

# THE 2019 OVENS RIVER CHALLENGE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is the Ovens River Challenge?

A. The Ovens River Challenge is a “Fishing & Social” event for recreational anglers who are passionate about our native or trout fisheries and the health of our waterways. This Event is a population monitoring “**Catch, Measure & Release**” Event for native fish and trout.

Q. Dates & Location of the Event?

A. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Myrtleford. Event Headquarters will be at Nimmo Bridge Recreation Area, Buffalo River Road, Myrtleford.

Q. What do I have to do to register for the Event?

A. Acquire a Registration Form from the ATF or NFA by email or phone request. Advise Terry or Tim, by email or phone that you will be registering and participating in the Event. You will then be provided with the rules package. ATF Email: [president@atfonline.com.au](mailto:president@atfonline.com.au) Phone: **Terry George - 0418 332 744**  
NFA Email: [nfavic@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nfavic@yahoo.com.au) Phone: **Tim Curmi - 0417 419 765**.

Prior to commencement of fishing, all anglers must attend the Registration Station at Headquarters (Nimmo Bridge Recreation Reserve) in order to receive a Record Card, Ruler and Identification Token. The Registration Station will be open on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm until 8pm, and on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 7am until 12 noon.

Q. Do I have to pay to enter the Event?

A. No, this is a FREE Event, no entry fee, AND, the Sunday BBQ is also FREE.

Q. Who are the Organisers/Promoters of the Event?

A. The members, supporters and affiliated Angling Clubs of the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF) and Native Fish Australia (NFA). The Event is generously supported by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) and Target One Million.

Q. Who is eligible to enter the Event?

A. All recreational anglers who are members or supporters of the ATF, NFA or affiliated clubs, or anglers who enjoy our inland fisheries and would like to be involved in habitat restoration and enhancing the health of our fisheries.

The “Open Age” is for both male and female anglers. The “Junior Age” is also for male and female anglers who are U18 at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. We hope to see many junior and senior female anglers participating in the Event.

Q. Are there awards and prizes for successful anglers?

A. Yes, separate awards & prizes will be awarded to male and female open age and junior anglers who “Catch Measure and Release” the longest Murray Cod, or Brown Trout, or Rainbow Trout of legal sizes. Junior anglers can also win prizes for the longest redfin or carp. **Female open age and junior anglers are most welcome to participate and partake of the prizes.**

Q. What is the deadline for submission of Catch Record Cards?

A. Angler Record Cards must be submitted at the Recording Station at Headquarters, no later than 12 noon on Sunday, for the recorded fish to be eligible for the Event.

Q. When will the Awards & Prizes be presented?

A. The Awards & Prizes will be presented during the **FREE BBQ** starting at 12 noon on Sunday; free light refreshments will also be available.

Q. Who will present the Awards & Prizes to the Champions?

A. Travis Dowling, Executive Director Victorian Fisheries Authority, plus Fisheries Managers (John Douglas) and local Angling Club Officials.

Q. Will we hear about the future plans for our inland fisheries?

A. Yes indeed, Travis will relay the VFA plans for the future, as will Terry (ATF) and Tim (VFA) It will be a short presentation but you will have the opportunity to ask any relevant questions about our fisheries.

Note: If anyone has a question that has not been answered here, please call or email Terry or Tim.

We look forward to meeting and greeting lots of recreational anglers at the Event, and we wish you “Tight Lines, Screaming Reels, and a few Lucky Casts”.

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