

Talk Wild Trout 2024

Conference program - Mansfield Performing Arts Centre

Learning from the past and planning for the future

Saturday 21 September

		Topic	Speaker	Talk message
8:30 AM		Registration & coffee		
8:45 AM				
9:00 AM	9:10 AM	Conference Launch	Graeme Dear, Chair, VFA	
9:10 AM	9:20 AM	Welcome to country		
9:20 AM	9:35 AM	A decade of discovery Learning from the past	- Taylor Hunt VFA	A lot of focus on trout over last 10 years: and learnings from research and activities
9:35 AM	10:20 AM	KEYNOTE: Past, Present and Future. Learnings from a great diarist	Phillip Weigall	Nuances of the trout fishery over time.
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	KEYNOTE 2: Like a Midge over Troubled Waters	Dr Jarod Lyon – Arthur Rylah Institute	Co-managing trout fisheries and threatened species in a changing climate
10:50 AM	11:20 AM	MORNING TEA & COFFEE		
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	Learning from the past, planning for the future - A journey for all ages.	Terry George ATF	Having a go.
11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Why care - Working from the past into the future together	Andrew Briggs VFA	How ATF, CMA's, VFA & Volunteers work together to enhance fisheries & streams
12:00 PM	12:10 PM	Why Women are flocking to fishing	Shea Bloom - Women in Recreational Fishing & Boating	What WIRFAB offer members
12:10 PM	12:20 PM	Situations Vacant	John Billing - Mending Casts	Multi benefits for participants and instructors
12:20 PM	12:35 PM	Session 2 Q&A Panel	Terry George, Andrew Briggs, Shea Bloom and John Billing	
12:35 PM	1:40 PM	LUNCH & ACTIVITIES	Fly & Lure casting events. Fly tying, Lure making.	Managed by VFFA, WIRF & VRFish
1:40 PM	2:00 PM	From dystopia to utopia. Fishing in a restored wonderland	James Norney, Mountain Fly	How environmental restoration provides for the health of the fishery
2:00 PM	2:20 PM	From Little Things Big Things Grow - Women in fishing	Karen Brooks	For women the entry into trout fishing has not always been easy. Is it accepted and what can we do it improve this.
2:20 PM	2:40 PM	From Fear to Fishing - A mental health journey	Matt Tripet	Learnings from the past about mental health and what trout fishing provides for mental health recovery in the future
2:40 PM	2:55 PM	Session 3 Q&A Panel	James Norney, Karen Brooks, Matt Tripet	
2:55 PM	3:20 PM	Afternoon Tea		
3:20 PM	3:50 PM	Questions & answer panel session	All speakers	
3:50 PM	4:00 PM	Wrap up & acknowledgements	Terry George & Travis Dowling	



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