



# FRDC NEWS

FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Hello Angela

Welcome to the August 2023 edition of FRDC News.

In this edition you can learn about how **an invasive species could become a golden opportunity**. Also read about how **inshore fisheries can be the lifeblood of vibrant local communities**. Unravel the **cumulative effects of fishing through a 'hotspot' mapping tool** and read about how **Storm Bay researchers showcased their work in Tasmania last month** – as well as much more!

As always, your feedback is most welcome along with any story requests. Please submit them in this [form](#) and the **Communications Team** will be in touch.

FRDC acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and culture. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.

## TOP STORIES



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### That's not a waste, that's a soil conditioner

Research on options to manage the invasive Longspined Sea Urchin (*Centrostephanus rodgersii*), has identified using sea urchin waste as a soil conditioner.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1](#)

### Finding value and tackling challenges in a small-scale fishery

Australia's small-scale commercial fisheries might be small in terms of their catch, but they have a big impact on the economic and social fabric of local communities, according to new research into the Tasmanian Scalefish Fishery.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 2 and 4](#)



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### SafeFish grant creating new opportunities for PhD students

SafeFish is providing postgraduate students thousands of dollars each year - creating opportunities for grant recipients to travel, undertake placements and publish their research.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 2](#)

### 'Layer upon layer' how the cumulative effects of fishing are mapped

New FRDC-funded research has created a map-based framework to measure the cumulative effects of recreational and commercial fishing in Australia's marine ecosystems.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 1 and 2](#)



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## Bringing science to the people

Over 100 eager locals visited FRDC, IMAS, and CSIRO at the Waterfront Pavilion in Hobart to speak to the scientists undertaking research work in Storm Bay.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcomes 5](#)

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## IN BRIEF

- Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, **Senator the Hon Murray Watt** officially **announced 'Cracking the Code'** - a \$3.7 million collaborative project working on re-establishing wild populations of the endangered native Macquarie Perch.
- As displayed at the Australian Fishing Trade Associations trade show last week, the national and jurisdiction-based ***Social and Economic Survey of Recreational Fishers 2018-2021 Reports*** are available for download from the [Recreational Fishing Survey page](#).
- The **South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI)** has released its **Strategic Plan 2023-28**, identifying seven priority focus areas and opportunities to ensure SARDI remains a relevant and highly respected research and development provider now and into the future.
- **Ocean Decade Australia** has released its **White Paper**, presenting a synthesis of discussions held earlier this year at the Oceans Business Leaders' Summit 2023.
- **Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) users are invited to participate in a short 5 question user satisfaction survey** to let them know what they think of IMOS services by COB Friday 25 August 2023.
- **evolve<sup>AG</sup>. 2024 Future Young Leaders program applications now open** for young individuals between the ages of 18 – 30.

This year, applicants are invited to answer the question, "What is your exceptional edge and how are you using this edge to contribute to the future of our rural communities, innovation, or research?" in a 60-second video pitch.

Applications close on Monday, 4 September at 5.00pm AEST. [Visit the website](#) for more information.

- **FRDC is hiring!**

Are you IT savvy and looking to join a fabulous working environment? Come and join the innovative FRDC ICT team as an **IT Support Officer at our Canberra office**.

The position is responsible for providing level 1 IT Helpdesk support to FRDC, assisting in keeping the ICT systems secure and contributing to the development of ICT solutions. This position will require the individual to apply for an Australian Government baseline level security clearance.

If you're a proactive and results-oriented individual with a drive for providing quality support, we encourage you to apply by 30 September 2023. **Find out more and apply now at** <https://www.frdc.com.au/careers-frdc>.

## MOVERS

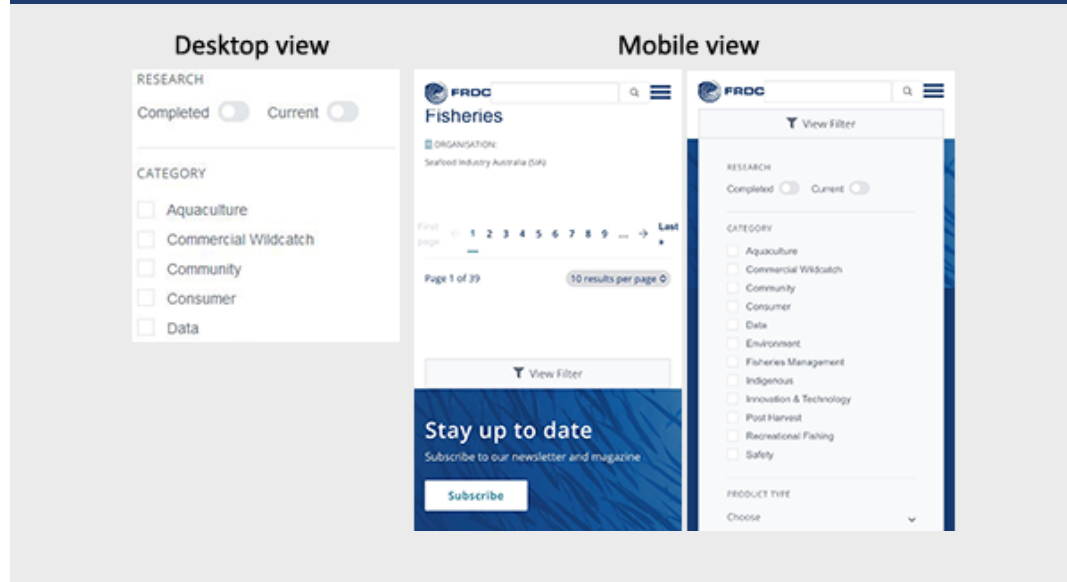
- **Nicola Hutchinson** has left Western Rock Lobster Council.
  - **Chris Calogeras** has finished his work with the Indigenous Reference Group, with Stan Lui taking his place. Chris has been instrumental in getting the Indigenous Reference Group (IRG) to where it is, building the structure and developing understanding of the excellent work the Reference Group has done. FRDC would like to acknowledge and thank Chris for all his hard work with the IRG over several years.
  - **Ann Fleming** is leaving the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research at the end of August to work at WorldFish in Penang, as Director of Programs and Impact.
  - **Andrew Campbell** has completed his fixed term as the CEO at the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and will commence as interim Executive Managing Director of the CGIAR on 24 August 2023. **Wendy Umberger** will commence as the next ACIAR CEO from 14 August 2023.
  - The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, **Andrew Metcalfe AO**, has announced his intention to retire from the Australian Public Service on 4 August 2023. **Cindy Briscoe** will be acting Secretary until an appointment has been made.
  - **Emma Cully** has been appointed as First Assistant Secretary at Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
  - **Dr Larry Marshall** has stepped down from his role as Chief Executive Officer at CSIRO.
  - The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) at the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council has appointed **Stuart Smith** as its new Director-General (DG).
  - The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has appointed **Captain Jeanine Drummond** as its new Chair, replacing former FRDC Deputy Chair **Stuart Richey AM**.
  - **Catharine Heffernan** has been announced as the new Communications Director for Australian Pork Limited.
  - **Dr Jane Weatherley** has recently been appointed as the new General Manager of Communications and Adoption at Meat & Livestock Australia.
  - **Stefan Diacos** is now the acting CEO of A Raptis & Sons since the departure of **Arty Raptis**.
  - **Laura Davies** has been engaged as the new Trade Export Manager at Seafood Industry Australia.
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- Sydney Fish Market's Sales and Business Development team has undergone numerous changes:
    - **Jeff Tucker**, General Manager of Business Development
    - **Jen Elliot**, Regional Manager for VIC, SA, TAS
    - **Peter Panayiotou**, Regional Manager for NSW
    - **Dave Galway**, Supplier Account Manager - Frozen and Direct sales
    - **Andrew Skelly**, Supplier Account Manager - QLD, NT, WA
    - **Erik Poole**, Head of Innovation and Technology - Supporting sales and supply for New Zealand
    - **Sally Hancock**, SFMblue Supply Manager

# FRDC PROJECTS

## Interested in our research projects?

A dynamic list of our **current** and **completed** projects are available on our website. Not only can you search for a project number on our search facility at the top of our website, you can also filter our projects by topics, species, organisation and more on the search page by:

1. using the filter list on the right side of the search results page when searching from the desktop (see Desktop view image below) or
2. navigating to the bottom of any web page and click on *View filter* section to expand the filter options when viewing on mobile devices (see Mobile view image below)



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