

# Chairperson's Introduction

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Thank you to all participants for enthusiastically participating in discussions.

I have an announcement that a National Fisheries Managers Workshop will be held on 18–21 October 1994, at the Conference Centre, Bribie Island, Queensland—Convenor Noel Taylor Moore. A recreational fisheries management pre-workshop will be held as part of this programme.

Management of Recreational Fishing in Australia has changed considerably over the last 3–5 years and we have seen some significant changes, not the least of which has been the advancement of the National Recreational Fisheries Policy which is reaching a state of finalisation and fairly shortly will become a public report.

The management of recreational fisheries includes a number of ingredients, such as:

- data collection
- biological research
- process of consultation enhancement
- funding
- rules controlling fishing
- education
- resource sharing issues
- access requirements, etc.

All of these things combined are a bit mind boggling.

I think it is fair to say that Recreational Fisheries Management in Australia is on a journey. It is on an early part of that journey; probably in its first 3–5 years, although in some areas like trout fishing in Tasmania, recreational fisheries management has been there for a very long time.

We have three speakers this afternoon. Wayne Fulton extends his apologies and his substitute will be co-author Andrew Sanger from the Inland Fisheries Commission of Tasmania. We also have Laurie Gwynne from Queensland and David Hall from South Australia.