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Boost for recreational fishing, camping and boating facilities in Victoria

The Australian Government's \$20 million Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program will fund eight projects across Victoria to improve facilities at boat ramps and jetties.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said the Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program would deliver \$20 million nationally over three years.

"This program will deliver new and renewed infrastructure for our recreational fishing, camping and boating community," Minister Littleproud said.

"This program delivers on our 2019 election commitment for more fishing opportunities for all Australians."

Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries Jonno Duniam said recreational fishing, boating and camping contributes to the health and well-being of many Australians and provides significant benefits to regional areas.

"Recreational fishing is an important leisure activity that contributes economic and social benefits to the Australian community, and is a part of the Australian way of life for all ages and for all socio-economic backgrounds," Assistant Minister Duniam said.

"Improving facilities and access to recreational fishing, boating and camping areas will provide locals and visitors alike with better opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors by camping and fishing in our rivers and at the coast."

Victorian Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said eight projects had been funded across Victoria, in Lakes Entrance, Rippleside, Tullaroop, Warrnambool, Waranga and Yarrawonga as part of the \$1.44 million of grants that would improve infrastructure across the state.

“We worked closely with local communities to understand the priorities and needs, to provide the best outcome for fishers and boaters,” Minister Horne said.

“These upgrades will provide new and renewed infrastructure to allow locals and visitors enjoy the fabulous rivers and waterways our state has to offer with ease.”

For more information on recreational fishing, see <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/fisheries/recreational>

The grants for other states and territories will be announced within the coming weeks.

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Title	Category	Project Description	Local Council	Funding
Waranga Basin toilet and amenity upgrade	Toilet blocks	Construction of a stand alone disability accessible toilet at the Waranga Basin boat ramp.	Campaspe Shire Council	\$343,630
Tullaroop toilet and amenity upgrade	Toilet blocks	Construction of a stand alone disability accessible toilet at the Tullaroop Reservoir to increase amenity at a popular fishing location.	Central Goldfields Shire	\$305,130
Jubilee Park toilet and amenity	Toilet blocks	Construction of a stand alone disability accessible toilet at the Jubilee Park boat ramp and fishing precinct.	Warrnambool City Council	\$230,000
Lakes Entrance North Arm Boat Ramp facility development	Boating	Replacement of the existing boat ramp and apron. Replacement of eastern and western existing jetties with floating pontoon on west side and fixed jetty on east side. Implementation of erosion control works to protect infrastructure.	East Gippsland Shire Council	\$200,000
Rippleside jetty structural works and refurbishment	Fishing	Refurbishment of the Rippleside jetty including replacing the jetty deck, bearers, crossbeams and railing.	City of Greater Geelong	\$200,000
Yarrawonga Commons Boat Ramp precinct development	Boating	Redevelopment of the Yarrawonga Commons Boat Ramp. Installation of an additional boat ramp. Resurfacing of the manoeuvring area at the two ramps and sealing of access tracks.	Moirra Shire Council	\$100,000
Jubilee Park Boat Ramp extension	Boating	Extension of the existing Jubilee Park Allansford boat ramp, improving safety and functionality for all users.	Warrnambool City Council	\$90,000
Fishing infrastructure upgrades	Fishing	Installation of seat and rod holders on existing pontoons on the Merri and Hopkins Rivers.	Warrnambool City Council	\$12,000