

Talking Trout 2026

Time	Presentation	Speaker
8:30am	Registration & coffee	
	SESSION 1	
8:55am	Welcome to Country	Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung
9:00am	Conference Launch	Gus Dear, VFA Board Chair
9:10am	Keynote: Showcasing a season on Victoria's trout waters (and Q&A)	Tom Jarman
9:50am	Life in the Antipodes; trout in Australia – what a journey!	Andrew Briggs, VFA
10:20am	Q&A Session	
10:30am	Morning tea/coffee	
	SESSION 2	
11:00am	The dynamic nature of Victoria's wild trout fisheries	A/Prof John Morrongiello
11:20am	What do trout need, and how are we getting it to them?	Paul Stolz, ATF
11:40am	Trout response in the Upper Murray post 2020 bushfire	Lauren Johnson, ARI
12:00pm	Outside the tacklebox – using modern tools to improve your chances	Mark Adams, VFA
12:20pm	Panel Q&A Session	All previous speakers
12:30pm	Lunch	
	SESSION 3 – Six of the best Victorian cool water fisheries.	
1:30pm	Early season fishing and tailrace fisheries	Scott Xanthoulakis
1:45pm	South-West Rivers – Merri and Hopkins River Trout	Tim Vincent
2:00pm	Fishing Lake Dartmouth	Matthew Mildren
2:15pm	Small stream trout fishing	Jo Dobson
2:30pm	Western trout lakes	Alastair Vanstan
2:45pm	Trout AlterNatives	James Norney
3:00pm	Afternoon tea/coffee	
	SESSION 4	
3:30pm	Entertainment: Facilitated Q&A via QR code (including all speakers from Session 3 and Tom Jarman)	
4:00pm	Closing address – what have we learnt?	Gus Dear, VFA Board Chair
4:15pm	Conference Ends	



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