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Welcome back to another jam-packed edition of FRDC News!

This month, learn how more fishers are tuna'ing in to improve tuna handling practices with [Tuna Champions](#), how emerging leaders such as [Kelly 'Hooch' Hunt](#) are being faced with a communication challenge, and a celebratory [Pip-Pip Hooray](#) for South Australia's Pipi Fishery, that saw translocation help improve its profitability, plus much more!

Last month we also hosted the [FRDC annual stakeholder workshop](#) – inviting 50+ key fishing and aquaculture stakeholders to collaborate on cross-sectoral issues and research priorities. See a recap of the event through the [eyes of attendees](#).

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

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TOP STORIES



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Stakeholder workshop offers new ways of looking at cross-sectoral issues

Fishing and aquaculture stakeholders applied theory of change techniques to stimulate new thinking on cross-sectoral issues, challenges and opportunities gathered in FRDC's 'have your say' online discussions.

This reflects [R&D Plan Outcome 1, 2, 3 and 4](#)

Tuna Champions: the right fish at the right time

Six years on from the launch of Tuna Champions, project leader Professor Sean Tracey reflects on the success and evolution of the education campaign focused on recreational fishers and the iconic Southern Bluefin Tuna (*Thunnus maccoyii*).

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Fremantle's historic docks host international conference on lobster and crab biology

On the historic docks of Fremantle in Western Australia, drums, flags and cheers could be heard. Curious visitors poured in from Esplanade Park, Bathers Beach and surrounds to see what was generating so much noise.

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Pip Pip Hooray! Making room to grow South Australia's Pipi fishery

Translocating smaller Papis (Donax deltooides) from overcrowded beds to less populated beaches is helping to improve the profitability of South Australia's Pipi fishery.

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Emerging leaders take up communication challenge from World Recreational Fishing Conference

Future leaders in Australia's recreational fishing sector share how attending the 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference have inspired them in their current roles supporting their local recreational fishing communities.

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Green with envy for Australia's abalone growers

As Australia's Abalone aquaculture sector continues to prosper, small operations like Three Friends Abalone are delivering niche products to local, national, and international markets that value exceptional premium quality seafood.

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IN BRIEF

- FRDC and Affectus are thrilled to announce that applications for the 2024 National Seafood Industry Leadership Program are [now open!](#)
- Check out [an article](#) published by The Conversation titled *Taming wild northern rivers could harm marine fisheries and threaten endangered sawfish*, which is based on research findings from FRDC Project [2018-079](#).
- The [Northern Territories Recreational Fishing Development Plan 2023 to 2033](#) has been released and will ensure the Territory's recreational fishing sector will continue to successfully navigate changes, overcomes challenges and create opportunities to deliver a strong and sustainable recreational fishing future.
- The Regional Circularity Co-operative, in conjunction with its key partners including Bega Group, on Thursday, November 9, [unveiled plans for the National Circularity Centre \(NCC\)](#), which is due to open in early 2026.

MOVERS

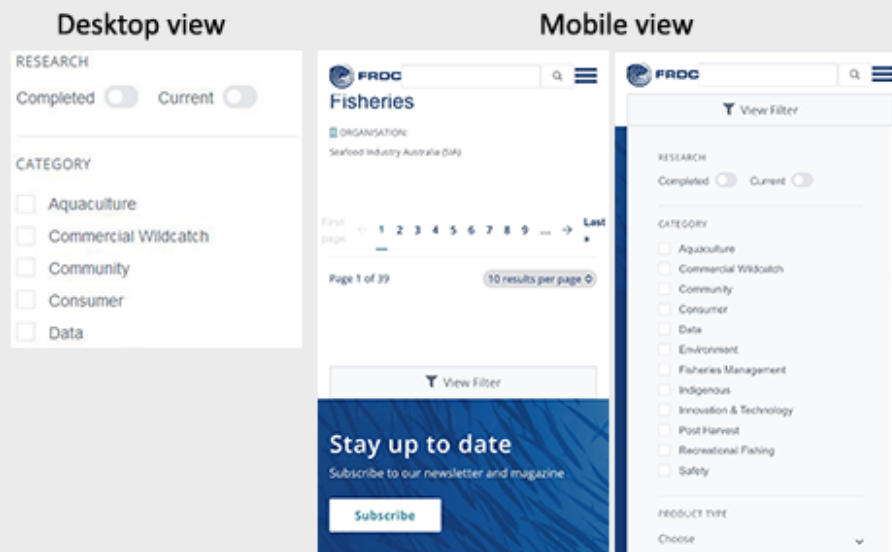
- **Rick Fletcher** has retired from his role as Executive Director of Fisheries and Agriculture Resource Management at DPIRD WA.
- **Dr Chavelli Sulikowski** has been appointed to the new position of Director at the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas)
- Food Agility CRC has announced the resignation of its Chief Executive Officer **Richard Norton**. He will be replaced by Dr. Mick Schaefer (CEO) and Professor David Lamb (Deputy CEO), effective 1 November 2023.
- **Rosemary Deninger** has retired from her role as the Deputy Secretary at Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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