

NATIVE FISH AUSTRALIA (Vic) Inc.

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13th April 2026



Members & Supporters,

General Meeting: Guest Speaker Greg Martin - "Ponds & Filtration" – April 14th

Our guest speaker for our April 14th meeting will be Greg Martin, speaking on "Ponds & Filtration". Greg Martin started keeping fish at the age of 9 – his first fish were exotic tropicals, like most beginners, and has kept fish continuously since then. Greg was introduced to Australian Rainbowfish in the early 1980's by a friend, and kept *Melanotaenia splendida* for a number of years.

In 2002 Greg formed his company Aquariums By Design, and since then has been commissioned to build aquatic habitats for Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Zoo and the CSIRO's Murray Darling Freshwater Research Institute in Albury-Wodonga. He specialises in Aquaculture systems and has done extensive installations for the Victorian Government's Department of Primary Industries pest aquatic weed eradication research facility at La Trobe University, Victoria.

Aquariums By Design builds, installs and looks after aquariums of all sizes, ponds (often featuring native Australian fish), frog habitats and has recently begun building Paludariums for clients.

Greg joined ANGFA in 2004 and became President of ANGFA Vic in October 2017. Greg Martin produced the ANGFA Victoria newsletter VicNews from June 2013 until it became ANGFA News in February 2017. Greg has been doing the Design and Layout of Fishes of Sahul, ANGFA flagship magazine since September 2015.

Greg is a well-known face to Native Fish Australia, with his work with many of our set-ups and facilities, and through his participation in so many field trips. As per usual, the hatchery will be open for viewing from 7pm and the meeting will commence at 7:30pm. Please join us for an interesting and informative evening, all NFA members and visitors are welcome.



Discover Dandenong Creek Festival – April 16th

NFA will be displaying local native fish and chatting with attendees at the Discover Dandenong Creek Festival in Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North, on Thursday 16th April, 11am – 2pm. Come join us at this free event that celebrates the Dandenong Creek, featuring a Welcome to Country by Traditional Custodians, roving performers, craft activities, a plant giveaway, wildlife show and display, fishing activities, a free sausage sizzle and coffee and more.

<https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/discover-dandenong-creek-festival-2026>

Seymour Alternative Farming Expo – April 17th-19th

NFA & the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority are exhibiting at the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo. We will be displaying local native fish and discussing our joint conservation efforts with attendees. Please come along for a fun and fascinating weekend at Kings Park in Seymour, Friday 17th – Sunday 19th April.

<https://www.seymourexpo.com.au/>

City Nature Challenge Fish Survey – April 25th-26th

In partnership with La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, NFA will be conducting a fish survey for the 2026 City Nature Challenge. We will be setting fish traps in the evening of Saturday 25th and collecting these in the morning of Sunday 26th April. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone wanting to get hands on experience and learn about fish survey methods.

<https://events.humanitix.com/fish-survey-cnc2026>

Hatchery Update

NFA (Vic)'s Native Fish Community Volunteer Conservation Hatchery currently has Southern Pygmy Perch, Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon and Murray River Rainbowfish available for purchase. We are open to the public for viewing and fish sales, usually on Thursdays between 1pm – 3pm and Sundays between 10am – 12 pm, or by appointment. As always, we have plenty of opportunities for NFA members to volunteer in the hatchery and gain hands on experience in native fish husbandry.

Please contact our Hatchery Manager, Jayne, via hatchery@nativefish.asn.au if you are interested in viewing the hatchery (group tours are available), purchasing fish or volunteering in the hatchery.

Membership renewals for 2026/27

We are approaching membership renewal time for the 2026/27 financial year, with our annual membership fees being due in June/July.

Membership/renewal forms can be found at <https://www.nativefish.asn.au/home/page/Membership>

Facebook

We have two Facebook pages – NFA & NFA (Vic). Please check them out and follow them to get up to date information on our activities and upcoming events.

<https://www.facebook.com/NativeFishAustralia/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NativeFishAustraliaVic/>



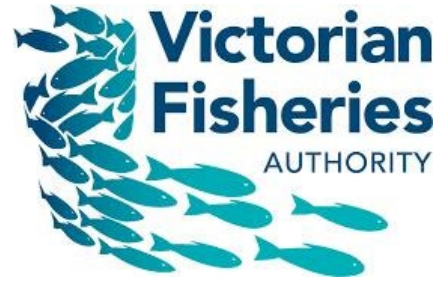
Upcoming Events

- **General Meeting** La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Guest Speaker Greg Martin presenting on "Ponds & Filtration", Tuesday 14th April
- **Fish Display** "Discover Dandenong Creek Festival", Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North, 11am – 2pm Thursday 16th April
- **Fish Display** "Seymour Alternative Farming Expo" Kings Park, Seymour, Friday 17th - Sunday 19th April
- **Committee Meeting** La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Tuesday 28th April
- **Fish Survey** City Nature Challenge La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th
- **Fish Display** Victorian Fisheries Authority's Snobs Creek Hatchery Open Day, Eildon, Sunday 3rd May
- **General Meeting** La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Tuesday 12th May – Discussing NFA's Future Direction
- **Committee Meeting** La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Tuesday 26th May
- **General Meeting** La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, Tuesday 9th June – "Native Facts Australia" Trivia Night

We would like to thank our sponsors who have assisted NFA (Vic) over many years with support and prizes for the Graeme Creed Native Fish Challenge & the Ovens Challenge as well as various raffle prizes and assistance in the hatchery.



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A special thanks to La Trobe University and the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary for hosting our monthly meetings

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