



## NFA VIC General Meeting (in conjunction with the Australian Trout Foundation) 8pm 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Wildlife Sanctuary @ La Trobe University, Bundoora

All you ever wanted to know about aquatic predator control in Victorian upland streams: progress on managing trout for galaxiid conservation

Special Presentation by Tarmo Raadik Senior Research Scientist Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research



Tarmo Raadik is a Senior Research Scientist at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research with the Victorian DELWP. He has spent his career working on the diversity, biology and conservation of smaller native fish species, while in addition he is also a member of a (now) rare breed: a taxonomist.

This is where he caused a BIG problem. He taxonomically revised the well-known Mountain Galaxias (*Galaxias olidus*) and found there to be 15 different species. Unfortunately, 10 of the new species are threatened with extinction by predation from valuable recreation species of Trout.

Starting with Barred Galaxias in 1990, Tarmo has managed the tricky balancing act of predator control in upland streams for conservation, and this knowledge has been applied to the other threatened species over the past eight years.

Tarmo will present the background and science underpinning his work, the trials and tribulations of fish conservation in remote locations in Victoria, and future directions. This is a unique opportunity to gain understanding, dispel misconceptions, ask those burning questions, and to see how you can contribute to small native fish conservation without impacting valuable recreational fisheries.

If you would like to attend, please respond to either:

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