



Hatchery Hub

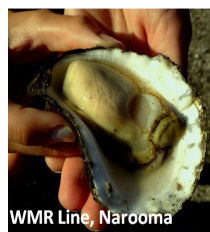
Hatchery consultations from a Sydney Rock Oyster specialist are underway, using current protocols to optimize operations in each hatchery's unique environment. Algae cultivation, brood-stock conditioning, spawning, larvae to spat rearing among other aspects are covered. Workshops in north and south NSW will follow to share knowledge with the industry. Details will be advertised on SOCo's website and via email. The Hub is supported by funding from the FRDC on behalf of the Australian Government, and Seafood CRC. Contact SOCo for more information.

Family breeding

Condition, disease resistance, shell shape and growth are targeted traits for the multi trait Sydney Rock Oyster family breeding program. DPI Fisheries, CSIRO geneticists, and SOCo are developing SRO families, expected to be commercially available in 2017. Over 40 families were produced at DPI Fisheries hatchery Oct 2015.

New Board Members

Welcome Brad Evans and Anthony Sciacca to our Board of Directors. Brad is an applied geneticist at Tassal Operations and manages the selective breeding program for Salmon Enterprises of Tasmania. Anthony is a third generation oyster farmer from Wallis Lake, NSW. He has been Chair of NSW Farmers Oyster section, member of State SQAP, and local coordinator among others. For more information and their contact details see the SOCo website.



Thanks to Rachel King

Rachel is leaving Oysters Australia. Her service to the SRO industry, SOCo and the breeding program for over a decade have seen significant achievements. We welcome Wayne Hutchinson and look forward to an exciting future.

Australia Day 2016 Honours List & aquaculture

Congratulations Peter Dundas-Smith, recognised with a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the fishing, seafood and aquaculture industries. Peter was Chairman of the Seafood CRC, Executive Director of FRDC and Ocean-Watch Australia Board member. His service over 25 years and contribution to the SRO industry has been enormous. SOCo extends our congratulations.

Spat & \$1000 rebates

Spat from our B2 and WMR lines is available from Southern Cross Shellfish 0488 224 927. Camden Haven Oyster Supply 0427 334 649 is taking orders for WMR. AquaFarms QLD fraserisland-clams@gmail.com is producing selected lines. A full list of hatcheries is on our website. Order with hatcheries, or enquire about our lines to SOCo. Rebates will cover part of the SOCo levy, first in first served. Contact SOCo. Funded by the NSW Government.

Next SOCo Board meeting: February 16th 2016. Do you have any questions or feedback for SOCo?
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