**RFLTAC Meeting #49 of 23 March 2022**

**Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee Meeting #49**

**Location: TEAMS Meeting**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 49th meeting of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee.

Key items discussed included:

* 2020-2021 Report to Parliament
* RFL Sales Update
* Assessment of 2021-22 RFGP Commissioning grant applications
* Assessment of 2021-22 RFGP Large grant applications

**2020-2021 Report to Parliament**

The committee was informed that the 2020-21 RFLTA Report to Parliament had been tabled in November 2021 and is available on the VFA website as a public document. The Report contains a financial statement for all income and expenditure associated with the Trust Account for the 2020-21 financial year, including a listing of all grant payments.

**RFL Sales Update**

Richard provided an update on Recreational Fishing Licence sales over the last few months. Overall licence sales for the 2021-22 year have been in line with sales prior to 2020 and 2021 when there were Covid-related impacts.

**Assessment of 2021-22 RFGP Commissioning grant applications**

The Advisory Committee indicated general support for the two commissioning bids that were received in this round for the following amounts:

* $139,000 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries
* $257,450 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Assessment of 2021-22 RFGP Large grant applications**

The Advisory Committee were presented with the results of the qualitative assessments which showed how each of the 22 large grant applications have been collectively scored by the group and how they ranked in order. Comment and discussions were had regarding the merit of all 22 applications, and a short list of applications was prepared, which are likely to be recommended for funding.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 13 April 2022

Julia Menzies

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee