

2019 National Seafood Industry Leadership Program - Hobart Cohort Graduate Profiles

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My name is Aaron and I'm a keen recreational fisher from Perth, Western Australia. My passion for recreational fishing has led me to a position at Recfishwest, as a member of the policy team. Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of the estimated 740,000 recreational fishers in Western Australia. I am participating in this program to provide representation for recreational fishers and to further my knowledge and understanding of the other sectors within the seafood industry. My aim is to develop good working relationships with other sectors within the seafood industry, especially in regards to resource sharing, doing so to ensure that each sector is represented and benefits fairly.

Alanna Hubbard



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I work as a Communications Coordinator for Recfishwest, the peak body for recreational fishing in Western Australia.

My main responsibilities include community engagement, events, communications, social media, ambassador management and promoting and identifying new fishing safety initiatives.

I joined this program because I want to build upon my leadership skills so I can play a proactive role in making people aware of the challenges we are facing in the future.

I believe it's really important everyone contributes to ensuring healthy aquatic ecosystems and abundant fish stocks for future generations to come.

Drew Martin



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Hi my name is Drew Martin and I currently work at Austral Fisheries with a specific focus on our newly purchased Timor Reef Fishery operation.

I'm participating in the NSILP to broaden my view on unfamiliar aspects of the Seafood Industry nationally and internationally.

In addition I think I would be a valuable resource for others in the program to share my experiences with.

I'd like to help Austral Fisheries and the seafood industry achieve the maximum potential from current and new fisheries, whilst achieving social acceptance and sustainability goals in line with Austral Fisheries values.

Eldene O'Shea



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I am Eldene O'Shea, a Trade Data Analyst at the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. In this position I provide expert analysis and reports on the activities and trends in the global trade of toothfish products and the management of the Catch Documentation Scheme.

I am participating in the NSILP because I wish to further broaden my knowledge in fisheries and the seafood industry. This program provides a unique opportunity to do this alongside a like-minded peer-group.

I would like to see the seafood industry continue towards providing sustainable local seafoods to consumers which provide benefits for the wider community.

Greg Finn



Greg Finn - NSW Abalone /Sea Urchin Diver / Ocean Line West Fisher Pacific Urchin

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I commenced working as a Pearl Diver for Paspaley Pearls in 1998. This experience introduced me to the commercial fishing industry and the opportunity of becoming involved in the Sea Urchin Industry, also working parallel with my career as a Registered Nurse. I have since diversified into the Abalone Industry.

Actively Involved in the domestic marketing of Sea Urchin, Turban Shell and Abalone on the domestic market. Contributed to ongoing research collection and assistance in regulatory changes for industry in capacity as Industry rep on NSW Comm fish and involvement as NSW director on ACA.

I'm passionate about the future of the Seafood Industry and its cultural contribution to regional economies. I'd like to gain skills to advocate for the Commercial Industry and the ocean.

Jeremy Huddleston



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I have worked in the Tasmanian fishing industry for 15 years, specifically Abalone diving. Since 2010, I have skippered a 60ft Westcoaster Abalone Mothership. My enthusiasm for this industry has led me to four years on the Tasmanian Abalone Council Board. I am participating in the NSILP program because I want to develop knowledge and skills necessary for leading positive change within the Industry. My goals center on improving consistency and quality within the fishery, to make the most of limited quota. I see Tasmanian wild caught seafood as sustainable high quality products, as opposed to just a resource. I want to drive that message across other Industry groups.

Outside of work I love spending time with my wife and twin daughters, and pursuing my passion of motorbike racing

Jodie Ford



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My name is Jodie Ford and I am a land based support to my partner who is a Commercial Fisherman. As a support my role is to assist my partner with the ongoing reform process as directed by the Government. This involves championing the change where I can positively influence and generate support from other members of Industry.

Into the future my partner and I would like to have our own trawler. I will be heavily involved in the establishment and ongoing management of the company. Attending the NSILP will assist me in these future endeavours and ensure we have a viable and sustainable business for many years to come. I think further work needs to be done in the area of understanding Industry impacts on Wives / Partners / Families of fishermen and would hope to engage Doctor Tanya King as part of the Mission to undertake this study and analyse and present the results. This could assist to leverage Government for further Mental Health programs to support Industry.

Kylie Tonon



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I am a Senior Policy Officer at the Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE). I have spent 10 years working in fisheries-related fields of Commonwealth government. This includes 8 years at the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) implementing Commonwealth fisheries management arrangements and 2 years in fisheries branch of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. I recently started working in the whales team in DoEE. I am interested in building networks and learning from practical experiences of the seafood industry through the NSILP program, as well as sharing my experiences from working within government and developing my leadership skills. This will benefit my ability to develop and implement Commonwealth fisheries management policy.

Laura Orme



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My name is Laura Orme, I'm 28 years old and have been employed by the WA Government for over 7 years. My initial role within Government was a Fisheries and Marine Officer, which is primarily compliance work, then in late 2017 I moved to a Fisheries Management Officer role, which is a policy based work. I am extremely passionate about the Seafood Industry and believe this program will help me to inspire and educate people regarding recreational and commercial fishing and fisheries management. My vision is to promote and ensure the long term sustainability of fish and fish habitats, whilst developing sustainable fishing practices within Australia.

Louise Morrison



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Louise is a highly motivated HR professional with a passion for culture, engagement and wellbeing at Sydney Fish Market. Having obtained qualifications in certified practitioner Human Resources (CPHR) and undertaking Mental Health First Aid training, she seeks to create a healthy workplace culture that educates, motivates and empowers people to achieve their best at work and at home.

By utilising skills and knowledge gained through the participation of the NSILP program, she would like to see the introduction of corporate wellness initiatives that focus on physical, financial and mental health wellbeing and the development of a national network of mental health and wellbeing champions.

Matthew Whittle



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I work for Huon Aquaculture as the Group Development Manager and have worked in the Seafood Industry most of my career. I'm passionate about seeing the aquaculture industry continue to grow, producing high quality seafood whilst being revered by local communities and recognised as the most sustainably grown animal protein.

My participation in the NSILP will assist me in my professional development, but also enable me to share learnings with my colleagues. The program provides me with a unique opportunity to work with people from other areas of the seafood industry sharing our knowledge to help shape the future.

Melleessa Boyle



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My name is Melleessa Boyle. I am the Senior Information Services Officer for Fisheries Information Services at SARDI Aquatic Sciences. I am responsible for the management and provision of commercial fisheries related data. A previous participant noted to me that the first thing he was told was to "get comfortable with being uncomfortable". This is something I strive to implement in my personal life. I look forward to implementing it into my work life also. I would like to continue my work with the implementation of electronic reporting for both quota and non-quota fisheries and see it through to completion.

Mike Harrison



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I am Mike Harrison, a 35 year old Aquaculture Scientist originally from Sydney. I have worked in the Aquaculture industry since graduating from James Cook University in Townsville, QLD and am currently the Assistant Manager of the Clean Seas Kingfish Hatchery located on the Spencer Gulf, South Australia. I am proud to be a part of the 2019 National Seafood Leadership Program where I hope to develop the skills and network connections to help implement scientifically based legislative decisions and management practices that will grow the Australian Seafood Industry towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

Patti Kuhl



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My name is Patricia (Patti) Kuhl and I currently work as a Policy Officer in the Aboriginal Policy and Engagement team in the Fisheries Division of the NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources. I am participating in NSILP as I was attracted by the opportunity to undertake leadership training in a program that has been specifically designed for the field that I work in and am passionate about. I would like to support industry in progressing Aboriginal involvement in its activities to assist with securing long-term access for its operations, while developing economic opportunities for Traditional Owners.

Peter Stoutjesdijk



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I am a PhD qualified life scientist with a background in marine biology, botany and molecular biology and have 20 years' experience in the public service. I currently manage the development of biosecurity conditions for the import of aquatic animals and their products into Australia. I also facilitate exports of live animals for aquaculture through negotiation of importing country biosecurity requirements. I am participating in NSILP to build upon my leadership capabilities and establish networks relevant to my current role. I would like to help the seafood industry grow through both biosecure imports, and high value exports.

Scott Kenny



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Scott Kenny is the Production Supervisor at Ridley Narangba. He oversees the feed Production Team where they produce commercial fish food for a range of farmed Aquatic life from Shrimp and Native species, Salmon, Barramundi and Cobia.

Scott has a passion for becoming a better leader and building others into great leaders of business and the Aquaculture industry.

His vision for the seafood industry/community would be that it becomes more sustainable, now and for our future generations to come, with his input and learnings from the NSILP.

Scott Razga



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General Manager for Mareterram Fisheries, based in Carnarvon WA, responsible for a fleet of 11 vessels, ten prawn trawlers fishing out of the World Heritage listed Shark Bay and one Spanish Mackerel vessel which operates from Exmouth Cape to the NT border.

I am passionate about providing opportunities and advocacy for Australian Seafood businesses, I see this NSILP program as an opportunity to work with my fellow seafood industry representatives.

My vision is to develop the next generation of skippers and deckhands within the industry, in recent times this key development has fallen away, especially in the Shark Bay Fishery and we need to empower young people to enter the industry.

Vicki Burleigh



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I am Afternoon Shift Manager and Cleaning Manager of two of our Production facilities. My role consists of overseeing the day to day running of Commercial Cleaning of both sites as well as coordinating all matters that may arise during the afternoon periods such as deliveries, contract work on site etc. Ensuring that we are adhering to the highest standards in both Safety Awareness and Quality Assurance. A key focus for me personally, is that I would like to encourage and inspire more female leadership within the aquaculture industry from ground roots up, consistent with industry growth, opportunity and merit.