



NATIVE FISH AUSTRALIA (Vic) Inc.
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Members & Supporters

First off Happy New Year to you all! I hope that this finds you well and that you have had a great festive season.

Welcome to new members

A warm welcome to our new member Jonathan. We hope your membership will be long and rewarding for both you and Native Fish Australia.

Bass Bash

Native Fish Australia (Vic) has scheduled a day's adventure to **Blue Rock Dam** to chase **Australian Bass**. The fourth Blue Rock Bass Bash is to be held on **Saturday 2nd February**. It will again be a **one day event** and NFA (Vic) will put on a **free BBQ lunch** for all members attending.

Final details will be distributed later in the week to those who get back to us. Thank you to the Coultons who have already registered for the day.

Fishing is best from a boat. There is however, good fishing from the bank with access at many points around the dam. At this stage I have one spot available in my boat. If you would like to join us for a day of exciting (I hope) Australian Bass fishing please contact me on **0417 419 765 / nfavic@yahoo.com.au** by **Thursday 31st January for catering purposes**.

February General Meeting

Our first general meeting for 2019 is next Wednesday 6th February at the La Trobe University Wildlife Sanctuary. As per usual the meeting will commence at 8pm. I hope to have a **guest speaker talking on boating safety**. We will be discussing final details for the NFC and the review of Victorian Fisheries Regulations. We will continue to have the **Buy/Swap/Sell table**.

Native Fish Challenge 2019

The 2019 Native Fish Challenge is fast approaching. **Dates below**. Final details will be discussed at the February meeting. **If you a planning to attend please let me know**. A number of members will be camping on the Murray River at Burkes Beach #1. If you would like to join them please contact Mark on 0402 329 855 / markfishoadams@hotmail.com for more details.

Review of Victorian Fisheries Regulations

The Victorian fisheries regulations are due to sunset in February 2020. The VFA are currently reviewing the regulations to ensure they remain relevant and effective, with one aim to reduce regulations where practicable. NFA (Vic) has been asked to consult with our membership to identify possible changes to current regulations. Some suggestions by NFA (Vic) members to date have included:

River Blackfish south of the divide

- Reduce bag/possession limit from 5 to 2 fish
- Increase minimum legal size from 23 cm to 30cm

Macquarie perch in the Yarra River

- Reduce bag/possession limit from 2 to 0 fish

Silver perch North of the divide

- Introduce a bag/possession limit of 2 fish

Flat headed galaxid & Southern pygmy perch North of the divide

- Reduce bag/possession limit to 0.

Redfin declared noxious in Victoria

If you have any suggestions on changes to Fisheries regulations in Victoria, please get back to me ASAP or bring your ideas to the February meeting

Darling Fish Kill

We have watched in horror as the Darling fish kill has unfolded. We believe the termination of the Native Fish Strategy in 2013 by powerful vested interests has directly lead to the devastating fish kills unfolding in the Darling River. The apparent over allocation and theft of water as showcased in recent ABC programs, highlights the need for the Native Fish Strategy to be reinstated. In partnership with the Australian Trout Foundation, we have recently released a media release addressing some of the issues. I have attached the media release. We are currently drafting a letter to be sent to politicians and stakeholders.

Membership renewals for 2018/19

There are still quite a few members who have not renewed (paid) their membership for this year. Membership/renewal forms can be found at <https://www.nativefish.asn.au/home/page/Membership>

Our Great Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors who have assisted NFA (Vic) over many years with prizes for the Native Fish Challenge as well as various raffle prizes and a fantastic space to run our monthly meetings





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Upcoming Events

Blue Rock Bass Bash Blue Rock Dam **Saturday 2nd February 2019**

General Meeting La Trobe Uni Wildlife Sanctuary **Wednesday 6th February 2019**

Native Fish Challenge Yarrowonga **16/17 February 2019**

General Meeting La Trobe Uni Wildlife Sanctuary **Wednesday 6th March 2019**

Murray Fishing weekend (with ANGFA Vic) Yarrowonga **9-11 March 2019**

General Meeting La Trobe Uni Wildlife Sanctuary **Wednesday 3rd April 2019**

Any question please contact me on the details below

Kind regards

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