

2023-24 Better Boating Fund Financial Report

This report provides financial information for the Better Boating Fund for the 2023-24 financial year in accordance with Section 271H of the Marine Safety Act 2010

Summary

Revenue generated in marine license and vessel registration fees

From July 2022 to June 2023 the total revenue generated from marine license and vessel registration fees was: **\$36,597,108**.

Amount of money that was deposited into the Better Boating Fund

The amount of money deposited into the Better Boating Fund for 2023-24 was: **\$36,597,108**.

Amount of money that was paid from the fund

From July 2023 to June 2024 the amount of money paid from the fund was: **\$32,487,546**.

The total amount of funds carried forward to the next financial year was: **\$4,109,562**.

Previous comparative year for revenue, amount of money into the fund and amount that was spent

Year	Total revenue ¹	Funds paid into the Better Boating Fund	Funds paid out of the Better Boating Fund ²	Funds carried forward to the next financial
2021 - 2022	\$33,291,438	\$33,291,438	\$19,284,252	\$14,007,186
2022 - 2023	\$32,865,743	\$32,865,743	\$30,340,922	\$2,524,821
2023 - 2024	\$36,597,108	\$36,597,108	\$32,487,546	\$4,109,562
Changes between previous FY	\$3,731,365	\$3,731,365	\$2,146,624	\$1,584,741

¹ The total amount of fees received for the registration, renewal and transfer of registration of recreational vessels, and the grant, renewal and endorsement of marine licences.

² Funds paid out of the Better Boating Fund are in alignment with the approved initiatives in the Victorian Recreational Strategy Action Plan for the relevant financial year.

High level description of the projects and programs that have been funded

Note: Activities are listed under the reference number and heading of the relevant year's Action Plan.

Management and maintenance of boating facilities

To enhance the Victorian boating experience by supporting and improving the maintenance of our public facilities

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
1.1	Removal of fees at public boat ramps	Provide funding for removal of fees at public boat ramps that previously charged launching and parking fees	2023-24	\$2,281,613
			2022-23	\$149,560
1.2	Structural Maintenance program	Develop and structural maintenance program to support asset managers at public boat ramps	2022-23	\$1,042,048
1.3	Structural Maintenance program	Develop and structural maintenance program to support asset managers at public boat ramps	2021-22	\$353,849

Enhanced facilities

To enhance the Victorian boating experience by continuing to invest in renewing and building new boating facilities

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
2.1	Provide funding for planning and design upgrades across Port Phillip and Western Port	Provide funding for planning and design for new ramps and future upgrades to progress the boating project pipeline including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tooradin Mornington (Schnapper Point) St Leonards Newhaven Grantville Maribyrnong 	2023-24	\$83,523
2.1	Provide funding for planning and design upgrades across Port Phillip/Western Port	Provide funding for planning and design for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> French Island – Tankerton Anthony's Nose (Dromana) Rye – wave protection Newhaven Stony Point Corinella Melton Reservoir 	2022-23	\$292,133

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
2.2	Planning and design upgrades across South and Central Gippsland	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tarago Reservoir to DEECA for feasibility of petrol motors Tarago Reservoir for commencement of planning and design of boat ramp 	2023-24	\$532,095
2.2	Planning and design upgrades across the South West	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Tooliorook jetties replacement Port Fairy 	2022-23	\$43,085
2.2	Provide funding for planning and design upgrades across Port Phillip/Western Port	Provide funding for planning and design for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limeburners Avalon Werribee South Lang Lang Stony Point Cowes Kirk Point Altona 	2021-22	\$706,559
2.3	Planning and design upgrades across South and Central Gippsland	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Rock Lake Lake Glenmaggie 	2022-23	\$38,909
2.3	Commence planning upgrade and renewed facilities across Port Phillip/Western Port	Prepare concept plans to inform future upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mornington – Fishermans Beach Mornington – Schnapper Point Cannons Creek St Leonards Capel Sound Tooradin 	2021-22	\$333,743
2.4	Commence construction at facilities across Victoria	Provide funding to progress construction of boating facility upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Leonards Lang Lang Tankerton Mildura – Redcliffs Torquay Fishermans Beach car park Inverloch Laanecoorie Mahers Landing (civil works) 	2023-24	\$2,042,809
2.5	Provide funding for planning and design upgrades across East Gippsland	Progress detailed design and approvals for upgraded facilities at Cape Conran	2021-22	\$373,508

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
2.6	Planning and design upgrades across the Goulburn Broken	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seymour • Shepparton • Howqua Inlet 	2022-23	\$96,660
2.7	Planning and design upgrades across the Northeast	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: Lake Hume	2022-23	\$45,945
2.8	Planning and design upgrades across the Wimmera and Mallee	Provide funding for planning and design for future upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray River – Karadoc • Murray River – Red Cliffs 	2022-23	\$84,149
2.9	Commence construction at facilities across Victoria	Provide funding to progress construction of boating facility upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limeburners car park • Cowes • Kirk Point • Clifton Springs car park • Lake Burrumbeet • Avalon • Mahers Landing 	2022-23	\$7,596,315
2.12	Upgrade Lake Bullen Merri boat ramp	Upgrade Lake Bullen Merri boat ramp	2021-22	\$39,185

More Boating Destinations

To enhance the Victorian boating experience by continuing to invest in destination locations

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
3.1	Destination Jetties	Provide funding for upgrades of boating facilities at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabo island Jetty • Raymond Island • Cunningham Arm 	2022-23	\$804,300

Improved access and navigation

To enhance the Victorian boating experience by providing for improved access and navigation

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
3.3	All abilities access	Delivery of all abilities access: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lake Boga• Blue Rock Lake Hansa Crane Installation at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apollo Bay• Mordialloc	2023-24	\$442,957
4.2	Dredging grants	Provide funding for dredging grants to support asset managers who require dredging at boat ramps	2022-23 2021-22	\$366,991 \$85,287
4.3	All abilities access	Develop detailed designs to facilitate all abilities access at: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Park Echuca• Blue Rock Lake	2022-23	\$29,394
4.4	Waterway access	Funding to waterway managers to support the development of waterway rules, installation and maintenance of aids to navigation and safety signage	2022-23 2021-22	\$225,045 \$63,327

Safer waterways

To improve waterway and boating safety by investing in marine search and rescue and boating safety and education

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
4.1	Emergency Management Victoria: Marine Search and Rescue (MSAR) funds	Support our marine search and rescue teams by funding recruitment, training, equipment, utilities, fuel and maintenance	2023-24	\$2,017,000
4.2	Safe Transport Victoria - Boating safety	Regulation and administration of Marine Safety Victoria - recreational marine activities.	2023-24	\$10,716,376

4.3	Marine Radio Victoria	Ongoing funding of the Marine Radio Victoria emergency response network across Victoria to respond to emergency distress calls	2023-24	\$1,121,911
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Boating promotion

To enhance the Victorian boating experience by promoting boating across Victoria

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
5.1	Delivery of boating promotion initiatives to promote the boating experience across Victoria	Delivery of a boating promotion program that highlights the boating experience across regional Victoria	2023-24	\$32,685
5.3	Delivery of boating component identified in the Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating Strategy	Delivery of boating programs as identified in the WIRFAB Action Plan to encourage women in recreational boating. This includes women only trailer reversing clinics and vessel handling courses	2023-24	\$584
6.1	Delivery of boating promotion initiatives to promote the boating experience across Victoria	Delivery of a boating promotion program that highlights the boating experience across regional Victoria	2022-23	\$59,946
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6.2	Delivery of new cruising/boating trails to promote boating in regional Victoria	Plan, deliver and promote new boating trails in regional Victoria which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Eildon Gippsland Lakes 	2022-23	\$4,668
6.3	Delivery of boat trailer reversing clinics	Delivery of boat trailer reversing clinics	2022-23	\$7,538

Improved data and other reforms

No	Action	Action Description	Action Plan	Expenditure
7.1	Improved data sharing	Delivery of a feasibility assessment into options to improve data sharing for on water compliance agencies	2022-23	\$63,669
7.3	Improved Personal Watercraft (PWC) operator behaviour	Maritime Safety Victoria will develop and deliver a program addressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PWC education and enforcement PWC compliance cameras pilot 	2021-22	\$306,421



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