

What's in your Fitzroy?

Fish that use ladders!



Cane toads of the waterways



A bum-breathing turtle



They call this a hotel?



Our YouTube channel is a great place to find all the answers!

CHECK IT OUT!

YouTube it!

youtube.com/FitzroyBasin

Did you know...

Search these terms on our YouTube channel

“fish passages”

- facilitate upstream movement for juvenile fish (fish as small as 14mm can use the passage)
- help fish get beyond the barrage so they can feed, breed and grow
- at the Fitzroy barrage are the busiest in Australia - up to 3.8 million fish use it each year

“tilapia”

- are a major threat to our native fish (and your fishing!) because they eat juveniles
- are known as ‘cane toads’ of the waterways – they eat basically anything and out-compete native species
- are mouth brooders (meaning eggs and babies are kept in the parent’s mouth until they are big enough to escape predators)
- can survive salt, fresh, hot, cool, shallow and deep water making them incredibly hardy

“fitzroy river turtles”

- can breathe underwater through their bum (known as a cloaca) for up to 21 days to avoid predators
- are only found in the Fitzroy Basin
- lay once a year with an average of 16-20 eggs per nest
- benefit from nest protection projects (in 2016/17 we helped over 3500 hatchlings survive)
- are listed as vulnerable under National legislation
- are eaten by foxes, crocodiles and feral dogs

“fish hotels”

- provide a safe place for juvenile fish and a surface for growing more fish food
- are made of Australian hardwood so will last 100+ years in freshwater
- replace natural waterway debris that may have been removed through floods or to improve waterway safety
- are installed in Yeppen Lagoon

Find out more about these and other FBA projects at:

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