

EVENT PROGRAM

- 10.00am** **Welcome to Country** – *Taungurung Clans*
- 10.10am** **Event overview and format** – *Christine Glassford, GBCMA*
Hughes Creek Project aims and achievements with community and agency collaboration. Introduction to representative experts present to share their various knowledge today.
- 10.30am** **Electro fishing demonstration** – *Joanne Kearns, Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI)*
- 10.45am** **Carp fishing techniques demonstration and competition commencement** – *Tim Curmi, Native Fish Australia*
- 11.00am** **Round robin of MC interviews and informal talks with:**
1. Native fish – *Fern Hames, ARI*
 2. Freshwater macro-invertebrates, otherwise known as Waterbugs – *Kirsten Hogan, Goulburn Broken Waterwatch*
 3. Turtles – *Graham Stockfeld, Turtles Australia Inc*
 4. Cultural Heritage - *Shane Monk, Taungurung Clans*
- Noon** **Presentation on Carp preparation and cooking (including taste testing)** – *Keith Bell, K&C Fisheries*
LUNCH
- 12.30pm** **Recap on displays and information presented/available**
- 1.30pm** **End fishing competition**
- 2.00pm** **Presentation of mystery carp catching prizes**
- 2.30pm** **End**

HIGHLIGHTS

Clean Up Carp Day

Launch of the inaugural carp fishing event for the second Saturday of September. Bring your rod and participate, with mystery prizes to be awarded for carp caught. Included is a demonstration of techniques to selectively fish for carp, with suitable carp bait provided. Some fishing rods will also be available for those that want to give it a go.

Taste try carp

See how carp can be prepared and cooked to taste great.

See, handle and hear

Various experts will be available to share their knowledge on what makes a stream and its aquatic life healthy and resilient. Informal presentations with one on one discussions encouraged.

Learn how to knap stone with the Traditional Owners

Taungurung Clans representatives will be present to show some locally found artefacts and explain their applications, as well as demonstrate the techniques to stone knapping.

Event MC Peter Flaherty, comedian and actor

Known as 'Frank' from the BCF advert series, Peter is also familiar from numerous TV show and films, including *Bikie Wars: Brothers In Arms, Neighbours, House Husbands, The Dr.Blake Mysteries, & Old School* among many others. His feature films include 'Summer Coda', 'Beckoning The Butcher' and the award winning 'Monster Pies'. Pete's other adverts include 'British paints', 'ALDI cat food/mechanic, 'Pura Milk', the recent MND research spots with Neale Daniher and the soon to be released Marshall ad with Shane Warne. His stand-up and improv work, often for good causes, personify the typical Aussie.

Note: Bins and toilets will be available, along with limited seating and shelter. Please wear warm clothing and appropriate footwear. If able, bring your own fishing rod. No dogs please.

Plenty of free fun for all
Jumping castle, face painting, show bags, live music, the Connies. BBQ lunch provided.

ABOUT THE MACQUARIE PERCH

Macquarie perch (*Macquarie australiasica*) is a nationally endangered fish species which has more remnant populations persisting in the Goulburn Broken Catchment than any other region within Victoria. However, these populations are highly fragmented and largely restricted to unregulated tributaries of the Goulburn River, one of which is the Hughes Creek.

These remaining Macquarie perch populations are at risk of becoming isolated or locally extinct during future extreme environmental events such as drought and bushfire.

A long term goal in the recovery for this species within the Goulburn Broken Catchment is to improve connectivity between populations. For the Hughes Creek, this involves protecting their current stronghold and enhancing adjoining habitat to extend their range along the Creek. In particular, working downstream to reconnect Macquarie perch with the Goulburn River.

Reducing predation and competition from introduced fish species (carp and redfin) in the Hughes Creek, is another priority action identified that would help to promote growth in the Macquarie perch population.



Come and learn more about this species and other aquatic life, while having fun and possibly contributing to the cause by catching a carp or two.

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