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NEW GRANTS MAKING BOATING EASIER ACROSS VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is making it easier and more accessible for boaters to enjoy a day out of the water, with new grants for ramp managers to upgrade boat ramps across the state.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos today announced applications are now open for the latest round of the Labor Government's Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Grants, made possible through the Better Boating Fund.

Grants of up to \$150,000 will support organisations that manage public boat ramps across Victoria to upgrade existing facilities so that boat ramps are more accessible at a range of tides and plan for future dredging works.

This program is funded through the reinvestment of recreational boating licence fees and vessel registrations back into programs and projects that improve boating for everyone across Victoria.

The grants will be overseen by Better Boating Victoria, which is progressing the state's biggest ever boat ramp construction program and continuing to ensure launching and parking is free at all of Victoria's public ramps.

Last year's grant recipients included Frankston City Council to dredge at the mouth of Kananook Creek while Moyne Shire Council received a grant to remove sediment along the Moyne River at Port Fairy Tooradin boat ramp has benefited from better access at a range of tides at.

Local and state government departments and agencies, committees of management and local waterway authorities are eligible to apply for the grants.

An eligible organisation may submit multiple applications for consideration.

For more information and to apply, head to www.betterboating.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos

"We're encouraging boat ramp managers to apply for a grant to dredge and improve access at their facilities."

"This is another way we're investing boaters' licence and registration fees back into their pastime, to make a day on the water in Victoria easier and more enjoyable than ever."