



POSITION: NSW state-wide Fish Habitat Panel

This is a volunteer role. Meeting costs (catering, venue hire, etc) and travel expenses (accommodation, food, fuel, etc) will be covered by OzFish Unlimited.

OzFish Unlimited is a passionate NGO dedicated to helping the millions of Aussie recreational fishers take action for the health of their waterways and shore up the future of the sport they love. OzFish Unlimited partners with fishers and the broader community to invest resources into protecting and restoring our waterways, counteracting decades of degradation.

We are launching a state-wide Fish Habitat Panel for eight OzFishers to help drive change across NSW. The selected committee members will be provided with support and resources to deliver on-ground action. By creating two-way flow between local anglers, experts, and scientists, we can make more informed decisions that better align to local habitat and community needs. To be considered, you must be an active NSW OzFish member.

Outcomes of panel:

- More recreational fishers supported to take greater actions to improve fish habitat, resulting in better fishing outcomes and experiences.
- Building capacity across NSW OzFish Chapters by sharing ideas, knowledge and advice gained from lived experience in your local area.
- Learn from industry experts about habitat issues and help form solutions together.
- Improving the social licence of the recreational fishing sector by showing sustainability as a core value of recreational fishers.
- Genuine two-way flow between local anglers on the ground and experts and scientists, sharing ideas and forming solutions to habitat and community needs.

What can you expect?

- The panel will meet quarterly either in person or online to discuss local challenges, share knowledge, hear from industry experts, and form solutions, together.
- Each meeting will be a 'round-the-table' style chat, to hear about local issues, successes, and an opportunity to act as a support network where you can share ideas and ask questions.
- Unless there is an opportunity to meet in person, it is likely that most meetings will take place online via Microsoft Teams meeting in the comfort of your home.

**Panellists will be required to re-apply each year, with a maximum of a three-year term.*

If you have any questions, please contact Taylah Kirk at taylahkirk@ozfish.org.au

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Future Meetings.

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This information acts only as a draft outline and can be changed where necessary.

November 2024

First Meeting

Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum – Mildura 2023

This opportunity is one of a kind, where you will get to meet and learn from leading scientists, experts, environmental managers and recreational fishers from NSW and Victoria about the latest developments of fish habitat and recreational fishing.

Friday 3rd November 2023

- Fishers for Fish Habitat site tours
- Murray River Boat Cruise and Local Site tours via OzFish Unlimited River Repair Bus
- 12:30pm to 5:00pm

Saturday 4th November 2023

- Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum
- 9:00am – 4:00pm (approx.) – free event
- 4:10pm – 5:30pm – First meeting with NSW Fish Habitat Panel.

Midway Community Centre
Buronga, NSW. 2739

Saturday 4th November 2023

- Forum Dinner – Smart Casual
- 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Catering provided – drinks at bar price

This invitation is open for anyone attending the Fishers for Fish Habitat Forum.

Second Meeting February 2024

- Online Microsoft Teams Meeting
- No costs involved.

Third Meeting May 2024

- Online Microsoft Teams Meeting
- No costs involved.

Fourth Meeting August 2024

- Online Microsoft Teams Meeting
- No costs involved.

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