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A FRESH CATCH OF NEW FISHING GRANTS

The Allan Labor Government says a raft of new projects will help make fishing even more enjoyable for more Victorians.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos today said 20 new projects have shared in more than \$2 million from the Recreational Fishing Grants Program to help improve facilities and access to fishing.

It's all about encouraging Victorians to get outdoors, creating memories and stronger communities.

The successful projects include:

- \$71,500 for Corangamite CMA to install two fishing platforms on the Barwon River, Geelong.
- \$70,000 for Melton City Council to install a second fishing landing at Navan Park Lake in Melton to improve recreational fishing access.
- \$86,000 for a Catch a Carp education campaign by Fishcare Victoria including carp fishing events in five locations.
- \$150,800 for the continuation of the Native Fish Report Cards program under which the Victorian Fisheries Authority helps monitor populations of key native species such as Murray cod, golden perch and Australian bass.
- \$98,000 for the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to increase woody habitat for native fish in the Mitchell, Nicholson, and Tambo River estuaries benefiting native species such as black bream, estuary perch and Australian bass.
- \$85,800 for Coliban Water to install a fishing platform at Lauriston Reservoir near Kyneton.
- \$20,600 for improve fishing opportunities in Little Snowy Creek near Eskdale by installing fish habitat.

Victoria is proud to stock more fish than every other state and territory in the country combined – giving Victorians more opportunities to take part in fishing across the state.

The large grants category of the Recreational Fishing Grants Program is currently open for more new projects, worth up to \$100,000 each, until 28 February 2026.

The grant program is in addition to the Labor Government's \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating Plan to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

For more information on the 20 projects, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/feesatwork2025

Quotes attributable to Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos

"These grants will improve facilities encouraging more Victorians to fish more often."

"Fishing is a fun and cost-effective activity that gets people outdoors and helps to build stronger connections in the community."