

Fisheries Trust Fund report

Grants were received by NSW Department of Industry from the Recreational Fishing Trust Funds to undertake various programs during 2016/17.

Table 1. Fish Trust Fund grants during 2016/17 (extract from NSW Department of Industry Annual Report 2016/17)

Fish Trust Fund	Grant received by NSW Department of Industry 2016-17 (\$'000)
Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund	5,546
Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund	12,254

Table 2. Programs funded from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund during 2016/17

Project	Total available 2016-17* \$'000	Actual expenses 2016-17* \$'000	Carry forward 2016-17* \$'000
6 inland fisheries officers	867	782	85
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the Greater Murray Region	190	221	-31
Building a stronger, more resilient and sustainable Murray Cod fishery in NSW	114	-2	116
Development of cost-effective recreational angler data collection/survey methods - smartphone technology	13	10	3
Dollar for dollar native fish stocking program	250	202	48
Enhanced fish production Dutton	40	33	7
Enhanced fish production Gaden	132	132	0
Enhanced fish production Narrandera	161	130	31
Enhanced fish production Port Stephens	160	159	1
Fishcare Program	174	175	-1
Fisheries Management Officer (Inland Angler Access)	119	132	-13
Fisheries Management Officer (fish stocking)	130	63	67
Fisheries Manager (inland angler access)	174	150	24
Fisheries Manager (inland recreational fisheries)	178	192	-14

Project	Total available 2016-17* \$'000	Actual expenses 2016-17* \$'000	Carry forward 2016-17* \$'000
Gaden trout hatchery (operational)	486	463	23
Habitat Action Program - making more fish... naturally	211	67	144
Implementing the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership 2015-2017 Strategic Plan	10	3	7
Inland Fishing Summit	40	30	10
Macquarie perch refuge project	36	8	28
Monitoring the Australian bass fishery in NSW: "Bass Catch"	72	41	31
Movement patterns of the freshwater catfish, Tandanus tandanus, in the Gwydir River, northern Murray-Darling Basin	20	20	0
Pump Fishway Project	12	12	0
Recreational Fishing Assessments in NSW	245	228	17
Expenditure Committee meeting expenses	33	12	21
Small grants program - Freshwater	48	48	0
Supporting Fish Hatchery Trainees	5	8	-3
Tour Guide, Gaden trout hatchery	75	81	-6
Total	3,995	3,400	595

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Table 3. Programs funded from the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund during 2016/17.

Project	Total available 2016-17* \$'000	Actual expenses 2016-17* \$'000	Carry forward 2016-17* \$'000
9 coastal fisheries officers	1,121	997	124
Advisory Council meeting expenses	88	43	45
Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation - South Coast NSW	178	144	34
Bait Security – Ensuring sustainable and productive NSW invertebrate bait resources	169	194	-25
Ciguatera poisoning research	15	15	0

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Coastal recreational compliance mobile squads	501	535	-34
Communicating more effectively with recreational fishers from Chinese speaking backgrounds	81	41	40
Construct a fishing platform at ANZAC Park, Nambucca Heads	50	50	0
Construction of fish cleaning table Shoal Bay	1	1	0
Development of cost-effective recreational angler data collection/survey methods - smartphone technology	29	27	2
Developing mangrove jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – Phase 4: Fishery survey of Clarrie Hall dam and continuation of stocking	26	30	-4
Enhancing estuary perch spawning habitat in the Clyde River: Trial and evaluation	54	1	53
Essential infrastructure to support fisheries enhancement monitoring activities in NSW	39	20	19
Fish cleaning shelters Soldiers Point, Lemon Tree and Karuah	2	2	0
Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs)	228	223	5
Fishcare Program	610	446	164
Fishing 4 Therapy – Recreational fishing workshops for the physically and mentally disabled	65	35	30
Game Fish Tagging Program	148	136	12
Governor Phillip Reserve Fish Cleaning Table	5	5	0
Habitat Action Program - making more fish... naturally	526	218	308
High level canal fish relocation Lake Macquarie	45	11	34
Stockton Fish cleaning tables	20	20	0
Implementing the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership 2015-2017 Strategic Plan	20	22	-2
Improving assessment and management of the recreational tailor fishery in NSW	141	89	52
Integrated angler monitoring program	323	131	192

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Lets Go Fishing – educating school children on the sustainable benefits of recreational fishing	20	10	10
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2013/2014 and 2014/2015	10	10	0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2015/2016	9	9	0
Monitoring and Research on Landed Fish at Game Fishing Tournaments in NSW: 2016/2017	30	20	10
NSW Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program (Artificial Reefs)	290	36	254
NSW Fisheries Enhancement Research and Monitoring Program (Marine stocking)	295	200	95
NSW Game Fish Tournament Monitoring	79	73	6
One Tree Reach weir management investigation to improve water quality and fish habitat	15	15	0
Pump Fishway Project	17	17	0
Recreational Fishing Haven Loan	1,901	1,901	0
Recreational fish biodiversity assessments in northern NSW	12	18	-6
Recreational Fisheries Enhancement (Artificial reefs and FADs coordination)	199	179	20
Recreational Fishing Access, Saltwater	149	150	-1
Recreational fishing information – enhanced production for fishers	143	146	-3
Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer	178	194	-16
Recreational Fishing Trust grants governance enhancement and improvements program	126	126	0
Regional Offshore Artificial Reefs – Port Macquarie	731	765	-34
Expenditure Committee meeting expenses	33	17	16
Rock fishing safety monitoring camera	45	35	10
Small grants program - Saltwater	98	75	23

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South West Rocks, Back Creek – Jetty Replacement	100	100	0
Stocking prawns and mullet to enhance recreational fishing opportunity	282	259	23
The NSW Research Angler Program – Saltwater	300	251	49
Understanding Recreational Fisheries, Motivations Attitudes	26	26	0
Research - why have the numbers of pipis on beaches declined?	15	6	9
Total	9,588	8,074	1,514

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Table 4. Programs funded from the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater and Saltwater) Trust Fund during 2016/17.

Project	Total available 2016-17* \$'000	Actual expenses 2016-17* \$'000	Carry forward 2016-17* \$'000
Fishing competitions and events: responsible recreational fishing promotion and effective management	130	93	37
Fishing fee awareness	50	36	14
Get Hooked...its Fun to Fish schools education program	435	400	35
NSW Gone Fishing Day	490	190	300
NSW Fishing Workshops	57	59	-2
Recreational Fisher Research Database	70	69	1
Recreational Fisheries Infrastructure Management Program	153	152	1
Recreational Fishing Fee Administration project	2,310	1,977	333
Recreational Fishing Fee Renewal Notice System	123	131	-8
Recreational Fishing Guides	189	167	22
Total	4,007	3,274	733

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