**RFLTAC Meeting #52 of 5 April 2023**

**Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee Meeting #52**

**Location: Level 19, 1 Spring Street**

**Chairperson's Summary**

This was the 52nd meeting of the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee.

Key items discussed included:

* Annual Committee Feedback Survey
* 2021-22 RFLTA Report to Parliament
* RFL Sales Update
* Assessment of 2022-23 RFGP Commissioning grant applications
* Assessment of 2022-23 RFGP Large grant applications

**Annual Committee Feedback Survey**

The committee with a summary of the responses that were obtained from members to a feedback/review exercise. Areas where the committee felt things were working well included the timeliness of meetings, the ability to communicate views & share opinions, and responding within timeframes. Some of the suggestions for ways to improve the functioning of the committee included introducing shorter 'in-between' meetings and having more face-to-face meetings.

**2021-22 RFLTA Report to Parliament**

The committee were informed that the 2021-22 RFLTA Report to Parliament had been tabled in December 2022 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 2021-22 financial year, including a listing of all grant payments that were made.

**RFL Sales Update**

The committee were provided an update on Recreational Fishing Licence sales over the last few months. Overall licence sales for the 2022-23 have been strong with a potential to be higher than the last couple of years.

**Assessment of 2022-23 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:

* $127,180 for Informing sustainable management and optimisation of Victoria’s wild catch marine and estuarine recreational fisheries
* $276,512 for Communication and Compliance Products.

**Assessment of 2022-23 RFGP Large grant applications**

The Advisory Committee were presented with the results of the qualitative assessments which showed how each of the 14 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 14 applications, and a short list of applications was prepared, which are likely to be recommended for funding.

Subsequent to some additional information being obtained in regard to 4 of the applications, the Advisory Committee will recommend that 10 projects from the 2022-23 Large Grants round are funded for a total of $1,233,563 (GST inclusive) from the RFL Trust Account.

**Next meeting:** Monday 8 May

Julia Menzies

Chairperson

Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee