

Hello everyone,

Hope this finds you well.

I've two quick items to share and ask for your help with promoting.

Firstly, as proposed in the previous email update with the link to the story map presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Australian Stream Management Conference, two shortened story maps have been produced and are now available online. Aiming to be more palatable for general consumption, the lengthy original story on Instream Habitat Works Trial on the Hughes Creek, has been broken down into two parts with the inclusion of simple instructional tips to help people navigate and access all the available data.

If you could promote awareness and encourage visitation to these story maps, it would be much appreciated as we work to continually gain support for works to assist Macquarie perch. If there are any errors or issues identified in the story maps, please let me know as edits can continue to occur as needed.

Secondly, we are almost a year on from the successful [Fish Circus in Avenel](#). One of the key messages of the event was how anglers can help to reduce carp numbers and their impact on native fisheries with the proposed annual Clean Up Carp day. The second Saturday of September (following Father's Day and Trout Opening weekend) was the annual date selected to target carp removal prior to their spawning. Make Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of September a day for fishing and fun carp catching this year. I will continue to let you know of organised carp catching events when I come across them, but encourage you and your friends in the meantime to get out fishing for carp and add the Clean Up Carp day to your event calendar (next year 9/9).

As soon as the stream level drops enough to take a closer look, I will report on how the trial works have withstood the winter high flows and their effectiveness re-establishing stream depth as intended. Though we anticipate the structures have remained intact, given efforts to reinforce and secure the wood, I am unsure how long the sedge plantings can survive extended inundation. We must wait, see, share and learn.

Kinds regards,

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