling Stock Reserves, Crown Reserves and Council reserves) is at times restricted by gates being locked as a result from misuse from other user groups, the need to secure stock or the preservation of the	DPI		FW \$0	FW \$23,400	FW \$0

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environment. In most instances access for fishing is still a permitted and legal activity, however, fences and locked gates make access difficult and pose a risk of injury for anglers who try to navigate through or over them. The installation of fence stiles in collaboration with land owners at these locations will enable safe and convenient angler access to these locations.					

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Enhancing coastal fisheries: Making Reefs and FADs happen Artificial reefs and fish aggregating devices (FADs) are two of the most popular programs funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts providing new high quality, fishing locations for anglers. This project involves a dedicated fisheries enhancement officer to project manage and coordinate the programs to make them happen. The role facilitates environmental assessments, Commonwealth approvals, tenders and monitoring of the reefs. Both programs continue to deliver with proposed expansion of the FADs program and recent deployment of the Tweed Artificial Reef.		DPI	SW \$259,196	SW \$271,621	SW \$284,826
Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs) – more places for people to fish The FADs program provides reliable offshore fishing locations where recreational fishers can target a variety of popular pelagic fish over spring, summer and autumn. This project involves a dedicated FADs officer responsible for procurement of hardware, assembly and installation of FADs, replacement and maintenance where required, removal of all FADs at the close of each season and providing fishers with up-to-date FADs information via a range of media avenues including email, social media and smartphone Apps.		DPI	SW \$299,984	SW \$303,969	SW \$308,054
Boosting our fisheries: stocking NSW estuaries with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities This marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of species such as mullet, dusky flathead and kingfish along the coast of NSW using the world's best stocking practices to enhance recreational fishing in estuaries. Stockings are guided by a Fisheries Management Strategy to ensure a responsible approach.		DPI	SW \$313,128	SW \$315,455	SW \$317,842
Lord Howe Island FADs Provide two FADs in appropriately zoned State Marine Park waters surrounding Lord Howe Island. Aim is to improve recreational fishing activities in these waters.	Lord Howe Island Game Fishing Club.		SW \$12,904	SW \$0	SW \$0
Assessing freshwater fish stocking proposals in NSW to boost our recreational fisheries 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.		DPI	FW \$145,337	FW \$149,271	FW \$153,290

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Boosting freshwater fish stocks in NSW with popular species to enhance recreational fishing opportunities 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.		DPI	FW \$473,743	FW \$484,211	FW \$494,943
Community \$4\$ native fish stocking grants to boost local fisheries Matching funds provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust to community groups to purchase native fish to stock local waterways for the benefit of anglers.		Community grants – administered by DPI	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000
Fuel cards for community fish stocking, fish rescue and fish habitat work To issue fuel cards to community groups to assist with transport costs to / from fish stocking, fish rescue and fish habitat.		Community grants – administered by DPI	FW \$15,000	FW \$15,000	FW \$15,000
Future Fish Stocking Stewardship Fund – Government fish hatcheries Assists with travel and accommodation expenses for university students learning fish hatchery techniques at Government hatcheries to develop future leaders in fish production and aquaculture.		Student funding – administered by DPI	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000	FW \$5,000
Gaden Trout Hatchery - Boosting salmonid fish stocks in southern and central NSW 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.		DPI	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 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.		DPI	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000	FW \$20,000

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10th Dam Aeration – Guyra Anglers Club Inc Provide a reliable sustainable aeration system to oxygenate the 10th Dam in Guyra to ensure increased health of fish stocks and ongoing recreational fishing opportunity.	Guyra Anglers Club Inc.		FW \$10,008	FW \$0	FW \$0
Expansion of the Narrandera Fisheries Centre hatchery Additional funds to complete the re-development of the hatchery at Narrandera to provide a state-of-the-art fish production facility to enhance capacity and provide resources for breeding and stocking of recreational and threatened species across the Murray Darling Basin.		DPI	FW \$400,000	FW \$285,376	FW \$0
Enhancing coastal recreational fishing opportunities by installing two new offshore artificial reefs A recent NSW Government expression of interest survey has identified more artificial reefs as being a high priority for 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 along the NSW coast. Installation methods and reef design continue to improve as the program evolves, resulting in high quality fish habitat for recreationally targeted species. This project will involve the delivery of two new offshore artificial reefs in 2022.		DPI	SW \$1,100,000	SW \$1,100,000	SW \$0
2021-22 Reserve BBDSC FAD 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.	Byron Bay Deep Sea FC		SW \$0	SW \$1,510	SW \$0
Boosting our fisheries: expanding the stocking of NSW estuaries with popular species The marine stocking program involves the breeding and release of species including but not limited to mullet, 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.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$100,000	SW \$100,000
Stocking of Estuary Perch within Brogo Dam and to investigate stocking Estuary Perch within Danjara Dam, Glennies Creek and Lake Toolooma 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		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$25,000	FW \$50,000

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Perch into Danjera Dam (Nowra), Glennies Creek Dam (Singleton) and Lake Toolooma (Waterfall), to provide anglers with exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunities.					
Review and update the NSW trout strategy and design a framework for the development of management strategies for other key NSW freshwater sportfish 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$50,000	FW \$67,000
FADs and artificial reefs boat motor and trailer replacement 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 motor and trailer (which is done periodically).		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$45,500	SW \$0
Enhancing coastal recreational fishing opportunities by installing a new offshore artificial reef 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.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$1,500,000
Trial \$2 for \$1 native fish stocking scheme – doubling down on community fish stockings to boost freshwater native fish stocks 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$250,000	FW \$250,000

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Fish transport tanks and lease vehicles for Gaden and Dutton trout hatcheries Purpose built fish transport tanks that can be mounted to leased trucks to increase carrying capacity and ability to transport and stock fish.	Monaro Acclimatisation Society & Central Acclimatisation Society	DPI	FW \$0	FW \$150,000	FW \$0
Hatchery Technician at Narrandera Fisheries Centre 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$168,146
Recirculating Aquaculture System for Dutton Trout Hatchery Involves acquisition and installation of a Recirculating Aquaculture System at Dutton Trout Hatchery. This will enable holding and production of larger fish which have been identified as a priority for successful trout stocking in redfin affected waters. Also provides protection from summer temperature spikes and low flow conditions.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$245,000
Recirculating Aquaculture System for Gaden Trout Hatchery as part of Major Upgrades Involves acquisition and installation of 4 x Recirculating Aquaculture Systems at Gaden Trout Hatchery. This will enable holding and production of larger fish which have been identified as a priority for successful "advanced fingerlings" trout stocking in redfin affected waters. Also provides protection from summer temperature spikes and low flow conditions. This will give a substantial boost to production capacity at Gaden and will be completed as part of a larger \$8.657 million major development at the site. The current tender process has shown rapid inflation in materials and construction costs, which have increased to a level beyond the initial budget. Savings in the project have been identified and made but this application for additional funding has been made to ensure the project can still deliver the best infrastructure outcome for recreational fishing in NSW.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$614,460	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Restoring catfish through partnerships – A partnership based traditional approach to restocking and restoring native fish Edward-Wakool Angling Association, the Joint Indigenous Group and Western Murray Land Improvement Group are working in partnership to restore catfish population through stocking and education activities in the Murray-Edward-Wakool region. Catfish have significant cultural and recreational value but are almost locally extinct. Restocking of catfish in 3 key traditional wetlands will take place.	Edward-Wakool Angling Association (EWAA)		FW \$0	FW \$10,000	FW \$0
Trial stocking of advanced Murray cod fingerlings to assist with post-flood recovery Involves a trial stocking of advanced Murray cod fingerlings as part of a recovery response following expected blackwater events and fish kills as a result of recent flooding across NSW. As well as involving the purchase of required stock from an approved private hatchery provider, the trial will include a research component to assess the suitability of targeted stocking of sub-adult fish – along with mass stocking of fingerlings produced by DPI's Narrandera Fisheries Centre – as a recovery response option for future significant fish kill events.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$100,000	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Byron Bay High School Fishing Education Byron Bay High School backs onto Cape Byron National Park and Tallow Beach. This project will provide beach fishing educational materials and equipment for the Commercial and Recreational Fishing component of the school's Marine Studies course. The course is non-ATAR and appeals to students usually from a low socio-economic background.	Byron Bay High School		SW \$1,965	SW \$0	SW \$0
Family Fishing and Seafood Trails – Developing new opportunities for fishing-related tourism which the whole family can enjoy 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.		DPI	SW \$105,000 FW \$45,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
Fishcare - Proactively undertaking face to face education of anglers across NSW 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 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.		DPI	SW \$620,000 FW \$390,000	SW \$630,000 FW \$400,000	SW \$640,000 FW \$410,000
Fishing for the elderly Provide an opportunity for elderly persons to learn the basics of fishing using known techniques.	Nambucca Heads U3A (University of the Third Age)		SW \$2,340	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Fishing Lake Mac- Youth Clinics This project will encourage youth to participate in recreational fishing. Fishcare volunteers and older residents of our community will provide mentoring and socialisation to divert away from participating in anti-social behaviour.	Swansea Community Cottage Inc		SW \$3,043	SW \$0	SW \$0
Get Hooked with CASPA To educate and skill up young people living in foster and residential care on how to fish for food sustainably through an 8-week program visiting different fishing locations each week.	CASPA Services Ltd		SW \$8,520	SW \$0	SW \$0
Get Hooked...it's fun to fish. A fun, interactive recreational fishing program for junior and senior school students to learn about sustainable fishing 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.		DPI	SW \$313,600 FW \$134,400	SW \$320,600 FW \$137,400	SW \$327,600 FW \$140,400
Junior lake & river fishing & fun day Encourage local juniors in the Pambula area to acknowledge the sport of fishing and increase membership and participation in the fishing club using current members to mentor and host.	Pambula Fishing Club Inc		SW \$3,560	SW \$0	SW \$0
Let's Fish NSW - Recreational Fishing awareness & engagement media campaign program The "Let's Fish NSW" is a project campaign targeted at those who go, or have been in the past, recreational fishing. Reports though AFTA's network of retail fishing tackle outlets have shown a massive reduction in the number of people engaging in recreational fishing pursuits. AFTA will develop and supply a series of targeted "Let's Fish NSW" short message videos with the aim and objective to engage and encourage people of all ages, backgrounds and genders to make a return to recreational fishing in a post restricted environment.	Australian Fishing Trade Association		SW \$110,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Let's Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing: Phase 4 To progress with Phase 4 of the “Let’s Go Fishing” Schools Program in partnership with the Marine Teachers Association following the successful completion of Phases 1, 2 and 3. Phase 4 will comprise of re-stocking and replacing equipment where required in the school’s fishing kits, provide fishing equipment to an additional 25 schools and produce and deliver an “intermediate” level online educational support in the form of a six-part video series with supporting Q & A sheets. The project will provide continuity for schools and teachers from Phase 3 in delivering quality education on recreational fishing.	Australian Fishing Trade Association		SW \$105,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Mindfulness through fishing The project intends to take in seven groups of people, consisting of six individuals per group, totalling 42 people who have been clinically diagnosed with depression, anxiety, and PTSD, along with their treating clinical psychologist. The group will be taken fishing by Southern Sydney Fishing Tours, which provides fully guided fishing trips on both Botany Bay and Port Hacking hosted by fishing expert Scotty Lyons.	Psychological Health Assessment and Counselling Services		SW \$7,800	SW \$0	SW \$0
NSW Fishing Workshops - Fostering new and existing fishers to be the guardians of tomorrow Fishing workshops teach adults and children how to fish throughout NSW in a responsible and sustainable manner. The program provides a fun, enjoyable 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.		DPI	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000	SW \$42,000 FW \$28,000
NSW Saltwater and Freshwater Recreational Fishing Guides - One stop shop for essential fishing info 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.		DPI	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000	SW \$84,000 FW \$36,000

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Project LLaP: Look, Learn and Protect Long Reef is an important feeding ground for fish. The protection of the reef and intertidal zone through education is crucial. A microEYE Discovery Microscope will address this and Fishcare Volunteers will also utilise this resource.	Individual		SW \$5,665	SW \$0	SW \$0
Recreational fishing waste management education program Developing an education campaign to encourage recreational fishers to ethically and responsibly dispose of their fish frames and other waste in the Bega Valley Local Government Area.	Ocean2earth Australia		SW \$9,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
The Fishing Club – Studio ARTES A group for individuals with a disability to engage in recreational fishing activities in a safe and supported environment including learning to fish safely and sustainably. The project would be run over the funding period with regular sessions at different locations along the Hawkesbury River, Narrabeen Lakes, Cooks River and Georges River.	Studio ARTES Northside Inc		SW \$10,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
Upgrade of website database and phone app for humane dispatch of fish species encountered by recreational fishers in NSW. The www.ikijime.com website and ikijime tool phone applications are world's leading fish welfare tools that improve recreational fisher's access to information on humane dispatch of finfish. However, the mobile phone applications require updates following recent operating system changes by phone manufacturers. This project will deliver those updates.	DigsFish Services		SW \$9,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (UTSOAC) Recreational Fishing Project This funding will buy fishing tackle for the UTS Outdoor Adventure Club (UTSOAC) acting under ActivateUTS LTD to add recreational fishing to the suite of activities provided for UTS students and affiliates on an ongoing basis. It will also deliver free basic training in estuary and beach fishing to allow fishing outings under a wide range of weather and sea conditions and allow the Club to establish a syllabus for future inhouse training.	ActivateUTS		SW \$3,240	SW \$0	SW \$0
Warrawong High School – Project Neptune Project Neptune began in 1998 and involves fishing as a school sport on Thursday afternoons, weather permitting. The highlight is the program's annual deep sea charter.	Warrawong High School		SW \$2,840	SW \$0	SW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Canberra Anglers Association (CAA) – Equipment to Support Community Introduction to Fly Fishing 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.	Canberra Anglers Association Inc		FW \$5,899	FW \$0	FW \$0
Casting for Recovery - a Weekend Fly Fishing Retreat for Women with Breast Cancer. 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.	ACT Fly Fishers Inc.		FW \$9,034	FW \$10,000	FW \$0
Trailer to assist in events and activities in the Albury community Involves obtaining a versatile, durable, reliable trailer so the Lavington Anglers Club can hold events in locations to promote recreational fishing.	Lavington Anglers Club		FW \$4,533	FW \$0	FW \$0
NSW Recreational Fishing Strategy – Creative document design To create engaging communications approaches across a range of media (print, online and social) for the NSW Recreational Fishing Strategy, which will identify and highlight “key selling points” to effectively engage NSW recreational fishers and promote the overall vision for the recreational fishing sector.		DPI	SW \$15,000 FW \$5,000	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0
NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Annual Report 2021 and beyond – creative design of print and online publications To create online and print publications for the <i>Recreational Fishing Trust Annual Report 2021</i> , which promotes the achievements of programs supported by the Recreational Fishing Trust. The publication will be highly graphic (including photographs and infographics) and high profile, available as both a website and printable A4 document. Subsequent reports will also be prepared.		DPI	SW \$50,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$50,000 FW \$20,000	SW \$50,000 FW \$20,000
Two new saltwater Fishcare advisory trailers Two new advisory trailers for the Fishcare Program to replace the existing North Coast and South Coast trailers, which after extensive advisory use are becoming unsightly and not suitable for ongoing use (e.g. rust, wrapping, breaking parts etc). The trailers are both over 10 years of age and ongoing patch-up and repair is no longer cost effective or feasible. Each trailer attends over 50 events per year. There are currently six advisory education trailers in use across the state with two trailers being replaced last year.		DPI	SW \$48,598	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Forge Through Fishing Program 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.	Forge Through Limited		SW \$0	SW \$4,875	SW \$0
A Rock Fishing Safety & Skills program, contributing to reducing rock fishing fatalities in 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.	Surf Life Saving NSW		SW \$0	SW \$204,030	SW \$0
Fostering Environmental Custodianship through Fishing 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.	Emmanuel Anglican College		SW \$0	SW \$2,539	SW \$0
Phase 1 – Gadigal, Bidjigal and Dharawal Fish Harvesting, Sustainability and the Community 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.	Stingray Workers Cooperative		SW \$0	SW \$9,775	SW \$0
Fly Fishing Rods for the Greenwell's Fly Fishing Club, Fly Fishing course 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.	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$2,916	FW \$0
Carp we don't Keepit, Carp Muster 2022 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.	Lake Keepit Family Fishing Club		FW \$0	FW \$6,000	FW \$0
Long Reef Fishing Club – Winches Restoration Project 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.	Long Reef Fisherman's Club Committee		SW \$0	SW \$29,500	SW \$0

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Botany Bay Kids Gone Fishing 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.	Botany Bay Game Fishing Club Inc		SW \$0	SW \$5,250	SW \$0
Fish For Life (FFL) Stage 2 – strengthening recreational fishing through sector growth, more diversity, enhanced fisheries sustainability, improved social licence and stewardship. 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.		DPI	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$459,084 FW \$153,028	SW \$261,175 FW \$87,058
Angling Skill Transfer and Compendium for Merimbula fishers 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.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc		SW \$0	SW \$5,500	SW \$0
Let's Go Fishing – Educating School Children on the Sustainable Benefits of Recreational Fishing: Phase 5 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.	Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA)		SW \$0	SW \$115,000	SW \$0

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Rock Fishing Safety Signage 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.	Wollongong City Council		SW \$0	SW \$30,000	SW \$0
FishSmart for Mighty Mulloway - Improve recreational fishing catch data for Mulloway through 'real time' reporting via the FishSmart app 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.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$165,000	SW \$0
Fly Fishing Rods for the promotion of Fly Fishing 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.	Sydney Fly Rodders Club		SW \$0	SW \$3,600	SW \$0
Lake Cargelligo Central School Fishing for Recreation and Learning 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.	Lake Cargelligo Central School		FW \$0	FW \$3,538	FW \$0
Boys to the Bush (BttB) Fishing for Connection: Fishing education and social inclusion for disadvantaged youth 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.	Boys to the Bush Ltd		FW \$0	FW \$10,000	FW \$0
Brag mats for when you don't feel like bragging. 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.	Darlington Point Riverina Classic Catch and Release Fishing Competition		FW \$0	FW \$4,800	FW \$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education Projects	Partner Organisation	Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
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.	Collingullie Fishing Comp		FW \$0	FW \$4,000	FW \$0
Winter School Holidays Junior Fishing Competition and Fishing Workshops 2023 The Winter School Holidays Junior Fishing Competition was instigated in 2020 by the Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club to support junior angling, local Merimbula fishing tackle stores and tourism during the slower winter period. During the three week event, the club runs children's fishing workshops, which include tuition from experienced anglers and provision of suitable fishing tackle to child participants.	Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club Inc.		SW \$0	SW \$4,120	SW \$0
FishSmarter, tag smarter – Bringing 50 years of the NSW Game Fish Tagging Program into the digital world To celebrate 50 years of the NSW Game Fish Tagging Program, it is time to take Australia's first citizen science program into the digital world and straight into angler's hands using the established FishSmart app. It is proposed to develop a quick and slick electronic function for anglers to not only provide the ability for them to directly enter their tag information, but also provide access to their own history of tagged and recaptured fish on their fisher profile. This will not only provide a great new age service to fishers and organisations, but will streamline the manual entry process and store data in a secure and modernised way.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$90,000	SW \$10,000
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 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.	ACT Fly Fishers Inc.		FW \$0	FW \$0	FW \$7,674
NSW Gone Fishing Day 2023 and 2024 – promoting participation and celebrating the benefits of recreational fishing, while supporting local organisations and industries in NSW In collaboration with the annual national Gone Fishing, DPI has been running promotional activities and events in NSW since 2015 with funding support from the Trusts. The day is all about promoting fishing as a fun, healthy, outdoors fishing		DPI	FW \$0	SW \$95,000 FW \$35,000	SW \$95,000 FW \$35,000

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activity for the whole family. Each year funding grants or fishing packages are made available to fishing clubs and organisations to host local events, while the DPI Fishcare Program hosts up to six major community events across NSW. Future Gone Fishing Day events and activities are proposed for 2023 and 2024.					
Laying the foundation for Mulloway stock recovery through filling critical knowledge gaps and modelling This project will inform rebuilding efforts and future management to recover the NSW Mulloway stock within the species' harvest strategy by filling critical research knowledge gaps and population modelling.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$125,000
Oyster reef restoration boosts recreationally important fish NSW DPI is restoring historically lost oyster reefs throughout NSW. In doing so, oyster reef restoration will provide habitat for more fish and improve waterway health. While oyster reef restoration is generally well received and expanding in NSW, a better understanding is needed of how recreationally important species use these reefs and the specific benefits they provide. This will be done by acoustically tracking juvenile and adult Bream and Dusky Flathead around restored oyster reef habitat in Port Stephens.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$32,110	SW \$4,480

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation Projects	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation – South Coast and Greater Murray Provision of fish habitat protection and enhancement in Murray, Lower Darling and Murrumbidgee catchments and South East NSW using two dedicated fisheries conservation managers. Increases awareness of fish habitat amongst all stakeholders and land use managers, to ensure management outcomes that improve fish habitat and promote fisher and community engagement in fish habitat management, protection and rehabilitation.		DPI	SW	SW	SW
			\$206,255	\$210,912	\$215,684
			FW	FW	FW
			\$216,255	\$220,912	\$226,684
Flagship Habitat Action The Flagship Habitat Action program will continue to engage and facilitate key stakeholders in the development and delivery of large-scale strategic coastal fish habitat rehabilitation activities; restoring highly productive, resilient fisheries.		Community flagship grants administered by DPI	SW \$445,632	SW \$448,066	SW \$450,653
Habitat Action Program – “Making more Fish Naturally” 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.		Community flagship grants administered by DPI	SW	SW	SW
			\$751,712	\$754,971	\$758,312
			FW	FW	FW
			\$361,543	\$362,941	\$364,372
Look after your Tackle – fishers tackling litter in local waterways 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.	Tangaroa Blue Foundation		SW \$161,268	SW \$0	SW \$0
Tackle Bin Project (formerly known as Fishing Line Debris Recovery Program) Purchase additional debris bins to extend project to other identified ‘hotspots’ for wildlife injury/deaths and update and re-print ‘Tide Times’ brochure promotional material.	Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc. (TVWC)		SW \$4,002	SW \$0	SW \$0
Eumerella Shore... It’s time to Restore and enjoy Fish galore! 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.	Numeralla Landcare Inc		FW \$15,510	FW \$0	FW \$0

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Tuckean Swamp Project Stage 3 – Design and cost/benefit of rehabilitation options This stage of the Tuckean Swamp project will complete identified information gaps including a cost/benefit analysis, design and costing of necessary infrastructure changes, and a toolkit of options to incentivise land use change.	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$90,000	SW \$0	SW \$0
City of Canada Bay Tackle Bin Project 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.	Individual		SW \$0	SW \$1,060	SW \$0
Fish Salvage in Murray Irrigation Channels During Winter Shutdown 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.	Edwards Wakool Angling Association (EWAA) Inc		FW \$0	FW \$85,228	FW \$0
Mann River Rehabilitation 2022 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.	Coombadjha		FW \$0	FW \$4,000	FW \$0
Rec Fisher Habitat Capacity: Building the fish habitat capacity, knowledgebase, delivery capability and leadership qualities of NSW recreational fishers 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.	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$138,600 FW \$59,400	SW \$0 FW \$0
Revegetation of Bellingen River Estuary, Yellow Rock Road 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.	Latsyrc Project Management		SW \$0	SW \$1,695	SW \$0
Fishers for Fish Habitat 2 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	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$12,950 FW	SW \$12,950 FW

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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.				\$5,550	\$5,550
Engaging recreational fishers to recycle opera house yabby traps to restore fish habitat 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.	TierraMar Ltd		FW \$0	FW \$177,420	FW \$0
NSW Cold Water Pollution Mitigation Strategy – Phase 1 Development 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$236,387	FW \$242,615
Driving Fish Habitat Action-a Landcare NSW/OzFish community partnership Forty new waterways will have their local community taking action to improve their health, with fish habitat restoration sites established by OzFish and Landcare combining resources across NSW, building a network of skilled volunteers to continue the work well into the future.	OzFish Unlimited		SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$0 FW \$0	SW \$169,200 FW \$112,800

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Screens for Streams: Boosting native fish stocks through improved water extraction practices Will showcase effectiveness of innovative fish screens on irrigation pumps at selected sites across NSW and will facilitate broad -scale uptake of fish screening technologies on irrigation infrastructure across the MDB, to prevent large scale fish losses from water extraction practices.	Charles Sturt University	DPI	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000	FW \$100,000
Ciguatera Toxins in NSW Spanish Mackerel: Where, when and how much? To determine the factors affecting the amount of Ciguatera Toxins in Spanish Mackerel caught recreationally in NSW over two fishing seasons.	University of Technology Sydney		SW \$45,473	SW \$0	SW \$0
Flow-on benefits to recreational fishers following habitat repair Habitat repair is a key priority, however, flow-on benefits for recreational fishers are unknown. This project will measure recreational fishery enhancement resulting from substantial habitat repair in Burrill Lake.	University of Newcastle		SW \$43,200	SW \$40,700	SW \$0
Identification of the larvae of recreationally important fish species for long-term monitoring Larvae of many recreationally important NSW fish species are not identifiable. Aligning traditional morphology and photographs of larval fish with modern genetics will reveal spawning habitats and changes in distributions.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science		SW \$9,761	SW \$0	SW \$0
Marine stocking - Science-based sustainable and productive fisheries enhancement in NSW The marine stocking program relies upon scientific evidence to underpin its success and sustainable growth into the future. This project outlines the ongoing research required as large-scale stocking of new species is commenced.		DPI	SW \$295,546	SW \$288,975	SW \$294,496
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2021/2022 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$32,000	SW \$0	SW \$0

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NSW Game Fish Tagging Program – the largest of its kind in the world The NSW DPI Game Fish Tagging Program is the largest citizen science tagging program of its kind in the world and has been in operation since 1973. It uses anglers to obtain vital information on the biology of billfish, tunas, sharks and sport fish while encouraging fishers to participate in the management of the fishery.		DPI	SW \$205,337	SW \$209,773	SW \$215,292
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring 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.	Ghosn Consulting Services		SW \$81,000	SW \$84,000	SW \$0
Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2020/2021 Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2020/2021.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$6,500	SW \$0	SW \$0
Research Angler Program – Fish into fillets, frames into facts The Research Angler Program is a citizen science initiative that aims to provide fishos with interesting and useful information relating to their catch while contributing valuable biological information to stock assessments and the management of key recreational fish species.		DPI	SW \$194,733	SW \$199,710	SW \$203,800
The economic contributions of recreational fishing to NSW 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.	University of Wollongong		SW \$151,752 FW \$65,036	SW \$57,765 FW \$24,757	SW \$0
The impacts of physiological stress on visual function in fishes This project will assess the physiological changes due to capture stress on the impacts of visual function in fish, with a view to improve post-capture survival.	Macquarie University		SW \$9,885	SW \$0	SW \$0

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Where are the big yellowtail kingfish? Satellite-tracking sexually mature kingfish caught in New South Wales to reveal spawning habitats and recruitment 'hotspots' This project will reveal the movements and location of spawning habitats for the NSW kingfish stock, as well as potential key recruitment areas, to address urgent knowledge gaps and increase quality recreational fishing opportunities.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS)		SW \$256,291	SW \$258,016	SW \$0
Building a stronger more sustainable freshwater recreational fishery in NSW-Phase 2 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.		DPI	FW \$754,559	FW \$755,679	FW \$754,520
Cost-effective social-economic monitoring for NSW inland recreational fisheries 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	University of Technology Sydney		FW \$118,125	FW \$0	FW \$0
Mapping Rainbow trout spawning habitat in the Eucumbene and Thredbo rivers 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.	Anthony Simpson		FW \$19,640	FW \$0	FW \$0
Phase 3: Installing Experimental Tube Fishways at NSW Weirs to develop fish passage design guidelines for new or rehabilitated barriers The project will develop engineering and ecological guidelines for permanent Tube Fishways through field trials at strategically important sites across NSW.	The University of New South Wales		FW \$295,748	FW \$0	FW \$0

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Research observations of water temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH values on trout waters in the Barrington Tops. SF026 continuing. 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.	The Barrington Club Inc.		FW \$1,366	FW \$0	FW \$0
Developing genetic tools to improve management of captive Mulloway broodfish for stock enhancement This research will develop hatchery and molecular techniques to select genetically diverse hatchery-reared mulloway fingerlings (F1) of known sex and to on grow them to maturity in tanks. A breeding plan will be developed that will ensure fingerlings produced from the first generation broodfish will satisfy the essential genetic diversity criteria required for ongoing stocking into estuaries to boost recreational fishing. Mulloway remains a high priority for stocking in NSW.	University of the Sunshine Coast		SW \$96,257	SW \$83,871	SW \$93,486
Informing sustainable multi-sector harvest of NSW Estuary Cockles Informing the sustainable management of NSW Estuary Cocker, including the burgeoning recreational harvest, filling critical knowledge gaps in their reproductive biology and ecology and in understanding resource use among sectors.		DPI	SW \$60,000	SW \$60,000	SW \$60,000
State-wide recreational fishing survey and charter boat monitoring The project seeks continuation of funding for the state-wide recreational fishing survey program, which includes 1) an ongoing time series of state-wide recreational fisheries catch, effort, and socioeconomic data, and 2) ongoing monitoring of the Charter Boat Fishery. The information collected is essential for monitoring, assessment and management of recreational fisheries, and broader fisheries resources within NSW.		DPI	SW \$266,609 FW \$29,623	SW \$645,927 FW \$71,770	SW \$862,663 FW \$95,851
Using eDNA to assess how estuarine fish communities respond to consecutive extreme events of drought, bushfire, and flood. 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.	Charles Sturt University		SW \$0	SW \$156,525	SW \$0

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Smart approaches to surveying recreational fishing facilities 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.	Macquarie University		SW \$0	SW \$191,403	SW \$0
Monitoring of changes in Lake Macquarie Blue Swimmer Crab populations following the recent regulation change 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.		DPI	SW \$0	SW \$19,468	SW \$10,835
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2022/2023 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$32,500	SW \$0
Fishery biology and ecology of the marine snail, <i>Turbo militaris</i> This research addresses critical knowledge gaps on the biology and ecology of the recreationally and culturally harvested turban snail, <i>Turbo militaris</i> for sustainable management.	National Marine Science Centre		SW \$0	SW \$8,000	SW \$0
Long-term security and archiving of tissue samples collected from billfish, tuna, sharks and other gamefish at NSW tournaments from 2015 to 2022 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$8,950	SW \$0

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Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2021/2022 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$6,700	SW \$0
Drilling down into spawning locations for wild yellowtail kingfish (<i>Seriola lalandi</i>) using otolith oxygen isotopes 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.	Sydney Institute of Marine Science		SW \$0	SW \$9,994	SW \$0
Making More Maccas 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$76,971	FW \$132,761
NSW DPI Freshwater Fish Tagging 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.		DPI	FW \$0	FW \$10,000	FW \$10,000
Impacts of parasites on larval fish of the Murray Darling Basin 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.	Charles Sturt University		FW \$0	FW \$102,656	FW \$0
Extending knowledge of the development of fish survival behaviour to inform re-stocking programs: night-time behaviour of Murray cod and rainbow trout survival 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.	Charles Sturt University		FW \$0	FW \$39,407	FW \$0

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Provision of Annual Report for the Gamefish Tagging Program for 2022/2023 Provision of an informative, attractive and readily accessible report on the Gamefish Tagging Program for the year 2022/2023.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$7,000
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2023/24 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.	Pepperell Research & Consulting Pty Ltd		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$34,200
Utilisation of modified habitats, rehabilitated sites and conservation areas by fishes in Kamay (Botany Bay) 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).	University of Sydney		SW \$0	SW \$85,444	SW \$89,077 SW \$68,853 (2024/25)
Parasites of Rainbow trout: impact on fish survival, other fish and human health 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.	Charles Sturt University		FW \$0	FW \$39,965	FW \$0
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring 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.	Ghosn Consulting Services		SW \$0	SW \$0	SW \$87,000

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules Projects	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Coastal Fisheries Officers x 9 Funding for 9 coastal fisheries officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce fisheries rules and regulations including recreational fishing fee requirement across NSW coastal areas.		DPI	SW \$1,363,457	SW \$1,397,536	SW \$1,432,482
Coastal Recreational Mobile Squad Officers x 3 Funding for 3 regional mobile squad officers maintaining capacity of NSW DPI to enforce saltwater recreational rules and regulations in particular recreational fishing fee requirements whilst patrolling popular fishing areas including recreational fishing havens.		DPI	SW \$459,144	SW \$470,620	SW \$482,389
Inland Fisheries Officers x 6 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.		DPI	FW \$908,971	FW \$931,690	FW \$954,988

Platform: Licence fee payment system & Trust management Project	Partner Organisation	Government Agency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
RFFTEC/RFSTEC meeting expenses The Recreational Fishing Saltwater and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees (RFSTEC and RFFTEC) are advisory sub-committees of the Ministerial Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) that review applications for funding and make recommendations on priorities for expenditure from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.		DPI (on behalf of RFFTEC & RFSTEC)	SW \$36,400 FW \$36,400	SW \$37,300 FW \$37,300	SW \$38,200 FW \$38,200
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer The officer is responsible for the overall coordination and financial management of the Recreational Fishing Trusts to facilitate a transparent and accountable Trust system, on behalf of the recreational fishing community. This includes implementation of good governance processes to ensure collection and transfer of licence revenue to the Trusts, disbursement of funds to Trust projects and ensuring quality delivery of project outcomes to improve recreational fishing.		DPI	SW \$256,560	SW \$262,973	SW \$269,548
Recreational Fishing NSW (RFNSW) consultation and meeting expenses RFNSW advises the Minister for Primary Industries on recreational fishery policy issues including maintaining and improving the quality of recreational fishing opportunities.		DPI (on behalf of RFNSW)	SW \$63,910 FW \$27,390	SW \$64,750 FW \$27,750	SW \$65,590 FW \$28,110
Recreational Fishing Facilities and Grants Management 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.		DPI	SW \$169,430 FW \$18,825	SW \$173,620 FW \$19,291	SW \$177,916 FW \$19,768

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Recreational Fishing Trust grants administration program – supporting the delivery of Trust funded projects To improve the delivery and performance of Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects by assigning essential resourcing to grants administration and management. The position facilitates funding agreements to applicants, receives milestone reports and final reports, processes project invoices and purchase orders for Trust grants etc. It is an integral position of the Trust management team to facilitate effective governance controls including audits and monitoring to maintain and improve the standard of project delivery and accountability across all Trust funded projects.		DPI	SW \$142,337	SW \$145,770	SW \$149,290
Recreational Fisher Licence Research Database (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.		DPI (external contractor with tender administered by NSW DPI)	SW \$38,500 FW \$16,500	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000	SW \$31,500 FW \$13,500
Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System 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.		DPI (external contractor with tender administered by NSW DPI)	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850	SW \$86,000 FW \$36,850

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Recreational Fishing Licensing (Fee) project – facilitating fishing licences for fishers 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.		DPI	SW \$1,056,291 FW \$452,000	SW \$1,088,347 FW \$466,000	SW \$1,113,531 FW \$476,000
Recreational Fishing Licensing – Government Licensing Service (GLS) fees 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.		DPI (transaction fees payable to Service NSW)	SW \$525,000 FW \$225,000	SW \$542,500 FW \$232,500	SW \$560,000 FW \$240,000
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 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 subgroups 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.		DPI	FW \$194,256	FW \$199,412	FW \$204,684

