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NARRANDERA PISCICULTURE RESERVE TRUST APPOINTMENTS

Community members have been appointed to the trust that manages the Narrandera Pisciculture Reserve, located at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today congratulated Peter Blore, Les Rava and Lee Baumgartner on their appointments.

“Backed by the skills, experience and enthusiasm of trust members, the NSW Government is working hard to protect important community assets such as the Narrandera Pisciculture Reserve,” the Minister said.

The Narrandera Fisheries Centre was opened in 1962 as a research centre to study the breeding biology and ecology of inland aquatic systems and since then has been the centre of freshwater fisheries research in NSW.

It has also developed into a productive hatchery, providing fingerlings of four native fish species (Murray cod, trout cod, golden perch and silver perch) to improve freshwater recreational fisheries and conservation initiatives.

Mr Kelly said the Government is grateful for the efforts of trust members who help manage some of the 33,000 Crown reserves across NSW.

“Around 750 reserves are looked after by community volunteers who help care for valuable local infrastructure such as public halls, parks and reserves, swimming pools and smaller sportsgrounds,” the Minister said.

“Our new trust members are eligible for the annual Lands Crown Reserve Trust Award which recognises the important work they do for the community.”

For more information about becoming a trust member go to www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/trusts/join_a_trust.