

RETHINKING MARRON FARMING

Marron Growers Association AGM & Industry Event

FRIDAY
31 JULY 2026
CAPEL MARRON FARM

FORMAL PROGRAM 9:00 am - 2:50 pm		NETWORKING 2:50 pm - 4:00 pm	VENUE Capel Marron Farm
TIME	SESSION		PRESENTER / FACILITATOR
COMMENCEMENT OF MGA AGM			
9:00-9:50 am	Marron Growers Association Annual General Meeting <i>MGA members and prospective members</i>		Craig Longbottom, President Marron Growers Association
9:50-10:20 am	Arrival, Networking & Morning Tea		
COMMENCEMENT OF INDUSTRY EVENT			
10:20-10:30 am	Welcome, Introduction & Initial Discussion on the MGA Strategic Plan <i>Overview of the day and its objectives.</i>		Scott Bell, Director Capel Marron Farm
10:30-11:40 am	Improving Marron Farming Productivity and Profitability <i>Facilitated strategic discussion on practical challenges, opportunities and industry priorities.</i>		Jordan Parker, Managing Director Aquafarms Australia
11:40 am-1:00 pm	Lunch, Networking & Capel Marron Farm Tours		Capel Marron Farm Team
AFTERNOON PROGRAM			
1:00-1:30 pm	Curtin University Research Findings: Turbidity and Biofloc Systems <i>Research findings and potential applications for marron farming systems.</i>		Ravi Fotedar, Professor of Aquaculture Curtin University
1:30-1:40 pm	Aquaculture R&D Program Update <i>High-level overview of current research and development priorities and activities.</i>		Michael Harrison, Director - Aquaculture R&D Department of Primary Industries
1:40-2:10 pm	State of the Industry: Freshwater Aquaculture Production and Trends in Western Australia		Andrew Beer, Senior Research Scientist Department of Primary Industries
2:10-2:30 pm	Aquaculture Council of Western Australia Update <i>ACWA</i>		Justin Bellinger, Chief Executive Officer Aquaculture Council of Western Australia
2:30-2:50 pm	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Update <i>DPIRD</i>		Hayley Perhavec, Aquaculture Manager Bryn Warnock, Aquaculture Officer Department of Primary Industries
2:50 pm	Closing Remarks & Conclusion of Formal Discussions <i>Summary of key themes, agreed priorities and next steps.</i>		Marron Growers Association
2:50-4:00 pm	Industry Networking <i>Continue discussions and connect with producers and industry representatives.</i>		
4:00 pm	Event Concludes		