

Community native fish stocking grants program 2026-27 - inland native fish

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About the Program

The community native fish stocking grants program provides two dollars in funds for every one dollar in funds raised by the community to stock native fish, to boost local recreational fish stocks. Stocking groups may apply to stock Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod on a two dollar for one dollar basis. Key objectives of the program are to:

1. Support local communities in the stocking of high value native fish to enhance our valuable state-wide recreational fishing assets;
2. Boost regional and rural growth, investment and tourism;
3. Strengthen social and community participation, to enhance the cohesion and well-being of communities
4. Create aquaculture business and job opportunities

Grant Program Name

Community Native Fish Stocking grants program

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The program this submission is in.

Instructions for Applicants

Applicants must complete the application in sequence. Before completing this application form, you should have read the [program guidelines](#), to ensure you understand program requirements. You will receive an automated confirmation email from service@smartygrant.com.au. to acknowledge your application has been received. You may need to check your junk mail. Do not reply to this email.

Application Number

00001-TEST

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Disclaimer

By submitting this Application form, the applicant acknowledges that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development ("the Department"), expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- the applicant must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected;

- the applicant has read the funding guidelines and has fully informed itself of the relevant program requirements.

I agree *☒ Yes

Use of Information

In completing this application the applicant will be prompted to provide personal information (such as the applicant's name, email, residential address and telephone number). This information must be provided by the applicant (or another individual who is authorised by the applicant to complete the application on their behalf). By submitting this application form, the applicant acknowledges that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the individual/organisation and any partnering organisation, project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and funding amount awarded;
- any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program and external stakeholders (e.g. private hatcheries), as part of the administration of this application;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in respect of this application which is marked "Confidential" is treated in confidence, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act);
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application and other relevant information in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

I agree *☒ Yes

Privacy Notice

By submitting this Application form, the applicant acknowledges that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: <https://www.opc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/>);
- the information the applicant provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- the applicant has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

I agree *

☒ Yes

Insurance and Liability

By submitting this Application form, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the applicant should ensure that it holds all appropriate insurances to carry out the fish stocking event (the event at which fish stock purchased from a fish hatchery accredited under the Hatchery Quality Assurance Scheme are stocked);
- the applicant carries out the fish stocking event at its own risk and will manage all risks and liabilities arising out of this program (community native fish stocking grants program);
- to the extent permitted by law, the Department excludes all liability which may arise in relation to this program.

I have considered all relevant insurances and understand risks and liabilities surrounding this program *

☒ Noted

Conflict of Interest Declaration

Please complete the conflict of interest declaration below. If the applicant is aware of anything relating to this application that may cause an actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest, the applicant must select "yes" and provide details of the identified conflict of interest. An example might be a proposal to stock fish in waters adjacent to a public reserve located on a street where the applicant owns land. Providing information about grounds for a conflict of interest does not generally affect a project's eligibility to receive grant funding under the program. However, it is important to ensure that information about possible conflicts are recorded to enable appropriate management and response.

Is / are there any actual, perceived or potential conflict(s) of interest associated with this application? *

☐ Yes (you must provide details below)

☒ No

Eligibility Confirmation

Please declare the applicant and this application meets the program eligibility criteria:

- The application will be completed in its entirety and is being submitted prior to the closing date;
- The applicant is a grassroots not-for-profit community group (e.g. a fishing club), an individual or a NSW council / Local Government Authority;
- The applicant is not submitting more than one application per funding round;
- The applicant is offering between \$2,000 and \$6,000 (GST inclusive) in contributory funding;

- The applicant will act under the authority of a fish stocking permit issued by the Department;
- Fish to be stocked are to be purchased from a fish hatchery accredited under the NSW Hatchery Quality Assurance Scheme (HQAS)

I confirm, to my knowledge, that the applicant and application is eligible according to the criteria outlined above *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Ineligibility Criteria

Please declare the applicant and this application is not ineligible for this program

- State or Federal Government departments, agencies or committees;
- For profit, businesses / ventures that may or will realise a commercial financial gain from the program;
- Projects which are not based in NSW waters;
- Proposals to stock fish in private waters (e.g. farm dams) or waters which are not publicly accessible;
- Applications to stock species other than Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod.

I confirm, to my knowledge, that the applicant and application is not ineligible according to the criteria outlined above *

☒ Acknowledged

Contact Details

*** indicates a required field**

Applicant Details

Applicant *

John Smith

Applicant Primary Address *

11 Macquarie St
Taree NSW 2430 Australia



Latitude: -31.911 | Longitude: 152.464

Applicant Postal Address *

1A Macquarie St
Taree NSW 2430 Australia

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

0476 240 378

Must be an Australian phone number.

Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Applicant Email Address *

johnsmith@gmail.com

Must be an email address.

Applicant Website

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/stocking>

Must be a URL.

Program Details

*** indicates a required field**

Title *

John Smith

Must be no more than 25 words.

Insert the name of your group (e.g. Joe's Fishing Club / Big River Shire Council), if not part of a group write your name.

Brief description *

Stock native fish into our local waterway for the enjoyment of the community and visitors

Must be no more than 50 words.

Please provide a rationale for the project (why your initiative is needed, for example "to boost native recreational fish stocks in local waterways to increase fishing opportunity and amenity for local and visiting fishers"). An example of who will benefit from this initiative is "recreational fishers", an example of what activities you will do is "stock native fish in a local waterway", an example of what

outcomes you expect from your activities is "improved recreational fishing opportunities".

Anticipated start date *

28/01/2026

Date of submission of application

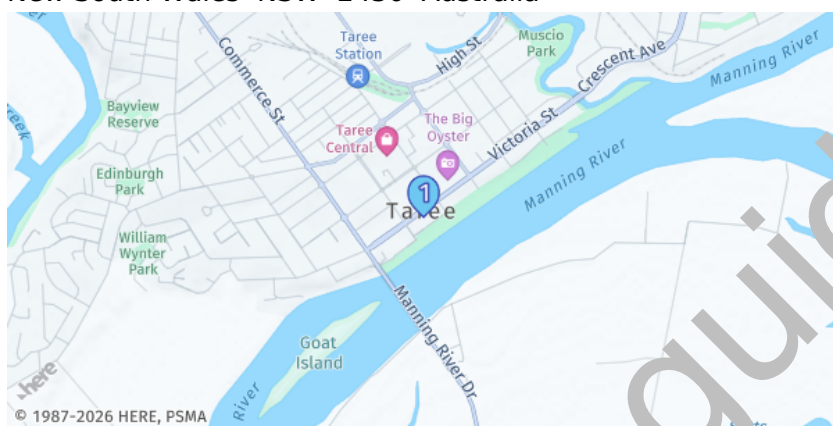
Anticipated end date *

15/12/2026

Date of project completion (when fish are stocked) e.g. Golden Perch and/or Murray Cod are generally stocked in late spring to early autumn.

Primary location of your initiative *

New South Wales NSW 2430 Australia



Latitude: -31.914 | Longitude: 152.461

Postcode is required.

This is NOT where you provide your fish stocking site details (fish stocking site details are provided under the section titled "Fish Stocking Sites").

Project Focus

What are the primary areas of focus for this project? *

Agriculture, fisheries and forestry > Fishing and aquaculture > Sustainable fishing

Agriculture, fisheries and forestry > Food security > Community food systems

Economic development > Business and industry > Tourism

Environment > Natural resource preservation

Sport and recreation

You may select up to five items.

Identify the primary beneficiaries of this project? *

Living environment > Rural/regional dwellers

Other > Animals > Wildlife

Other > Natural environment

Fish Stocking Sites

How to find latitude and longitude coordinates for fish stocking sites

1. Go to [Google maps](https://www.google.com/maps).
2. Zoom in and pan to your selected fish stocking site.
3. Click on the map at the actual site of fish release.

4. Click on the coordinates to copy or write down both numbers with at least five decimal points. e.g. latitude -36.27720, longitude 148.11440.
5. If using a mobile device, press and hold the screen to select location, latitude and longitude will be displayed, the coordinates can be copied to the clipboard for pasting into relevant application fields.
6. Insert coordinates into the latitude and longitude columns in the table below.

Please include only one stocking site per row. If you plan to stock fish at more than one site, click **"Add more"**.

Site ID (if applicable)	Waterway	Stocking site	Latitude	Longitude	Locality
Refer to previous fish stocking verification form (if relevant)	Name of dam/river/stream to be stocked	Nearest landmark (e.g. boat ramp, dam/weir, reserve name, bridge/ford crossing, cross street, river/stream junction)	See information above for location sites. Must be a number.	See information above for location sites. Must be a number.	Nearest town, village, district etc. to the stocking site
546	Lake Bethungra	Boat ramp	-34.767	147.907	Bethungra

Risks and Dependencies

This section seeks to understand how the applicant has identified and developed strategies to manage project specific risks. Please include one risk / issue per row. Click the **+** button to add additional rows. Include the risk in the left hand column and the corresponding risk management strategy in the right hand column. Please refer to the [safe transport and stocking code of practice](#) for more information.

Risk or dependency description	How the risk or dependency will be managed (minimised / mitigated)
For example, environmental conditions, transport of fish, fish release methods, site specific dependencies etc.	You should provide an explanation of how you will prevent/manage the risk / dependency. For example, environmental conditions – choose suitable release site(s) with good quality water, cover, shade and habitat etc.; transport of fish – ensure fish are kept at stable temperatures with a good supply of oxygen etc.; fish release methods – ensure fish are acclimated to local conditions prior to release etc.; site specific dependencies – apply proper manual handling techniques, manage driver fatigue, select suitable vehicle for task, be mindful of slippery / unstable shorelines, ensure availability of first aid supplies and food and drink provisions, wearing suitable clothing etc.
Sunburn	Applying sunscreen, relevant clothing to cover exposed areas
Slippery shoreline	Wear appropriate footwear

Driver fatigue	Share trip with another driver, take constant breaks
Fish stocking success	Acclimation of fish before release

Project Linkages

The community native fish stocking grants program value adds to and links with a range of other Recreational Fishing Trust funded projects which are helping to improve recreational fishing in NSW. This program, through the release of endemic native fish species into public waters, helps ensure native fish stock is available for: a healthy fishing future (Come Fish with Us); the utilisation of accessible fishing facilities (Fishing access and facilities) and the enjoyment of community fishery resources (Gone Fishing Day). This program can also help introduce new fishers to a lifelong interest in safe and responsible fishing (Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish) and help develop a sense for stewardship amongst recreational fishers (Fish For Life). This program contributes to hatchery of origin fish sampling studies (FishGen) and compliments and partners the Government's state-wide stocking program (Enhanced fish production) to sustain and build our valuable recreational fishing assets.

1. [Come Fish with Us](#)
2. [Fishing access and facilities](#)
3. [Gone Fishing Day](#)
4. [Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish](#)
5. [Fish For Life](#)
6. [FishGen](#)
7. [Enhanced fish production](#)

If other type here

Infrastructure grants - Sport and Recreation

Please list any other funded projects which may relate to this program

Project Milestones and Key Deliverables

The administrative stages expected to be completed as part of the project are outlined below. These activities are completed during the project lifecycle which runs over the financial year.

1. Fish stocking application submission (individual/group)
2. Fish stocking application assessment (the Department)
3. Order for fish stock confirmed with hatchery (individual/group & hatchery)
4. Hatchery purchase order submitted (individual/group)
5. Fish stocking permit issued (the Department))
6. Fish stock supplied and stocked (hatchery & individual/group)
7. Payment to hatchery for fish supply on receipt of invoice (hatchery & individual/group, hatchery & the Department)
8. Fish stocking records submitted to the Department (individual/group)

I agree to undertake the project milestones and key deliverables for the project. *

☒ Yes

Budget

* indicates a required field

Income

All amounts are inclusive of GST.

Golden Perch**Applicant funds ***

\$1,000.00
Enter the amount of funds "YOU" are providing to stock fish. Enter 0 if not applicable. Click "Save Progress" immediately after listing your funding amount.

Trust funds

\$2,000.00
Funding requested from the Recreational Fishing Trust (\$2 for \$1 ratio)

Total funds

\$3,000.00

Total Trust funds *

\$7,000.00

Total *

\$10,500.00

Applicant contribution % *

33

Applicant contribution of total.

Murray Cod**Applicant funds ***

\$2,500.00
Enter the amount of funds "YOU" are providing to stock fish. Enter 0 if not applicable. Click "Save Progress" immediately after listing your funding amount.

Trust funds

\$5,000.00
Funding requested from the Recreational Fishing Trust (\$2 for \$1 ratio)

Total funds

\$7,500.00

Outcomes

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Your outcomes

Outcomes are the changes you expect to occur from your project.

What do you aim to achieve from this project?
How will you measure your achievements?
What changes do you expect?

For example, "Release native fish into public waters"	For example, "Better fishing results"	For example "Improved aquatic biodiversity, increased tourism, increased fishing participation"
Stock native fish in public waters	Improved fishing results	More fishers involved, greater fishery resources

Qualitative evidence

Qualitative evidence can be used to record the progress and success of the fish stocking event. Examples of qualitative data sources include social media posts, media appearances (e.g. newspaper, television, magazine) and multimedia depictions (e.g. photographs, videos and audio / podcasts).

Qualitative evidence
Explanatory notes

Select the type of qualitative evidence which can be used for your project. One per row, add more rows in needed.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.
Video *	Stocking event will be recorded
Image	Photographs of the stocking event will be taken and submitted

Photograph Release and Licence

The Department encourages you to submit qualitative evidence of your project to the Department for promotional / educational purposes (e.g. for display in publications, reports, promotional material etc.), post completion of fish stocking events. Prior to submission of any fish stocking photographs to the Department, you must obtain the consent of any persons in such photographs to provide their images to the Department for such promotional / educational purposes. For children under 16 you must obtain written consent from the child's parent or guardian. In such situations, you must ensure that all people who provide consent are aware of the Department's name and address.

Acknowledged *

☒ Yes

Declaration and Authorisation

*** indicates a required field**

Declaration

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I am the applicant or are authorised by the applicant to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind, the Applicant;
- All information provided in the application (including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of the application) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- I understand that any false declaration may render the application ineligible / invalid

Authorisation

I agree *

☒ Yes

Name of authorised person *

John Smith

Phone number *

0476 240 378

Must be an Australian phone number.
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised

Email *

john.smith@fishingclub.com

Must be an email address.

Applicant Feedback

Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find the online application process?

☐ Very easy ☒ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this application?

25

Estimate in minutes i.e. 45

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application form that you think we need to consider.

Were you involved in the CNFS grants program last year (2025/26)?

☒ Yes
☐ No

How did you find this application form compared to last year?

☒ Less complicated
☐ About the same
☐ More complicated