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# *Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest*

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## **Artificial reef named in fishing identity's honour**

One of Victoria's three new recreational fishing reefs will be named after the well-known fishing identity, Neil Tedesco, who died suddenly in a diving accident in April. The naming was a fitting tribute to the enthusiastic angler and popular presenter of a television program which reached the homes of many passionate fishing fans. His popularity was reflected in the number of suggestions to name one of the new reefs after him.

<http://www.fishingworldmag.com.au/news/reef-named-in-fishing-identity-s-honour>

## **Artificial reefs on the rise**

Funded by recreational fishing licence fees from the Saltwater Fishing Trust, NSW is about to receive its 5th artificial reef system made up of 400 Reef Balls in three size combinations and measuring 1600 square metres. An ongoing artificial reef monitoring program using baited underwater video, photographic surveys and diver census expects to confirm a new complex habitat for fish, algae and invertebrates as in other reefs.

<http://www.fishingworldmag.com.au/news/artificial-reefs-on-the-rise>

## **Water mismanagement kills trapped breeding stock**

Hundreds of fish, including giant Murray cod, died following the release of water for domestic and stock use on a day the temperature was over 40 degrees Celsius, not the first time such devastation has happened. Fish taking refuge in holes a kilometre or so apart had nowhere to go when the acidic and deoxygenated water arrived at the holes after being heated as it passed over the creek bed's hot sand. What's the use of recreational size limits and 3 month closed seasons when water releases kill hundreds of breeders and fish stocked at anglers' expense?

<http://www.vrfish.com.au/newsletter/FishingLines-April09.LR.pdf> Page 18

## **WA Budget:- Fisheries' spending reduced without reducing frontline services**

The Fisheries Department will continue to make tough decisions to ensure the sustainability of WA's fish stocks and support effective management of marine resources. Extra Fisheries and Marine Officers will boost the numbers of compliance staff and services provided across WA using new funding of \$3million over 4 years to help ensure the sustainability, economic and social objectives for WA's marine resources were met.

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=626>

## **Elusive pest fish on the loose**

Native fish populations could be at risk from the exotic pearl cichlid on the loose in a number of rivers. Released into the wild, these popular aquarium fish can become a pest, difficult to find and eradicate. \$300,000 spent over three years had failed to stop the spread of this species into the Swan River.

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/news/recent-news/fishing-and-aquaculture/tracking-down-elusive-pest-fish](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/news/recent-news/fishing-and-aquaculture/tracking-down-elusive-pest-fish)

## **Commercial fishing in Swan and Canning Rivers**

Minister does not believe it appropriate for one person to have a monopoly on commercial fishing in the rivers. The last remaining operator signed an official letter before he bought into the Swan River commercial fishery in October 2006 knowing that the previous State Government planned to close the fishery. All other operators have played by the rules and agreed to surrender their licences. Swan River crabs are the same species as taken from other fisheries on the West Coast and which are readily available from retail outlets.

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx?ItemId=131890>

## **Claims WA Budget cuts mean 'death knell' for troubled Swan River**

Environment and conservation plans make no mention of banning use of soluble phosphorous fertiliser in the river's catchment, a move described by environmentalists as crucial. Minister has reconfirmed both the Government's strong commitment to reducing nutrient run-off and the Fertiliser Action Plan is continuing.

<http://www.thewest.com.au/default.aspx?MenuId=77&ContentID=141917> and

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx?ItemId=131885>

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