



2019

FISHCARE VICTORIA

# ANNUAL REPORT



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**Fishcare Victoria is a community based not-for-profit organisation promoting responsible and sustainable fishing practices.**

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# About Us

**Shaping the sustainable future of recreational fishing in Victoria through education, hands-on experiences, communication and community participation.**

## Our Story

The Fishcare program has been operating in Victoria since 1995 and is delivered by passionate volunteers who are members of regional groups across Victoria. Fishcare Victoria Inc. is a not-for-profit community organisation established in 2010 to deliver and grow the fishcare program.

Our aim is to promote responsible and sustainable attitudes towards recreational fishing and share in the care and management of our fishing resources and precious waterways. Fishcare Victoria Inc. receives administrative & program funding from the Recreational Fishing Licence Commissioning Program which comes from the revenue generated by the purchase of Victorian fishing license sales.

## Our Mission

**Fishcare aims to be an effective volunteer group that encourages a responsible attitude towards the use of our fisheries resources and the protection of our aquatic environments ensuring their existence into the future.**

## We Create Experiences

We are shaping the future of responsible recreational fishing in Victoria. We are connecting communities and young Victorians to their fisheries through education, appreciation and a sustainable mindset. Our goal is for Victorian anglers to be stewards of our fisheries and to ensure these valuable resources are here for future generations to enjoy.

**‘we fish we care’**

# Our Partners

**We appreciate the support from the recreational fishing & wider community to deliver & build on our program for the benefit of all Victorians.**

- Recreational Fishing Licence Working Group
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- Victorian Fisheries Authority
- VRFish
- Deakin University
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
- Parks Victoria
- City of Greater Shepparton
- Deakin University
- Native Fish Australia
- Donna (Dicks) Van Duynhoven, Deska Books Bookkeeping
- Compliance, Lakes Entrance
- Twin Rivers Business and Tourism Association
- Hooked on Bait & Tackle - Hoppers Crossing
- Port Fairy Angling Club
- Keith Bell - K & C Fisheries
- Nicholson Angling Club
- RSL Fishing Club
- East Gippsland Landcare Network
- Coastcare
- Andrea Savage, Nagle College
- Ross Graham, Bairnsdale Secondary College
- Twin Rivers Business and Tourism Association
- Bemm River Angling Club
- Keysborough Angling Club
- Recreational Fishing Round Table
- Portsea Camp
- Australian Trout Foundation
- Port Phillip Bay Fund





# Our Objectives

We are driven by creating experiences that deliver safe and responsible recreational fishing messages and promote stewardship of Victorian fisheries and aquatic environments

## Stewardship

Encourage recreational fishers to adopt sustainable behaviours and attitudes that conserve and protect fish stocks and increase community stewardship.

## Educate

Inform the community about threats affecting the sustainability of Victorians fish stocks, integrity of fish habitats and aquatic ecosystem.

## Participate

Participate in activities that support sustainable recreational fishing practices and opportunities, improved environmental outcomes and collection of research data.

## Promote

Promote sustainable recreational fishing as a socially beneficial and inclusive activity.

## Collaborate

Collaborate with partner organisations that support Fishcare Victoria's mission and objectives.

## Public Fund

Maintain a public fund to be called Fishcare Victoria Public Fund for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objectives/purposes of Fishcare Victoria



## Education

Learning is the pathway to understanding and stewardship. We have aligned our activities with the school curriculum to encourage school participation and deliver both incursion and excursion activities to Victorian primary and secondary schools.

## Hand-on Experiences

Our fishing clinics target novice anglers to learn the basics of recreational fishing and the responsibilities of Victorian anglers. We provide all the required equipment and the knowledge to educate participants about sustainable practices that impact our environment and waterways.

## Communication

There is no better way to communicate than face to face contact in a practical learning environment. Our dedicated volunteers and staff are trained in the delivery of our workshops, activities and communicate our key messages across Victoria at agency, community and school events.

## Communication

We are the community, engaging communities. When communities have ownership over initiatives, it fosters stewardship and encourages mutually beneficial management outcomes of our precious environmental resources.





# Vice President's Report

“It has been a fantastic year for Fishcare with continued growth, funding and new projects being delivered. It’s an exciting time for recreational fishing in Victoria in general”



It has been a fantastic year for Fishcare with continued growth, funding and new projects being delivered. 362 activities were delivered across Victoria by our dedicated volunteer and staff team.

We have had a strong financial year due to the increase in successful funding grants which have allowed us to add another staff member to our team to reinvigorate the Geelong and Bellarine group. The Fishcare App is nearly completed which will digitise the Fishcare program, allowing schools and communities to access responsible fishing content including online tutorials, tips, maps and quizzes from any smart device.

Sharing our achievements with the wider recreational fishing sector has continued to be a priority which has seen our quarterly newsletters now being issued to stakeholders, subscribers and members, reaching over 1200 people per issue.

We also had our East Gippsland facilitator relocate to the VFA office in Lakes Entrance which has proved to strengthen our already robust partnership with the VFA.

I would like to say a huge thanks to Jacinta Early who has resigned from Fishcare as the Port Phillip

Facilitator. Her ability to deliver engaging workshops to schools and communities will be missed. We thank her for her contribution to the Fishcare program over the past 4.5 years.

A special thanks to all our volunteers & staff who play a part in making Fishcare the organisation that it is. From activity delivery right through to the committee members, everyone is doing a fantastic job working together to grow the Fishcare program and promote stewardship of our aquatic resources. The future of our fisheries lies in educating the younger generation in sustainable fishing practices.

Brian Tracey  
Vice President, Fishcare Victoria





# State Co-ordinators Report

**“It’s evident that our volunteers are passionate about looking after our fisheries and our natural resources for future generations to enjoy”**

This is Fishcare Victoria Inc.’s 9th year of operation and has seen much success with staff and volunteers working together as a cohesive team to deliver on our mission and objectives. 362 activities reaching 8451 participants were delivered across Victoria this financial year. Our staff and volunteers have worked with Victorian schools, angling clubs, community groups and government to positively impact communities at the local level.

Fishcare Victoria is going from strength to strength and it’s the dedication of our volunteers that make this possible. It is evident that our volunteers are passionate about looking after our fisheries and our natural resources for future generations to enjoy. It is exactly this passion that fuels the Fishcare program and sees it continue to build on its successes. I feel very fortunate to work with and support these dedicated volunteers to continuously improve the Fishcare program.

Vale Graham Pohlner and Vale Bill Wright. Unfortunately, we said goodbye to these two dedicated volunteers and dear friends from the Ballarat & Central Highlands group. Graham and Bill were active and well-respected members of Fishcare and will be greatly missed. Our best wishes and thoughts are with their families.

Our small (but growing) staff team are to be commended for their hard work in delivering on projects and objectives whilst ensuring activity delivery, volunteer support, partnership development and engagement with Victorian communities remains high. Staff continue to initiate new activities, source funding and work with volunteers to deliver new activities, all of which contribute to a robust Fishcare program. Leading a passionate team with can do attitudes makes the role a rewarding and fulfilling one.

I would also like to make special mention of Jacinta Early who is leaving the Fishcare staff team. I thank Jacinta for her contributions over the past 4.5 years. Her upbeat and enthusiastic activity delivery and activity development ideas will be missed.



Collaborating and working in partnership with schools, agencies, anglings clubs and community groups is an essential ingredient to our success. These partnerships are based on an understanding of a mutual end goal – which is stewardship, protection, enjoyment and interaction with our fisheries, whilst value adding to current programs and initiatives. I would like to thank all our partners and collaborators for supporting the Fishcare program.

This year saw Fishcare Victoria diversify funding sources and receive grants from the Port Phillip Bay Fund, Coastcare and the RFL Large Grants program as well as increase our fee for service works. Total income was \$369,616, an increase of \$79,085 or 27.2% from the previous financial year.

**“Our staff and volunteers have worked with Victorian schools, angling clubs, community groups and government to positively impact communities at the local level”**

Fishcare Victoria sit on the Recreational Fishing Round table and has received great feedback about program improvements and new initiatives throughout the year. To have the support and confidence from the recreational fishing sector behind the Fishcare program grows our ability to deliver and expand our program and deliver quality programs that benefit the recreational fishing community.

We have had an increased focus on communicating our successes with our quarterly eNews and spreading our achievements to over 1200 stakeholders, members and subscribers via social media and our website. We recognise the importance of sharing our successes with the wider recreational fishing community and demonstrating the return on investment from the RFL commissioning program.

This year also saw the development of a new logo which was delivered through our University placement program. A team of Deakin University students conducted a review of our current branding and a new style guide was developed and presented to the committee. This is an exciting stage for Fishcare, and we look forward to implementing the new style guide and transitioning our brand this coming year.

Our partnerships with universities continue to provide meaningful career experience to university students as well as a vehicle to recruit volunteers and provide opportunities for students to actively

contribute back to the community and protect our environment. This year we also worked with Deakin students to conduct a volunteer survey regarding recruitment techniques and motivations for volunteering. The information collected informed recommendations for our volunteer recruitment strategy which will be refined and delivered on this coming year. We look forward to working with more universities to build mutually beneficial relationships.

The committee and staff continue to work towards best practice and good governance with policy reviews and development a focus at committee meetings this year. It is this desire to continually improve governance practices and manage risk that will hold Fishcare Victoria in good stead to operate in a transparent and successful way and continue to build trust and respect within the sector.

I look forward to celebrating more successes, championing volunteers and delivering new and exciting programs that encourage stewardship of and engagement in one of Australia’s most cherished recreational activities, recreational fishing.

Sarah Van Stokrom  
State Coordinator - Fishcare Victoria



# Our 2018-19 Achievements



**362**  
Total Events



**8167**  
Participants

We have  
worked with

**101**

Different Agencies,  
Community Group &  
Schools



**242**  
School Class  
Events

**2324**

Volunteer Hours

That's a \$69,720  
contribution back to  
the recreational fishing  
community

**\$369,616**

Total Income

That's a 27.5% increase  
from last year!

**1**

**New Staff  
Member**

Supporting the  
Geelong Bellarine  
Region



**49**

Community  
Events

**33**

School Holiday  
Events

**135**

Condensed  
school workshops  
(<30min)

**46**

School Fishing Clinic  
Excursions

**61**

School In-class  
Sessions

**3170**

School Students  
Participated



# Our Regional Groups



## Ballarat & Central Highlands

Central Highlands have had a busy and successful 12 months providing programs to 5 local schools, BDAA and the Melton Kids Day. All programs were well attended with mostly small fish caught. All schools have rebooked for this coming year. We have been greatly supported by our local Fisheries Officers Steve and Heath. Our club suffered a mighty blow this year with the loss of two of our members within 2 months. Graham Pohlner passed away in June and Bill Wright, a founder member, passed away suddenly in July. Both Graham and Bill will be greatly missed for their valued work support and mateship.



## South West

This year we have recruited a large number of volunteers from the Port Fairy Angling Club and we would like to welcome them to the Fishcare family and look forward to working with them in the future. In July 2018 we attended a volunteer expo at South West TAFE in Warrnambool. We got to meet perspective volunteers and chat with other not for profit organisations. In October 2018 we partnered with Allansford and District Angling Club to run a 'National Gone Fishing Day' activity on the Hopkins River at Jubilee Park, Allansford. In December 2018 we took Kings College (Warrnambool) students fishing from the Hopkins River Bridge in Warrnambool.

During December 2018 and January 2019 we held our 'Come and Try Fishing' Summer Series. All events were well attended. This series we held events at Jubilee Park Allansford, Warrnambool Breakwater, Hopkins River Bridge in Warrnambool, partnered with Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority along the Merri River in South Warrnambool and ventured to the Surrey River in Narrawong with Nature Glenelg Trust. In June 2019 we attended the final weigh in of the Hopkins River leg of the Vic Bream Classic. Australian cricketing legend Merv Hughes was in attendance and helped us out with some of our fishing activities.



## Geelong & Bellarine

Fishcare Geelong & Bellarine has had a successful year with the appointment of facilitator Mitch McMaster in the region. The group has managed to build contacts within the community, partnerships with local angling clubs, Barwon Coast, and is continuing its effort to develop partnerships with a number of others in the pipe work. The group has also managed to build its volunteer base to nearly 10 active members since December 2018 to current with a continuous interest and enquiries being positive. They have run a number of community events including their Come & Try Fishing events in Geelong and down the Bellarine Peninsula, with good numbers of snapper, bream and the odd whiting being caught.

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## Port Phillip & Westernport

Fishcare Melbourne and Mornington Peninsula volunteers not only delivered Creating Sustainable Anglers workshops, but also the Litter Warriors Project. As part of this project, volunteers assisted with teaching students about "Litter Lifetime" of various litter items and their impacts on Port Phillip Bay. They also assisted with community event clean ups and school beach clean ups. With the volunteer's assistance – 295 participants removed 216kg of litter from Port Phillip Bay Beaches (125.8kg of recyclables, 90.2kg of general waste). We delivered the program to almost 1100 participants.

The group had a very busy summer running our community Come and Try Fishing series with great success! We ran 3 Come & Try Fishing sessions in Carrum, Wheelers Hill and Elwood. Each session was fully booked with even some Snapper, Australian salmon and (of course) some toadies caught. During this summer period we also teamed up with Coastcare Victoria at the Dandenong Markets to show the community how special Port Phillip Bay is, with Fishcare running 5 Fish Dissections.

Enviro Schools Week again was undertaken by volunteers from 25th March – 28th March. This year not only did Fishcare teach the students from 14 different schools about the Rules and Regulations and why they are important, Invasive species but also the Litter Lifetime Activity. This year was one of the busiest years, with over 450 students participating in Fishcare activities over the 4 day event.

In the last year, we have added some new exceptional volunteers to our group – Tom, James, Brian S, Margaret, Justin and Jorge. They have brought fresh new takes into the Fishcare program and have been keen to assist in a pinch! We look forward to having them with us for longer!



## East Gippsland

2018/2019 has been another successful year for East Gippsland Fishcare with 114 activities conducted over the year. 47 Primary School fishing workshops were delivered and over the winter months, a new focus was on creating incursion classes and the primary schools away from waterways were quick to jump on board with 33 incursions delivered within the classroom and the remaining 14 excursions held on the local river or lake. Secondary school programs continued to strengthen with 19 workshops conducted throughout the year, which included an incursion class session followed the next week with a fishing session on the river.

The 'Come and Try Fishing' holiday series commenced along the coast from Paynesville and to Mallacoota with 6 sessions held with 246 happy holiday campers taking part in these workshops. Community events such as Hooked on Lakes Entrance, Loch Sport Angling Club Kids Fishing day, Mallacoota Wild Seafood Harvest, Bemm River Kids Fishing day, all had Fishcare EG delivering fishing workshops to support their events with many children and adults taking part. Special mention to the VFA Staff that we partner in the local VFA events who are so supportive of our program and to the local VFA Compliance Officers that come along to our fishing workshops and actively take part in our workshops especially helpful when large numbers turn up. Last but not least, a big special thanks to all the Fishcare volunteers over the state and especially to the Fishcare EG volunteers who make it all happen at this end.

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# Our Projects



## Litter Warriors - Protecting our Bay

Port Phillip Bay Fund  
2018-2019

**COMPLETED**

This project developed and delivered incursion and excursion activities directly related to marine litter and their impacts within Port Phillip Bay. Educational resources developed include fish models, videos, resource sheets, work book, lesson plans and online learning resources. The resources were aligned with the Victorian Curriculum and will continue to be delivered as a part of the Fishcare Program.

The project engaged 1100 participants and delivered community event clean ups and school beach clean ups. With Fishcare Volunteers and staff assistance – 295 participants removed 216kg of litter from Port Phillip Bay Beaches (125.8kg of recyclables, 90.2kg of general waste).

## What's Under the Water

Coastcare  
2018 - 2020

**IN PROGRESS**

This project is still being delivered and aims to Increase young Victorians awareness about impacts of litter on marine resources and fostering a sense of stewardship towards our environment. This is achieved by replicating an underwater marine experience demonstrating how litter impacts aquatic animals and habitats in a pool environment by developing an underwater education pack. The pack includes a suite of Victorian fish species, sea weed and other props and strategically placed rubbish, (in particular soft plastics, straws, fishing line etc.) that clearly demonstrate their impacts on marine environments which is set up in a public pool. Each participant then learns the basics of snorkeling and uses an underwater slate to record the species and litter sighted. This program is complimented by an in class session and a rubbish collection activity. Underwater activities will begin in 2020.



## Fishcare App - Get Hooked on Fishing

RFL Large Grants Program  
2018 - 2019 (December)

**IN PROGRESS**

This project is developing an innovative and interactive 'Get Hooked on Fishing' app. The development of an app will allow anyone, anywhere to participate in the Fishcare program with tutorials, tips and demonstrations on how to get involved in sustainable & responsible recreational fishing. It will also provide a valuable resource for those who have attended a Fishcare clinic and need support to continue fishing on their own. The app will have wide appeal to both community and children and can be utilised by school student-led curriculum-based activities.

Continuing to develop our activity library and add to our program allows us to create awareness and encourage action about emerging environmental issues



## Creating Sustainable Anglers

RFL Large Grants Project  
2016 - 2019 (December)

**IN PROGRESS**

Fishcare's "Creating Sustainable Anglers" project is in it's final stages of delivery. This 3 year large grants project has developed a number of new classroom and event activities that build respect for the environment and our waterways. The activities delivered increase fishing knowledge, awareness of Fisheries rules and regulations and encourage participation in recreational fishing. This project has been a highly valued program which to date has delivered:

- **131 Community fishing events**
- **135 school fishing clinics** where students visit a local fishing spot with the support of staff and volunteers to learn the basics of fishing (>1.5 hours in length)
- **144 inclass educational sessions** learning about the rules and regulations, responsible fishing code of conduct, safe and ethical catch and release, pest species and litter awareness.
- **404 - Varied school workshops** on sustainable fishing education including rules and regulations, knot tying (< 40 minutes in length)
- Working with **95 different schools** across Victoria

**131**  
Community Events  
**10,260**  
Community Members



**683**  
School Events  
**8,692**  
Students





# Treasurers Report

## Income for the 2018-19 financial year totaled \$369,616, an increase of \$79,085 or 27.2% from the previous financial year

Fishcare Victoria Inc has recorded another strong year financially due firstly to the continued support of the Recreational Fishing License (RFL) Working Group and Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA) and secondly the receipt of substantial grants for such projects as the "Get Hooked on Fishing App" and the "Invading the Bay" conservation project.

With grants mentioned above our reliance on the RFL commissioning program has been pleasingly reduced from a high of 97.5% in 2016/17 to 69.8% in the 2018/19 financial year thus reducing the ongoing concern that the organization is dependant on a single source of funding. Successfully obtaining alternative sources of funding should continue to be one of the priorities for the new financial year.

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### Income & Expenditure

Income for the 2018-19 financial year totaled \$369,616, up \$79,085 or 27.2% from the previous financial year. The majority of the income \$203,346 was received from the RFL as part of the first year of a three year renewed RFL base funding agreement commencing in the 2018/19 financial year. We also received \$32,727 from the RFL CSA program. The grants mentioned above provided funding totaling \$99,741 up \$71,748 from last financial year and thus provided the bulk of the increase in funding in 2018/19. Service fees received amounted to \$6,818 up \$5,178 from 2017/18 the improvement in part was due to the VFA increasing service fees payable per event from \$300 to \$500 but also a substantial increase in the events attended compared to the previous couple of years.

Expenditure for the year totaled \$359,964 up \$114,266 from the previous year. The major expenditure items were firstly, Employee expenses \$231,270 up \$44,591 from last year, salary increases and the recruitment of an additional part time Facilitator caused the bulk of the increase but increased expenses relating to staff travel accommodation due to increased field activities also contributed to the increase. Despite the increases Employee expenditure as proportion of total expenditure reduced from 78% to 64.2% in 2018/19. Secondly project costs totaled \$107,696, up \$73,838 from 2017/18, consultant's work equaling \$51,016, on the Fishing App provided the majority of the increase along with Education Resources, \$22,980 up \$15,260.



Fishcare Victoria achieved a surplus of \$9,652 compared to a \$44,833 surplus last year. The substantial component of the previous year results was the receipt of grants whose activities didn't commence until the 2018/19 financial year. Similarly of the two grants received in 2018/19 Invading the Bay will not commence until 2019/20 and the Get Hooked on Fishing App will not be completed until December 2019.

### Investments

This year Fishcare Victoria increased Interest income from investing un-utilized project funds from \$1,363 to \$1,706 this is despite the decreasing interest rates being offered for term deposits by the banks. The reason for this is that we were able to invest the monies for longer period of time then previous years.

## The public fund nearly doubled in size to \$6,152 with donations totaling \$3,152

### Assets

This year the organization purchased computer equipment with a combined value of \$5,582. Please see the depreciation schedule on page 24.

### Public Fund

The Public Fund nearly doubled in size to \$6,152 with donations totaling \$3,152 being made during 2018/19. No donations were received in 2017/18. Fishcare Victoria utilized some of this funding (\$200) to partly fund a women and girls fishing clinic that was held in Melton in April 2019.

Terry Wells  
Treasurer - Fishcare Victoria





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## Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Income</b>		
Coastcare Grant - Whats Under the Water	-	13,437.00
Creating Sustainable Angler 17/18	32,727.27	32,727.27
Donations	3,152.30	-
Fishcare Service Fees	6,818.18	1,640.42
Get Hooked on Fishing App	87,991.36	-
Interest Income	1,705.83	1,363.41
Invading our Bay	11,750.00	-
Little Warriors Funding	-	9,970.00
Membership Proceeds	29.09	34.09
Rays in our Bays	-	4,586.00
RFL Annual Funding 16/17	-	21,684.77
RFL Annual Funding 17/18	22,096.78	198,871.03
RFL Annual Funding 18/19	203,345.64	-
RFL Base Line Funding 13/14	-	6,216.99
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>369,616.45</b>	<b>290,530.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration Costs	749.15	384.67
Annual Leave Expense	6,774.52	(1,139.95)
App Development Consultant	51,016.30	-
Auditing	800.00	600.00
Bookkeeping & Accounting	3,751.41	3,714.60
Catering	1,551.78	1,936.35
Depreciation	2,111.65	1,471.29
Donations Exp	200.00	-
Education Resources	22,980.04	7,720.36
Events Exp	56.32	-
General Expenses	555.22	673.59
In-house Graphic Design	-	600.00
Insurance	5,563.96	5,288.06
Long Service Leave Expense	1,256.49	(3,121.92)
Material & Product Updates	1,731.56	2,330.73
Motor Vehicle Expenses	567.19	105.85
Office Expenses	981.87	1,530.63
Printing & Stationery	941.99	1,455.46
Project Management - Employee Expenses	-	458.60
Promotions	181.30	192.21
Realised Currency Gains	4.19	-
Rent - East Gipps Office	3,465.78	6,201.00
Rent - Elsternwick Office	-	1,989.79
Rent - Warrnambool Office	-	227.27
Repairs and Maintenance	112.64	-
Software Costs	63.59	60.86
Staff On-costs	1,382.87	(6,135.26)
Subscriptions	59.95	200.00
Superannuation	15,101.34	14,174.26
Telephone & Internet	2,353.53	2,799.23
Time In Lieu Expense	(1,564.65)	572.68
Trailer Maintenance	969.91	186.47

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## Income & Expense Statement as at 30 June 2019

Account	2019	2018
Training	3,259.36	-
Travel - National	112.73	953.45
Travel and Accommodation - Staff	25,762.44	20,006.66
Travel and Accommodation - Volunteers	8,939.97	7,565.62
Uniforms	1,037.50	915.00
Venue Hire	509.10	479.09
Volunteer Training	7,198.19	5,075.09
Wages and Salaries	172,999.63	155,516.86
Website	1,059.20	692.90
Workcover Expense	2,226.63	1,573.15
Workshop Expenses	13,139.52	8,443.32
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>359,964.17</b>	<b>245,697.97</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>9,652.28</b>	<b>44,833.01</b>

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.



**BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 30 June 2019

	30 Jun 2019	30 Jun 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Community Solutions Acc	1,310.42	3,094.78
Fishcare Vic Inc Public Fund	6,158.00	3,202.44
Payroll Account	8,950.35	8,585.83
Westpac Chq Acc	104,452.86	94,605.79
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>120,871.63</b>	<b>109,488.84</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	1,100.00	-
Prepayments - AGM	-	700.00
Prepayments - Regional Grant funds	-	1,533.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>	<b>2,233.00</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings	6,396.90	6,396.90
Computer Equipment	10,156.32	4,574.49
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(5,560.66)	(3,406.22)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(716.51)	(1,184.64)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Storage Container	(726.91)	(587.56)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Structures	(1,916.42)	(1,630.43)
Office Equipment	749.36	749.36
SW - Storage Container	2,910.00	2,910.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>11,292.08</b>	<b>7,821.90</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>133,263.71</b>	<b>119,543.74</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	3,764.58	1,936.16
GST Payable	3,205.78	63.84
PAYG Withholdings Payable	(7.00)	3,022.00
Provision - Annual Leave Liability	11,415.62	4,641.10
Provision - Long Service Leave Liability	3,615.82	2,359.33
Provision - Time In Lieu Entitlements	2,656.61	4,221.26
Rounding	(0.25)	(0.26)
Superannuation Payable	984.50	559.54
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>25,635.66</b>	<b>16,802.97</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
BAS Clearing Account	(1,946.00)	2,819.00
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>(1,946.00)</b>	<b>2,819.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>23,689.66</b>	<b>19,621.97</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>109,574.05</b>	<b>99,921.77</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Surplus	9,652.28	44,833.01
FishCare Members Funds	59,886.99	59,886.99
Accumulated Surplus	40,034.78	(4,798.23)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>109,574.05</b>	<b>99,921.77</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
for the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	403,817.29	316,377.98
Payments to suppliers and employees	(369,331.30)	(258,844.45)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	(19,837.19)	(17,968.47)
Cash payments from other operating activities	(4.19)	-
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>14,644.61</b>	<b>39,565.06</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(5,581.83)	(1,394.63)
Other cash items from investing activities	700.00	(700.00)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(4,881.83)</b>	<b>(2,094.63)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Other cash items from financing activities	1,620.01	(16,705.49)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>1,620.01</b>	<b>(16,705.49)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>11,382.79</b>	<b>20,764.94</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	109,488.84	88,723.90
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	120,871.63	109,488.84
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>11,382.79</b>	<b>20,764.94</b>

This financial statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.



## Depreciation Schedule

### Fishcare Victoria 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Jul-18	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Jun-19
<b>Buildings</b>												
Central Highlands shed	FA-0002	Building - Other Structure (2)	2,727	6.0%DV	27 Aug 2013		2,022	-	121	-	827	1,900
Concrete of Shed Floor	FA-0003	Building - Other Structure (2)	1,800	6.0%DV	9 Oct 2013		1,344	-	81	-	537	1,263
Deposit on Shed	FA-0005	Building - Other Structure (2)	370	6.0%DV	1 Nov 2013		277	-	17	-	109	261
Eureka Shed erection	FA-0004	Building - Other Structure (2)	875	6.0%DV	25 Oct 2013		655	-	39	-	259	616
Eureka Shed Storm Water	FA-0007	Building - Other Structure (2)	39	6.0%DV	1 Nov 2013		30	-	2	-	12	28
Shed building permit	FA-0006	Building - Other Structure (2)	586	6.0%DV	1 Nov 2013		439	-	26	-	173	413
<b>Total Buildings</b>			<b>6,397</b>				<b>4,766</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>4,480</b>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>												
camera, lens, sd card and tripod	FA-0022	Computer Equipment	1,154	0.0%None	25 Aug 2017		1,154	-	-	-	-	1,154

## Depreciation Schedule

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Jul-18	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Jun-19
Dell Laptop	FA-0027	Computer Equipment	1,763	0.0%DV150	27 Feb 2019		-	1,763	299	-	299	1,463
HP Laser printer	FA-0024	Computer Equipment	359	0.0%Full	11 Sep 2018		-	359	359	-	359	-
Ipad and case	FA-0025	Computer Equipment	3,245	0.0%DV150	19 Sep 2018		-	3,245	1,267	-	1,267	1,978
laptop	FA-0016	Computer Equipment	787	0.0%Full	7 Jun 2016		-	-	-	-	787	-
Laptop for Fishcare Geelong/Bel larrie	FA-0018	Computer Equipment	1,043	0.0%Full	9 Feb 2017		-	-	-	-	1,043	-
Laptop for Jacinta Early	FA-0017	Computer Equipment	1,133	0.0%Full	13 Oct 2016		-	-	-	-	1,133	-
Quicken	FA-0013	In House Software	444	100.0%DV	30 Jun 2013		-	-	-	-	444	-
SD Card	FA-0028	Computer Equipment	14	0.0%Full	1 Jul 2018		-	14	14	-	14	-
Smart Microphone	FA-0026	Computer Equipment	215	0.0%Full	23 Jan 2019		-	215	215	-	215	-
<b>Total Computer Equipment</b>			<b>10,156</b>				<b>1,154</b>	<b>5,596</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,561</b>	<b>4,596</b>
<b>Office Equipment</b>												
Choice Meter	FA-0008	Tool	484	40.0%DV	7 Mar 2014		55	-	22	-	451	33
Common Seal	FA-0009	Office Equipment	39	21.5%DV	30 Jun 2013		-	-	-	-	39	-
office chair	FA-0020	Office Equipment	226	0.0%Full	17 Aug 2017		-	-	-	-	226	-



## Depreciation Schedule

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Jul-18	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Jun-19
Total Office Equipment			749				55	-	22	-	717	33
SW - Storage Container												
20ft Container	FA-0014	Building - Other Structure	2,910	6.0% DV	5 Nov 2014		2,322	-	139	-	727	2,183
Total SW - Storage Container			2,910				2,322	-	139	-	727	2,183
Total			20,213				8,298	5,596	2,602	-	8,921	11,292

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

#### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity on the basis that there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

The financial report (except for the statement of cash flows) has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

- (a) **Income Tax**  
No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.
- (b) **Plant and equipment**  
Plant and equipment are carried at cost. All assets are depreciated over the useful life of the asset to the association.  
  
The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. As a not for profit entity, the recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the replacement value of the asset.
- (c) **Revenue**  
All revenue is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.  
  
All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).
- (d) **Employee provisions**  
Provision is made for the committee's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.
- (e) **Cash and cash equivalents**  
Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.
- (f) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**  
Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.  
  
Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.
- (g) **Contingent liabilities**  
At the date of this report the committee are not aware of any contingent liability for the association.
- (h) **Events after balance date**  
The committee are not aware of any events subsequent to balance date that would materially impact the financial statements reported at 30 June 2019.



STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

The committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 6:

- i. presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Fishcare Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.
- ii. at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Fishcare Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



Terry Wells  
Treasurer

20 August 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF FISHCARE VICTORIA INC.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Fishcare Victoria Inc., which comprises the balance sheet at 30 June 2019, the income and expenditure statement and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fishcare Victoria Inc. at 30 June 2019, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Section 100(2) of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012*, Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial report.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of Fishcare Victoria Inc. in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Committee's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling Fishcare Victoria Inc.'s financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The committee of the association is responsible for other information. The other information comprises the information included in the association's annual report for the financial year ended 30 June 2019 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the members of the committee for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012*. This responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The committee are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, other the override of internal control
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and relates disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify from our audit.

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20 August 2019



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