**RFLTAC Meeting #46 of 24 March 2021**

**Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee Meeting #46**

**Location: TEAMS Meeting**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 46th meeting of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee (previously known as the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group).

Key items discussed included:

* RFL Sales Update
* Assessment of 2020-21 RFGP Commissioning grant applications
* Assessment of 2020-21 RFGP Large grant applications
* Fishing and Camping Facilities Program
* RFL 20 Year Communications

**RFL Sales Update**

An update was provided on Recreational Fishing Licence sales over the last few months. Sales in November, December and January were very strong following a Covid-related downturn in several months of last year.

**Assessment of 2020-21 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:

* $138,000 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries
* $259,749.60 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Assessment of 2020-21 RFGP Large grant applications**

The Advisory Committee were presented with the results of the qualitative assessments which showed how each of the 28 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 28 applications, and a short list of applications was prepared, which are likely to be recommended for funding.

**Fishing and Camping Facilities Program**

An update was provided on the Fishing and Camping Facilities Program, which is being managed by the VFA on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. Ten applications were received in first round of the program and have been assessed internally by VFA staff and recommendations for funding have been provided to the Minister for Fishing and Boating.

**RFL 20 Year Communications**

A Communications Plan has been developed to promote this 20th anniversary of the RFL Trust Account, which was established on 1 April 2001 in order to highlight the significant investment of funds from the sale of Recreational Fishing Licences over that period. This will be done through a social media campaign, a media release, and a newsletter to stakeholders.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 21 April 2021   
  
David Grisold

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee