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Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme

Benefiting WA’s Recreational Boating Community
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The Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS) was established by a Cabinet decision in July 1998 to assist the development of public recreational boating facilities in Western Australia.

The RBFS benefits the boating community by:
• enhancing the safety of recreational boating facilities;
• maintaining a clean and healthy environment for recreational boating;
• providing funding for projects that improve access to the marine environment;
• catering for the needs of both metropolitan and regional boating communities; and
• providing for the ongoing development and or upgrading of boating facilities.

Currently boating facility managers can apply for RBFS funds up to 75 per cent of the estimated project cost, with the maximum grant available set at $750,000 and a minimum of $15,000. There is no cap on the number of successful applications.

However, there are limited funds available for each round. To find out who can apply for a RBFS grant and what types of projects are eligible go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/eligibility.asp

Completed Planning Studies – 2016/17

The RBFS provides grant funding for planning new recreational boating facilities and improving existing facilities.

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Round 15 – Mary St boat ramp replacement
City of Mandurah
Grant value $173,042

The Mary St Lagoon boating facility is one of the most heavily used in the Peel region. Around 30 years of constant use of the three, dual lane launching ramps had taken its toll and they were deemed to be beyond further repair.

The City of Mandurah sought an RBFS grant to replace the old smooth-surface ramps with pre-cast waffle patterned slabs which meet both Australian Standards and the Department of Transport's guidelines.

The replacement of the ramps has decreased the potential for damage to users, vehicles and vessels when launching and retrieving.

Round 14 – Monkey Mia finger jetty
Shire of Shark Bay
Grant value $85,358

Monkey Mia is world renowned as a fishing location and for opportunities to interact with dolphins, making it a very popular boating destination.

Having already constructed and upgraded a boat ramp at Monkey Mia with RBFS funding, the Shire of Shark Bay identified a need and sought funding for construction of a finger jetty.

The jetty has enhanced access and made boat launching and retrieval quicker and safer. It also means that people launching boats no longer have to wade through waist deep water inhabited by stingrays and sea snakes.

Round 15 – Batavia Quay trailer parking, lighting and revegetation
Shire of Murray
Grant value $150,000

Long term planning by the Shire of Murray identified a need to upgrade parking at the Batavia Quay boat ramp to provide for the increasing number of recreational boats accessing the Peel-Harvey Estuary.

RBFS funding enabled the Shire of Murray to seal the parking area and increase the number of trailer bays to cater for expected population growth. In addition, the RBFS grant also enabled the installation of solar powered lighting, improved drainage and revegetation of the area.
Round 16 – Leeuwin boat ramp, jetty and parking upgrade  
**Town of East Fremantle**  
**Grant value $825,000**

The Leeuwin boat ramp in East Fremantle is one of the most popular in the metropolitan area due to its location as recreational boaters can either head downstream to the ocean or upstream to cruise the Swan Canning Riverpark.

The Town of East Fremantle identified the need to upgrade the facilities to current Australian Standards to improve safety and more efficient use of the ramp. This included upgrading the ramps, building new holding jetties and a realignment of the parking facilities.

New wider holding jetties allow safer access and the additional holding capacity helps to ease congestion as does the improved parking alignment and rigging/de-rigging bays.
**Round 16 – Point Peron jetty replacements**  
City of Rockingham  
Grant value $332,197  

The City of Rockingham identified that the old fixed timber holding jetties at the Point Peron boat launching facility needed to be replaced with safer universal access floating pontoons.

The construction of floating pontoons will benefit the recreational boating community by improving vessel accessibility with wider jetty decks. The floating pontoons allow for safer embarking and disembarking from vessels on high and low tides for all recreational boating users.

The new jetties will also reduce the costs of running the facility due to the maintenance requirements being significantly lower.

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**Round 16 – Tatham Road jetty replacement**  
Shire of Murray  
Grant value $193,125  

The Shire of Murray identified the need to replace the old timber jetty at Tatham Road that had become a safety hazard. As the area is a popular destination for recreational boat users, the Shire sought a RBFS grant to help with the construction of the facility.

The design was based on a similar facility the Shire had built further downstream on the Murray River. To ensure better access to all recreational boaters a floating pontoon was incorporated into the design. The facility also provides a safe mooring point for all visitors to the area.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
Round 16 – Sandy Cove floating jetty
Shire of Murray
Grant value $141,369

The Shire of Murray identified the need for a universal access floating pontoon at Sandy Cove, South Yunderup.

The area is a popular tourist destination and the previous facilities at the site were fixed and therefore universal access was restricted. After public consultation it was decided to seek RBFS funding to construct a floating pontoon at the site.

With the installation of the floating jetty at the end of the boardwalk, access is easier for users to embark and disembark from vessels.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

Round 16 – Geordie Bay jetty upgrade
Rottnest Island Authority
Grant value $50,000

The jetty at Rottnest’s popular Geordie Bay provides important access to the island for people on vessels moored along the north coast. Recognising the importance of the jetty for those accessing shops, bus services, fresh water and shower facilities, the Rottnest Island Authority sought RBFS funding to undertake an upgrade.

The grant enabled the Authority to improve access and safety by constructing a lower landing for tenders picking up or setting down passengers.

Round 16 – Old Dunsborough boat ramp finger jetty
City of Busselton
Grant value $188,348

The Old Dunsborough boat ramp finger jetty was identified as part of the RBFS funded ‘Capes Region Boating Strategy’. A concept design for the jetty was one of the results of the study.

The City of Busselton sought an RBFS grant in Round 16 to design and construct the finger jetty to enable safer launching and retrieval of recreational vessels at the ramp.

The new jetty has reduced the risk of injury or damage to boats during the launching and retrieval of boats.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
Round 16 – Lily Creek navigation aids
Department of Transport
Grant value $60,859

Kununurra is a growing community and a major tourist destination. Located adjacent to Lake Kununurra, residents and visitors enjoy a diverse range of aquatic activities, including waterskiing and fishing.

Committed to promoting a safe marine environment at Lily Creek and Lake Kununurra, the Department of Transport sought an RBFS grant to install 16 buoys to mark a navigable channel from the Lily Creek Lagoon boat ramp to Lake Kununurra. Featuring synchronised lighting, the buoys have significantly improved navigation through this busy waterway both day and night.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

Round 16 – Peel courtesy moorings
Department of Transport
Grant value $37,500

The Department of Transport introduced a formal management system for private moorings in the Peel region in 2011 and wanted to provide a number of public courtesy moorings for recreational vessels visiting for up to 72 hours.

An RBFS grant was sought for the installation of five moorings near Dawesville in the Peel-Harvey Estuary and five in Comet Bay near Mandurah. The moorings were designed to minimise impact on the environment and to accommodate vessels up to 15 metres long.

The moorings are extremely popular with boaters as both sites are naturally sheltered and they are used by people on day and overnight visits from Perth, Rockingham and Mandurah. Installing these moorings is part of a statewide strategy to provide a network of courtesy moorings around WA for the growing number of recreational vessels travelling along the coast.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
**Round 17 – Coalmine Beach, Walpole trailer parking**  
The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (formally Department of Parks and Wildlife)  
Grant value $244,424

The Department of Parks and Wildlife previously received RBFS support for several projects to improve the East Coalmine Beach small boating facility in the Nornalup Inlet. Following an increase in popularity with the construction of the improved facilities there was a need for a formalised parking area.

The upgrade to the parking area has helped decrease the congestion and has improved access and safety at the facility. The work to redesign the existing lower vehicle/trailer turning and parking area also included landscaping and interpretive signage.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

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**Round 17 – Tranby House floating jetty**  
City of Bayswater  
Grant values $169,959

The City of Bayswater identified the need to replace the old deteriorating jetty at Tranby House with a modern low maintenance structure that would be easy to access in all tidal conditions.

RBFS funding enabled the construction of a floating jetty at the very popular location. Recreational boaters can now safely moor their vessels and enjoy the facilities there.
Round 17 – Entrance Point boat ramps  
Kimberley Ports Authority  
Grant value $80,213

The Kimberley Ports Authority identified the need for an upgrade of the eastern and southern boat ramps at Entrance Point, Broome.

The ramps had deteriorated to such a state and the upgrade had become a matter of high importance. The new ramps allow local recreational boat users to launch their vessels with a reduced chance of damage.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

Round 17 – Little Grove parking and lighting  
City of Albany  
Grant value $142,326

The City of Albany identified the need for a more formalised parking area and lighting at the Little Grove boat ramp.

The ramp is well used and the line marking and lighting have enabled a more efficient use of the facility as well as making it more user friendly at any time of the day or night. The lighting makes use of both solar and wind power generation.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

Round 17 – Albany Waterfront Marina universal access jetty  
Department of Transport  
Grant value $136,975

The Albany Waterfront Maritime Advisory Group identified the need for facilities for local day visitors to the recently constructed marina. The facility had no place for the general public with small craft to visit for a short stay or pick up and set down purposes.

RBFS funding enabled the Department of Transport to construct a universal access floating pontoon providing the recreational boating public with access to the harbour.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
Round 17 – Rivergum boat ramp jetty extension  
Shire of Murray  
Grant value $62,224  

The ‘Peel Regional Recreational Boating Facilities Study 2010’ identified the need for improved facilities in the region.

The Shire of Murray sought an RBFS grant to design and construct a jetty extension to enable greater efficiency for the launching and retrieval of recreational vessels at the Rivergum boat ramp.

The jetty extension has provided greater holding capacity during the launching and retrieval of boats at the site.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.

Rounds 17 and 18 – Sykes Foreshore jetty and boat ramp upgrade  
City of Bunbury  
Grant values Jetties $316,573 and ramps $165,166  

After receiving a Round 17 grant the City of Bunbury removed the old jetty at the launching site and replaced it with two floating pontoons to allow better access to all the boating community.

Further investigations by the City of Bunbury determined that replacing and extending the ramps would also be of benefit and were successful in receiving a Round 18 grant.

The resulting completed project provides a user friendly facility with better access and the ability to launch in a more varied range of tidal conditions.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
**Round 18 – Bent Street ramp channel dredging**  
City of Rockingham  
Grant value $487,500

The City of Rockingham identified the need for a new navigation channel to allow more reliable access between the Bent Street ramp and the deeper waters of Wambro Sound.

The area is very popular as it is in close proximity to both popular fishing spots and the marine park which host a variety of fauna. The new dredged channel allows access to these sites without the previous risk of running aground at low tides.

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**Round 18 – Dampier boat ramp upgrade**  
City of Karratha  
Grant value $184,106

The northern ramps at the launching facility at Hampton Harbour, Dampier had reached the end of their usable life. An RBFS grant allowed the existing ramps to be removed and new concrete panel sections to be installed.

The state of the old ramps was hazardous and also meant longer waiting times. There was also the likelihood of vessels being damaged.

The facility is extremely popular and the new non-slip panels allow easier launching and retrieval of vessels and have reduced waiting times and the possibility of damage to vessels.

The project was partially funded by the Royalties for Regions program.
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