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## Fishcare secures funding

The future of volunteer group Fishcare Victoria has been secured thanks to ongoing funding allocated by the Victorian Coalition Government.

Minister for Agriculture and Food Security Peter Walsh said \$200,000 per year would be provided to the group from the sale of recreational fishing licenses, so it could continue its valuable work educating the community about sustainable recreational fishing practices.

Fishcare Victoria distributes educational material, visits schools and angling clubs, offers assistance to recreational fishers and collects important recreational fish catch data

Previously, fishcare had

been allocated funding from recreational fishing license funds on an annual basis and could never be sure exactly how much money they would have.

"This ongoing funding gives Fishcare certainty each year and allows the group to plan ahead with its different projects" said Mr. Walsh

Over the last three years, Fishcare Victoria has run more than 1,000 'Fish Right' workshops for junior anglersand plays an important role in habitat restoration.

Fishcare was established in 1995 based on a Western Australian model, which has since been adopted in various forms in South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania.





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# **Barnaby Joyce**

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry:

The new Lower House National Party representative Barnaby Joyce is the new Minister for Fisheries.

Mr. Joyce, Deputy Leader of the National Party and a former Senator from Queensland, moved to the Lower House by contesting the seat of New England vacated by the retiring Independent Tony

Windsor.

Mr. Joyce is an outspoken critic of foreign investment in Australia with his latest broadside aimed at Indonesia's plan to purchase a million hectares of grazing land in Northern Australia.

He is known for being a highly independent member of his party, having crossed

the floor nineteen times under the Howard coalition govern-

Mr. Joyce was born in Tamworth NSW and is one of six children from a sheep and cattle farming family. He is married and has four daughters.

He holds a degree in Commerce from the University of New England.

## Fisheries resource sharing framework for the Northern Territory draft framework devel- used to resolve fishery access (catch) level for each fishery, provide more certainty for busidetermining the appropriate ness investment. proportional allocation between each user group, and then man-The draft framework was devel-

oped to ensure the Northern Territory's fish resources are shared in a manner that delivers optimal benefits to the Territory, has been released for public com-

evidence-based analysis to be setting a sustainable harvest Territory's fishery resources and

and allocation issues between aboriginal, commercial, fishing tour operators and recreational users of the resource", said Mr Westra van Holthe the Minister for Primary Industry and Fish-

aging each group's catch within their allocation.

It aims to provide all users of the resource with greater secu-"The new framework will allow The new framework involves rity around access to, use of the

oped by a taskforce with representatives from the NT Seafood

Council, Amateur Fishermen's Association of the Northern Territory, Northern Land Council and the NT Guided Fishing Industry Association.





# **VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION**

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South Korea bans **Japanese** fish

Tt was reported in The Washington Post recently Lthat South Korea has banned imports of all fish from a 1000 kilometer coastal strip which is near Japan's still leaking Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant.

The decision to ban the fish was taken due to "sharply increased" public concern about seafood in Japan.

In addition South Korea's Ministry of Oceans has criticised Japan for failing to provide clear information about

the condition of the plant.

Japan however, insists that its seafood was safe and subject to stringent international controls. Contamination they say is limited to an area of only several hundred meters around the plant.

## Seeing Change: A photographic story of the Abrolhos

eeing Change is the title of a community led photographic exhibition currently open at the Freemantle Maritime Museum in WA.

The photographs were taken by Abrolhos fishers and is their community's experience of environment and social change.

The rock lobster fishery is the main fishery at the Abrolhos and started at the islands in the 1880s. Many of the families have fished at thensAbrolhos for genera strong Fishers have a very



sense of identity with the industry and a strong sense of place at the Abrolhos.

This exhibition focuses on the many environmental and social

changes that have occurred over the last five to ten years in the rock lobster industry and the island communities

The project initated by Curtin

University researcher Jenny Shaw with the WA Marine Science Institution to encourage a greater interest in regional climate change science using Photovoice; a technique that gives participants a voice through the lens of a camera.

Photovoice is an inclusive, interesting and fun way of enabling a community to consider, document and comment on issues where individuals within a community may have different viewpoints.

The exhibition will run from the 7th Sept.to the 24th of Nov.

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# Ronald Fraser McLaughlin 1917 - 2013

## A life well lived

onald Fraser McLaughlin was born at Rand-Shortly after Ron's birth, his parents Anita and Roy moved to Adelaide where Rov was a Manager with General Motors.

sisters Ron was educated in Ade-

laide Eventually the McLaughlin family moved to Melbourne where Roy took up another position and the family settled Hampton.



eldest son Malcolm said that Ron started working for his Grandfather in an import/export business which continued until the outbreak of the Second World War. Ron then joined the Royal Australian Navy and after the war he was discharged from the navy

Ronald Fraser McLaughlin

In 1942 Ron met and married Doris Brown at St Kilda and they

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berwell, where a daughter Leggo and Co in canned veg- ily the best education that he Nanette and son Malcolm were etables, Wilton King and Com-could.

Ron started an import and export Brewery. company called Malcolm Fraser and Company. This business ne- When he started working as With his two brothers and two cessitated that he travelled a lot Sales Manager for Safcol, Ron

providore and Roger. and chandler

late 1949 the

property in Olinda where he and chased H Dustings and Sons Doris decided to try their hand at stall in the Melbourne Wholefarming. They grew flowers and sale Fish Market with his son chickens, ducks and pigs - and Malcolm and Charlie Sheldrake times were very tough. He could running it. not make the farm pay so he had to travel to Melbourne daily for In 1965 he left the providoring He loved the country life and employment which was a long business to concentrate on the trip and difficult in those days. fishmarket business. Fishing Doris and the children were en- bait became a major part of the but his busy life and work did

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pany selling spices, and then as Sales Manager for the Ballarat He expected his family to work

in south-east Asia and China was responsible for bringing when such their canned tuna products into overseas vis- the Melbourne Wholesale Fish its were rare Market. This began his incontacts for volvement with the fishing in-Australians. dustry – the industry he loved and was never far from again. He switched In 1957 Ron sold the farm and businesses moved to Beaumaris where the and became family was increased with the ship's birth of two more sons - Stuart He loved horses and horse-rac-

> with a part- Ron then reopened the ship's Thor providoring business with an Paulson. In office in Port Melbourne.

business was In 1962, with the help of Capnot doing well and Ron bought a tain Gerry Haines, he pur-

gaged in a lot of work on the business and in 1967 took over not allow him to pursue this. Russell's Bait Supply. Together with bait, fishing tackle was also sold and the business grew quickly'.

> By 1974 Stuart joined the business and in 1975 his brother Len also joined in the bait and tackle section.

> By the late 1980's the businesses employed approximately 90 people and was a major exporter with three factories catering to the fish industry and two warehouses as suppliers of bait and tackle.

> was vital. Although Ron never finished his formal education he firmly believed in it and sac-

settled in Riversdale Road, Cam- farm. He worked at Victor rificed himself to give his fam-

hard and do well, with a devotion to what he saw as duty.

To those outside the family he was also very generous, and never turned anyone away who needed help. It could always be said about him that 'if he could, he would always 'lend a hand'.

Many of his employees would attest to his sense of humour in the workplace.

ing, but he was not a gambler, he truly loved the animals and the sport. He enjoyed breeding birds, gardening and growing things and was very good at it. His backyard was always full of vegetables and flowers with a passion for orchids.

He had a life long interest in stamp collecting and loved collecting anything he considered to be "rare".

would often go rabbiting and fishing. He was a keen sailor, With his partner of 25 years, Judy Sheldrake, art became an interest in his later life.

He had a great love of all things oriental and in the early 1970's he was in the first Australian trade mission to the People's Republic of China. that stemmed from his early days spent there.

Ron was an honest, hard working and successful man who practised what he believed in and stood up for those beliefs.

He was born at the end of the Ron believed that Education Great War, lived through the depression and the Second World War, not any easy life, but a life well lived.

## **Investing in reputation**

extra \$500,000 this year into the State's shellfish quality assurance program to strengthen the State's reputation as a producer of premium quality seafood.

Funding for the Tasmanian tions.' Shellfish Quality Assurance Program (TSQAP) is aimed at improving the current monitoring and testing regime and also to extend its surveillance into the State's wild fisheries.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water. Bryan Green. said it was vital to maintain confidence in the quality of seafood and ongoing access to national and international mar-

he Tasmanian Govern- kets. The industry also recogment is investing an nises the need for the upgrade.

> "TSQAP's role is to protect the health of shellfish consumers by assessing the risk of contamination by pathogenic bacteria and viruses, biotoxins and chemicals in growing loca-

"It also controls the harvesting of shellfish in accordance with the assessed risk and protects shellfish from contamination after harvesting" said Mr. Green.

TSQAP is jointly funded with industry. The additional assistance takes the Government's contribution to the program to about \$600,000.

# 300 at 'Catch-up'

Tas. Old. NSW. and WA. attended the New South Wales Oyster Conference 'Catch-up' and Tradeshow 2013 -Catch Stats.

The two day event was supported by six key sponsors and twenty Trade/Government exhibitors. In addition thirty two

ver 300 delegates from speakers presented papers, local New Zealand, Fiji, SA, chefs prepared oysters in numerous combinations and awards were presented for outstanding service to the industry.

> A three drop pearl pendant was the door prize while an auction raised \$6825 for the industry with \$1004 being donated to the NSW Aquaculture Research Advisory Committee.







## **PASTA CON TONNO E PISELLI**

## (Pasta with tuna and peas)

tuna is available again in one stall at the Oueen Victoria market. This tuna is of a sustainable species. It is a lean fish, and can be quite dry if served without a sauce. Tuna and peas is a very common combination for Italians and I added white wine for the braising liquid.

You can buy albacore tuna cut I had some caper berries in my as a fillet or as slices from the centre of the fish - this cut will include the spinal bones and if you are braising the fish the

fter a big gap, Albacore bones will contribute to the taste. The bones can then be easily removed at the time of serving. If the round of tuna has the skin still on, either cut around it and remove it or make sure that you make splits in it to stop it curling. I remove the skin because often there are still some scales attached and this can spoil your dish.

fridge so I used those as well.

These are optional.

3 slices of albacore tuna (about 700 g) or fillet cut into largish pieces, 1 onion, 400g of shelled peas, ½ cup of extra virgin olive oil, salt and pepper, 2-3 fresh bay leaves, 1 cup of white dry wine 6-12 caper berries (optional), 500 g pasta, short shapes (as a first course but use 600g for a main course)

Saute the chopped onion lightly in the oil on low heat. Add the tuna and seal on both sides. Add seasoning, bay leaves, caper berries, wine and peas. Cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Leave in pan while you cook the pasta.

Cook the pasta in boiling water. Drain. Remove the central bones from the tuna (if there are any) and return them to the pan. Dress the pasta and serve. Unlike the rest of Italy, Sicilians include grated cheese with fish. This is optional.

For 6 people



