

Adelong Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

The Riverina Highlands Landcare Network is offering land managers in the Wondalga area assistance and incentives to improve habitat for fish in the Adelong Creek.

Adelong Creek

The Adelong Creek provides habitat for a number of aquatic species including numerous native fin fish, native crayfish and the endangered Booroolong Frog. The creek is also a renowned trout fishing stream.

In recent years, the Adelong Creek has experienced droughts, floods, fires and changes to land use which have negatively impacted on the health of the Creek and the habitat for these aquatic species.



A Murray cod resting amongst snags. Photo: Luke Pearce

About the project

This project has been developed to encourage neighbouring landholders to work together to restore sections of the Adelong Creek and in doing so improve fish habitat.

The project will provide financial assistance to landholders through assisting with the costs of weed control, fencing and planting native vegetation.

The project will also involve the broader community through Clean Up Days and community tree planting events.

Who is involved in the project?

The project is funded through the NSW Fish Habitat Action Grants and is a partnership between the Riverina Highlands Landcare Network, the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

When will the project occur?

This is a one year project with on ground works to be implemented during 2013.

What will the project fund?

Funding is available to assist landholders to undertake the following works:

1. **Weed Control** through the use of a professional weed contractor to spray blackberries, willows and other woody weeds along the riparian zone.
2. **Fencing** installing stock proof fencing to minimise stock access to the Creek.
3. **Revegetation**— supply of tree guards and native trees, shrubs and understorey plants

Limited funds are available and priority will be given to sites where adjoining landholders are involved to address issues that extend beyond property boundaries.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the **Adelong Creek Fish Enhancement Project**, you will need to consider the following criteria:

- ◆ Your property is on the Adelong Creek in the vicinity of Wondalga.
- ◆ You are prepared to enter into an agreement which will detail the on ground works and outline your ongoing management responsibilities.
- ◆ For areas requiring weed control, you are prepared to contribute towards the costs of the spraying.
- ◆ You have no agreements or have not received previous government funding for your proposed project area.

How can I become involved?

Landholders wishing to participate in the project will need to complete the Expression of Interest application form overleaf.

LAND MANAGER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Land Manager Details:

First Name:		Surname:	
Partners Name:		Trading Name:	
Residential Address:			
Postal Address for Correspondence:			
ABN (where relevant):			
Telephone:		Mobile:	
Are you registered for GST:	YES / NO	E-mail:	

Applications can be:

- Faxed to: 02 69474339;
- Emailed to: cherie.white@cma.nsw.gov.au
- Posted to: Riverina Highlands Landcare Network, PO Box 71, Tumut, NSW 2720.

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