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| Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account 2015/2016  A report to each House of Parliament on the disbursement of Recreational Fishing Licence Revenue |



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Cover image: Improving fish habitat in the Mitta Mitta River, between Eskdale and Lake Hume (Photo: Michael Broughton).

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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, 2015-16

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 2015/16 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 260 projects to local fishing clubs and community groups worth more than $700,000 since its inception in 2010, including over $94,000 to conduct 35 projects during 2015/16.

In August 2016, I announced that over $944,000 will be allocated to 16 new projects through the 2015/16 round of the Large Grants Program. These projects include rebuilding shellfish reefs in Port Phillip Bay, increased fish habitat in the Mitchell River, new fishing platforms on the Surry River and Sawtells Inlet at Tooradin, redfin population modelling for Lake Purrumbete, and research into the movement patterns of King George whiting with volunteer angler’s tagging up to 1,000 whiting.

These projects are in addition to just over $190,000 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 2015/16, 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 2015/16.



Hon Jaala Pulford MP  
Minister for Agriculture

5 September 2016

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 2015/16 financial year is the fifteenth 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 2015/16.

Enforcement & Education

In 2015/16, Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account receipts contributed $2,236,258.00 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 44,000 total contacts were made with recreational fishers by Fisheries Officers during the reporting period. Compliance contacts with Fisheries Officers totalled over 40,000, 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 18 angling club meetings, conducted3,567 advisory contacts with recreational fishers, 94 contacts during fish stocking events and 276 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) | 455 | 209 | 57 | 121 | 167 | 7 |
| Abalone (on land) | 1267 | 262 | 84 | 116 | 152 | 10 |
| Abalone (on water) | 120 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Bass yabbies | 19 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - other (on land) | 5974 | 536 | 245 | 149 | 215 | 6 |
| Bay & Inlet - other (on water) | 1625 | 116 | 39 | 45 | 36 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on land) | 8873 | 640 | 258 | 254 | 196 | 10 |
| Bay & Inlet - Port Phillip (on water) | 1418 | 113 | 38 | 48 | 38 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on land) | 2155 | 135 | 70 | 41 | 31 | 0 |
| Bay & Inlet - Western Port (on water) | 650 | 37 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 0 |
| Freshwater (on land) | 5010 | 455 | 136 | 174 | 163 | 3 |
| Freshwater (on water) | 2577 | 189 | 51 | 60 | 87 | 0 |
| Intertidal other | 251 | 111 | 59 | 34 | 26 | 0 |
| Intertidal pipis | 855 | 65 | 39 | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Intertidal Port Phillip | 638 | 276 | 116 | 124 | 151 | 6 |
| Intertidal red shore crab | 182 | 49 | 22 | 15 | 14 | 0 |
| Murray cod | 1849 | 158 | 39 | 61 | 68 | 1 |
| Ocean (on land) | 4619 | 406 | 166 | 174 | 113 | 4 |
| Ocean (on water) | 736 | 20 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Rock lobster (on land) | 385 | 46 | 14 | 25 | 15 | 1 |
| Rock lobster (on water) | 211 | 23 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 0 |
| Scallops (on land) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scallops (on water) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spiny Cray | 431 | 63 | 21 | 34 | 17 | 0 |
| **Totals** | **40,302** | **3,919** | **1,486** | **1,516** | **1,544** | **49** |

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 Science 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 2015/16 financial year

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| **Receipts 2015/16** | **$** |  |
| **Total receipts from RFL sales**  294,051 RFL's sold (as at 30 June 2016) including: 45,182 three-year licences, 114,002 one-year licences, 29,268 28-day licences and 105,599 two-day licences. | $6,779,832.77 |  |
| **Interest - investments** | $47,489.72 | *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** | $ 103,580.53 | Project 13/14/00004 2014/15 Communication and Compliance Products Commissioning Grant. $19,249.95  Project SG/320 Donald Angling Club Come and Try Junior Fishing Event. $57.09  Project 13/14/49 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. Tarra River access and habitat project. $35,496.00  Project 13/14/34 Coliban Region Water Corporation. Upper Coliban Recreation Area Foreshore Access Track. $21,538.59  Project SG/261 Felltimber Community Centre. Hook Line and Sinker program. $1,110.72  Project 13/14/52 Charles Sturt University. Fecundity and egg quality of dusky flathead in East Gippsland. $558.00  Project 13/14/24 Zoological Parks and Gardens Board. Install a further 90 Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. $18,000.00  Project SG/199 Fishcare Victoria Inc. Green Tackle Guide. $2,570.18  Project SG/329 Deakin University. Assessment of estuary perch stocking in Victorian Lakes. $5,000.00 |
| **GST Recoverable** | $23,873.75 |  |
| **Total receipts for the year** | $6,954,776.77 |  |

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| **Disbursements 2015/16** | **$** | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Grants Program and other projects** | $2,801,736.12 | | Payments to 80 projects - see Note 2. | |
| **Fisheries Enforcement & Education Branch** | $2,236,258.00 | |  | |
| **Fish Stocking**  The purchase and liberation of native and salmonid fish to stock into Victorian rivers. | $790,620.53 | |  | |
| **VRFish** | $436,664.69 | |  | |
| **Fishcare Victoria Inc.** | $195,842.40 | |  | |
| **Community Information**  Recreational Fishing Grants Program/Recreational Fishing Licence disbursement reporting related advertising & publicity. | $64,302.89 | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) 6% sales commissions**  Applicable to sales commissions incurred during 2014/15, paid in 2015/16 financial year. | $184,673.08 | |  | |
| **Costs and expenses incurred in the administration of RFLs** |  | |  | |
| Salaries and on-costs. | $288,685.20 | |  | |
| 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). | $168,299.80 | |  | |
| Professional and contract services. | $168,561.76 | |  | |
| Agency labour hire. | $69,885.00 | |  | |
| Postal expenses, parking, vehicle hire, accommodation, printing, stationery, telephones, banking charges, office equipment, software maintenance, external learning and  IT assistance. | $41,927.28 | |  | |
| **Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group**  Sitting fees, sustenance, accommodation, vehicle hire, venue hire, and personal expenses. | $2,949.55 | |  | |
| GST payable | $183.50 | |  | |
| **Total disbursements for the year** | $7,447,616.80 | |  | |
| **Net cash inflow/(outflow)** | ($495,813.03) | |  | |
| **Cash as at 1 July 2015** | $4,864,253.54 | |  | |
| **Cash as at 30 June 2016** | $4,368,440.51 | | Provision to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects extending into 2016/17 and beyond as applicable and other items totalling $2,710,176.01- 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 2015/16

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| **Projects initially announced in 2009/10** |  |  |
| **Commissioning Grants Program** |  |  |
| 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 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Conduct an Eastern king prawn stocking project for Victoria at Lake Tyers. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $232,947.30 | $23,294.73 | University of New South Wales |
| **Sub-Total** | **$63,294.73** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2010/11** |  |  |
| **Commissioning Grants Program** |  |  |
| 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 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| 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 funding. Total project funding of $492,000. | $20,700.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $126,000. | $12,600.00 | University of Melbourne |
| 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 over two years. | $13,091.00 | South Australian Research Development Institute |
| **Sub-Total** | **$205,591.00** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2012/13** |  |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Development of approaches to monitor and manage recreational catch of ‘western stock’ snapper to meet sustainability and recreational fishery objectives. 90% instalment of year three funding. Total project funding of $263,206. | $74,213.10 | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria |
| Install 120 large wood structures in the Mitchell, Nicholson, Tambo and Snowy Rivers. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $300,000. | $30,000.00 | East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| Growing the success of Macquarie Perch breeding for future stocking into Victorian waterways. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $58,510 over two years. | $5,851.00 | Monash University |
| 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 | VRFish |
| **Sub-Total** | **$113,944.10** |  |
| **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 two funding. Total project funding of $990,600.00 over three years. | $300,420.00 | 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 two funding. Total project funding of $560,000.00 over three years. | $157,000.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment. 90% instalments of year one and year two funding. Total project funding of $729,000. | $656,100.00 | Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$1,113,520.00** |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
| Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $231,818.18 over three years. | $81,818.18 | Wannon Water Corporation |
| Mitta Mitta River Habitat Rehabilitation Project- Eskdale to high water mark of Lake Hume. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $266,981.82 over three years. | $78,054.55 | North East Catchment Management Authority |
| Renewed Fish Habitat for both Native & Trout Fishing in King River NE Victoria. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $190,226.82 over three years. | $52,688.87 | King Valley Tourism Association |
| Install a further 90 ‘Seal the loop' fishing line disposal bins around Victoria. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $60,000.00 over three years. | $36,000.00 | Zoological Parks And Gardens Board |
| Improving access to and evaluating the effectiveness of a Merri River Estuary Fish Habitat Hotspot. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $80,181.82 over three years. | $34,036.36 | Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority |
| Native Fish Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Broken Creek between Numurkah and Nathalia. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $68,727.27 over two years. | $30,927.27 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| 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 two funding. Total project funding of $65,818.18 over three years. | $26,590.91 | Nature Glenelg Trust |
| 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 over one year. | $10,000.00 | VRFish |
| 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 over one year. | $7,600.00 | Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority |
| Construct an all abilities fishing platform and increase fish habitat in the Tarwin River estuary/Andersons Inlet at Tarwin Lower. 90% instalment of year two funding. Total project funding of $34,150.00 over two years. | $7,380.00 | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| 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 over one year. | $5,454.55 | Surfcoast Shire |
| 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 over one year. | $4,963.87 | Charles Sturt University |
| Fitzroy River Recreational Fishing Access Project, including the construction of an all abilities access fishing platform. Balance of funding. Total project funding of $58,364.75 over one year. | $3,950.03 | Fitzroy River Public Purposes Reserve |
| Gellibrand River Blackfish Population Assessment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $22,147.27 over one year. | $2,214.73 | Corangamite Catchment Management Authority |
| **Sub-Total** | **$381,679.32** |  |
| **Projects initially announced in 2014/15** |  |  |
| **Commissioning Grants Program** |  |  |
| 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). | $154,212.47 | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria |
| **Sub-Total** | **$154,212.47** |  |
| **Large Grants Program** |  |  |
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| Increasing knowledge of Victoria’s growing recreational yellowtail kingfish fishery. | $88,296.75 | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria |
| Horsham - Angling For Abilities Project. | $64,898.18 | Horsham Rural City Council |
| Lake Tyers Beach Accessible Fishing Landing (northern end of Lakeside Drive). | $58,696.36 | East Gippsland Shire Council |
| Increasing Fish Habitat in the Pyramid Creek. | $55,208.45 | North Central Catchment Management Authority |
| River Blackfish Translocation Pilot Study. | $50,944.90 | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority |
| Understanding the stock structures, biology and population status of mulloway in Victoria. | $48,698.18 | Nature Glenelg Trust |
| Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Dimboola Recreation Reserve. | $43,045.36 | Hindmarsh Shire Council |
| All Abilities Fishing Platform on the Aire River. | $38,354.32 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Jeparit. | $38,348.18 | Hindmarsh Shire Council |
| Cool Tools to Learn the Rules. | $29,700.00 | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria |
| Implementing better practice Murray cod fishery management | $29,493.00 | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria |
| Fishing Platform on the Gellibrand River at Princetown. | $25,129.49 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Rebuilding the trout fishery at Barkers Creek (Harcourt) Reservoir. | $22,451.40 | Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Inc. |
| Assessing the sustainability of Venus Bay’s recreational and commercial pipi harvest. | $22,133.70 | University of Melbourne |
| Young Future Leaders - Recreational Fisher Development Program 2015 | $20,681.82 | VRFish |
| Fishing Platform at the junction of the Gellibrand River and Latrobe Creek at Princetown. | $19,272.88 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Tchum Lake resnagging project | $16,200.00 | Birchip & District Angling Club |
| **Sub-Total** | **$671,552.97** |  |
| **Small Grants Program** |  |  |
| Study into options for managing redfin in Lake Purrumbete | $5,489.00 | Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc. |
| Family Come and Try Fishing Day | $5,000.00 | Nathalia Angling Club Inc. |
| Assessment of estuary perch stocking in Victorian Lakes | $5,000.00 | Deakin University |
| Development of a long-term fisheries habitat restoration program in Port Phillip Bay | $5,000.00 | Deakin University |
| Game Fishing Education and Awareness Video | $5,000.00 | VRFish |
| Improved angler access for Hepburn Lagoon and Newlyn Reservoir | $5,000.00 | Ballarat District Anglers Association |
| 2016 Sustainable Fishing Exhibit | $4,985.99 | Warrnambool Offshore & Light Game Fishing Club |
| Community Fishing Festival | $4,990.00 | Yarra Valley Fly Fishers |
| Mitta Valley fishing brochure | $4,226.00 | Mitta Valley Tourism Association |
| Rowville Lakes Family Fishing and Education Day | $3,973.00 | Laburnum Angling Club Inc. |
| Fishing and Education Day | $3,931.36 | Balmoral District Angling Club |
| Lake Glenmaggie Fishing Festival | $3,550.00 | Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group |
| Schools’ Fishing Program | $3,545.45 | Colac Otway Shire |
| Ron Nelson Memorial Junior Fishing Clinic | $3,337.73 | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. |
| Eddington fence stile to provide access to Loddon River | $3,228.18 | Mid-Loddon Sub-Catchment Management Group |
| Promotion of endangered native fish | $3,000.00 | Native Fish Australia |
| Hook, Line and Sinker, Fishathon | $2,972.73 | City of Wodonga |
| Fishing In The Park | $2,909.09 | Greater Shepparton City Council |
| Tea Garden Creek carp removal | $2,781.00 | Wangaratta Urban Landcare Group |
| Open Day | $2,500.00 | Southern Freedivers Inc. |
| Schools’ Fishing Day | $1,940.00 | Nicholson Angling Club |
| Campaspe Catch a Carp 2015 | $1,909.09 | North Central Catchment Management Authority |
| Junior Fishing Workshop | $1,821.00 | St Bernadette’s Primary School |
| Aboriginal Community Fishing Day | $1,554.55 | Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation |
| Local knowledge in the South West brochure | $1,319.00 | Fishcare South West Inc. |
| Recreational fishing project for indigenous, Polynesian and former refugee youth | $1,318.64 | Wyndham Community & Education Centre Inc. |
| Kids Fish to Learn Day | $1,254.55 | Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre |
| Catch A Carp Day | $1,109.09 | Fishcare East Gippsland Inc. |
| Encouraging the fisherperson of tomorrow | $1,100.00 | Kyneton Angling Club Inc. |
| Kids Come and Try Fishing Day | $992.50 | Ballarat District Anglers Association |
| Fishcare Fun Day | $818.18 | Bemm River Angling Club |
| Kids Come N Try Fishing Day | $700.00 | Northen Suburbs Fly Fishing Club |
| Junior Come and Try Fishing Day | $655.00 | Donald Angling Club Inc. |
| Hopetoun College and Rainbow Secondary College fishing clinic | $575.58 | Bellarine Light Game & Sportfishing Club Inc. |
| Equipment for junior fishing clinics | $454.55 | Port Fairy Angling Club |
| **Sub-Total** | **$97,941.26** |  |
| **Disbursements net of GST** | **$2,801,736.12** |  |

Note 3 - proposal to fund 2015/16’s approved Recreational Fishing Grant Program projects, and other items in 2016/17 and beyond as applicable

Proposal to fund previously approved Recreational Fishing Grants Program projects extending into 2016/17 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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| 13/14/00005 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR 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). 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $990,600. | $399,480.00 |  |
| COM/15/16/13 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | 2016/17 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). Total project funding of $192,674.43. | $192,674.43 |  |
| 13/14/00007 | Northern | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR 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). 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $560,000. | $173,500.00 |  |
| 15/16/17 | Port Phillip | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club | Port Phillip | Marine | 2yr | To rebuild 400 square metre patches of shellfish dominated natural reefs in Port Phillip Bay and monitor the benefits of these reefs to recreational fishers. Total project funding of $133,636.36. | $133,636.36 | Total co-funds = $150,000 (inc. $20,000 from Albert Park Yachting Angling Club). Minimum of $30,000 of in-kind contribution. |
| 15/16/01 | State-wide | Education, Information & Training | Fishcare Victoria Inc. | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | The Creating Sustainable Anglers project will aim to deliver 600 school based workshops (to over 12,000 Victorian school children) and 150 community events reaching 8,000 participants across the 3 years. Total project funding of $109,090.91. | $109,090.91 | Anticipated dollar for dollar contribution of in-kind Fishcare volunteer effort to match this grant. |
| 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. 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $266,981.82. | $107,812.73 | Financial: $325,000 from MDBA for fish surveys, bank stabilisation works, fence and revegetation works.  In-kind: NECMA project management. |
| 15/16/21 | East Gippsland | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | Mitchell River | Estuarine | 1yr | To install large woody structure into the estuarine reaches of the Mitchell River flowing in to the Gippsland Lakes. Total project funding of $90,909.09. | $90,909.09 | The installation of the wood structures is directly linked to the East Gippsland Waterway Strategy 2014-2022. |
| 15/16/24 | Western Port | Access & Facilities | Tooradin Foreshore Committee of Management | Tooradin | Estuarine | 1yr | Three fishing platforms for the area on Sawtells Inlet upstream from the bridge and flood gates. Total project funding of $82,272.73. | $82,272.73 | The Tooradin Foreshore Committee - design ($5000) and a further commitment of $18,000 towards the project. |
| COM/10/11/04 | Northern | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR 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. |
| 13/14/27 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Wannon Region Water Corporation | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Improving Recreational Fishing Access at Konongwootong Reservoir. 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $231,818.18. | $76,363.64 | Financial: Wannon Water $301,500 in safety upgrades and a cultural heritage project as part of the Master Plan.  In-kind: Project management. |
| 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. 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $190,226.82. | $73,292.27 | In-kind: NECMA project management. |
| 13/14/00006 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Estuarine & Marine | 2yr | Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring and assessment. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $729,000. | $72,900.00 |  |
| 14/15/33 | Northern | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | Northern | Inland | 3yr | Implementing better practice Murray cod fishery management. 2nd and 3rd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $99,935.00 | $70,442.00 | In-kind. Volunteer recreational anglers: $57,600. |
| 15/16/30 | Port Phillip & Western Port | Research | School of BioSciences, University of Melbourne | Port Phillip & Western Port | Marine | 3yr | Partnering with recreational fishers in a tagging program to understand the movements of Victorian King George whiting to their spawning areas. Total project funding of $69,944.55. | $69,944.55 | $10,000 per annum co-funding for salary support. Volunteer labour contribution of anglers, 2000 hours @$25 per hour = $50,000. |
| 15/16/20 | South West | Access & Facilities | Narrawong Recreation & Reserve Committee | Surry River | Estuarine | 1yr | Construction of Boat Ramp and fishing platform on the Surry river at Narrawong. Total project funding of $63,636.36 | $63,636.36 | Financial: $5,000. |
| 15/16/56 | State-wide | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Estuarine & Marine | 1yr | Marine and estuarine finfish recreational fisheries monitoring program 2016/17. Total project funding of $62,000. | $62,000.00 | Fisheries Victoria is committed to fund the management, analysis and reporting of recreational fishery catch data collected. |
| 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. |
| 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. 2nd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $147,907.50 | $59,610.75 | Fisheries Victoria: $20,000 financial, $83,000 in-kind. |
| R/10/11/03 | Port Phillip | Research | DEDJTR 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. |
| 15/16/52 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Warracknabeal Angling Club | Warracknab-eal | Inland | 1yr | Construction of a fishing jetty on the Yarriambiack Creek Weir pool in the township of Warracknabeal. Total project funding of $57,272.73 | $57,272.73 | $6,000 concrete abutment Warracknabeal Angling Club. $2,000 project management Yarriambiack Shire Council |
| 15/16/54 | State-wide | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 1yr | Continuation of State-wide Angler Diary Program in 2016/17. Total project funding of $54,000. | $54,000.00 | Fisheries Victoria project management, analysis and reporting support. In-kind $60,000. |
| 14/15/40 | Gippsland | Research | University of Melbourne | Venus Bay | Marine | 3yr | Assessing the sustainability of Venus Bay’s recreational and commercial pipi harvest. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $71,565.00 | $49,431.30 | Financial: $8,600. In-kind: $89,105. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 15/16/43 | State-wide | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | Marine | Inland | 1yr | To create user-friendly marine fish habit maps which can be used by key managers of marine habitats and associated catchments to improve recreational fishing outcomes. Total project funding of $30,000. | $30,000.00 | Project management in- kind contribution from Fisheries Victoria. $15,000. |
| 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. 2nd and 3rd year of funding. Total project funding of $78,545.45 | $29,847.28 | 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. |
| 12/1323 | State-wide | Research | DEDJTR 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $263,206. | $26,320.60 | FRDC $350,000, Fisheries Victoria $25,000. |
| 15/16/09 | Western Port | Access & Facilities | Warneet Fishing Club | Warneet | Marine | 1yr | Installation of two fish cleaning tables at Crouch’s Inlet, Warneet. Total project funding of $26,122.73. | $26,122.73 | Warneet Foreshore Committee will be supplying machinery and fully qualified and insured tradesman to level the land where the fish cleaning tables are to be installed. |
| 15/16/46 | State-wide | Research | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | Estuarine and Marine | 1yr | Assess the feasibility of hatchery production of fingerlings of selected flathead species for a marine stock enhancement program that aims to recover, maintain and enhance populations in coastal bays and inlets of Victoria. Total project funding of $25,000. | $25,000.00 | The project team will seek to obtain matching funds from the Target-one-Million (TOM) program in 2016/17. |
| 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. 3rd year payment and balance of funding. Total project funding of $60,000. | $24,000.00 | In-kind: Interpretive displays, presentations and an onsite education program at Melbourne Zoo to accompany the initiative. Communication and media support. |
| 15/16/41 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Horsham Rural City Council | Horsham | Inland | 1yr | Installation of a fixed-to-bank floating fishing platform adjacent at Weir Park to support land based anglers and those using self-propelled fishing craft. Total project funding of $22,381.82. | $22,381.82 | $500 from the Wimmera River Improvement Committee. $1,975 in-kind for project management and planning. |
| 14/15/27 | State-wide | Education, Information and Training | DEDJTR Fisheries Victoria | State-wide | State-wide | 3yr | Cool Tools to Learn the Rules. 2nd year and balance of funding. Total project funding of $50,000.00 | $20,300.00 | Fisheries Victoria. In-kind $90,000. |
| 15/16/36 | West Gippsland | Research | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority | Tarwin River | Inland | 3yr | Monitoring of river blackfish that were recently translocated into rehabilitated habitat sites in the Tarwin River. Total project funding of $20,191.04. | $20,191.04 | The WGCMA will contribute $3,118.50 to produce a promotional video for the project. |
| 14/15/00010 | State-wide | Commissioning Grant | DEDJTR 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). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $171,347.19 | $17,134.72 |  |
| L/11/12/04 | Northern | Sustainability and Habitat Improvement | DEDJTR 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. |
| 15/16/19 | South West | Research | Lake Purrumbete Angling Club Inc. | Lake Purrumbete | Inland | 1yr | Managing redfin perch in Lake Purrumbete - modelling impacts of fish reduction on population size and structure. Total project funding of $14,500. | $14,500.00 |  |
| 15/16/06 | South West | Education, Information and Training | Barwon Coast Committee of Management | Barwon River | Estuarine | 1yr | The Pilot Multicultural Responsible Fishing Program will provide information to targeted multicultural groups on litter management, fish size and bag limits along the lower Barwon estuary. Total project funding of $14,090.91 | $14,090.91 | Barwon Coast – Transport for participants to attend 4 fishing clinics - $1200. Inkind: Barwon Coast - $3500. Parks Victoria - $2950. Fisheries Victoria - $600 City of Greater Geelong - $2950. Fishcare - $450. |
| 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. |
| 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. 3rd year payment and balance of funding. Total project funding of $80,181.82. | $12,109.09 | 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. |
| 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 project 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. |
| 13/14/47 | 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. 3rd & final year of funding. Total project funding of $65,818.18. | $10,018.18 | 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. |
| 14/15/13 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Horsham Rural City Council | Horsham | Inland | 1yr | Horsham - Angling For Abilities Project. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $72,109.09 | $7,210.91 | Co-funding from Fisheries Victoria: the Recreational Fishing Initiative - $79320. Horsham Rural City Council: In-kind - $14,600. |
| 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $68,727.27. | $6,872.72 | Financial: GBCMA $96,500 for habitat mapping and electrofishing survey.  In-kind: Landholders $30,000 for bank works. GBCMA $10,000 for project management. |
| 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). Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $65,218.18 | $6,521.82 | East Gippsland Shire. Financial $10,000.00.  In-kind project management estimated at $7,100. |
| 14/15/11 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | North Central Catchment Management Authority | Pyramid Creek | Inland | 1yr | Increasing Fish Habitat in the Pyramid Creek. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $61,342.72 | $6,134.27 | 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $60,150.91 | $6,015.09 | WGCMA. Financial. $72,000 towards habitat improvement (2014-2016).  In-kind: Leongatha Angling Club volunteers. $3,000.  project management. $6,000. |
| 14/15/25 | Northern | Access & Facilities | Hindmarsh Shire Council | Dimboola | Inland | 1yr | Recreational Fishing Pontoon, Wimmera River, Dimboola Recreation Reserve. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $47,828.18 | $4,782.82 | Financial: Hindmarsh Shire Council - $10,000.  In-kind: Dimboola Town Committee - $3,200. |
| 14/15/17 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. | Aire River | Estuarine | 1yr | All Abilities Fishing Platform on the Aire River. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $42,615.91 | $4,261.59 | 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $42,609.09 | $4,260.91 | Jeparit Angling Club. Financial $3,000. In-kind $2,800. |
| 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. |
| 13/14/24 | 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. Balance of 10% funding. Total project funding of $34,150.00. | $3,415.00 | 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. |
| 14/15/15 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. | Princetown | Estuarine | 1yr | Fishing Platform on the Gellibrand River at Princetown. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $27,921.65 | $2,792.16 | 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $24,946.00 | $2,494.60 | In-kind: Fisheries Victoria - $3,000. Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Club - $3,000. ARI - ‍$2,350. |
| 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 |  |
| 14/15/16 | South West | Access & Facilities | Association of Geelong & District Angling Clubs Inc. | Princetown | Estuarine | 1yr | Fishing Platform at the junction of the Gellibrand River and Latrobe Creek at Princetown. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $21,414.31 | $2,141.43 | 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. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $20,681.82 | $2,068.18 | Commonwealth financial co-contribution - $22,750. In-kind Fisheries Victoria/VRFish $7,750. |
| 14/15/04 | Northern | Sustainability & Habitat Improvement | Birchip & District Angling Club | Tchum Lake | Inland | 1yr | Tchum Lake- Resnagging Project. Balance of 10% of funding. Total project funding of $18,000.00 | $1,800.00 | Not specified. |
| 13/14/35 | Port Phillip & Western Port | Access & Facilities | Association of Geelong & 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** | **$2,677,994.97** |  |

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 | 2015/16 Core funding. Total project funding of $212,076. | $21,207.60 | Nil financial contributions. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$21,207.60** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **$2,699,202.57** |  |

Proposal to fund RFL sales commission not claimed

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $10,973.44 | Excludes RFL sales commission receipts not submitted by licence sellers. |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Sub-total** | **2,710,176.01** |  |

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

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1,393,118.92 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Total** | **$4,103,294.93** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Balance remaining | $0.00 |  |

Note 4 - Cash assets

Cash as at 30 June 2016 of $4,103,294.93 shown 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 2016.

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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**Brian Mottram**Manager – Recreational Fishing Improvements  
Fisheries Victoria

29 August 2016

Independent Audit Report from Auditor-General



