

Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee Outcomes, 42nd meeting St George Rowing Club, Sydney

18 July 2013

Attendees

Bruce Schumacher (Chair), Max Graham (Region 1) Ron Butler (Region 2), Ron Croker (Region 3), Ian Ward (Region 4), Debbie Lennon (Region 6), Kevin McKinnon (Region 8)

1. Chairs introduction

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Tom Williams (Region 5), Richard Ping Kee (Region 7), Peter Turnell (NSW DPI).

3. Confirmation of outcomes from previous RFFTEC meeting

The draft outcomes of the 41st RFFTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Moved: Max Graham Seconded: Ron Croker

4. Correspondence received

Letter from NSW CFA to ACoRF regarding freshwater issues. It was noted that DPI regularly attends CFA meetings to update the council on progress of freshwater management issues. DPI also advised that the publishing dates of outcomes for future meetings will be recorded on the website.

5. Action items from previous meetings

Progress of action items from the previous meeting was noted.

Conflict of interest issues

Members were reminded that they have a duty to declare any private interest that may impinge on a committee decision. When an issue arises, committee members must as soon as practicable disclose details of the interest to the committee. If a conflict of interest is identified, the matter is then considered by the committee through the chair. Members are also required to disclose interests to the committee in corporations, partnerships or other organisations that may be relevant to the activities of the committee (and recorded in a register).

6. NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Report

The status of the Freshwater Trust was provided at the meeting. Annual and meeting reports for Trust funded programs were submitted by project managers to enable committee members to review progress of projects prior to the meeting.

A community expression of interest for Trust funded programs was advertised by the Department and widely circulated using a media release, Newscast, mail outs to fishing clubs, councils, the Department's website and other networks. The Department received many enquiries from the community about funding opportunities and assistance was provided to develop applications. A large number of applications were

received by the Department.

The Committee was advised that DPI recently undertook a Trust survey of 72,000 recreational licence holders to obtain feedback on how funds from the NSW recreational fishing licence should be spent and future consultative committee selection.

7. Future consultative structures for recreational fishing

The NSW government is proposing changes to consultative arrangements to improve consultation with recreational fishers. This may include implementation of a new consultative body for recreational fishing as well as the establishment of the Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council (MFAC). The MFAC will be independently chaired and comprise of representatives in commercial, recreational and Indigenous fishing, aquaculture and conservation. Once formed, the council will provide advice to the Minister on high level fisheries policy issues.

As stated above, DPI recently ran a survey to obtain feedback on how the NSW Government consults with anglers, including committee selection (election, selection or a combination of both), the importance of regional representation, expertise representation as well as the importance of communication ability. The feedback from the survey is currently being considered by the government. It is proposed for current consultative arrangements to remain in place until any new consultative body is set up and becomes fully functional. The Committee will be kept informed about the process.

8. Development of new Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan

It is proposed for recreational fishing consultative bodies to be involved in the development of a new long term Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan. It is proposed in the interim, while any changes to consultative arrangements are being set up, that the current Investment Plan for major programs be extended in the short term up to 2 years (see Appendix 1 for list of major programs)

9. Review of new 2012/13 Trust funding applications

New Freshwater Trust and joint Freshwater / Saltwater Trust project applications (large and small grants) supported for funding are listed in Table 1. New project applications deferred for further consideration are listed in Table 2. New project applications not supported for funding are listed in Table 3.

10. General business

Business cards and uniforms for expenditure committee members

Mr Ron Butler questioned whether business cards could be printed for committee members to issue to the public at club outings, meeting etc.

Action item 1: DPI to re-print business cards for Trust members and to re-print uniforms for members in Region 1, 2 and 8.

Manilla Fishing Club hatchery

Mr Ian Ward advised that the fish production season at the Manilla Fishing Club Hatchery had been successful with a total of 190,000 golden perch stocked into various north western rivers and dams, for the benefit of recreational fishers.

12. Next meetings

The next meetings are scheduled for the 19 November 2013 at Port Stephens and 6 May 2014 in Sydney.

13. Meeting closed

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.30 pm

14. Action items

Action items	Group responsible	Status
1. DPI to re-print business cards for committee members and uniforms for Trust members in Region 1, 2 and 8.	Recreational Fisheries Management	Completed
2. The inland Education Officer to contact the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre to investigate education and advisory brochure requirements for school groups and universities	Fishcare	Completed
3. The inland Education Officer to prepare a Trust application for an inland advisory trailer based at Narrandera or Albury for use fishing groups	Fishcare	Completed
4. Refer the RiverSmart Australia Ltd funding application to Dr Craig Boys and Craig Copeland for future collaboration opportunities	Recreational Fisheries Management / Conservation and Research	Completed
5. Refer the Deniliquin Fishing Park application to the Habitat Action Program	Recreational Fisheries Management / Conservation Action Unit	Completed
6. Refer the Belubula River Fishing Park application to the Habitat Action Program	Recreational Fisheries Management / Conservation Action Unit	Completed
7. Refer the two Murray crayfish population monitoring proposals to the Aquatic Ecosystems Unit, for future collaboration opportunities between NSW DPI and Nature Glenelg Trust.	Recreational Fisheries Management / Aquatic Ecosystems Unit	Completed

Table 1: New Trust Project Applications supported by RFFTEC for funding**Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Quipolly Dam Casting Wharf</p> <p>To build a 20 x 1.8 metre metal framed walkway and a 6 x 3 metre casting platform, to provide passive recreational fishing opportunities at Quipolly Dam recreation area.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker. The Committee supported funding of \$50,000 to be spent on construction of the fishing platform component of the project only.</p>	Liverpool Plains Shire Council	\$135,000 requested \$50,000 recommended	\$0
<p>Fisheries Management Officer (Angler Access)</p> <p>To employ a Fisheries Management Officer to provide assistance to the freshwater recreational fisheries unit in the management of inland recreational fisheries. This position will primarily focus on addressing the increased volume of road closure applications associated with the Crown Lands Road Disposal Program.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Butler. DPI representatives Cameron Westaway and Bryan van der Walt declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$122,403	\$0
<p>Deniliquin Recreational Fishing Park</p> <p>The creation of a recreational fishing lagoon in the centre of town containing native fish to promote fishing in the area. The lagoon will be restocked with native recreational fish species and four casting platforms will be built around the lagoon. Educational signs, a metal walkway, a shelter and a BBQ area will also be erected at the site.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Kevin McKinnon, Seconded Ron Croker. Funding support of \$5,000 was recommended to be spent on construction of the four casting platforms only. DPI advised that a small number of native fish could be supplied from the Narrandera Fisheries Centre for stocking into the lagoon if approved. The Committee recommended that the habitat component relating to the draining and re snagging of the lagoon be referred to the Habitat Action Program for consideration.</p>	Deniliquin RSL Fishing Club	\$15,000 requested \$5,000 recommended	\$10,000

Small Projects

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Oberon Dam angler access project</p> <p>Install 2 gates and 2 fence stiles and angler access signs to advise anglers and land managers of usage rules of Lake Oberon and to develop a brochure to identify the location of legal access locations around the lake.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Max Graham, Seconded Debbie Lennon.</p>	Central Acclimatisation Society Oberon	\$9,140	\$0
<p>Mushroom Flat Cudgegong River – Recreational Reserve</p> <p>Improve access to Mushroom Flat Recreation Reserve by repairing the access track and improving track drainage and runoff to prevent track erosion, undertaking weed control and repairing reserve boundary fence and gates.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Max Graham.</p>	Recreational Fishing Alliance	\$9,250	\$0
Platform: Recreational fishing education			
Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Angling access information leaflet for NSW anglers and angling clubs</p> <p>Produce a freshwater flyer which explains basic rights and responsibilities of anglers when fishing on public and private land and to distribute 20,000 flyers to angling clubs, tackle shops and fishers</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Ian Ward, Seconded Debbie Lennon. Funding was supported on condition that the pamphlet is reviewed by the DPI Angler Access Manager prior to publication to ensure content of the leaflet is accurate.</p>	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers	\$2,301	\$0
<p>Wingham Young Guns fishing program</p> <p>Invite the Young Guns Tournament Fishing Team to Wingham and hold a Young Guns Fishing Adventures Program to raise awareness of recreational fishing and river management programs amongst youth at Wingham.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Ron Croker, Seconded Ron Butler. The Committee supported the concept of engaging recreational fishing instructors to enhance fishing opportunities within the Wingham community.</p>	Brian Bochow	\$0	\$0

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Recreational Fishing Smartphone and Tablet Application</p> <p>Develop a recreational fishing application that can be used on smart-phones and tablets. The application will provide the user with important regulatory information (fishing rules and closures) as well as useful information such as FAD and artificial reef locations, safety tips, tide phases etc.</p> <p>SUPPORTED, NOT APPROVED. Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Max Graham.</p> <p>DPI representatives Cameron Westaway and Bryan van der Walt declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$18,000 FW \$42,000 SW	\$0
Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs			
Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Warabrook Dam water recirculation mills</p> <p>Purchase and install two wind powered water circulation / aeration systems within the larger of the two dams at Warabrook wetlands to improve water quality for stocked fish.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Kevin McKinnon, Seconded Debbie. Ron Butler declared a potential conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the matter.</p>	Warabrook Bush care Group & Singleton Fly fishing Club	\$20,900	\$0
<p>Developing Mangrove Jack as a new key species for freshwater recreational fishing in NSW – Phase 2: Breeding and subsequent stocking of fingerlings into Clarrie Hall Dam.</p> <p>Provide NSW anglers with an exciting new high quality recreational fishing opportunity – mangrove jack in Clarrie Hall Dam.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Max Graham.</p>	Southern Cross University	\$40,600 FW \$40,600 SW	\$0

Small Projects

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Equipment to improve and assist annual fish release and restocking</p> <p>Purchase a brush cutter and personal protective equipment to remove riverbank vegetation to improve access to waters for restocking activities. To install an oxygen supply system to aid in fish transportation activities</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Debbie Lennon, Seconded Ron Croker. The Committee recommended funding support of \$1,000 for purchase of oxygen cylinders for the fish transporter only. DPI advised that a brush cutter could be loaned from the Gaden trout hatchery if required. The Committee recommended that the habitat component of the proposal be referred to the Habitat Action Program for consideration.</p>	Goulburn Acclimatisation Society Inc	\$5,000 requested \$1,000 recommended	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Rescue and protection of Macquarie perch from upper Lachlan river system and investigations into captive breeding techniques.</p> <p>Continue to maintain captive Macquarie perch rescued from Lachlan catchment until a self sustaining population can be established in a refuge reach free from Redfin perch.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Ron Butler, Seconded Kevin McKinnon. The committee recommended funding support for 2 years of the 3 year program in line with the 2013 funding guidelines. Cameron Westaway and Bryan van der Walt declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$85,283	\$102,858
<p>Building a stronger, more resilient and sustainable Murray Cod fishery in NSW</p> <p>Utilise angler-derived and fishery independent data sources to determine status of Murray cod populations with the Murray Darling Basin and improve understanding of key factors influencing successful Murray cod recruitment.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Max Graham Seconded Debbie Lennon. The committee recommended funding support for 2 years of the 3 year program in line with the 2013 funding guidelines. Cameron Westaway, Bryan van der Walt and Kevin McKinnon declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$103,255	\$103,538

Small Projects

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Fish Population Assessment Welby 1 & 2 & Berrima Reservoir</p> <p>Sample fish populations within Welby Dams and Berrima Reservoir by electro fishing survey, to quantify success of past fish stockings.</p> <p>SUPPORTED. Moved Max Graham, Seconded Debbie Lennon The committee recommended funding support of \$10,000 towards fish sampling, data analysis and reporting. Ron Croker declared a potential conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the matter.</p>	Berrima District Acclimatisation Society	\$11,000 requested \$10,000 recommended	\$0

Table 2: New Trust Project Applications deferred by RFFTEC**Platform: Recreational fishing education**

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Development of local native fish education kit and brochures</p> <p>Develop an education package including brochures and posters for schools and universities about native fish held in aquariums at Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre, Burrumbuttock and responsible fishing practices.</p> <p>DEFERRED. Moved Ian Ward. Seconded Ron Butler. The Committee recommended that the proposal be referred to the Inland Education Officer for more information. Brochures on recreational fishing produced by the Department are currently available, which can be provided to the applicant if relevant.</p>	Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre	\$6,600	\$0
<p>Recreational Survey Data Internet Portal</p> <p>Develop a web portal that provides user-friendly access to recreational fishing survey data to the public including graphs and tables on catch and effort by species, location and date.</p> <p>DEFERRED RFFTEC. Moved Ian Ward. Seconded Max Graham. Subject to DPI confirmation about completion of existing funded Web Portal Project.</p>	systems2serve	\$118,000	\$0

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Small grant

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Belubula River Fishing Park, Blayney</p> <p>The project aims to remove willows from a section of the Belubula River at Blayney, to improve fishing access to the river from adjacent parkland. Trout are stocked annually at this site.</p> <p>DEFERRED. Moved Max Graham. Seconded Kevin McKinnon. The Committee recommended that the proposal be referred to the Habitat Action Program for consideration.</p>	Central Acclimatisation Society	\$8,000	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Monitoring the recovery of Murray crayfish following severe blackwater in the Murray River</p> <p>To track temporal trends in Murray crayfish populations and assess the genetic status of Murray crayfish populations in affected and unaffected areas of the Murray River and develop and implement a population model, which can be applied to future management of the species in the Murray River.</p> <p>DEFERRED Moved. Ian Ward Seconded Kevin McKinnon. The proposal was considered similar to another Murray crayfish research project submitted by DPI. The Committee recommended that further consultation between the applicant and DPI be undertaken, with a view to developing a collaborative / integrated program.</p>	Nature Glenelg Trust	\$60,000	\$50,000
<p>Benchmarking the status of Murray crayfish in NSW in waters opened and closed to recreational fishing.</p> <p>Sampling of Murray crayfish at 50 identified sites across the Macquarie, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, within waters which are open and closed to recreational fishing, to obtain baseline data on status of populations within these systems and continued monitoring of 10 sampling sites within the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers, for long term comparisons in population changes. The project will also undertake Murray crayfish sampling within Talbingo and Blowering Dams and in Jounama Pondage, to assess population status within these freshwater impoundments.</p> <p>DEFERRED Moved. Ian Ward Seconded Kevin McKinnon. The proposal was considered similar to another Murray crayfish research project submitted by the Nature Glenelg Trust. The Committee recommended that further consultation between the applicant and the department be undertaken, with a view to developing a more collaborative / integrated program. DPI representatives Cameron Westaway and Bryan van der Walt declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$95,062	\$0

Table 3: New Trust Project Applications not supported by RFFTEC**Platform: Fishing access and facilities**

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Construct a mesh structure over fish holding tanks, Walcha</p> <p>To build a structure over fibreglass tanks used to temporarily hold trout prior to stocking within waters of the New England tablelands</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved Kevin McKinnon. Seconded Debbie Lennon.</p>	Walcha Bowling Club Fishing Club	\$6,417	\$0
<p>Signs for Boaters to navigate the Murray River</p> <p>Install signs at access locations along the Murray River near Albury from Lake Hume to Richardsons Bend (Vic) and Twelve Mile (NSW), to assist in navigation of local waterways, such as Wadonga Creek, Carrolls Creek, Travellers Creek and the Bungambrawartha Annabranh.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved Max Graham. Seconded Ron Croker.</p>	Parklands Albury Wodonga	\$10,000	\$0

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Mobile educational display trailer</p> <p>To construct a mobile educational trailer for display at open days, field events in the south west region of NSW. The trailer will contain recreational fishing publications, mannequins featuring sun smart clothing and a TV/DVD player and will be used to promote recreational fishing, recreational fishing club participation and recreational fishing safety.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved. Ian Ward Seconded Ron Butler. The Committee supported the concept of an education display trailer for use by Education Officers and fishing groups in south western NSW. The Committee recommended that the DPI Inland Education Officer develop a funding proposal for an education trailer based at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre or Hume Fisheries Office, for use by fisheries staff and angling groups at open days and field events in Murray/Riverina regions. Kevin McKinnon declared a potential conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the matter.</p>	South West Anglers Association Inc.	\$21,979	\$0

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Queanbeyan Anglers project</p> <p>The program aims to restock 5,000 Murray cod and development of a website allowing fishers to report catches and for residents to report any illegal activities. The proposal also seeks to undertake a carp fishing competition, conduct a fishing education program including preparation of brochures end installation of disposal bins and signage and undertake a fish monitoring program in the Queanbeyan River.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved. Ron Croker Seconded Max Graham. The Committee recommended that the stocking component of the application be referred to the dollar for dollar native fish stocking program. The concept of a fish survey was supported however further consultation with the department on survey design specifications was required. The signage component was not supported as the advisory signs were not considered recreational fishing specific.</p>	Queanbeyan City Council	\$18,750	\$0
<p>Update public information displays at Gaden Hatchery Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Upgrade existing artwork, notices, posters and displays in the tourist centre and improvement of merchandise promotion/sales area in the foyer of the facility. Investigate new multi-media options for public display.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved. Debbie Lennon Seconded Kevin McKinnon. DPI representatives Cameron Westaway and Bryan van der Walt declared a potential conflict of interest and were absent from the meeting during voting.</p>	DPI	\$10,000	\$0
<p>Expansion of the Macquarie RiverWatch campaign</p> <p>To raise awareness of impacts to the breeding success of Murray cod if caught within the closed season and the importance of releasing any threatened species inadvertently caught, to aid in threatened species recovery and to seek advice from anglers on the distribution of Macquarie perch within the Macquarie catchment, to aid in conservation efforts for the species</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved. Ian Ward Seconded Kevin McKinnon.</p>	Inland Waterways Rejuvenation Association	\$9,900	\$0
<p>Distribution of free Fishing Safety DVDs to fishing groups, community groups, agencies and other organisations</p> <p>Distribution of bulk copies of fishing safety DVDs to community and angling organisations and other distribution channels.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved. Kevin McKinnon Seconded Ron Croker.</p>	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers	\$10,000	\$0

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Lifejacket Safety Awareness Program</p> <p>The project aims to provide information to all clubs on the South Coast and Inland Southern NSW regional areas on water safety covering the latest regulations, lifejacket information covering the procedure for self- Inspection, tips on stowage and location of information relating to different lifejacket companies on a face to face basis. Lifejacket safety talks covering common fault and prevention. PFD1 aims to collect and maintain data on the many different brands in this region.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Ian Ward, Seconded Ron Croker.</p>	PFD1 Pty Ltd	\$86,500	\$0
<p>Catchability – A free smartphone application for anglers and researchers</p> <p>The project will recruit large numbers of NSW anglers to use a free smartphone application – Catchability – which will provide recreational fishers with the capacity to store, share and identify catches. It will also distribute bag and size limit information. Data captured in the first year via the system will be analysed and reported to the Trusts.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Max Graham, Seconded Ron Butler.</p>	Catchability	\$30,000	\$0
Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation			
Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Burren Junction Fishing Club Carp Muster</p> <p>To hold a carp muster in the Namoi River to provide opportunities for recreational fishing with emphasis on increasing participation, to assist in carp removal.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved. Kevin McKinnon Seconded Debbie Lennon.</p>	Burren Junction Fishing Club	\$3,000	\$0
Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs			
Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Restocking native fish species into New England waterways</p> <p>Purchase of Australian bass, Murray cod and golden perch from Aquablue Fish Hatchery and Gwydir Native Fish Hatchery for release into eastern and western drainage waterways of the New England tablelands region.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved. Max Graham Seconded Ron Croker. It was noted that a dollar for dollar stocking application has previously been submitted by the applicant. The Committee asked if a letter could be written to the applicant outlining fish stocking protocols. The Region 1 RFFTEC representative is available to discuss fish stocking guidelines with the group if required.</p>	St Kilda Fishing Club	\$10,000	\$0

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project title and summary	Organisation	2013/14	2014/15
<p>Reducing native fish mortality on the Macquarie River from irrigation infrastructure and practices.</p> <p>To review literature on fish mortalities caused by water diversions, with a view to developing a program in the Macquarie River to reduce mortality of juvenile fish within irrigation infrastructure.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED. Moved. Kevin McKinnon Seconded Max Graham.</p>	RiverSmart Australia Ltd	\$37,800	\$0
<p>A survey of angler motivations, attitudes and expectations that influence the future of recreational fisheries representation and management in NSW</p> <p>The project will survey angler motivations, attitudes and expectations that will help to inform recreational fisheries management in NSW.</p> <p>NOT SUPPORTED Moved Ian Ward, Seconded Max Graham.</p>	University of Wollongong, Australian Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)	\$132,400	\$66,200

Appendix 1:**Platform: Recreational fishing enhancement programs**

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
FT05	Fish stocking: enhanced fish production – NSW DPI operates hatcheries that produce native fish and trout for stocking in freshwater impoundments throughout NSW. Trust funds boost production at the hatcheries, which has led to record numbers of fish being stocked and better fishing.	\$465,063
FT07	Fish stocking: dollar for dollar program – community grants for fishing clubs to buy native fingerlings for stocking in rivers and dams.	\$200,000
FT46	Management of fish stocking to ensure responsible stocking practices – undertakes environmental assessments of fish stocking programs in NSW to ensure they are carried out in an ecologically sustainable way.	\$108,543
FT61	Gaden Trout Hatchery - funding for the ongoing operation of the hatchery, including operational costs.	\$455,667

Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
FT11	Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region – a conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	SW \$500,000 FW \$200,000
FT11	Aquatic habitat protection and fish conservation in the south west region – a conservation manager based in Albury manages fish habitat protection and aquatic threatened species management issues in south west NSW amongst government and non-government organisations, landholders, catchment management authorities and recreational fishing groups.	\$181,623

Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
DPI47	Scientific data collection from recreational fishing tournaments in NSW – aims to sample the catch and effort from Basscatch and other freshwater native fish events and club-based gamefishing in NSW in support of the assessment of billfish, tuna and sharks and freshwater native fish.	SW \$175,852 FW \$43,963
FT13	Effectiveness of freshwater stockings & recreational freshwater fishing assessments – involves completion of scientific studies on western drainage freshwater fish stockings to develop cost-effective stocking procedures for large-scale releases of fish (Phase 1). Phase 2 involves determining areas to be stocked, optimal stocking sizes and methods, the impacts of stocked fish on resident species, and the effectiveness of size limits on selected fisheries.	\$228,999

Platform: Enforcement of fishing rules

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
FT06	6 Inland Fisheries Officers (enhancement activities) - six inland fisheries officers conduct a range of activities to enhance voluntary compliance with fishing rules by providing advisory and education services and creating effective deterrence to illegal activity by undertaking patrols and enforcement operations	\$815,026

Platform: Recreational fishing education

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
DPI38	Recreational Fishing Promotion and Event Management – involves working with fishing tournament organisers and the community to promote events that operate in a safe and environmentally and socially responsible way. This also includes implementing codes of practice for recreational fishing in NSW.	SW \$115,760 FW \$28,940
DPI09	Fishcare Volunteers – this is the flagship program of the Trusts. Over 300 trained volunteers are involved in face to face education with anglers to help them to be familiar with fishing rules and to promote responsible fishing practices.	SW \$595,200 FW \$170,000
DPI45	Get hooked...Its fun to fish - this schools education program is designed to teach children at an early age about the importance of aquatic habitats and to introduce them to safe and responsible fishing practices.	SW \$396,000 FW \$39,000
DPI29	Recreational fishing awareness raising - provides information on fishing rules to anglers and encourages responsible and sustainable fishing practices through a range of media (newspaper, magazines, radio, billboards) at peak fishing periods.	SW \$35,000 FW \$15,000
DPI10	Fishing workshops – a series of fishing workshops for children are held in Sydney, at Government hatcheries and across regional NSW, including workshops for special needs groups and NESB communities.	SW \$36,310 FW \$19,780
DPI28	Recreational Fishing Guides – 300,000 Freshwater and saltwater fishing guides are produced each year to help recreational anglers identify their catch and summarise the fishing rules.	SW \$135,000 FW \$55,000
FT64	Gaden Trout Hatchery Tour Guide position - the Tour Guide undertakes tours of the hatchery facilities providing information on trout production and local fishing opportunities.	\$65,000

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
DPI43	Recreational fishing infrastructure grants manager – facilitates the development of quality recreational fishing infrastructure in key locations for use by recreational fishers, identifies key gaps in the availability of existing infrastructure and develops a list of potential works to guide new applications.	SW \$128,645 FW \$14,000

Platform: Fishing access and facilities

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
FT35	Recreational fishing access – a freshwater fisheries managers work closely with government agencies and other landowners to maintain and improve current access to popular local fishing spots.	FW \$160,623
DPI12	Small grants program - provides seed funding for community groups for recreational fishing infrastructure programs such as fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms.	SW \$100,000 FW \$60,000

Platform: Fishing fee coordination and payment network (this platform represents fee attributable funding)

Project ID	Program	2012/13 Budget
DPI08 FT29	Expenditure Committee meeting expenses – the saltwater and freshwater committees of expert anglers reviews Trust funding applications and ongoing progress of programs.	SW \$33,000 FW \$33,000
DPI02	Recreational fishing fee administration – provides for the convenient payment of the fishing fee at fishing tackle stores, other outlets and via the web and phone, plastic licences and a renewal function.	FW \$528,000 SW \$1,232,000
DPI05	Fee research database – this database collects information on the details of fee receipt holders and other demographic information for use in research surveys.	SW \$63,000 FW \$27,000
DPI04	Licence fee renewal facility – enhanced fee renewal service for anglers.	SW \$115,000 FW \$50,000
FT08	Freshwater Recreational Management – this position coordinates the following Trust programs: Enhanced fish production, \$ for \$ stocking, freshwater grants and expenditure committee coordination.	\$166,000