

# Native Fish Forum 2009

A report card after five years of implementation of the Native Fish Strategy

Key successes in the early years and where to next?

Albury Entertainment Centre, Swift Street, Albury

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## Day 1. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

0900 - 0930:	Registration, coffee	
0930 - 0935:	Housekeeping	
0935 - 0945:	Welcome to Country	TBA
0945 - 0950:	Welcome to the forum	TBA

### **Session 1. Retrospective**

<i>Session Chair:</i>	<i>Craig Copeland</i>	
0950 – 1015:	Lost world – A history of native fish in the southern Murray-Darling Basin	Will Trueman
1015 - 1045:	Native Fish Strategy highlights	Jim Barrett
1045 – 1100:	Engaging the community about the NFS	Adrian Wells
<b>1100 – 1120:</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
1120 - 1150:	Findings from the 5 <sup>th</sup> year review of the NFS	Peter Cottingham

### **Session 2. Broadening the fish perspective**

<i>Session Chair:</i>	<i>John Koehn</i>	
1150 – 1210:	Overview of Icon site works	Ben Dyer
1210 – 1230:	MDBA Basin Plan	TBA
1230 – 1250:	How successful are environmental flows?	Alison King
1250 – 1310	If I were the River God....?	Terry Hillman
<b>1310 – 1400:</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

### **Session 3. What has been demonstrated by demonstration reaches?**

<i>Session Chair:</i>	<i>Melissa Morley</i>	
1400 – 1415:	Overview of demonstration reach progress	Peter Jackson
1415 – 1435:	Get organised	Mike Harper/Jonathan McPhail
1435 – 1455:	Monitoring to demonstrate outcomes	Craig Boys
1455 – 1515:	Engaging the community	Fern Hames/Wayne Tennant
1515 – 1535:	Indigenous engagement	David Cordina/Phil Duncan
<b>1535 – 1555:</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
1555 - 1610:	Beyond the demonstration reach	Kevin Graham/Stephanie Challen
1610 – 1630:	Future for demonstration reaches	Peter Jackson

### **Session 4. High conservation value habitats**

<i>Session Chair:</i>	<i>Heleena Bamford</i>	
1630 – 1650:	Refuges and resilience	Dale McNeil
1650 – 1710:	Where to next for Habitat management areas	Bill Phillips

### **Session 5: How to tell the difference between a stocked and wild caught fish?**

1730 – 1930:	David Crook and Stephen Thurstan will give a hands on demonstration of the new technique for marking hatchery fish	
	<i>Light refreshments will be served during the demonstration.</i>	

## Day 2. Wednesday 2nd September

### Session 6. In the face of doom and gloom...

Session Chair: *Zafer Sarac*

0830 - 0900:	Ecological management of lower lakes and Coorong	Jason Higham/RS (TBC)
0900 - 0930:	Drought and threatened species	Janet Pritchard
0930 – 1000:	Bushfires and threatened species	Fern Hames/Jarod Lyon
1000 - 1030:	Acid sulphate soils update	Dean Ansell
<b>1030 – 1100:</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	

### Session 7. Breakout sessions – The next five years in native fish management

Facilitator: *Bill Phillips*

1100 – 1200	Breakout groups with clear structure to discuss 4 or 5 key topic areas of relevance to native fish management in the Basin that people can input and rotate through e.g. research priorities, communication needs, demonstration reaches, emerging area of concern (3-4 key common questions to each topic area; 3x20minute rotations with 'floating' facilitators to assist with keeping discussions on track)	
1200 – 1230:	Synthesis session	
<b>1230 – 1330:</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

### Session 8. Pipes and plumbing... Potential to improve native fish management through infrastructure design and operational changes

Session Chair: *Janet Pritchard*

1330 - 1400	Sea to Hume fishway program	Martin Mallen-Cooper (TBC)
1400 - 1420	Mitigating downstream mortality	Lee Baumgartner
1420 - 1440	Mitigating the impact of irrigation offtakes	Craig Boys
1440 - 1500	Carp cages	Ivor Stuart
1550 - 1510	Carp screens and carp pushing traps	Ben Smith
1510 – 1530:	Managing carp cage technology	Peter Jackson
<b>1530 – 1540:</b>	<b>Wind up and close</b>	<b>Jim Barrett</b>
<b>1540 – 1600:</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	