
Target One Million

Gone Fishing Day Grant Funding

Guidelines and Conditions





GONE FISHING DAY GRANTS PROGRAM

Victorian recreational anglers are encouraged to wet a line with family and friends on Sunday 20 October, which is National Gone Fishing Day. In 2017 and 2018 over 20 Gone Fishing Day events were held across Victoria with the support of the Victorian Fisheries Authority.

This year we will be providing \$600 (ex GST) to eligible fishing clubs to assist them with purchasing fishing rods to use for the fishing clinics at their Gone Fishing Day event. Clubs will also be encouraged to apply for a RFL small grant to cover their general event costs for the day.

CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Funds are available to incorporated fishing clubs to help run Gone Fishing Day events and activities in their own local area. Funding is not available to individuals or private entities.

Clubs who receive Gone Fishing Day funding (\$600 ex GST) for fishing equipment will be ineligible for further fishing equipment funding for a period of two years. *Example: In 2019 Melbourne Angling Club receive \$600 funding to purchase minimum 20 rod and reel combos. Melbourne Angling Club are now ineligible for funding to purchase rod and reel combos until 2021.*

What can the grant be spent on?

- Fishing rods to be used for the fishing clinic part of the day (limit \$40 per rod and reel combo)

Other ineligible activities

- Events held on Gone Fishing Day that provide no benefit to recreational fishing

- Events held for primarily a commercial purpose
- Gone Fishing Day activities on private land
- Gone Fishing Day activities that are only for club members

Purchasing

A minimum of **one** quote must be obtained and provided for fishing equipment in the application form.

The Application Process

The 2019 Gone Fishing Day Grant Program will open on 6 September 2019 and close on 7 October 2019.

Applications for the grant must be submitted using the Victorian Fisheries Authority SmartyGrants portal.

<https://FisheriesVictoria.smartygrants.com.au/GoneFishingDay>

All enquiries and communications regarding a project proposal or related matter should be referred directly to the appropriate Project Officer or to the Target One Million team. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact a Project Officer at their earliest convenience to discuss the likelihood of a project receiving funding. Project Officers can be contacted on 8392 6872, or via email **Richard.rogala@vfa.vic.gov.au**

Only proposals submitted in the prescribed template will be accepted.

All eligible grant applications will be assessed and prioritised by the Victorian Fisheries Authority. Past performance in the delivery of a Gone Fishing Day project will be considered by assessors when evaluating each application.

Following approval to disburse funds to eligible projects, grant applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their proposal. There is no right of appeal in respect to any decision made to fund or not fund any proposed project.

Successful grant applicants will be required to:

- Enter into a Project Funding Agreement
- Agree to the service and maintenance of fishing equipment purchased with grant funds for a minimum of 3 years
- Demonstrate public liability insurance as required, covering the project's activities and outcomes
- Notify the Victorian Fisheries Authority of any proposed variations or extensions to the project objectives, timetable, work plan or budget. The proponent will need to submit and have approved a Project Variation Application form; and
- Submit a Final Report and Grant Acquittal within 30 days of completing the project.

Goods and Services Tax

- With the exception of any grant that qualifies as an 'appropriation' by way of payments made between 'government related entities' for general funding arrangements or non-commercial transactions, grant payments made under this program will be inclusive of GST and project costings should also be inclusive of the GST.
- Withholding tax will apply where grant recipients are unable to provide an ABN and the supplier does not satisfy reason/s for their exemption from the tax as stated on the Australian Taxation Office's Statement by supplier – Reason for not quoting an Australian Business Number (ABN) to an enterprise.

Promotion and Branding

A common condition of Victorian government funding for services or project activity is that recipients must agree to follow the Department's guidelines for acknowledging the government's funding. Aligning with the current Victorian government branding and funding acknowledgment guidelines.

Successful applicants are also required to acknowledge the government's funding support on signage, in published or printed materials, speeches, or other forms of presentations.

Detailed guidelines on Promotion and Branding will be provided as part of a funding agreement.