

Native Fish Australia Members Update

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Members & Supporters,

We are entering a quieter time of the year for Native Fish Australia, but we still have plenty of exciting events coming up and hope to see you at any or many of these. All upcoming event details and recent news are described in this NFA (Vic) Members update.

Upcoming Events:

- **NFA General Meeting** with guest speaker Taylor Hunt – Tuesday 9th June
From 7pm at La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
- **Fish Display** – Wednesday 10th June
NFA stall at the Community Enviro Expo, 3:10 - 4:30pm at Eltham High School in their new STEAM Building
- **Hatchery Working Bee** – Sunday 14th June
From 9:30am at NFA's Hatchery at the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
- **Hughes Creek planting and stakes in-stream day** – Wednesday 17th June
10am – 1pm, Hughes Creek on a property in Avenel
- **NFA Committee Meeting** Tuesday 23rd June
7:30pm at La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
- **NFA General Meeting** with guest speaker Fraser Asquith – Tuesday 14th July
From 7pm at La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
- **NFA Committee Meeting** Tuesday 28th July
7:30pm at La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary
- **NFA Annual General Meeting** Tuesday 11th August
From 7pm at La Trobe University's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary

General Meeting: Guest Presenter Taylor Hunt on Murray cod – 9th June

Our guest speaker for our June 9th meeting will be Taylor Hunt, Manager of Recreational Fisheries at the Victorian Fisheries Authority. Taylor will be discussing the success of Murray Cod (*Maccullochella peelii*) recovery, fisheries management, promotion and angling in the context of his recently published study “Perceptions and beliefs of recreational anglers about Murray Cod (*Maccullochella peelii*) fishing in Victoria, Australia: A path to enhancing education and outreach”.

As per usual, the hatchery will be open for viewing from 7pm and the meeting will commence at 7:30pm with NFA(Vic) updates, followed by Taylor’s presentation. Please join us for an interesting and informative evening, all NFA members and visitors are welcome.

You can read highlights from Taylor’s study via:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0165783626000755>



NFA fish display at the Eltham Community Enviro Expo – 10th June

NFA will have a stall displaying and discussing local native fish at the youth-led “Community Enviro Expo”, on Wednesday 10th June at Eltham High School, open to the public from 3:10 – 4:30pm.

Presented by Eltham High School Student Enviro Group and the Edendale Youth Enviro Team, with stalls showcasing enviro-actions and opportunities for community involvement - by community groups, Nillumbik Council and local schools. Opportunities for all ages to participate in engaging enviro activities.

Community Enviro Expo

Presented by Eltham High School Student Enviro Group and the Edendale Youth Enviro Team - Stalls from schools, agencies and council

Wednesday 10 June 2026

3:10 - 4:30pm

**Eltham High School
At new STEAM building
Parking on Ely st
The event is free!**

“The final chapter is ours to write. We know what we need to do. What happens next is up to us” - Sir David Attenbough

Well now you can! So, get keen and come to our Expo!

Want to learn how make a garden that helps our wildlife?

Want to see up close our Victorian native fish?

Want to make a real difference in the community and connect with other likeminded people?



For further information please contact our team at edendaleyouth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call 9433-3711

Hatchery Working Bee 14th June

The next hatchery working bee will on Sunday 14th June, starting from 9.30am and finishing with a BBQ lunch in the early afternoon. We will be doing general hatchery maintenance, draining and removing fish from our outdoor vats, and cleaning recently donated equipment including canister filters. Please come along and bring your friends to help support our conservation hatchery and get a taste of what our hatchery volunteers do to keep our fish happy and healthy!

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/HLnbWrjvKEGo1Q6z5>



General Meeting: Guest Presenter Fraser Asquith on Flathead Galaxias – 14th July

Our guest speaker for our July 14th meeting will be Fraser Asquith, presenting on his Flathead Galaxias (*Galaxias rostratus*) honours project which is focused on defining their habitat and improving sampling success. This will be an interesting follow on from Tim Fernando's "Stranger Fins: Saving the Ghost Fish" presentation at our February 2026 meeting.

Fraser Asquith is well known at NFA, having been a long-time volunteer working in our hatchery. He is currently completing an honours degree at the University of Melbourne and has previously completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Conservation and Wildlife Biology) with a minor in Indigenous or First Nations knowledge at Deakin University. He has interned and been contracted by the Arthur Rylah Institute and currently works as an Aquatic Ecologist at Aquatica Environmental.



Hughes Creek planting and stakes in-stream day – 17th June

Join Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority staff and Native Fish Australia volunteers for this planting and stakes in stream day, doing good for Macquarie perch, in a lovely location on the Hughes Creek.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority funded Project: Supporting Hughes Creek Macquarie Perch Population Resilience and Recovery is concluding with a final works event on Wednesday 17th June 2026. All are invited to participate in planting 250 indigenous seedlings and installing 100+ paired stakes in the Hughes Creek at Avenel. Starting at 10am and finishing around 1pm with NFA's always delicious BBQ lunch.

Please email president@nativefish.asn.au to RSVP for catering purposes and receive further details, including the address and what to bring.



Hatchery Update

NFA (Vic)'s Native Fish Community Conservation Hatchery currently has Southern Pygmy Perch (*Nannoperca australis*), juvenile Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon (*Mogurnda adspersa*) and Common Galaxias (*Galaxias maculatus*) 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.



“Finfluencer” volunteer positions available

In response to member feedback at our “Have your say in the future of NFA” meeting on May 12th, NFA is looking to increase our social media presence and is seeking volunteer content creators. The casual role could involve documenting the lives of our hatchery fish and NFA activities, writing updates or promoting our events on Instagram and Facebook, but we are open to all and any ideas. This is a great opportunity for our social media savvy members to get involved and help promote the great work NFA does.

Please get in touch via hatchery@nativefish.asn.au if you’re interested in this creative volunteering opportunity.



Membership renewals, updated fees & Member Wizard software

We are approaching membership renewal time for the 2026/27 financial year, with our annual membership fees being due on 30th June.

In consideration of tough economic times and in effort to foster young love for native fish, NFA is lowering student membership fees! Our new fee structure is as follows:

Students **\$10**, Concession/Pensioners **\$20**, Adults **\$30**, Family (two adults & children) **\$40**

NFA is in the process of implementing a membership management application called Member Wizard. We aim to have this cloud-based system up and running by the end of June, before our annual membership fees are due. The software will allow us to automate fee renewal reminders, which will be emailed from Native-Fish-Australia-Victoria@memberwizard.com.au, though all replies and membership inquiries should still be sent to membership@nativefish.asn.au.

We will soon add a link on the NFA website to our Member Wizard portal. This will allow members to join and renew their membership online, update their details, and opt to receive updates and announcements from us by email or SMS. However, new and renewing members that prefer to use the existing membership form and pay by electronic funds transfer, cash, or even cheques, will still be able to do so.

Our current Membership/Renewal form 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/>

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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