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COMMERCIAL CLUB
ALBURY

Fishing Section

October

2026

Our next event is to Jinabyne on the 16th to 18th Oct. the comp runs from 1200hrs on the Friday until weigh-in on the Sunday. In our last couple of visits, green crichoppers have been very succesful. This is not to say that other lures will work also, trying small hard bodies is always worth a go at Jindabyne. I have had a lot of succes with a 50mm AC slim invader in the spotted dog pattern with the 30 foot bib. Can get expensive as they will run to about 21 feet at 3.2kph on 10lb braid,100 feet back. Jindabyn is one of the few lakes in the district with Atlantic salmon and they can grow to a reasonible size. Cost for the weekend is $20.00 per adult. If you havn't allready done so, please advise me or another committee member before Tuesday the 13th for catering. The location of Saturday and Sundays meals will be relayed to you at Jindabyne. Good luck to all who are attending.

The trip in November slated for the 13-15 will NOT happen that weekend as this date clashes with the Ladies Dart Cup. I will send an email on the 14th of this month to advise the new date.

For those wishing to attend the Christmas function at the golf club on the 12th Dec, I am taking names now.

Annual Murray Cod Seasonal Closure Has Begun!

NSW Fisheries Officers are reminding anglers that the annual Murray Cod fishing closure applies from 1 September to 30 November inclusive.

This closure protects Murray Cod during their spawning season and helps ensure healthy fish stocks remain into the future. If you accidentally catch a Murray Cod during this period, it must be released immediately with the least possible harm. Blowering Dam and Copeton Dam remain open to Murray Cod fishing year-round.

A total closure to all fishing methods, including catch and release, also applies in the Murray River between Yarrawonga Weir and the Newell Highway road bridge at Tocumwal. This area is the Trout Cod Protection Area and supports one of the last natural breeding populations of endangered Trout Cod.

Penalties for not complying with these closures range from $500 on-the-spot fines up to a maximum of $22,000 for individuals.

Please help protect NSW Fisheries by reporting illegal fishing to Fishers Watch on 1800 043 536 or online.

Memberships for 2026/27 are now overdue, please pay if not already done.

Birthdays: - Chris

Committee 2026—2027

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Calendar 2026-2027

Oct 16-18	Jindabyne
Nov 13-15	Dartmouth
Dec 4-6	Jingellic to Corowa
Dec 12	Christmas party
Feb (Date to be confirmed)	Sue city camping
Mar 12-16	Eden
April (Date to be confirmed)	Nagambie/Nillahcootie
April (Date to be confirmed)	AGM
May 21-23	Eucumbene

For more than 70 years, researchers have been trying to reliably breed Macquarie Perch (*Macquaria australascia*) in captivity. Once abundant in the Murray–Darling Basin, the endangered 'Macca' could benefit from captive breeding, but only if researchers can get fish to spawn reliably.

Because Macquarie Perch spawn once a year, progress has been slow. "You get one shot at it," says Andrew Briggs, Senior Project Manager at the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA).

"You can't reset the clock and try that experiment again, you've got to wait another year."

Hatchery production at the VFA's Snobs Creek facility has increased through annual collection of wild, running-ripe fish and improved breeding techniques, helping rebuild Victorian populations.

But relying on wild broodstock limits recovery, constrains genetic management and removes potential breeders from depleted rivers. Wild-caught fish rarely spawn again in captivity, meaning broodfish must be replaced each year. Solving this challenge would transform conservation breeding.

Before coordinating Project 2022-116, Andrew spent 20 years on Macquarie Perch recovery.

The three-year project united fisheries agencies, universities and researchers across nutrition, hormones, husbandry and genetics.

"This is the first time... there's been an appropriately resourced, concerted effort across multiple partners all at the same time," Andrew says.

A fish which knows its seasons

A major breakthrough came from recreating wild seasonal conditions. In 2024, fish kept under mild winter conditions produced neither eggs nor milt. The following year, fish exposed to colder winter temperatures (around 10°C) and a sharper spring rise, developed both.

Researchers also found that hormone treatments alone did not reliably trigger spawning in pairs or small groups, but fish held in larger groups displayed courtship behaviour and were more likely to spawn.

Male fertility has improved, with wild-caught and first-generation captive fish now producing viable milt. Females are developing substantial numbers of eggs but are not yet reliably ovulating — the final piece of the puzzle.

The Ovens River shows what recovery can look like. Locally extinct before stocking began in 2013, it now supports a large self-sustaining population. Genetic research traced young fish through multiple generations, confirming stocked fish have survived, matured and bred in the wild. Wild-born fish now greatly outnumber stocked fingerlings.

Support for the program

The project relied on researchers, hatchery staff, fisheries managers, Catchment Management Authorities and river restoration partners. Recreational fishers also support recovery through volunteer efforts and licence fees.

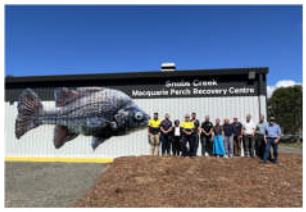
Researchers have produced the first comprehensive Macquarie Perch Hatchery Training Manual and genetically mapped all captive fish in Victoria and New South Wales to support genetic diversity. A new $4 million breeding facility at Snobs Creek will expand capacity.

For FRDC Extension Officer Matt Jones, the project's strength is collaboration.

"To come together and succeed across a project with a singular vision, I think that's where this project has done really well," Matt says.

The project has created a network that can continue sharing knowledge as recovery progresses. One stubborn breeding challenge remains, but researchers now understand the conditions fish need, how they behave when ready to spawn, how to produce viable milt and how to manage genetics.

The Ovens River shows the ultimate goal: Macquarie Perch thriving in the wild, breeding and building the next generation themselves.



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Rods and reels for sale

4 X Austackle spirit 7' 1ST21005, graphite	suit bait caster		
2 X Masterclass, 7' 1MCS21003, graphite	suit bait caster		
1 X Okuma taurino 6' TU-C-601CAL	Suit bait caster	Reels	
1 x Okuma Taurino 7' TU-C-702CAL	Suit bait caster	1 X Austackle Long cast spin 2500 Eggbeater	
1 X ATC Handstick 5' 6"	Suit bait caster	1 X Vittatus 100 R/Hand	Overhead
1 X Ugly stick Gold 4' 6" 01C21CM	Suit eggbeater	1 X Whitehorse 11 WHF 920	Eggbeater
1 X hyper 1.93m TD HYPER641MHFB-AO	Suit eggbeater		
1 X Brave 7' LRBS1-702ML Graphite	Suit eggbeater		
1X Discovery Storm 6'6'' DVC662MN	Suit eggbeater		
1 X Wilson Blue steel 7'	Suit eggbeater		
1 X Atomic Arrowz 2 piece 7'	Suit eggbeater		

For Sale

Jumper $35

Shirt $25, pocket extra $6

Bennie, $10.

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