

Welcome to the 2011 Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum

Friday 20 – Saturday 21 May 2011
The Pavillion, Tamworth NSW

Agenda: Day 1, Friday 20 May

From 9:30	Thirst quencher Registration Tea, coffee and light refreshments available Cast around and look at the posters
10:15	Cast off! Welcome to Country Open Forum
10:30	Focus on freshwater fish habitat: what it is, what's important
11:15	Fish habitat findings
	Some of the latest work being done to understand how our favourite fish use habitat and impacts on that habitat. Includes Murray cod habitat, environmental flows, floodplain habitats, Australian bass tracking
12:15	Take a break Lunch
13:30	Habitat heroes - fishers getting their hands dirty
	Stories, hints, lessons learnt and other habitat tales straight from the fishers' mouth! Features: Bringing a threatened native species back from the brink; Partnership projects, the key to getting things done; Combining passions - fishing and conservation
15:30	Rehydrate! Afternoon tea
16:00	The ins and outs of fisheries management on the Emerald Isle Renowned Irish senior fisheries scientist Dr. Martin O'Grady
17:15	Reel it in! Time for break until dinner
From 18:45	Forum Dinner hosted by the Barefoot Fisherman Enjoy a night hosted by local fisherman and casting guru Dave "Hodgie" Hodge

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Agenda: Day 2, Saturday 21 May

8:30	On the bus (pick up from The Pavillion)
	Peel Promenade Have a look at the good, the bad and the ugly in fish habitat Riverbank walk - Peel River Look at fish habitat rehabilitation in action Work in groups to think about your habitat scenario
	Includes Morning tea Pit stop at Bicentennial Park
12:30	Sustenance Back to The Pavillion for lunch
13:15	Scenario Session Feedback from each group of what you learnt The basics of grant applications Introducing the 'Spot Shot'. Taking a closer interest in your local fishing spot.
14:00	Fish passage at the BIGGER structures Find out what the NSW State Water Corporation will be doing about fish passage in the future
14:15	The Native Fish Strategy, the Basin Plan and doing more for fish The why? Where? What? And Who?
14:45	Talking fish - fishers' stories across the Murray Darling Basin Oral history - what we know about how it used to be in the Namoi
15:00	Winding up and Forum close
15:15	One for the road Afternoon tea

DAY 3

Namoi Carp Muster, Sunday 22 May

Peel River, Tamworth

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