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## Fishing is for everybody

The Tasmanian majority Liberal Government recognises recreational fishing and boating is part of the Tasmanian way of life, with almost one in four Tasmanians regularly casting a line according to the most recent statewide survey.

To ensure all Tasmanians have the opportunity to enjoy this traditional past time, the Wild Fisheries Management Branch's Fishcare Program are hosting fishing clinics to encourage more women and girls to take up fishing.

DPIPWE Wild Fisheries' support staff and Fishcare volunteers will be conducting activities such as learning how to set up tackle, cast and handle and identify fish. The clinics will also provide information about the rules and how to fish responsibly.

The clinics aimed at women and girls will be held at Hobart, Somerset and St Helens, with two of the events coinciding with International Women's Day (IWD) on Sunday 8 March. The theme for IWD 2020, "generation equality" aims to provide equal opportunities for females across the globe.

With the latest Statewide Survey of Recreational Fishing revealing that half as many females as males participate in fishing in Tasmania (35,000 females, 71,000 males), these events aim to provide further opportunities in fishing for women and girls.

A number of fishing rods and fishing caps will be badged in purple for International Women's Day and will be given away at each event to mark the occasion. Fishers may also bring their own rod.

The full details of the clinics are listed in the [Fishcare Calendar of Events](#) on the DPIPWE website.