



BETTER BOATING FUND (BBF)
2021-22

The Victorian Government's Better Boating Victoria Trust fund was established in 2020 under the *Marine Safety Act 2010*.

The fund was created to ensure all money from the licence fees and recreational vessel registration of Victorian boaters goes to improving boating infrastructure and programs.

- a. revenue generated in marine licence and vessel registration fees **2020–21: \$33,291,438**
- b. amount of money that was deposited into the Better Boating Fund **2021–22: \$33,291,438**
- c. amount of money that was paid from the fund in the preceding financial year: **N/A as this is the first year of fund operation**
- d. high level description of the projects and programs that have been funded (**see table below**)
- e. inclusion of the previous comparative year for revenue, amount of money into the fund and amount that was spent. **N/A as this is the first year of fund operation.**

Project	High level description	Amount allocated (\$ excl GST)
Management and maintenance of boating facilities		
Victorian Boating Facility Maintenance Guidelines	Develop maintenance guidelines for boat ramp facilities	\$57,077
Recreational Boating Structural Maintenance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaving Point (Metung) boat ramp upgrade (\$577,693) • Lake Eildon priority boat ramps maintenance (\$74,000) • Lake Fyans Marina boat ramp resurfacing works (\$84,000) • Kangaroo Lake jetty replacement (\$240,000) • Sapling Creek boat ramp floating pontoon (\$103,400) • Rocky Valley Dam boat ramp upgrade (\$116,000) • Marlo Jetty low landing upgrade (\$9,400) • Raymond Island/Steamer Landing jetty maintenance (\$22,400) • Rutters Jetty upgrade (Port Albert) (\$16,000) • Victoria Park boat ramp upgrade (Stage 2) (\$270,774) • Rye boat ramp west jetty repairs (\$98,440) • Ocean Grove boat ramp northern jetty (\$120,000) • Tooradin floating jetty repairs (\$10,905) • Patterson River repairs (\$60,000) 	\$1,827,632
Boat ramp and car park fee removal	Provide funding for removal of fees at public boat ramps that previously charged launching and parking fees	\$2,346,485
More boating destinations		
Berths and moorings at Ocean Grove	Funding provided to install new pontoon at Ocean Grove	\$250,000
Destination Jetties at Barrier Landing	Funding provided Install additional pontoon/jetty at Barrier Landing	\$400,000
Public berths in marinas	Seek opportunities to provide free public berths at marinas – Sandringham, Geelong and Wyndham harbour	\$32,000
Develop a Victorian coastal 'Sail Trail'	Identify and progress planning for a Sail Trail	\$18,700
Improving access and navigation		

Coordinated Dredging Program	Develop a dredging program for coordinating dredging across Port Phillip and Western Port	\$207,499
Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kananook Creek (\$88,000) • Half Moon Bay (\$40,000) • Clifton Springs (\$76,000) • Gippsland Lakes Mitchell River (\$148,760) • Lake Fyans and Lake Lonsdale (\$71,000) • Tootgarook (\$63,730) • St Leonards (\$15,000) • Schnapper Point & Fisherman's Beach (\$158,000) • Rosebud (\$10,000) 	\$683,556
All Abilities access planning	Planning underway to install all abilities access at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hastings • Port Welshpool • Lakes Entrance 	\$27,134
Waterway access – Aids to Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barwon River (\$12,375) • Cairn Curran (\$189,132) • Bridgewater lakes (\$19,970) • Goulburn River and Lake Nagambie (\$58,950) • Lake Wendouree (\$30,420) • Lake Lascelles (\$19,200) • Green Lake (\$40,000) • Lake Fyans (\$9,000) • Gippsland Lakes (\$160,000) • Port Phillip & Western Port (\$370,000) 	\$909,047
Safer Waterways		
Marine Radio Victoria	Ensure that Marine Radio Victoria continues to operate and review effectiveness of the current contract	\$1,200,000
State-wide safety initiatives (Safe Transport Victoria)	Administration of recreational marine licencing and vessel registration	\$4,119,837
Total allocation: \$10,200,000	Regulation and administration of recreational marine activities including high risk vessel inspections, recreational vessel compliance, boating safety education, waterway management, approval of waterway rules and boating activity exemptions.	\$4,862,493
	Upgrades and maintenance of navigational aids and state significant Navigational Aids	
	Statewide-safety initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FlareSafe – flare disposal pilot program • FloatSafe – lifejacket clinics • BoatingVic Application enhancements • BoatingVic camera installations • Boating Safety Education • Summer Safety Campaign • Waterway Safety Monitoring System Pilot 	\$1,217,670
State-wide safety initiatives (Emergency Management Victoria for Marine Search and Rescue Office)	Grants direct to Marine Search and Rescue units	\$1,000,000
	State initiatives include volunteer training courses, workshops, exercises, vessel maintenance resourcing etc.	\$920,000
Total allocation: \$1,920,000		
Boating Vic camera expansion	Install new Boating Vic cameras at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Fairy – Griffiths St Ramp • Lake Eppalock – Kimbolton Ramp • Apollo Bay – Breakwater Rd Ramp 	\$60,000
Boating Promotion		

Boating Promotion - boating experience across regional Victoria	Develop a boating promotion program that highlights boating experience across regional Victoria.	\$56,240
Victorian boat ramp etiquette guide	Deliver a Victorian boat ramp etiquette guide.	\$5,772
Improved data and other reforms		
Boating Behaviour Survey	Commission a boater experience survey, to be undertaken every two years	\$36,500
Boat ramp upgrade construction projects		
Lake Bullen Merri Ramp	Upgrade Lake Bullen Merri ramp	\$2,500,000
Warrnambool boat ramp	Upgrade Warrnambool boat ramp	\$3,500,000
Improvements to Lake Toolondo, Rocklands Reservoir and Lake Lonsdale	Commence delivery of upgrades to the ramps at Lake Toolondo, Rocklands Reservoir and Lake Lonsdale	\$1,053,000
Improvements to Northeast River Ramps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitta Mitta River – Pigs Point, Tallangatta South Murray River d'stream of Wodonga (Richardsons Reserve) Murray River d'stream of Wodonga (Doolans Reserve) Murray River d'stream of Wodonga Ovens River – Boorhaman North Ovens River - Cameron's Bend 	\$45,480
Improvements to Laanecoorie	Commence planning for improvements at Laanecoorie	\$50,000
Improvements to Lake Buffalo	Commence planning for improvements to car park and boat ramp at Lake Buffalo	\$257,729
Boat ramp upgrade planning projects		
Concept Planning – Goulburn Broken region	Commence planning for new boat ramp on lower Goulburn River, in the vicinity of Shepparton. Commence planning for new boat Howqua inlet	\$108,300
Concept Planning – Port Phillip & Western Port	Prepare concept plans to inform future upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannons Creek Capel Sound Mornington Schnapper Point Ramps St Leonards Tooradin car park 	\$837,704
Detailed design – Port Phillip & Western Port	Progress detailed design and approvals for upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limeburners Avalon Werribee South Lang Lang Kirk Point Altona Stony Point 	\$1,293,136
Detailed design – South Gippsland	Progress detailed design and approvals for upgrades at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahers Landing Inverloch Cowes 	\$499,491
Detailed design – Cape Conran	Progress detailed design and approvals for upgraded facilities at Cape Conran	\$163,904
Concept Planning – Mildura	Commence planning for improvements Redcliff and Murray River — Karadoc Ramp	\$33,800
Total		\$30,580,180

Total allocated received in the Better Boating Fund in 2021–22: \$33,291,438

Total allocated from Better Boating Fund 2021–22: \$30,580,180

Total payments from the Better Boating Fund in 2021–22: \$19,284,252