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Native Fish Stocking Program

Golden Perch fingerlings are being released into the Castlereagh River this week under a native fish stocking program.

“This is great news for our communities on the Castlereagh River, where the restock will occur”, said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “The fish stocking program enhances recreational freshwater fishing opportunities, supports the stocking of high value native fish species, and promotes responsible stocking.”

“A request was made for both Murray Cod and Golden Perch fingerlings, however the Department of Primary Industries and Environment (DPIE) records indicate that Murray Cod have not been in the Castlereagh River since scientific sampling commenced. The full funding has instead been put towards the release of Golden Perch fingerlings,” explained Cr Doolan.

This program is a Recreational Fishing Trust funded program which provides matching funds to stock native fish into rivers and dams across NSW. Council was successful in its application to take part in the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program, through DPIE.

“It will be wonderful to see the community enjoying the greater fish numbers in the Castlereagh River,” concluded Cr Doolan.

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