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## Community effort to restock endangered cod



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** Craig Hanwood supplied fingerlings

THE South Burnett community has joined forces to help run a stocking program in the Cooyar Creek system for the endangered Mary cod.

It is a community effort to run the stocking program with the Cooyar Amateur Fishing Club, Murgon's Hanwood Fish Hatchery and Stanwell joining forces to make it happen.

Club president Peter

breeding program was implemented in consultation with Queensland Fisheries.

"With Mary cod being an endangered species, this is an exciting initiative and Cooyar Creek has been identified as an ideal location," Mr Payne said.

The program is a long-term investment into the region as the species can take up to six years to mature and the club is

from Stanwell to enable it.

"This program would not be possible without the support of Stanwell and we are excited to be involved in trying to prevent the extinction of the Mary River cod fish species and would like to express our gratitude to Stanwell for their financial support," Mr Payne said.

"We source our fingerlings from Craig Hanwood of Hanwood Fish

with Craig's help, and fishing club members, we distribute the fingerlings throughout Cooyar Creek catchment systems, also in conjunction with Yarraman Fish Stocking Group."

The Mary cod program is one of many stocking programs the club runs with fundraising efforts in the past used to stock fish varieties including yellowbelly, bass and silver perch into our local river