2022-23 Better Boating Fund Financial Report

1. Revenue generated in marine licence and vessel registration fees 2021-22: **$33,291,438**
2. Amount of money that was deposited into the Better Boating Fund for 2022-23: **$32,865,743**
3. Amount of money that was paid from the fund in 2022-23: **$30,340,922**
4. High level description of the projects and programs that have been funded (see **Table 2**)
5. Inclusion of the previous comparative year for revenue, amount of money into the fund and amount that was spent (see **Table 1**)

Table 1: Comparative Summary of movements to Better Boating Fund (BBF)

This summary is for the purpose of Section 271H of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Part 1A, B, D, E and Part 2A, B)

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| Year | **Total Fees Received [[1]](#footnote-1)** | Funds paid into the BBF | Funds paid from the BBF Action Plan | Funds carried forward to the next financial year |
| 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 |
| Changes between previous FY | -$425,695 | -$425,695 | $11,056,670 |  |

Table 2: 2022-23 Recreational Boating Action Plan – funded projects and programs

| Project | High level description | Amount funded (ex GST) |
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| **Management and maintenance of boating facilities** | |  |
| Fee Removal / Maintenance | Provide funding for removal of fees at public boat ramps that previously charged launching and parking fees | $2,391,180 |
| Recreational Boating Structural Maintenance Program | * Rhyll Boat Ramp Safety Upgrades ($69,200) * Indented Heads Ramp - replace decking, capping and walers – Bellarine Bayside ($55,690) * Refurbish jetty ladders – Bellarine bayside ($18,375) * Victoria Park Boat Ramp (VPBR) Upgrade Project - Stage 5 - Upstream Retaining Wall ($173,800) * Stony Point Parking Improvement ($75,000) * Lakes Entrance Gangway ($118,000) * Bastion Point Geotactile Groin Wall ($167,000) * Inverloch Jetty public lighting upgrade ($42,740) * Karbeethong Jetty low landing upgrade ($97,000) * Fitzroy River Estuary Boat Launch ($103,000) * Sandy Waterholes Boat Launch Upgrade ($106,000) * Cairn Curran Picnic Point Boat Ramp Upgrade ($112,715) * Lake Eildon Boat Ramp Maintenance Works ($11,310) * Maintaining Taylors Lake boat launching facilities ($40,200) | $1,903,228 |
| *Continued* | * Dimboola Ski Club Pontoon Jetty ($75,400) * Structural Improvement to Lake Cartcarrong Jetty Pylons ($3,270) * Lake Purrumbete east ramp ($120,000) * Hastings Boat Ramp Northern Pontoon Renewal ($271,055) * Design for Jetty Replacement Curdievale boat ramp ($50,000) * Port Fairy Jetty Upgrades ($50,000) * Install wheel stops at end of boat ramps ($6,350) * Walkerville North Boat Ramp Maintenance ($36,625) * Seagull Drive Boat Ramp Repair and Protection ($17,800) * The Boulevard Boat Ramp Repair and Protection ($17,800) * West Wimmera Shire Council - Lake Wallace Boat Ramp Extension ($24,999) * Camerons Bight Jetty Repair Works (15,000) * Werribee South Boat Ramp maintenance, safety and access enhancement project ($24,000) | *Continued* |
| **More boating destinations** |  |  |
| Planning and design for a future upgrade to the Gabo Island jetty | Funding provided to Parks Victoria to deliver the planning and design for a future upgrade of Gabo Island Jetty. | $400,000 |
| Upgrade to the Raymond Island jetty | Funding provided to Gippsland Ports to deliver additional public seven public berths at the existing Raymond Island jetty in Cunninghame Arm at Lakes Entrance. | $300,000 |
| Installation of a new jetty at Cunninghame Arm at Lakes Entrance | Funding provided to Gippsland Ports to deliver additional public berths in Cunninghame Arm at Lakes Entrance. | $680,000 |
| **Improving access and navigation** |  |  |
| Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Program (Grants) | * Dredging of boat ramps and harbours managed by Bellarine Bayside ($50,000) * Tooradin Foreshore Boat Ramp Dredging Project ($42,000) * Annual Dredging of Tootgarook boat ramp channel ($71,800) * Port of Port Fairy Moyne River Dredging Program ($100,000) * Mornington Peninsula Shire Boat Ramps Dredging (Multiple Sites) ($250,000) * Scoping study to dredge Mordialloc Creek ($62,000) * LRE Maintenance Dredging at Kananook Creek Mouth, Frankston Foreshore ($120,000) * Dredging of Collins Landing and Yarra's Edge Marina ($150,000) | $845,800 |
| All Abilities access planning | Planning, design and fabrication for an all-abilities access pontoon at Victoria Park boat ramp in Echuca | $400,000 |
| Waterway access – Aids to Navigation | * Barwon River ($140,000) * Bridgewater lakes ($10,600) * Curdies River ($29,800) * Gippsland Lakes and Lake Tyres ($172,703) * Goulburn River and Lake Nagambie ($40,000) * Green Lake ($30,000) * Lake Eildon ($100,000) * Lake Lascelles ($11,532) * Lake Merran ($8,299) * Lake Watcham ($8,673) * Port Phillip and Western Port ($350,000) * Tchum Lake ($3,195) * Yarra River ($33,000) * Gippsland Boating Safety Signs ($62,198) | $1,000,000 |
| **Safer Waterways** |  |  |
| Emergency Management Victoria Safety initiatives | Marine search and rescue safety training initiatives –Appoint casual trainers to deliver MSAR specific training across the state and small support vessel to assist with the Statewide training program. | $280,000 |
| Marine Radio Victoria | Ensure that Marine Radio Victoria continues to operate and review effectiveness of the current contract. | $1,200,000 |
| Boating Vic camera expansion | Install new Boating Vic cameras at the following locations:   * Waranga * Warneet * Manns beach * Shaving point (Metung) | $80,000 |
| Electronic variable messaging signs | Planning for installation of fixed signs at key Port Philip Boat ramps - Patterson River. | $70,182 |
| Personal Watercraft (PWC) education campaign | Improved Personal Watercraft (PWC) operator behaviour through the delivery of PWC clinics. | $6,420 |
| State-wide safety initiatives  (Safe Transport Victoria) | Administration of recreational marine licensing and vessel registration (VicRoads / Joint Venture). | $4,387,000 |
|  | Safe Transport Victoria Boating Safety regulation and administration:   * High risk vessel inspections and recreational vessel compliance. * Recreational Boating safety education program. * Summer safety campaigns: “Know the 3” and behavioural science research to plan for Personal Watercraft campaign. * Waterway management, approval of waterway rules, audits, and boating activity exemptions. | $5,381,000 |
|  | Upgrades and maintenance of navigational aids and state significant navigational aids | $178,000 |
|  | Waterway Safety Monitoring System – installation of two cameras, using software analytics to identify specific vessel characteristics and waterway rule breaches. | $497,000 |
| State-wide safety initiatives  (Emergency Management Victoria for Marine Search and Rescue Office) | Grants direct to Marine Search and Rescue (MSAR) units. | $1,000,000 |
| (Emergency Management Victoria) | Insurance for Volunteer MSAR. | $300,000 |
|  | State initiatives include volunteer training courses, workshops, exercises, vessel maintenance and resourcing. | $668,000 |
| **Boating Promotion** |  |  |
| Boating Promotion campaign | Continue the delivery of a boating promotion program that highlights boating experience across regional Victoria. | $77,599 |
| Boating trails | Expand the boating trails to:   * Lake Eildon * Gippsland Lakes | $51,455 |
| Trailer reversing clinics | Deliver boat reversing clinics. | $8,800 |
| **Improved data and other reforms** |  |  |
| Improved data sharing | Feasibility assessment into options to improve data sharing for on water compliance. | $65,535 |
| **Project Deliveries** | **New or upgraded facilities** |  |
| ***Upgraded Projects*** |  |  |
| Limeburners boat ramp | Upgrade to the car park at the Limeburners boat ramp. | $2,000,000 |
| Cowes boat ramp | Upgrade to the Cowes boat ramp including stage 2 election commitment ($0.8m for Jetty extension). | $2,779,798 |
| Kirk Point boat ramp | Upgrade to the Kirk Point boat ramp. | $3,698,449 |
| Avalon boat ramp | Upgrade to the Avalon boat ramp including stage 2 election commitment ($0.8m for Jetty extension). | $1,515,000 |
| Mahers Landing boat ramp | Upgrade to the Mahers Landing boat ramp. | $4,275,376 |
| Clifton Springs boat ramp | Upgrade to the car park at the Clifton Springs boat ramp. | $256,247 |
| Lake Burrumbeet boat ramp | Upgrade to the Lake Burrumbeet boat ramp | $300,000 |
| Construction project contingencies | Allocation of funding for construction project contingencies at Cowes, Limeburners, Kirk Point, Avalon and Mahers Landing and project management. | $2,241,897 |
| ***Boat ramp upgrade planning*** *projects* |  |  |
| Planning and design upgrades/new facilities across Port Phillip and Western Port  (Port Phillip and Western Port) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * French Island – Tankerton * Anthony’s Nose (Dromana) * Rye – wave protection * Newhaven * Corinella * Melton Reservoir | $932,202 |
| Planning and design upgrades across the Southwest  (South West) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * Lake Tooliorook jetties replacement * Port Fairy | $126,634 |
| Planning and design upgrades across South and Central Gippsland  (South and Central Gippsland) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * Blue Rock Lake * Lake Glenmaggie | $191,790 |
| Planning and design upgrades across the North Central  (North Central) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * Tullaroop Reservoir * Murray River – Gunbower | $134,836 |
| Planning and design upgrades across the Goulburn Broken  (Goulburn Broken) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * Seymour – Goulburn River * Shepparton – Goulburn River * Howqua Inlet | $121,092 |
| Planning and design upgrades across the North East | Provide funding for design and construction for a new carpark at Kookaburra Point Lake Hume. | $95,000 |
| Planning and design upgrades  across the Wimmera and Mallee  (Wimmera and Mallee) | Provide funding for planning, design and investigations for approvals for new ramps and future upgrades of boating facilities at:   * Murray River – Mildura Karadoc * Murray River – Mildura -Red Cliffs | $130,781 |
|  | **Total:** | **$40,982,301[[2]](#footnote-2)** |

1. Total Fees includes (i) the registration, renewal and transfer of registration of recreational vessels; and (ii) the grant, renewal and endorsement of marine licences. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The 2022-2023 Recreational Boating Action Plan was funded from:

   $32.8M from revenue generated in marine licence and vessel registration fees 2021-22

   Unallocated project funding was carried over from Better Boating Fund 2021-2022 into 2022-2023

   Unallocated project funding was allocated from other Better Boating Initiative Funding [↑](#footnote-ref-2)