**RFGWG Meeting #42 of 29 April 2020**

**Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group Meeting #42**

**Location: SKYPE Meeting**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 42nd meeting of the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

Key items discussed included:

* Review and confirmation of assessments of 2019-20 RFGP Commissioning Grant applications.
* Review and confirmation of assessments of 2019-20 RFGP Large grant applications.
* Update on recent small grant applications
* Provision of continued funding for the Small Grants Program

**Review and confirmation of assessments of 2019-20 RFGP Commissioning grant applications**

The RFGWG confirmed their support for the following two commissioning bids that were received in this round:

* $163,000 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries.
* $290,000 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Review and confirmation of assessments of 2019-20 RFGP Large grant applications**

Following further deliberations, the Working Group agreed to recommend 10 large grant applications for a total amount of $549,354.61.

**Update on recent small grant applications**

The Working Group were advised that the number of small grant applications being received was being impacted by COVID 19 related restrictions, given that it was not possible to run community fishing events.

**Update on RFL review process**

The Working Group were advised that a copy of the report from the 2019 Marsden Jacobs RFL Program Review had been made available to them and that the recommendations stemming from the report were also listed on the VFA website. The Working Group were further advised that they would be provided with an opportunity to have input into how several of these recommendations will be implemented at the next meeting.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 20 May

David Grisold

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group