



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW — WOMEN'S INDUSTRY NETWORK GOES NATIONAL

The value of an untapped resource within the Australian seafood industry has been realised with the establishment of the national Women's Industry Network for the Seafood Community (WINSC).

National President, Mrs June Gill, said WINSC's role is to develop the leadership potential of women in the seafood industry and encourage them to become increasingly involved at a management and board level.

The strategic direction of the newly formed national network, as well as the major issues facing the industry, were discussed at the combined inaugural national conference and annual general meeting of WINSC held in Canberra on 23–24 October.

"The conference brought together women associated with the seafood industry, from the city to the coast, to learn more about their industry and the challenges it faces.

"The national conference established and reinforced networks with all sectors of the industry," Mrs Gill said. "Participants at the conference included fishers, seafood marketers, processors, managers, fishery policy makers, researchers, and funding bodies which ensured information sharing.

"Key issues discussed included the environment, ecologically sustainable development, resource access and property rights, safety at sea, skills development and leadership. The outcomes from these discussions included the development of key tasks for WINSC," Mrs Gill said.

Priorities identified from the conference included improving the leadership skills of seafood women in the Network, increasing the profile of WINSC, and expanding the membership base.

Key speakers at the conference included Dr Wendy Craik, National Farmers' Federation Executive Director; Jill Lewis, Timber Communities Australia; Val Lang, Federation of Australian Agricultural Women and Nigel Scullion, Australian Seafood Industry Council Chair.

The WINSC conference was hosted by the ACT branch of WINSC and the initiative was supported by the national peak industry body, the Australian Seafood Industry Council

(ASIC), government organisations including the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) and Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Australia (AFFA).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

June Gill, Acting Winsc Chair

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Facilitated by Kylie Paulsen

INTERACTIVE INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Facilitated by Melanie Fisher

WELCOME ADDRESS

June Gill, WINSC Chair

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: WOMEN IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY

Wendy Craik, NFF

ISSUES IMPACTING ON AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES — PART ONE
Session Chaired By Kylie Paulsen

·The Environment and Ecologically Sustainable Development

Facilitator: Sue Richards, AFFA

Speaker: Nigel Scullion, ASIC

Resource access and property rights — how to ensure the future of fisheries

Facilitator: Lucinda Royston, AFFA

Speaker: Lorraine Rosenberg, SAFIC

ISSUES IMPACTING ON AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES — PART TWO
Chaired By Diana Day

Post Harvest & Value-Adding — helping increase your bottom line

Facilitator: Peter Dundas Smith, FRDC Speaker: Jayne Gallagher, SSA

Safety on the sea and in the factory and how to ensure the risks are covered

**Facilitator: Charmain Wait, WINSC Speaker: Christine McIlwee, SeaMac
Insurance**

Business Opportunities
Chaired By Barbara Radley

Opportunities for funding Nicola Roach, SWIM/AFFA

AAA package Jenny Cupit, AFFA

Food and Fibre Chains — opportunities for funding Fiona Cornwell, Supermarket to Asia

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR SEAFOOD WOMEN

Chaired By Katy Saunders

Overview of session and workshop options Katy Saunders

- **Managing stakeholders/conflicting interest groups** Group 1

Facilitator: Cate Bell, WINSC Speaker: Jill Lewis, Timber Communities Australia

- **Fisheries Extension — communicating research results to industry** Group 2

Facilitator: Gloria Jones, WINSC Speaker: Katie Young, SeaNet

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR SEAFOOD WOMEN

Chaired By Tricia Kelman

Overview of session and workshop options Tricia Kelman

- **Developing your leadership potential — from a women’s perspective** Group 1

Facilitator: Jenny Scullion, WINSC

Speaker: Val Lang, FAAW

- **Strategic industry leadership — Seafood Training Australia** Group 2

Facilitator: Jude Nettliengham, STA

Speaker: Dr Ivan Johnson, STA

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS' REFLECTIONS
Chaired By Sue Richards, AFFA

Reflections — evaluation of presentations, comments and outcomes [Open](#)

Strategic direction and planning — goals & objectives for next 12 months [Open](#)

OTHER EVENTS

Building Partnerships and Relationships Dinner

You are invited to join key representatives Australian seafood industry for an evening filled with fine food, wine and fantastic company. The Dinner is hosted by the ACT branch of WIN and proudly sponsored by Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry–Australia, the commonwealth department responsible for fisheries policy, and the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC). The guest speaker at the Dinner is Dr Diana Day, FRDC Director and Council Member of the Australian Maritime College. Diana also has a private practice in career development, professional speaking and training.

The dinner will take place at 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Boathouse by the Lake, Grevillea Park, Menindee Dr, Barton, ACT.

Photographic Competition

The photographic competition was judged by during the dinner by: Diana Day, guest speaker; Sue Richards, AFFA; Peter Dundas Smith, FRDC Executive Director; and, June Gill as the WINSC representative.
