**RFGWG Meeting #37 of 20 March 2019**

**Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group Meeting #37**

**Location: 1 Spring Street Melbourne**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 37th meeting of the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

Special Item: RFGWG – Welcome and Introduction

This was the first meeting of the newly appointed members to the Working Group. The Group were welcomed and provided with a general overview of the context of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program and the associated role of the Working Group, and how it related to programs delivered by the VFA.

Key items discussed included:

* Assessment of 2018/19 RFGP Commissioning grant applications
* Assessment of 2018/19 RFGP Large grant applications

**Assessment of 2018/19 RFGP Commissioning grant applications**

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

* $166,000 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries.
* $300,000 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Assessment of 2018/19 RFGP Large grant applications**

The Working Group were presented with the results of the qualitative assessments which showed how each of the 40 large grant applications have been collectively scored by the group and how they ranked in order.

This was followed by comment and discussion regarding each of the 40 applications. It was decided that further information was required on some of the applications before the Working Group can make their final recommendations.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 3 April 2019

David Grisold

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group