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FRDC's October edition of FRDC News sees recreational fishers helping build the **mighty Billfish's future**, a school of fish(eries) professionals **swimming towards a career in fisheries management**, and an unusual discovery in Western Australia has had a huge impact on its **rapidly developing octopus' fishery**.

Make sure to **Save the Date for FRDC's next 'Investment call' webinar**, where you can learn more about the priorities for FRDC's next round of investment opportunities. **It will be hosted online on the 27th of November at 3pm AEDT**. More information about this will be available in the next Call for Investment Opportunities.

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



Octopus's future all in a name

Western Australia's rapidly developing octopus fishery has found new management and marketing opportunities through an unusual discovery.

This reflects R&D Plan Outcome 1, 2 and 5

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Collaboration to futureproof Mud Crab fishery

A new strategic plan aligning the Australian Mud Crab Industry will strengthen collaboration for economic and environmental benefit.

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 4 and 5



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Recreational fishers help to build the billfish picture

A project partnering with recreational fishers to better understand the billfish population off the Northern Territory will help build scientific knowledge and support an emerging tourism industry.

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 1, 4 and 5

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A school of fish(eries) professionals

FRDC sent individuals from all over Australia to attend a Fisheries Management Course in Wollongong – allowing them to learn, develop and master the craft of sustainably managing a fishery.

This reflects R&D Plan Outcomes 4 and 5



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Plumbing the depths for data on tuna and billfish catches

New modelling of sub-surface ocean conditions off Australia's east coast is identifying factors that influence the catch of key tuna and billfish species, with real-time ocean forecasts now being trialled.

This reflects R&D Plan Outcome 1 and 2

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IN BRIEF

- FRDC's **Annual Report 2022-23** is now available for viewing on our website. It provides an excellent snapshot of FRDC's investment portfolio and highlights from the past financial year.
- **BDO EconSearch's Anders Magnusson, will present the methodology and key recommendations from FRDC Project 2022-038 (Valuing WA smaller commercial fisheries across the supply chain) via teams from 11am-12pm (AWST) on Tuesday 7 November.**
- **South Australia's Department of Primary Industries and Regions has released the Snapper Hub** - a dedicated information hub providing a one-stop source of information relating to the Snapper Science Program and Snapper recovery.

MOVERS

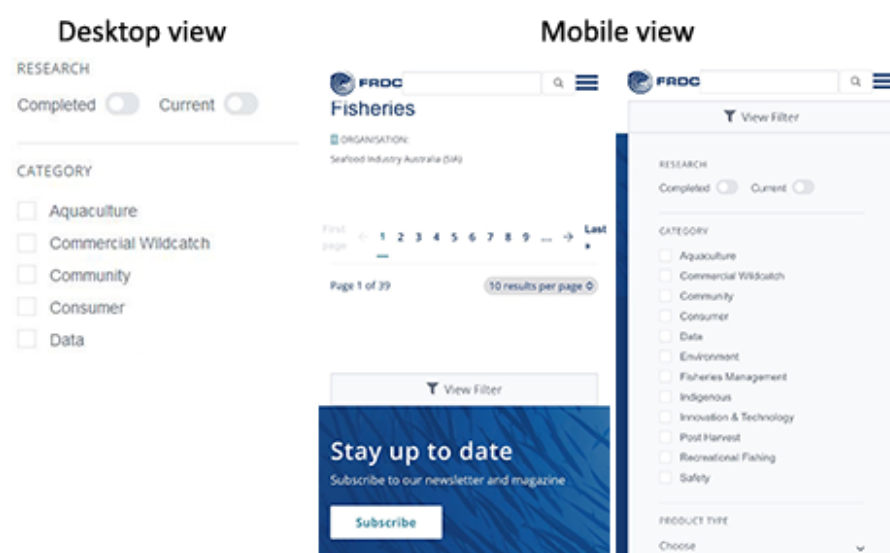
- **Natalie Manahan** has started a new position at Bega Group and will lead FRDC's Circular Economy Program 2022-2025.
- **Michele Wenner** left Victorian Fisheries Authority and has commenced a role as a fisheries manager with QLD Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- **Graeme Bolton** is starting in a new position as Deputy Director General, Youth Justice with the Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs.
- **Arty Raptis** has started a new role as Chief Executive Owner and Owner of Blue Reef.
- **Dr Ian Mackle** has been appointed as Acting Deputy Director-General, Fisheries and Forestry.

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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