



[\\$360K hatchery capacity training program](#)

Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair announced a commitment of \$4million to NSW Farmers Association. SOCo, partnering with NSW Farmers Association will develop capacity of commercial hatcheries through training, as well as further developing the breeding program.



[Family breeding](#)

Condition, resilience, disease resistance and growth are targeted in the Sydney Rock Oyster family breeding program. DPI Fisheries, CSIRO geneticists, and SOCo are developing families, expected to be commercially available in 2017. Over 40 families were produced at DPI Fisheries hatchery Oct 2015. 2016 families will be produced late this year.

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On the ground consultation by shellfish expert Jonathan Bilton Athair Aquaculture identified ways to optimize operations in participating hatcheries. Industry workshops at Port Stephens Fisheries Institute and Narooma Fishing club discussed hatchery operations the latest performance data on SRO families. Hatchery, nursery operators, industry and DPI contributed to the discussion. We thank NSW DPI for the hatchery tour and support, and farmers who brought SOCo stock to display. Supported by the FRDC on behalf of the Australian Government, and Seafood CRC.



[Angasi oyster spat](#)

Angasi oyster spat is being produced at Port Stephens Fisheries Institute. Contact Emma for information.

[Industry Newsletter](#)

OceanWatch Australia and Local Landcare Coordinator Initiative will host a PT extension officer. Andy Myers will take on the roll, launching an industry newsletter as a first initiative. Contact andy@oceanwatch.org.au

[SOAP](#)

Data collected from 7 NSW estuaries on performance of wild & selected Sydney Rocks, triploid Pacific oysters, and environmental parameters. The Sustainable Oyster Assessment Program, run by South East LLS has finished and the final report available online:

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Southern Cross Shellfish 0488 224 927 & 0418 134 638, Camden Haven Oyster Supply 0427 334 649 and AquaFarms QLD 0405 062 384 are taking orders for B2 & WMR lines. Rebates will cover part of the SOCo levy, first in first served. Funded by NSW Government.

SOCo Board meetings are held monthly

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