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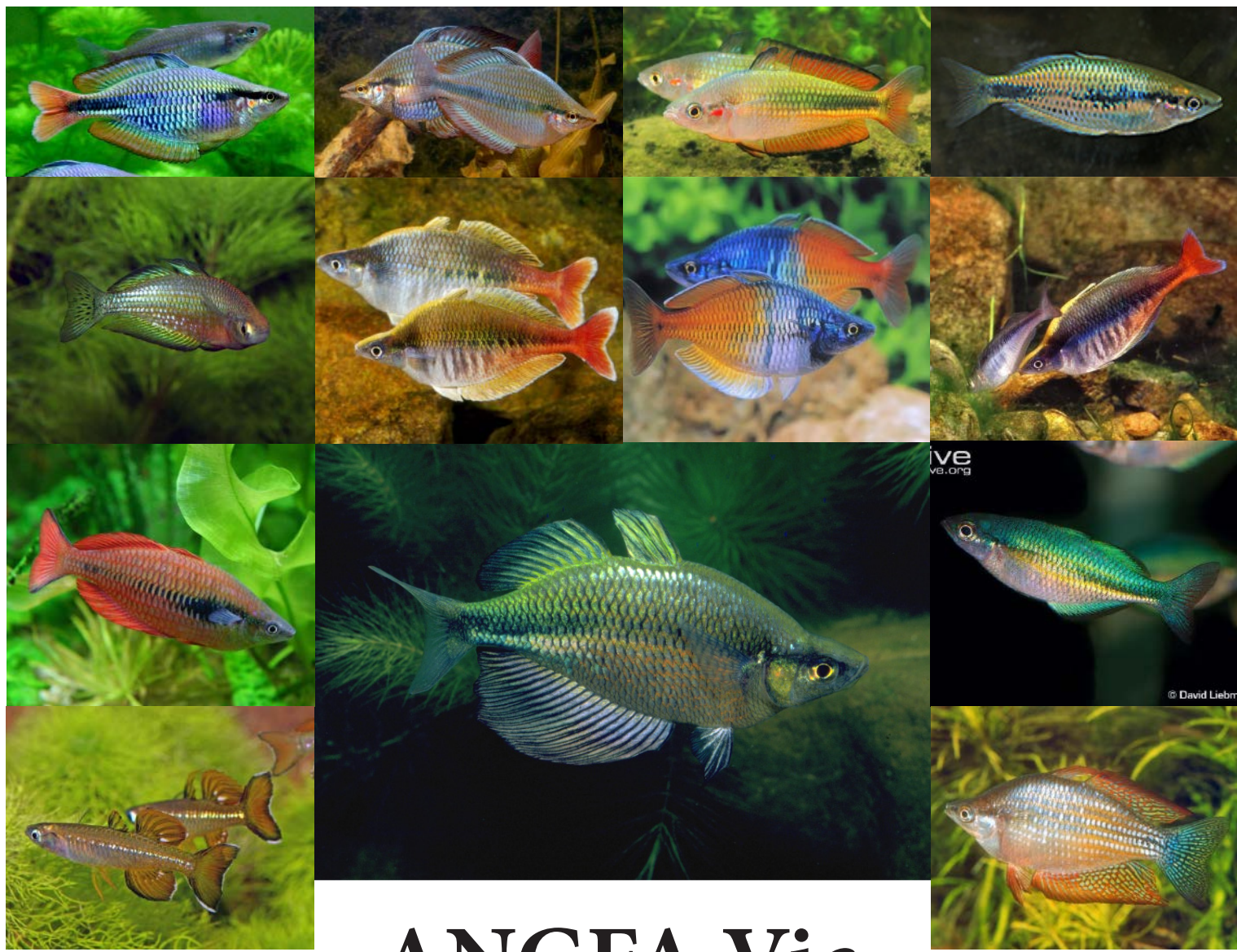
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**Our October club meeting begins with our annual AGM, followed by an AUCTION of desirable and hard to get Rainbowfish and other natives, including the Zombie fish!**



# ANGFA Vic Auction 6th October 2023

Some of the fish species that will be auctioned next Friday night include:

<i>Melanotaenia trifasciata</i>	Richards River
<i>M. trifasciata</i>	Hapgood River
<i>M. sahalensis</i>	Skull Creek
<i>Chilatherina campsi</i>	
<i>M. parkinsoni</i>	(Orange form)
<i>M. parva</i>	
<i>M. praecox</i>	
<i>Pseudomugil ivansoffi</i>	
<i>P. luminatus</i>	
<i>P. cyanodorsalis</i>	
<i>P. mellis</i>	
<i>Radinocentrus ornatus</i>	Obi Obi Creek
<i>M. duboulayi</i>	
<i>M. eachamensis</i>	
Southern Pygmy Perch	

and, for the first time ever, Victorian Southern Purple-spotted Gudgeon (Zombie fish) will be in the auction.

And many more fishes...

To bid at the auction you need to be a financial member of ANGFA Vic. Non-members wanting to bid at the auction can join ANGFA Vic on the night.

There will be no trade table this meeting due to the auction, but financial members can bring native Australian/New Guinea fish and plants to add to the auction - limit 5 lots per person - all bags must be clearly labelled with species name and seller's name.



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## President's Report October 2023



Welcome to VICNews 131! At our club meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> August, Andy Wattam gave a fabulous and informative presentation on his work applying for amendments to the allowable species import list.

Our next club meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October is our annual AGM followed by our annual auction, where members have a chance to acquire some hard-to-get fish.

We are always looking for people with fresh ideas, input and energy to enable us to keep our club an active, valuable and interesting framework and resource that can support our love of keeping (and learning about) our native fishes far into the future. **If you are interested in taking on one of the key committee positions, or you would just like to join our vibrant and fun committee, make sure you attend the AGM or organise a proxy vote!**

I am please to announce that our ANGFA Vic membership is now approximately 70; a fabulous improvement since Covid and reflecting the hard work of our membership officer Rod!

Enjoy this edition and we'll see you at the next meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October for a relaxed evening of fun, bidding, driving prices up for your bidding mates, chat time and catching up with fellow fishos!



Neon Blue-eye *Pseudomugil cyanodorsalis* in a shallow mud puddle in the mangroves. Photo: Greg Martin



Above: Mangrove tidal mud on Milingimbi Island, East Arnhem Land NT, home to Neon Blue-eye *Pseudomugil cyanodorsalis*. Photo: Greg Martin

# Upcoming Field Trip to Middle Creek Aquaculture, Farm and surrounds, Briagolong, East Gippsland Melbourne Cup long weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



# Update from Middle Creek Aquaculture's involvement in the ongoing Southern Purple-spotted Gudgeon and Southern Pygmy Perch conservation and restocking work.

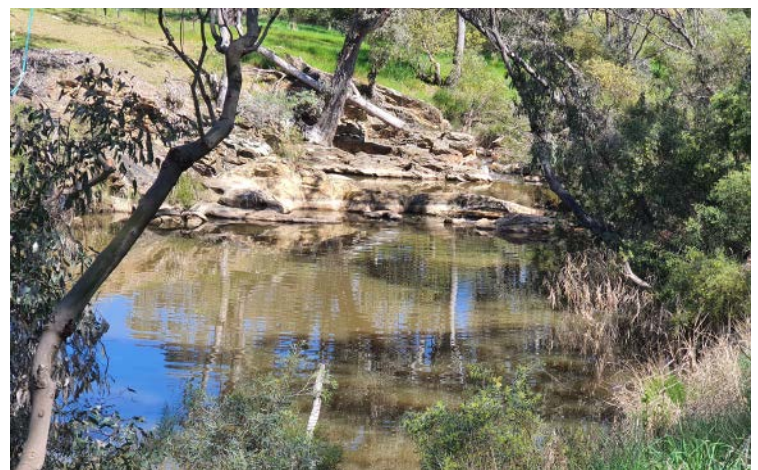


Above and below right: Axe Creek, Bendigo. Photos: Chris Lamin

Another great milestone with the release of 1,650 Southern Purple-spotted Gudgeon juveniles into four sites. The majority of the juveniles were released along Axe Creek near Bendigo where it is hoped they will become a self-sustaining population with lots of instream woody structure, rocky gorges and aquatic vegetation.

The final release was Cameron's Creek near Torrumbarry. Several thousand Southern Pygmy Perch have already been released at this excellent site earlier in the year.

Almost half of the juveniles released were bred from four fish that had been rescued ahead of the devastating blackwater event that impacted many areas of northern Victoria earlier in the year, including Third Reedy Lagoon near Kerang where the Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon were rediscovered three years ago.





Above: Camerons Creek, Bendigo. Below: Goulburn River lagoon. Photos: Chris Lamin



Earlier in the month 800 juveniles were also released on a private property with lagoons that link into the Goulburn River. This site was selected due to the potential for it to act as a natural nursery, allowing the gudeon to breed in the warmer waters of the protected lagoon and then for the juveniles be flushed out into the river during large rain events in autumn and winter.

# Club meeting details and key contacts of ANGFA Vic

## Office Bearers 2023

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## Victorian ANGFA National LIFE MEMBERS

Past

**Ron Bowman and Barry Crockford**

Present

**Neil Armstrong, Glenn Briggs, Ken Smales and Tony Tucceri**

## ANGFA VIC CLUB MEETINGS

are held at the

### Field Naturalists Club of Victoria

1 Gardenia Street Blackburn, Victoria

Doors open at 7.30pm

### Meeting dates for 2023:

Friday 3rd February 2023

Friday 14th April 2023 (a week later than normal)

Friday 2nd June 2023

Friday 4th August 2023

Friday 6th October 2023 (Includes our AGM)

Friday 1st December 2023

### Meeting dates for 2024:

Friday 2nd February 2024

Friday 5th April 2024

Friday 7th June 2024

Friday 2nd August 2024

Friday 4th October 2024 (Includes our AGM)

Friday 6th December 2024

## Other fish groups in Victoria

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