



Riverina Highlands Landcare Network

Adelong Creek is getting fishier !

A second release of the renowned Murray Cod will occur on the 18th February at Rimmers Bridge Adelong. People interested in participating are most welcome to join Luke Pearce from Department of Primary Industries release the fingerlings, observe electro-fishing surveying and find out how to identify the variety of fish found in the creek. We are hoping some of the fingerlings released last year by local school children will also show up on the day!

Murray Cod were once common in local creeks in the region but have not been recorded in Adelong Creek for many years. Newspaper records do show large Cod being caught in Adelong Creek and lower Adelong Creek in 1918-19.

On site at the creek, Luke will discuss:

- How to identify native fish
- What are the needs of native fish
- What actions are needed to improve habitat for fish in the Adelong Creek and surrounding areas
- What species of native fish can be restocked into farm dams and local creeks

The first release had an exciting unscheduled moment when a platypus was caught and freed from a band caught around its neck. School students were able to inspect the female platypus and see for themselves the issues with creek pollution.

The evening will start at 6pm and go for approximately one hour. Anyone is welcome to attend, however all children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

School children in the upper grades at Adelong PS and St Josephs will get the chance to attend a special school event the following morning.

There is no charge for attending this event due to the support from the Middle Pub Fishing Club, the Riverina Highlands Landcare Network and Department of Primary Industries.

Each session will conclude with the release of hundreds of Murray Cod fingerlings into the creek.

For further information regarding this event, please contact Gabriel Wilks on 0428520220.