

**Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee**  
**Outcomes - Meeting 34, 11 November 2009**

**1. Apologies**

Brian Hale

**2. Confirmation of outcomes from previous RFFTEC meeting**

The draft outcomes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> RFFTEC meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting **Moved:** Karl Schaerf **Seconded:** Kevin McKinnon. **Carried.**

**4. Action items from meeting 33**

The Committee noted there were no outstanding action items. An amendment to the action status table was included regarding the status of a fishing competition held near Bundalong during October.

**5. Recreational Fishing Trust report**

The status of the Freshwater Trust, including details of the updated Recreational Fishing Trust Investment Plan, were provided at the meeting. A summary table prepared using the meeting reports submitted by external applicants and I&I NSW managers were reviewed by the Committee. The Committee noted the progress of the various Trust funded programs. Due to the increasing number of Trust projects being funded, it was proposed for project meeting reports to be sought from project managers twice per year. Monitoring of projects and payment of funds by I&I NSW will continue in the normal manner.

**Review of new Freshwater applications**

Two new general grant applications were submitted since the last meeting. These projects were: NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future (Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW) and Status of populations of threatened frog species in the Styx River catchment, New England tablelands, near sites where trout releases occur - Year 4. The expenditure committee supported funding these applications from the Freshwater Trust, as shown in Table 1.

**6. Habitat Action Program 2009/10 – Mrs Sharon Molloy / Mrs Charlotte Jenkins**

Funding of \$200,000 has been provided for the Habitat Action Program in 2009/10. A technical panel was established to evaluate each proposal according to a set of criteria, including value for money and benefits to recreational fishing. Kevin McKinnon was previously nominated to represent freshwater fishing in the technical panel. A summary of all the applications received were presented to the committee members with advice provided by the technical panel. RFFTEC reviewed the new habitat grant applications submitted. New Habitat Action Program applications approved and not approved for funding from the Freshwater Trust are shown in Tables 2 & 3. Projects deferred (requiring more information) are shown in Table 4. The committee acknowledged the effort of members of the technical assessment panel, including Kevin McKinnon.

**Motion:** The Committee supports funding for habitat grant projects listed in Table 2 from the Habitat Action Program to provide increased opportunities for fish migration and improved fish habitat. **Moved:** Debbie Lennon. **Seconded:** Richard Ping Kee. **Carried.**

**Motion:** The Committee does not support funding for habitat grant projects listed in Table 3 from the Habitat Action Program as the budget for this year's program has been reached and these projects are not considered as high a priority for funding as those listed in Table 2 and have lower benefits for recreational fish species. **Moved:** Ian Ward. **Seconded:** Max Graham. **Carried.**

## 7. Project Updates – Presentations

a) Gaden Trout Hatchery – Mr Trent Wilson advised that Gaden Trout Hatchery is progressing well. A new Tour Guide has been recruited and is due to start in the coming weeks. The Business Plan is being developed and will be reviewed soon by the Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee. NSW Tourism, National Parks and the Regional Visitor Centres have been updated on the plans for Gaden and have committed to support to increase awareness and Gaden's profile.

b) Tournament Management –Mr Eddie Douglas discussed the implementation of guidelines for recreational fishing competitions and code of practices and events which had recently adopted improved formats to ensure they were conducted responsibly and safely. Departmental staff had met with a fishing tournament organiser holding a golden perch fishing tournament in the Murray River during the Murray cod closed season to discuss methods to reduce potential inadvertent capture of Murray cod, which were then adopted by that competition. Tournament competitors in a bass tournament held at Glenbawn Dam in October were advised that no more than 2 attended lines could be rigged for fishing during the course of the competition.

c) Bass, and Murray cod research – Dr Stuart Rowland discussed the progress of research into movement patterns and habitat use of Australian bass and freshwater catfish within the Clarence River catchment and the migration and movement of Murray cod during its breeding season, north western NSW. Tagging results for bass have shown large scale downstream migrations of large numbers of tagged bass, with two individuals each moving over 300 km down to the ocean over a period of only a few weeks. These movements were facilitated recently by large floods throughout the Clarence system, which allowed bass to traverse a range of barrier types including the Clarence Gorge. The project team has also seen the first bass pass the 1000 km mark in accumulated movement in just over 18 months since it was released. Tagged catfish have undertaken relatively large-scale upstream movements of up to 12 km. Habitat choice has changed between years, with macrophytes primarily used as cover during 2008, while in 2009 open water and large boulders have been used the most often. The change in habitat use has been driven by the lack of macrophytes in pools; a result of the large flood experienced in the Clarence system in May 2009. A Murray Cod Workshop has been held in Brisbane with key stakeholders from NSW and Queensland fisheries agencies, NFS, QMDBC, UNE, recreational fishing and other interest groups. Research priorities were established, and further funding agencies and opportunities identified and/or eliminated. A research grant proposal has been submitted to the Fisheries Research Development Corporation (FRDC). Proposed research areas are: (i) spawning sites and reproductive behaviour; (ii) stocking success; and (iii) effects of coldwater pollution. The Dumaresq River has been selected as a study river, with sites below Glen Lyon Dam representing a lowland/coldwater site, and above representing a warmwater site. An upland site will be selected in the Mole River or Beardy River.

d) Breeding trials for Macquarie perch & hatchery production – Mr Steven Thurstan advised that Macquarie perch from the Lachlan river catchment population have been relocated to the Narrandera Fisheries Centre and breeding trials using an artificial habitat have been undertaken. In September / October the artificial habitat was inspected for evidence of natural spawning. An abundance of macro-invertebrates (perch food) and the larvae of Australian smelt were collected, however unfortunately no perch eggs /larvae were located, suggesting that spawning had not commenced. Adult fish were then collected and gonads of these fish were analysed and found to be mature. Artificial

spawning of mature fish was then attempted within the hatchery, however unfortunately this procedure was unsuccessful. Breeding trials with the species will continue next year. One work experience student from Mildura TAFE (supported by the fish hatchery trainee grant) has recently attended the hatchery to assist with the breeding of trout cod. A database program is being developed to record information relating to implementation of HQAS standards.

d) Survival of stocked fish / quantifying angler catch – Ms Prue McGuffie advised that samples of hatchery bred Australian bass, Murray cod and Australian bass collected over the past 2 years were sent to University of Adelaide for processing to determine any changes in natural concentrations of Barium, Strontium and Manganese contained within their otoliths. Data received from the University of Adelaide suggests that individual inland fish hatcheries do not have distinct natural chemical signatures that can be used to distinguish wild fish from hatchery fish. Staff have now finalised dietary analysis on all 2008 fish from both Burrinjuck and Blowering dams. Sampling for Burrinjuck dam commenced in late September with a subsequent trip scheduled for November. A tracking experiment of bass was conducted in September in Danjera Dam. A specific model of habitat use is being developed for Brogo dam, based on results of tracking and water quality information. Dietary analysis is continuing for fish from Brogo, Danjera and Flat-rock dams. The final experiment aimed to determine the suitability of calcein as a marking method for use on Australian bass fingerlings commenced in September. Murray cod, golden perch and redfin have been recently sampled in Copeton Dam. Researchers are using age-determination techniques to determine the conditions when survival of Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch is greatest at this dam.

e) Research into catfish genetics - Dr Meaghan Rourke noted that analysis of population structure data for freshwater catfish in inland & coastal NSW is almost complete. All genetic data has been analysed and Evolutionary Significant Units (ESU and Management Units have been identified. The entire Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) is comprised of a single ESU, and is further broken down into three MU. One MU is in the population above Tenterfield Falls, another above Macintyre Falls, and the final MU encompasses all other non-stocked MDB populations, including those above dams. While nearly every catchment within the MDB was statistically significantly differentiated from one-another, the degree of differentiation was mostly very low. This indicates that gene-flow is occurring between catchments, though is partially restricted, probably due to the low migratory ability of catfish. The coastal populations in the Richmond, Clarence, Tweed and Brunswick form a distinct genetic clade to the populations in the MDB and coastal populations further south. Furthermore, each of these four populations are genetically distinct from one-another, indicating that they are historically isolated. Consequently, the Richmond, Clarence, Tweed and Brunswick populations each qualify as separate ESU. The high degree of genetic structuring among coastal populations of catfish compared to among MDB populations is a direct result of the typical lack of connectivity of coastal rivers compared to those in the MDB. All sites have been mapped and data describing habitat requirements is currently being analysed.

## **8. 2009/10 Investment Plan Summary**

The Trust Investment Plan for 2009/10 will be updated with the programs supported for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trust, for review by the Expenditure Committee.

## **9. General business**

a) Increase in the budget of the Freshwater Trust - The Chair advised that the Freshwater Trust was over allocated in 2010/11 and beyond. **Action item:** RFFTEC recommended that RFSTEC & ACoRF consider an increase in the annual Freshwater Trust allocation

from \$3 million to \$3.5 million, in order to prevent a negative balance in the Freshwater Trust in the future. **Moved:** Richard Ping Kee. **Seconded:** Ian Ward. **Carried.**

b) Fishing licence fee increase - The Chair noted that the recreational fishing fee was increased by \$5 for a one year licence on 1 July 2005 in line with CPI. CPI indexing of the fee since 2005 to the end of the 2009/10 financial year would have resulted in a \$5 increase of a one year licence to \$35. RFFTEC recommended that the fee should therefore be increased in line with CPI on 1 July 2010. **Action item:** RFFTEC recommended that RFSTEC & ACoRF consider an increase in the cost of the Recreational Fishing Fee in line with CPI in 2010/11. **Moved:** Karl Schaerf. **Seconded:** Debbie Lennon. **Carried.**

c) New appointments to RFFTEC – Mr Craig Watson advised that applications for membership for positions in Regions 2, 3, 6 and the AFTA position would become vacant at the end of January 2011. An Expression of Interest seeking applications to fill these vacancies was recently advertised. Existing members can reapply for positions to the Committee.

d) Recreational fishing for trout cod. **Action item:** RFFTEC queried if there was capacity to make an application for limited fishing of Trout Cod in stocked impounded waters (i.e. a catch and release Trout Cod fishery) as currently being investigated by Fisheries Victoria in line with conservation objectives of the National Trout Cod Recovery Plan. This issue was referred to ACoRF for consideration at its next meeting.

d) Discharge of salt water into the Murray River from a paper mill, Albury. **Action item:** RFFTEC discussed a proposal to the Department of Lands from the Albury paper mill (Norske Skog) to discharge salty effluent into the Murray River as a bi-product of paper production. This issue was referred to ACoRF for consideration at its next meeting.

e) Consideration towards lifting the Murray crayfish closure in Blowering dam. **Action item:** RFFTEC queried if there was capacity to consider lifting the Murray crayfish closure in Blowering dam. This issue was referred to ACoRF for consideration at its next meeting.

## **9. Next meeting**

Meeting closed at 3.10pm. Next meeting is on the 4-5 May 2010, Annual Budget Meeting including a joint session with RFSTEC – Cronulla Fisheries Centre of Excellence, Main Conference Room.

**Table 1 - New General Trust Project Applications supported by RFFTEC for funding**

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<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future.</b> –to employ the services of a Project Officer to identify existing crown reserves or Crown parcels of land, which could be formed into reserves dedicated for recreational usage such as fishing under the Crown Lands Act. <b>Motion:</b> The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the program as it provides an opportunity to acquire lands of significance for recreational fishing for ongoing access / usage by anglers. <b>Moved:</b> Kevin McKinnon. <b>Seconded:</b> Ian Ward. <b>Carried.</b> Note: The Committee recommended that an I&I NSW staff member be involved in the recruitment process for the project manager.	Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW	\$55,155			

**Small**

<b>Platform: Research on fish and recreational fishing</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Status of populations of threatened frog species in the Styx River catchment, New England tablelands, near sites where trout releases occur</b> – renewal of funds to continue established transect monitoring for the study of trout impacts on endangered frog demographics in the Styx River catchment. Year 4 of the project and the final year of surveys required to draw conclusions upon threatened frogs in stocked streams. <b>Motion:</b> The Committee <u>supports funding</u> for the program as it provides an opportunity for increased knowledge of interactions between stocked fish and threatened freshwater amphibians <b>Moved:</b> Kevin McKinnon <b>Seconded:</b> Debbie Lennon <b>Carried</b>	University of Newcastle	\$9,990			

**Table 2 - New Habitat Grant Project Applications supported by RFFTEC for funding**

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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Nundle riverside project: Peel River Riparian Rehabilitation</b> - rehabilitation of 500 m of Peel River, remove 5 ha of invasive vegetation (privet, blackberry, willows), replace with native species, improve access for recreational fishers, establish waterwatch water quality and riparian monitoring program	Nundle Community Development Committee	\$14,670			
<b>Enhancement of recreational fishing community and habitat in Lake Canobolas</b> – to improve recreational fishing opportunities by providing additional woody habitat for fish species and aggregation areas to enhance angler catch and interpretative and hazard warning sign for fishers and other lake users.	Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society	\$10,278			
<b>Wilson River protection and re-snagging project, stage 2</b> – to introduce six (6) engineered log structures into Wilsons River to alleviate bed lowering and bank erosion, revegetate and exclude stock from the 300 m reach	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	\$30,000			
<b>Improving Delegate River recreational facilities and opportunities</b> – to undertake 2 km riparian fencing, 2 km revegetation, 4 km weed management, 2 km erosion protection works around Delegate township, 4 interpretative signs, recreational fishing brochure. Infrastructure works as inkind to project.	Platypus Pals Inc + Delegate Fishing Club	\$13,600			
<b>Aquatic habitat protection and improvement on Cooper's Reserve</b> – to rehabilitate a TSR, install 0.8 km stock management fencing (35 ha), 2 offstream water troughs, formalise entry points for rec fishers and other users, 1 km weed management (Lippia, Noogoora and bathurst burrs), 2 interpretative signs	North West Livestock Health and Pest Authority	\$14,100			
<b>Deua River Australian bass habitat rehabilitation 2009/10</b> - Control invasive exotic weeds (privet, willows, wild tobacco, vine weeds), main reach 8 km in length, revegetate 500 plants, other strategic sites will also be targeted, community education campaign	Eurobodalla Shire Council	\$12,100			
<b>Improving fish passage in Tucki Tucki Creek</b> - sediment removal in the creek, remove and replace fish passage barrier with box culverts opening 2 km upstream habitat (additional works upstream will remove another barrier resulting in a further 2 km passage), revegetate and weed management 100 m around crossing	Lismore City Council	\$13,500			
<b>Rowland's Creek causeway reconstruction</b> - Improve fish passage at causeway, replace with box culvert crossing, opens up 20 km upstream habitat	Ken Rippin	\$30,000			

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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Rehabilitation works - Paddy's Corner Reserve, Thredbo River, Jindabyne</b> – to improve health of fishing reserve, 330m stock management fencing, 300m revegetation, 400m erosion & install stock grid and access gates	Monaro Acclimatisation Society	\$4,400			
<b>Welcoming native fish back to Quirindi Creek</b> – to revegetate 2km creek line, 500m weed control, install 2 snags.	Quirindi Creek Catchment Committee Inc	\$7,700			

**Table 3 – New Trust Project Applications not supported by RFFTEC**

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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>		Total Requested			
Program	Proponent	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Nymboida River project - riparian vegetation for fish</b> Rehabilitate 5 km/10 ha of Nymboida River reach from the Junction of the Nymboida and little Nymboida Rivers to Buccurumbi (value adds to 16.5 km already rehabilitated)	Clarence Landcare Inc	\$58,000			
<b>Restoration of Big Bend Wetland on Wolli Creek, Sydney for improvement of fish breeding habitat</b> 0.25 km weed management (primrose willow, alligator weed, privet), 0.5 ha wetland rehabilitation, undertake large amounts of plastic rubbish and debris removal	Wolli Creek Preservation Society	\$20,100			
<b>Restoring riparian vegetation and improving fish habitat in Currowan Creek</b> Remove and treat riparian weeds (bamboo) 1200 square metres, revegetate site with native species, 1200 square metres erosion protection works	Southern Rivers CMA	\$18,605			
<b>Riparian restoration and habitat improvement of the Cudgegong River</b> Value add to Stage 1 works (implemented by Council). Stage 2 - riparian rehabilitation - 0.8 km fencing, 1.4 km weed management (willows), 1.4 km revegetation	Mid Western Regional Council	\$29,800			
<b>Coopers Creek riparian restoration project</b> Protect and enhance 1.6 km Coopers Creek - riparian fencing, weed management, revegetation, offstream water troughs, preparation of weed management plan	Reconnecting to Country (Coopers Creek sub-group)	\$14,954.50			
<b>Warrena Creek Weir overflow</b> Create ponds to alleviate erosion at spillway and provide bypass channel fish way for fish. 0.25 km revegetation (30,000 plants in new wetland area), 1.25 ha wetland rehabilitation/construction, 0.25 km weed management, 3 interpretative signs	Coonamble Shire Council	\$30,000			
<b>Protecting and enhancing fish habitat in Wilsons Creek</b> Undertake 2km of weed management and 2 km revegetation along Wilsons Creek produce a newsletter	Wilson Creek Huonbrook Landcare Group	\$30,000			
<b>Talbragar River restoration near Dunedoo NSW</b> Undertake 5 km riparian fencing, insert 12 snags. Community education to follow the project.	Dunedoo Area Community Group Inc	\$23,400			



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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>		Total Requested			
Program	Proponent	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Brewarrina fishtraps &amp; surrounds</b> Undertake 6km revegetation, 6km of weed control and 6 km of erosion protection works around the Brewarrina fish traps, construct and install recreational facilities	Brewarrina Business Cooperative (Aboriginal Cooperative)	\$30,000			
<b>Kanoona Rocks fish habitat enhancement</b> Protect Kanoona Rocks by erecting 1 km riparian fencing, 2.5 km revegetation, 3.5 km weed management (blackberry, remove willow chokes), 3.5 km fish passage works, 2.5 km erosion protection works.	Southern Rivers CMA/Graeme Schuhkraft (landholder)	\$30,000			
<b>Willow removal along Macquarie River at 'Maquarie Park' Bushrangers Creek Rd, Wellington</b> Erect 1.2 km riparian stock management fencing, revegetate 0.5 km (250 plants), weed control 0.5 km (mainly willows), erosion protection works 0.5 km,	Kalnee Pastoral Co, - Alan Hutchison	\$21,818			
<b>Holmes Drive reserve riverbank restoration</b> Reduce river bank erosion according to best practice, revegetate 100 m river bank approx 5000 plants	Hawkesbury City Council	\$30,000			
<b>Community consultation for fish passage restoration at Bangalow</b> Engage local community about fish passage at Bangalow weir (high priority structure) , facilitate community consultation, secure support for disposition of Bangalow Pool weir	Bangalow Land & Rivercare Group Inc	\$19,600			
<b>Mongarlowe River - The Bank Job</b> Stabilise 8 m high eroding creek bank - 0.15 km erosion protection works, 0.15 km riparian revegetation (500 plants), 1.2 km weed control (blackberry, crack willow, black willow), 0.2 km riparian fencing	Friends of the Mongarlowe River	\$25,576			
<b>Bredbo Bridge - 'Bidgee Habitat Rehabilitation Project</b> Rehabilitate approximately 500 m lower Bredbo River - remove willows and other weeds, revegetation, local community involvement	Dept Territory and Municipal Services, Parks Conservation & Lands	\$30,000			
<b>Dicky Gundi River Reserve Habitat Management Plan</b> Produce habitat management plan for the reserve to assess current habitat condition and identify onground works for future projects, engage local community in process, install interpretative signage	Dubbo City Council	\$12,100			

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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>		Total Requested			
Program	Proponent	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Little Plains River - Restoration Stage 5</b> Value add to previous works, enhance riparian zone of Little Plains River - 2km weed management (crack willow and blackberry), remove instream chokes - improve fish passage	Craigie Landcare Group Inc	\$29,958			
<b>Turning the tide - a community partnership replacing fish habitat in Sydney's west</b> Continue rehabilitation works - establish 1000 square metres (5000) native plants along riparian zone and control weeds in this area	Greening Australia	\$30,000			
<b>Resnagging in the Upper Hunter River</b> Restore instream structure control erosion in 3 km priority reach in Upper Hunter – install 7 fish hotels, 4 engineered log jams	Hunter Central Rivers CMA	\$30,000			
<b>Gravel road stabilisation to reduce siltation in the Yowaka River</b> Reduce sediment loads and improve water quality in Yowaka River, seal 1.8 km identified priority road sites	Bega Valley Shire Council	\$30,000			

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<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>		Total Requested			
Program	Proponent	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Bringin' back the natives</b> Reduce carp populations through establishing an annual carp muster event and revegetation (1000 plants) of several sites with native vegetation	Dunedoo Area Community Group Inc	\$2,500			
<b>Improving fish habitat through restoration of riparian vegetation and stabilisation of eroding banks at Mullet Creek Dapto</b> Protect and enhance Mullet Creek - 400 m riparian revegetation (750 plants), 160 m woody weed removal, primary weed control 280 m western bank, 140 m eastern bank, stabilise eroding creek banks.	Wollongong Shire Council	\$7,275			
<b>Riparian zone protection &amp; stabilisation along Maguires Creek &amp; 2 subsidiary creeks</b> Undertake riparian rehabilitation works including revegetation and weed control along 1.1. km of Maguires Creek, and bank stabilisation along 0.5km	Margaret Stanger	\$8,400			

**Small**

<b>Platform: Aquatic habitat protection and rehabilitation</b>		Total Requested			
Program	Proponent	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Sandy Creek habitat regeneration</b> Remove grazing from banks of Sandy Creek, 1 km riparian fencing, 6 km revegetation (3000 trees), off stream water troughs, , 1 km weed control, 1 km erosion protection works, undercover BBQ to be built by fishing club for childrens fishing clinics	Greg Lye	\$3,500			
<b>Improving aquatic habitat in Slaters Creek</b> Undertake woody weed control (> 2 ha), remove instream build up of aquatic weed, revegetate >2 ha, 475 m wetland rehabilitation, install up to 14 cubic meters woody debris	Lismore City Council	\$8,500			
<b>Baradine Creek Erosion Control Project</b> Reduce run-off to Baradine Ck - 3.5 km stock management temporary electric fencing, 3.5 km revegetation (30 m wide buffers), 3.5 km erosion protection works - reconstruction 20 m of eroding bank	Epping Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Slack-Smith)	\$5,605			

**Table 4 – New Trust Project applications deferred by RFFTEC**

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<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Rehabilitation works - Paddy's Corner Reserve, Thredbo River, Jindabyne</b> - to erect 2 interpretative signs, formalise vehicle and fisher access by installing rock bollards, installing a designated concrete walking track. <b>Motion:</b> The Committee <u>referred</u> these application components to the angling facilities manager for review / future re-submission, as they were considered a recreational fisheries infrastructure grant. <b>Moved:</b> Debbie Lennon <b>Seconded:</b> Richard Ping Kee <b>Carried</b>	Monaro Acclimatisation Society	\$23,400			
<b>Welcoming native fish back to Quirindi Creek</b> – to construct access/viewing platform and to produce 2 educational brochures <b>Motion:</b> The Committee <u>referred</u> these application components to the angling facilities manager for review / future re-submission, as they were considered a recreational fisheries infrastructure grant. <b>Moved:</b> Debbie Lennon <b>Seconded:</b> Richard Ping Kee <b>Carried</b>	Quirindi Creek Catchment Committee Inc	\$11,200			

**Small**

<b>Platform: Fishing access and facilities</b>					
Project Title	Organisation	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Improve the water quality of Walka Water Works Dam to accommodate future use of the dam by recreational fishers</b> – to purchase 'Little River Pond Mill' to improve water quality in Walka dam, reduce occurrences of blue-green algal blooms. Stage carp competition. <b>Motion:</b> The Committee <u>referred</u> this application to the angling facilities manager for review / future re-submission, as it was considered a recreational fisheries infrastructure grant. <b>Moved:</b> Debbie Lennon <b>Seconded:</b> Richard Ping Kee <b>Carried</b>	Maitland City Council - Lynn Morton	\$10,000			
<b>Finding fish passage for Falls Road</b> – to undertake preliminary investigations and community consultation regarding restoring fish passage at moderate barrier on Class 1 system. Future remediation of this barrier will open 36 km upstream habitat, 100 km downstream habitat. <b>Motion:</b> That the application "Finding fish passage for Falls Road" (RiverSmart Australia) be considered out of session by the Committee as it was considered a general small grant proposal. <b>Moved:</b> Debbie Lennon. <b>Seconded:</b> Richard Ping Kee. <b>Carried.</b>	RiverSmart Australia	\$8,000			

