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| Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2014/2015  A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue |





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Cover image: Deployment of the RFL funded Torquay Offshore Reef

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Foreword

A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account, 2014-15

Every year the Victorian Government, through the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, disburses revenue derived from the sale of RFLs to projects that will further improve recreational fishing opportunities in Victoria.

As the Minister for Agriculture, I recognise the significant contribution recreational fishing continues to make to the State’s economy.

During 2014/15 the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group continued to provide me with sound advice on the proposed expenditure of all RFL Trust Account revenue, and on the operation of the three-tiered Recreational Fishing Grants Program which comprises:

1. A Small Grants Program - that is continually open to fund small projects up to $5,000;
2. A Large Grants Program for projects from $5,001 to $100,000; and
3. A Commissioning Program for large priority projects, generally in excess of $100,000.

I look forward to continuing my close working relationship with the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

I am pleased to advise that the hugely popular Small Grants Program has now funded over 225 projects to local fishing clubs and community groups worth more than $600,000 since its inception in 2010, including over $117,000 to conduct 38 projects during 2014/15.

In August 2015, I announced that over $1.0 million will be allocated to 17 new projects through the 2014/15 round of the Large Grants Program. These projects include new fishing platforms on the Wimmera, Glenelg and Aire Rivers, increased fish habitat in the Pyramid Creek and Lake Tchum, research centred around popular recreational species such as Murray cod, mulloway, yellowtail kingfish and pipis, and a project to develop young future leaders for the recreational fishing sector.

These projects are in addition to just over $170,000 that will be allocated to one project via the Commissioning Grants Program. These funds will be used to fund a range of popular education and communication products that assist recreational anglers to understand and comply with fishing regulations.

During 2014/15, Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account funds were again committed or disbursed to fund:

* VRFish, to provide advice to the Victorian Government about the broad range of recreational fishers’ views on the management of the State’s fisheries resources;
* The Victorian Fishcare program;
* Funding approved through previous rounds of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program for access and facilities, education, information and training, and recreational fisheries-related research and fish habitat improvement projects.
* The deployment of thirteen Fisheries Officers;
* Recreational Fishing Licence sales commissions; and
* The costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Recreational Fishing Licence, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program, and the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

I have pleasure in providing to each House of Parliament this report on the receipts and disbursements from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account for 2014/15.



Hon Jaala Pulford MP  
Minister for Agriculture

21/09/15

Fisheries Act 1995

Pursuant to Section 151B(4) of the *Fisheries Act 1995*, the Minister (responsible for Victoria’s fisheries) must cause a report on how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account were disbursed –

(a) to be prepared by 1 October each year; and,

(b) to be laid before each House of Parliament on or before the seventh sitting day of that House after the report has been prepared.

For the information of Honourable Members, the RFL Trust Account came into effect on 1 April 2001.

The 2014/15 financial year is the fourteenth full year of the RFL Trust Account’s operation.

The Victorian Auditor-General has audited the receipts received, and disbursements made from the RFL Trust Account in 2014/15.

Enforcement & Education

In 2014/15, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed $2,002,094.71 to Fisheries Victoria’s compliance budget.

RFL Trust Account receipts, when added to ongoing recurrent funding of fisheries compliance (education and enforcement) activities, contributes substantially to the delivery of recreational fisheries compliance services in Victorian coastal and inland locations.

Fisheries Officers have continued to have good contact with recreational fishers in the field during the last year. Table 1 summarises yearly totals for contacts in the recreational fishing sector. The work is divided into categories based on species, locations or other activities. Over 52,000 total contacts were made with recreational fishers by Fisheries Officers during the reporting period. Compliance contacts with Fisheries Officers totalled over 45,000, with Table 1 showing the number of offenders, verbal warnings, official warnings, infringement notices, and briefs of evidence for the year.

In addition, Fisheries Officers attended 92 angling club meetings, conducted7,487 advisory contacts with recreational fishers, 108 contacts during fish stocking events and 257 contacts during recreational fishing related shows, forums and clinics.

Table 1.

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| **Recreational** | **Officer contacts with recreational fishers** | **Number of offenders** | **Verbal warnings issued** | **Official warnings issued** | **Infringement notices issued** | **Briefs of evidence compiled** |
| Abalone (intertidal zone) | 607 | 298 | 136 | 151 | 221 | 5 |
| Abalone (on land) | 1300 | 254 | 76 | 132 | 185 | 12 |
| Abalone (on water) | 99 | 21 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 0 |
| Bass yabbies | 22 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - other (on land) | 5340 | 473 | 190 | 133 | 187 | 1 |
| Bay & Inlet - other (on water) | 1904 | 146 | 71 | 40 | 50 | 1 |
| Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on land) | 12543 | 1017 | 459 | 291 | 347 | 10 |
| Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on water) | 1405 | 116 | 42 | 40 | 42 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land) | 1628 | 111 | 26 | 33 | 54 | 1 |
| Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water) | 507 | 31 | 19 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| Freshwater (on land) | 5778 | 542 | 173 | 184 | 200 | 6 |
| Freshwater (on water) | 2705 | 234 | 65 | 80 | 100 | 0 |
| Intertidal other | 351 | 148 | 73 | 54 | 31 | 0 |
| Intertidal pipis | 2384 | 186 | 145 | 23 | 27 | 2 |
| Intertidal Port Phillip | 575 | 268 | 166 | 83 | 119 | 3 |
| Intertidal red shore crab | 260 | 36 | 10 | 15 | 22 | 0 |
| Murray cod | 2049 | 49 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 0 |
| Ocean (on land) | 4385 | 403 | 175 | 136 | 122 | 2 |
| Ocean (on water) | 775 | 32 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 0 |
| Rock lobster (on land) | 368 | 35 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 1 |
| Rock lobster (on water) | 147 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| Scallops (on land) | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scallops (on water) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spiny Cray | 199 | 22 | 5 | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| **Totals** | **45,349** | **4,437** | **1,886** | **1,479** | **1,788** | **44** |

All Fisheries Officers provide services to the recreational fishing sector and interact with recreational fishers through:

* contact with recreational fishers in the field;
* attending angling club meetings;
* attending recreational fishing-related shows, family fishing events, forums and clinics;
* attending fish stocking/liberation events;
* liaising with grant recipients regarding the successful completion of infrastructure type projects under the annual Recreational Fishing Grants Program (Large Grants);
* advising fisheries management on issues relating to recreational fishing;
* assisting Fisheries Management and Research Branch on matters relating to recreational fishing;
* responding to recreational fishing issues raised from the 13FISH Offence Reporting Line;
* producing recreational fishing-related media releases/distributing booklets, pamphlets;
* investigating recreational fishing-related offences and prosecuting where necessary;
* collecting intelligence related to recreational fishing offences;
* participating in recreational fishing-related educational activities with school groups and the broader recreational fishing community; and
* engaging with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Fisheries Victoria in conjunction with the recreational fishing community strives to achieve high levels of voluntary compliance amongst recreational fishers. By working collaboratively and by continuing to promote responsible and ethical fishing, we are better positioned to ensure both fish for now and fish for the future.

Financial Report

Report concerning how amounts paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account were disbursed in 2014/15 financial year

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| **Receipts 2014/15** | **$** |  |
| **Total receipts from RFL sales**  288,498 RFL's sold (as at 30 June 2015) including: 34,699 three-year licences, 122,692 one-year licences, 28,791 28-day licences and 102,316 two-day licences. | $6,287,784.99 |  |
| **Interest - investments** | $57,773.96 | *Fisheries Act 1995*, S. 151B(5) enables money standing to the credit of the Account to be invested in any manner in which funds may be invested under the *Trustee Act* 1958. |
| **Refunds: RFGP projects** | $ 67,515.82 | Project # SG/191 Hook, Line & Sinker (May-June 2014) $552.75.  Project #SM/10/0046/2 ‘Core Funding to Fishcare Victoria Inc.’ $831.82.  Project # SG/208 ‘Wangaratta Fly Fishing Club Come N Try Day’ $194.80.  Project # 12/131 DEPI Fisheries Communication and Education Products Commissioning Grant: $64,523.00  Project SG/220 Fishcare Southwest Come and Try Fishing family day $131.77.  Project SG/213 Southern Fly Fishers Aust Open Day $51.50.  Project SG/228 Donald Angling Club Come and Try Junior Fishing Event $18.18.  Project SG/169 Darebin Parklands Association ‘Educating Responsible Future Recreational Anglers Day’ $44.32  Project SG00196: Fishcare Lake Yarrambat Community Education. $1,155.42  Project SG00184: Undera Angling Club Family Fishing Day. $12.26 |
| **GST Recoverable** | $176.23 |  |
| **Total receipts for the year** | $6,413,251.00 |  |

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| **Disbursements 2014/15** | **$** | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects** | $2,245,023.43 | | Payments to 83 projects - see Note 2. | |
| **Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch** | $2,002,094.71 | |  | |
| **Fish Stocking**  The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers. | $857,657.27 | |  | |
| **VRFish** | $424,977.80 | |  | |
| **Fishcare Victoria Inc.** | $185,760.00 | |  | |
| **Community Information**  Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity. | $21,975.56 | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions**  Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2013/14, paid in 2014/15 financial year. | $213,759.25 | |  | |
| **Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs** |  | |  | |
| Salaries and on-costs. | $443,630.13 | |  | |
| Business, corporate & other levies (common domain access levy, OH&S levy, training & development levy, centre leader levy, CBD accommodation and workstation charge, computer internal lease costs). | $284,361.68 | |  | |
| Professional and contract services. | $158,621.60 | |  | |
| Agency labour hire. | $108,333.76 | |  | |
| Postal expenses, parking, vehicle hire, accommodation, printing, stationery, telephones, banking charges, office equipment, software maintenance, external learning and  IT assistance. | $61,488.84 | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group**  Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire, and personal expenses. | $6,979.04 | |  | |
| **Snobs Creek Advisory Board**  Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire and personal expenses. | $62,000.00 | |  | |
| GST payable | $989.40 | |  | |
| **Total disbursements for the year** | $7,077,652.47 | |  | |
| **Net cash inflow/(outflow)** | ($664,401.47) | |  | |
| **Cash as at 1 July 2014** | $5,528,655.01 | |  | |
| **Cash as at 30 June 2015** | $4,864,253.54 | | Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2015/16 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling $4,386,575.62 - see Note 3.  Cash balance includes $2,500,000 which has been invested – see Note 4. | |
| Amounts are net of applicable GST | |  | |  |

Notes to the Financial Report

These notes form part of and should be read in conjunction with the financial report of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account.

Note 1 - Statement of Accounting Policies

*Basis of preparation.*

This special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

The report has been prepared on a cash basis to report on how levies and application fees received in respect of recreational fishing licences have been disbursed from the trust account.

Note 2 - Payments to Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects during 2014/15

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| **Projects initially announced in 2007/08** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Evaluate and validate the utility of Research Angler Diary programs as a cost-effective monitoring and stock assessment tool for the management of small recreational fisheries. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $270,000. | $27,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$27,000.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2008/09** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Improve the sustainability of sand flathead stocks in Port Phillip Bay and across Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $300,000. | $30,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$30,000.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2009/10** |  |  |
| **Commissioning Grants Program** |  |  |
| Develop a premier Murray cod fishery at Lake Eildon. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $800,000. | $80,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Increase fish habitat in the lower Loddon River, Macoma main channel to Kerang Weir and lower Pyramid Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $150,100. | $15,010.00 | North Central Catchment Management Authority |
| **Sub-Total** | **$95,010.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2010/11** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $126,000. | $57,600.00 | University of Melbourne |
| Establish a reliable supply of Catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria’s catfish recreational fishery. 90% of year three funding. Total project funding of $133,920. | $43,560.00 | Native Fish Australia |
| **Sub-Total** | **$101,160.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2011/12** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Define the spawning needs of calamari in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $199,078. | $19,907.80 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Create a new Estuary perch recreational fishery in south-west Victoria. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $150,000 over three years. | $15,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Establish a new Australian Bass recreational fishery in the Nicholson River. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $100,000 over three years. | $10,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Assess the post-release survival of southern bluefin tuna from recreational fishing (Tasmania and Victoria). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $69,460. | $7,640.60 | Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies - University of Tasmania |
| Improve recreational fisher access and facilities along the Goulburn River, Shepparton. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $25,000. | $2,500.00 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| Produce & distribute a ‘Victorian Fishing Trail’ brochure for the seasoned recreational fisher. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $11,900. | $1,190.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Produce and distribute a ‘Kayak fishing in Victoria’ educational brochure. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $10,095. | $1,009.50 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$57,247.90** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2012/13** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of $300,000. | $90,000.00 | East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $150,000. | $45,000.00 | Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd |
| Victorian ‘Fishers for Fish Habitat’ Program. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of $114,000 over three years. | $34,200.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute |
| Fishcare ‘Fish Right’ workshops – conduct 450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of $113,500 over three years. | $32,850.00 | Fishcare Victoria Inc. |
| Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total funding of $115,667 over three years. | $31,608.00 | Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc. |
| Growing the success of Macquarie Perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $58,510 over two years. | $13,500.00 | Monash University |
| Broken River Weir (Broken River) Fish Migration Initiative (Feasibility and Design phase). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $45,000. | $4,500.00 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| **Sub-Total** | **$251,658.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2013/14** |  |  |
| **Commissioning Grants Program** |  |  |
| Better Recreational Fishing Through Informed Fish Stocking (stocking an additional 1,110,000 fish over 3 years, fish surveys, development of an on-line fish stocking search engine, and captive breeding of Macquarie perch). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $990,600.00 over three years. | $290,700.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program (investigate the likely cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fishing in Victoria and, where possible, improve wild trout fishing through informed fisheries management interventions). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $560,000.00 over three years. | $229,500.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| 2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $230,981.61 over one year. | $207,883.45 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$728,083.45** |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Understanding the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the State of Victoria (Ernst & Young). 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $100,000.00 over one year. | $90,000.00 | VRFish |
| Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project- Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $266,981.82 over three years. | $81,114.55 | North East Catchment Management Authority |
| Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $231,818.18 over three years. | $73,636.36 | Wannon Water Corporation |
| Assessing the benefits of instream habitat works for fish populations in the Goulburn catchment. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $76,000.00 over one year. | $68,400.00 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $190,226.82 over three years. | $64,245.68 | King Valley Tourism Association |
| Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $60,460.80 over one year. | $54,414.72 | Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve |
| Putting Locals First - Construct two all abilities access fishing platforms at Spring Creek. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $54,545.45 over one year. | $49,090.91 | Surfcoast Shire |
| Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead (*Platycephalidae fuscus*) in East Gippsland, Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $49,638.75 over one year. | $44,674.88 | Charles Sturt University |
| Construct two all ability access fishing platforms and install two in-stream log structures in the Tarra River Estuary, Tarraville. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $39,440.00 over one year. | $35,496.00 | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $80,181.82 over three years. | $34,036.36 | Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority |
| Upper Ovens River In-stream Habitat Restoration Project, Harrietville. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $35,222.50 over one year. | $31,700.25 | Harrietville Community Forum Inc. |
| Native Fish Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $68,727.27 over two years. | $30,927.27 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| Construct angler access stairs at Boggaley Creek, 13 km from Lorne. 90% instalment of year one funding plus balance of funding. Total project funding of $30,720.58. | $30,720.58 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Evaluating the status of the Murray crayfish recreational fishery in Victoria'. The project will focus on waterways of northern Victoria where Murray crayfish are known to occur, including the Mitta Mitta, Kiewa, Ovens and Goulburn rivers. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $65,818.18 over three years. | $29,209.09 | Nature Glenelg Trust |
| Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $28,982.27 over one year. | $26,329.50 | Coliban Region Water Corporation |
| Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $34,150.00 over two years. | $23,355.00 | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| Gellibrand River Blackfish Population Assessment. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $22,147.27 over one year. | $19,932.55 | Corangamite Catchment Management Authority |
| Install a further 90 Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $60,000.00 over three years. | $18,000.00 | Zoological Parks And Gardens Board |
| Install a solar light above the Swan Bay boat ramp. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $11,677.00 over one year plus additional $1,780.00 for approved project variation. | $13,457.00 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Install a solar light above the Clifton Springs boat ramp. 90% instalment of year one funding. Total project funding of $11,677.00 over one year. | $10,509.30 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Quantifying the recreational catch and effort from the Corio Bay region of Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $80,000. | $8,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$837,250.00** |  |
| **Small Grants Program** |  |  |
| Family Come and Try Fishing Day | $5,500.00 | Nathalia Angling Club |
| Community Fishing Festival | $5,020.00 | Yarra Valley Fly Fishers |
| Determining population structures of mulloway in Western Victoria | $5,000.00 | Nature Glenelg Trust |
| Fishing in Greater Shepparton | $5,000.00 | City of Greater Shepparton |
| It’s ‘Fishing Country' brochure project | $5,000.00 | Moira Shire Council |
| Sustainable Fishing Exhibit | $5,000.00 | Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club |
| Maximising quality and reducing incidental mortality of tuna workshops | $4,992.50 | Panaquatic Health Solutions |
| Homeless Community Fishing Program | $4,954.55 | The Salvation Army |
| Maximising quality and reducing incidental mortality of tuna – extension | $4,925.00 | Panaquatic Health Solutions |
| Green Tackle Guide | $4,818.18 | Fishcare Victoria Inc. |
| Thresher shark, best practice catch, handling and release | $4,545.45 | VRFish |
| Young Future Leaders at National Recreational Fishing Conference | $4,545.45 | VRFish |
| Southern Fly Fishers Open Day | $4,495.00 | Southern Fly Fishers |
| Junior Fishing Experience | $4,000.00 | Port Franklin Tennis Club |
| Estuary perch Weigh Your Catch rulers | $3,909.09 | Fishcare Victoria Inc. |
| Mates Day on the Bay | $3,772.73 | Futurefish Foundation |
| Schools Fishing Program | $3,454.55 | Colac Otway Shire |
| Hook Line & Sinker Fishathon | $3,172.23 | City of Wodonga |
| Light over fish cleaning table Limeburners Boat Ramp | $3,154.55 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Lake Meran Family Fishing Fun Day | $3,050.00 | Lake Meran Public Purposes Committee |
| Family Fishing Day | $2,980.00 | Underra Angling Club |
| Catch a Carp Day March 2015 | $2,948.62 | Riverside Golf Club |
| Come & Try Fishing Day | $2,933.00 | Wangaratta Fly Fishing Club |
| Live native fish display at 4x4 Fishing and Boating Expo | $2,575.00 | Native Fish Australia Inc. |
| Conduct a fishing stand at Agricultural Show | $2,500.00 | Yarram Agricultural Society |
| Light over fish cleaning table at Clifton Springs | $1,954.55 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Boating and fishing safety course | $2,010.00 | Venus Bay Angling Club |
| The Ron Nelson Memorial Junior fishing Clinic 2014 | $1,618.18 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Come and Try Fishing Day | $1,572.00 | Port Welshpool Working Group Inc. |
| Come Try Fishing Day | $1,477.27 | Bogong Outdoor Education Centre |
| NE Rivers access works information pamphlet | $1,125.00 | Australian Trout Foundation Inc. |
| Kids Fishing Day | $1,008.00 | Ballarat District Anglers Association |
| Know Your Limits signage | $913.00 | Lake Purrumbete Angling Club |
| Fishcare Fun Day | $900.00 | Bemm River Angling Club |
| Footings for weigh gantry at Apollo Bay | $818.18 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Come and Try Junior Fishing Event | $632.00 | Donald Angling Club |
| Junior Angler Workshop | $540.00 | Twin Rivers Business & Tourism Association |
| Come and Try Fishing Weekend | $400.00 | Dunlop Bayswater Angling Club |
| Come and Try Fishing Family Day | $400.00 | Fishcare South West Inc. |
| **Sub-Total** | **$117,614.08** |  |
| **Disbursements net of GST** | **$2,245,023.43** |  |

Note 3 - proposal to fund 2014/15’s approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2015/16 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2014/15 financial year and beyond as applicable, and other items

| **Project No.** | **DEPI Region** | **Project category** | **Proponent** | **Project site** | **Type of waters** | **Project duration** | **Proposal** | **Funding** | **Other contributions/comments** |
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| 13/14/00006 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Estuarine & Marine | 2yr | Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment | $729,000.00 |  |
| 13/14/00005 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Inland | 3yr | Better Recreational Fishing Through Informed Fish Stocking (stocking an additional 1,110,000 fish over 3 years, fish surveys, development of an on-line fish stocking search engine, and captive breeding of Macquarie perch). 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $990,600. | $699,900.00 |  |
| 13/14/00007 | Northern | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program (investigate the likely cause(s) of the decline in wild trout fishing in Victoria and, where possible, improve wild trout fishing through informed fisheries management interventions). 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $560,000. | $330,500.00 |  |
| 13/14/54 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | North East Catchment Management Authority | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project- Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $266,981.82. | $185,867.27 | Financial: $325,000 from MDBA for fish surveys, bank stabilisation works, fence and revegetation works.  In-kind: NECMA project management. |
| 14/15/00010 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | 2015/16 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations). | $171,347.19 |  |
| COM/10/11/03 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Estuarine & Marine | 4yr | Plan, deploy and evaluate off-shore and estuarine recreational fishing reefs. 4th and final year of funding. Total project funding of $1,070,000. | $159,200.00 | Fisheries Victoria $900,000. |
| 13/14/27 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Wannon Region Water Corporation | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $231,818.18. | $158,181.82 | Financial: Wannon Water $301,500 in safety upgrades and a cultural heritage project as part of the Master Plan.  In-kind: Project management. |
| 14/15/34 | Port Phillip & Western Port | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | Port Phillip & Western Port | Marine | 2yr | Increasing knowledge of Victoria’s growing recreational yellowtail kingfish fishery. | $147,907.50 | Fisheries Victoria: $20,000 financial, $83,000 in-kind. |
| 13/14/61 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | King Valley Tourism Association | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $190,226.82 | $125,981.14 | In-kind: NECMA project management. |
| 12/1323 | State-wide | Research | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Marine | 3yr | Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of ‘western stock’ snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 3rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of $263,206. | $100,533.70 | FRDC $350,000, Fisheries Victoria $25,000. |
| 14/15/33 | Northern | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Implementing better practice Murray cod fishery management. | $100,000.00 | In-kind. Volunteer recreational anglers: $57,600. |
| 14/15/06 | South West | Research | Nature Glenelg Trust | South West | Estuarine | 3yr | Understanding the stock structures, biology and population status of mulloway in Victoria. | $78,545.45 | In-kind: Recreational fishers: $37,000 for the collection of samples. SARDI-PIRSA, Murdoch University and Fish Ageing Services Pty Ltd - $15,000.  Nature Glenelg Trust: $10,000. |
| COM/10/11/04 | Northern | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | Northern Victoria | Inland | 3yr | Building northern native fisheries, great fishing on the Campaspe, Loddon & Gunbower systems. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $779,500. | $77,950.00 | Fisheries Victoria $260,000. |
| 14/15/13 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Horsham Rural City Council | Horsham | Inland | 1yr | Horsham - Angling For Abilities Project. | $72,109.09 | Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - $79320. Horsham Rural City Council: In-kind - $14,600. |
| 14/15/19 | Gippsland | Access & Facilities | East Gippsland Shire Council | Lake Tyers | Estuarine | 1yr | Lake Tyers Beach Accessible Fishing Landing (northern end of Lakeside Drive). | $65,218.18 | East Gippsland Shire. Financial $10,000.00.  In-kind project management estimated at $7,100. |
| 14/15/40 | Gippsland | Research | University of Melbourne | Venus Bay | Marine | 3yr | Assessing the sustainability of Venus Bay’s recreational and commercial pipi harvest. | $65,059.09 | Financial: $8,600. In-kind: $89,105. |
| 14/15/11 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | North Central Catchment Management Authority | Pyramid Creek | Inland | 1yr | Increasing Fish Habitat in the Pyramid Creek. | $61,342.73 | North Central CMA. Financial: $112,000 contribution to Native Fish Recovery Plan. In-kind: $12,860. |
| 14/15/12 | Gippsland | Research | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | Tarwin River | Inland | 2yr | River Blackfish Translocation Pilot Study. | $60,150.91 | WGCMA. Financial. $72,000 towards habitat improvement (2014-2016).  In-kind: Leongatha Angling Club volunteers. $3,000.  ‍WGCMA project management. $6,000. |
| 12/1317 | Northern | Research | Greenfish Consulting Pty Ltd | Murray Darling Basin | Inland | 3yr | Develop and implement a consistent method for assessing the sustainability of Murray cod in the Murray Darling Basin. 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $150,000. | $60,000.00 | FRDC $375,000, Native Fish Strategy $23,900, Fisheries Victoria $36,000, PIRSA Fisheries $30,000. |
| R/10/11/03 | Port Phillip | Research | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | Port Phillip Bay | Marine | 3yr | ‘Fishers tracking fish’ - recreational fishers ’tuning’ in to understand why Port Phillip Bay is so important to snapper. Balance of funding. Total project funding of $221,386. | $58,138.60 | In-kind contributions: Equipment use/maintenance and angler time $197,500. |
| 14/15/27 | State-wide | Education, Information and Training | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | Cool Tools to Learn the Rules. | $50,000.00 | Fisheries Victoria. In-kind $90,000. |
| COM/10/11/02 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 2yr | Research angler diary program for Anderson Inlet, Mallacoota Inlet, Lake Tyers, Glenelg River estuary, Hopkins River estuary, North East, Corangamite, Port Phillip Bay, East Gippsland, Port Phillip & Western Port, West Gippsland & Wimmera waters. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $492,000. | $49,200.00 |  |
| 14/15/25 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Hindmarsh Shire Council | Dimboola | Inland | 1yr | Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Dimboola Recreation Reserve. | $47,828.18 | Financial: Hindmarsh Shire Council - $10,000.  In-kind: Dimboola Town Committee - $3,200. |
| 13/14/56 | South West | Access & Facilities | Glenelg - Hopkins Catchment Management Authority | South West | Estuarine | 3yr | Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $80,181.82. | $46,145.46 | Financial: Co-investment of at least $33 k per annum from 2014-17 from DEPI to create instream fish habitat.  In-kind: DEPI $80,000 for six recreational fishing events, the development of a promotional DVD, habitat condition monitoring and mapping of habitat condition. WCC $10,500 project management. Community Volunteers $4,000 for assistance with revegetation. Fishcare $500 for a FishRight clinic. |
| 14/15/17 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc. | Aire River | Estuarine | 1yr | All Abilities Fishing Platform on the Aire River. | $42,615.91 | Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - $47,377.50. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs $2,000.00 |
| 14/15/48 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Hindmarsh Shire Council | Jeparit | Inland | 1yr | Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Jeparit. | $42,609.09 | Jeparit Angling Club. Financial $3,000. In-kind $2,800. |
| 13/14/25 | State-wide | Education, Information & Training | Zoological Parks And Gardens Board | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | Install a further 90 Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $60,000. | $42,000.00 | In-kind: Interpretive displays, presentations and an onsite education program at Melbourne Zoo to accompany the initiative. Communication and media support. |
| COM/09/10/03 | Port Phillip | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | Port Phillip Bay | Marine | 3yr | Install near-shore fish habitat improvement structure at three locations in Port Phillip Bay. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $400,000. | $40,000.00 |  |
| 13/14/40 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority | Northern | Inland | 2yr | Native Fish Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 2nd and final year of funding. Total project funding of $68,727.27. | $37,800.00 | Financial: GBCMA $96,500 for habitat mapping and electrofishing survey.  In-kind: Landholders $30,000 for bank works. GBCMA $10,000 for project management. |
| 13/14/47 | Northern | Research | The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Evaluating the status of the Murray crayfish recreational fishery in Victoria'. The project will focus on waterways of northern Victoria where Murray crayfish are known to occur, including the Mitta Mitta, Kiewa, Ovens and Goulburn rivers. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $65,818.18. | $36,609.09 | Financial: DEPI $30,000 to continue targeted sampling of populations in the Murray River and surrounding areas (Victoria). Compliments a similar study being funded by NSW RFL Trust Account ($190,000).  In-kind: Nature Glenelg Trust and NSW Fisheries ($15,000) in terms of gear usage (nets, field kits, water quality meters) and field assistance. |
| 12/1309 | Gippsland | Sustainability and Habitat Improvement | East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | East Gippsland | Inland | 3yr | Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. Final 10% balance of payment. Total project funding of $300,000. | $30,000.00 | This project will compliment a larger scale river restoration program funded by the Victorian Government. |
| L11/12/07 | State-wide | Education, Information & Training | Life Saving Victoria Ltd | Victorian coastal waters | Marine | 3yr | Rock Fishing Safety Campaign: Don't Put Your Life on the Line; a State-wide media campaign.  Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding  of $300,000. | $30,000.00 | Life Saving Victoria Ltd will contribute $124,300. |
| L11/12/03 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | North East Catchment Management Authority | Ovens River, Wangaratta | Inland | 3yr | Fish habitat enhancement of the Ovens River (Wangaratta region). 3rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of $75,000. | $30,000.00 | North East CMA will contribute $55,000 to install a rock ramp fish way and remove exotic trees. |
| 14/15/15 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc. | Princetown | Estuarine | 1yr | Fishing Platform on the Gellibrand River at Princetown. | $27,921.65 | Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - $32,434.45. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs $1,500.00 |
| 14/15/41 | Northern | Research | Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Inc. | Harcourt | Inland | 1yr | Rebuilding the trout fishery at Barkers Creek (Harcourt) Reservoir. | $24,946.00 | In-kind: Fisheries Victoria - $3,000. Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Club - $3,000. ARI - ‍$2,350. |
| R/09/10/01 | Gippsland | Research | University of New South Wales | Lake Tyers | Estuary | 3yr | Conduct an Eastern king prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $232,947. | $23,294.45 | University of New South Wales $17,950. |
| 13/14/00004 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | 2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products (production of a series of communication products and measuring devices to provide recreational fishers with up-to-date information on Fisheries regulations). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $230,981.61. | $23,098.16 |  |
| 14/15/16 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc. | Princetown | Estuarine | 1yr | Fishing Platform at the junction of the Gellibrand River and Latrobe Creek at Princetown. | $21,414.31 | Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - $25,276.38. In-kind: Association Of Geelong and District Angling Clubs $1,500.00 |
| 14/15/23 | State-wide | Education, Information and Training | VRFish | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | Young Future Leaders - Recreational Fisher Development Program 2015. | $20,681.82 | Commonwealth financial co-contribution - $22,750. In-kind Fisheries Victoria/VRFish $7,750. |
| 14/15/04 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | Birchip and District Angling Club | Tchum Lake | Inland | 1yr | Tchum Lake- Resnagging Project. | $18,000.00 | Not specified. |
| L/11/12/04 | Northern | Sustainability and Habitat Improvement | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria | Kerang Lakes | Inland | 3yr | Install recreational fishing reefs in the Kerang Lakes. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $162,500. | $16,250.00 | In-kind contribution: Goulburn Murray Water will provide $102,000 in equipment use, risk assessment and signage. |
| S&HI/10/11/05 | Northern | Sustainability and Habitat Improvement | Native Fish Australia | Northern Victorian waters | Inland | 3yr | Establish a reliable supply of catfish fingerlings to restore Victoria’s catfish recreational fishery. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $133,920. | $13,392.00 | In-kind labour contribution of $83,500 from the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and Native Fish Australia. |
| R/10/11/06 | State-wide | Research | South Australian Research Development Institute | Victorian coastal waters | Marine | 2yr | Innovative ways to ensure the future sustainability of the recreational fishery for shortfin makos in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $130,910. | $13,091.00 | In-kind contribution: Equipment & satellite tagging of sharks $4,000, Labour $20,682. |
| R/10/11/02 | State-wide | Research | University of Melbourne | Victorian coastal waters | Marine | 2yr | Spawning sources, movement patterns, and nursery area replenishment of spawning populations of King George whiting in south-eastern Australia - closing the life history loop.  Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $126,000. | $12,600.00 | FRDC $343,000. In-kind contributions: Labour $92,200 (DEPI, SARDI and recreational fishers). |
| 12/135 | South West | Research | Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc. | Lake Purrumbete and Bullen Merri | Inland | 3yr | Monitor the Chinook salmon fish stocking program at lakes Purrumbete and Bullen Merri. Balance of 10% funding. Total funding of $115,667. | $11,566.70 |  |
| 12/1304 | State-wide | Sustainability and Habitat Improvement | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Arthur Rylah Institute | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | Victorian ‘Fishers for Fish Habitat’ Program. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $114,000. | $11,400.00 | Murray Darling Basin Authority $5,000. In-kind contributions: Labour $52,500 (DEPI and recreational fishers). |
| 12/132 | State-wide | Education, Information & Training | Fishcare Victoria Inc. | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | Fishcare ‘Fish Right’ workshops – conduct  450 junior recreational fisher workshops across Victoria. Balance of 10% funding. . Total project funding of $113,500. | $11,350.00 | In-kind contribution: Volunteer labour 925 hrs @$25 p/h =$23,150. |
| 13/14/24 | Gippsland | Access & Facilities | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | Gippsland | Estuarine | 2yr | Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower. 2nd Year payment and balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $34,150.00. | $10,795.00 | Financial: WGCMA for tree planting ($2,400), labour costs for installing signage ($200.00), and a further $15,000 towards the control of spartina in Andersons Inlet. Caring for our Country project; Helping Victorian recreational fishers take action to improve fish habitat (Aug 2013-June 2016). On-ground works contribution: $100,000.00 across 3 years throughout Victoria. |
| 13/14/14 | State-wide | Research | VRFish | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | Understanding the economic contribution of recreational fishing to the State of Victoria (Ernst & Young). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $100,000.00. | $10,000.00 | VRFish $750 in labour. |
| 13/14/4 | Northern | Research | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority | Northern | Inland | 1yr | Assessing the benefits of instream habitat works for fish populations in the Goulburn catchment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $76,000,00 | $7,600.00 | Financial: GBCMA $21,500 financial for materials and project management  In-kind: GBCMA $20,000 in-kind for riparian works, fencing, revegetation and install stiles. |
| 13/14/16 | South West | Access & Facilities | Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve | South West | Estuarine | 1yr | Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform. Balance of funding. Total project funding of $60,460.80 | $6,046.08 |  |
| 12/1337 | State-wide | Research | Monash University | State-wide | Inland | 2yr | Growing the success of Macquarie perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $58,510. | $5,851.00 | Monash University $129,500 |
| 13/14/29 | South West | Access & Facilities | Surfcoast Shire | South West | Estuarine | 1yr | Putting Locals First - Construct two all abilities access fishing platforms at Spring Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $54,545.45. | $5,454.55 | Financial: Surf Coast Council $10,000 towards platform construction and $7,000 for Cultural Heritage Management Studies.  In-kind: $1500 volunteer labour from Landcare and local angling clubs. |
| 13/14/52 | Gippsland | Research | Charles Sturt University | Gippsland | Estuarine | 1yr | Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead (*Platycephalidae fuscus*) in East Gippsland, Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $49,638.75. | $4,963.87 | In-kind: Two Charles Sturt University researchers and one honours student will manage/administer the project $16,800. |
| 13/14/49 | Gippsland | Access & Facilities | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | Gippsland | Estuarine | 1yr | Construct two all ability access fishing platforms and install two in-stream log structures in the Tarra River estuary, Tarraville. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $39,440.00. | $3,944.00 | Financial: WGCMA $200.  Caring for our Country project - On-ground works contribution: $100,000.00.  In-kind: WGCMA $5,500 for project management. DEPI $80,000 for angler engagement activities and habitat monitoring is $80,000. The RFL Victorian Fishers for Habitat project $15,000. |
| 12/1311 | State-wide | Education, Information and Training | VRFish | State-wide | Marine | 1yr | Conduct a communications campaign to reduce released snapper mortality in Victoria. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $38,800. | $3,880.00 |  |
| 13/14/55 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | Harrietville Community Forum Inc. | Northern | Inland | 1yr | Upper Ovens River In-stream Habitat Restoration Project, Harrietville. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $35,222.50. | $3,522.25 | Harrietville Community Forum and Alpine Fly Fishers $1,100 in volunteer labour. |
| 13/14/34 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Coliban Region Water Corporation | Northern | Inland | 1yr | Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $28,982.27. | $2,898.23 | Coliban Region Water Corporation to install new, steel bench seats along the track, and labour and equipment required for sign installation. |
| 13/14/41 | South West | Research | Corangamite Catchment Management Authority | South West | Inland | 1yr | Gellibrand River Blackfish Population Assessment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $22,147.27. | $2,214.73 | Corangamite CMA $10,000 for project management. |
| 12/1335 | Port Phillip | Education, Information and Training | City of Melbourne | Docklands | Estuary | 1yr | Develop the Docklands Recreational Fishing Strategy. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $22,000. | $2,200.00 |  |
| 13/14/35 | Port Phillip & Western Port | Access & Facilities | Association Of Geelong And District Angling Clubs Inc. | Port Phillip & Western Port | Marine | 1yr | Install a solar light above the Clifton Springs boat ramp. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $11,677.00. | $1,167.70 | AG&DAC $500 in volunteer labour. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$4,351,283.90** |  |

Other items

| **Project No.** | **DEPI Region** | **Project category** | **Proponent** | **Project site** | **Type of waters** | **Project duration** | **Proposal** | **Funding** | **Other contributions/comments** |
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| Not applicable | State-wide | Not applicable | Fishcare Victoria Inc. | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | 2014/15 Core funding. Total project funding of $206,400. | $20,640.00 | Nil financial contributions. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$20,640.00** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$4,371,923.90** |  |

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $14,651.72 | Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$14,651.72** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **4,386,575.62** |  |

Proposal to fund 2014/15’s approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects and emerging recreational fisheries issues in 2015/16

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Proposal** | **Funding** |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $477,677.92 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Total** | **$4,864,253.54** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Balance remaining | $0.00 |  |

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2015 of $4,864,253.54shown in the financial statement includes $2,500,000 which has been invested pursuant to Section 151B(5) *Fisheries Act 1995.*

Statutory Certification

I certify the attached Financial Report for the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account has been prepared in accordance with the *Fisheries Act 1995*.

I further state that, in my opinion, the information set out in the Receipts & Disbursements Report and notes to the financial report, presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2015.

I am not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.

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09/09/15