



## Recreational Boating Fund – Applications for 2018 Now Open!

Since 1998, Marine and Safety Tasmania have called for submissions from boat owners for worthwhile projects to be funded from the Recreational Boating Fund. This fund is derived from recreational boating registration fees from which MAST allocates \$980,000 annually.

Applications are invited from 1 July 2017 and can be submitted at any time throughout the year. However, to fit each year's budget cycle applications received before 31 March will be considered in May of that year. Applications received after 31 March will not be considered until May the following year, so submit your applications early in the year!

During April and where necessary, MAST Officers will endeavour to meet applicants onsite to discuss their proposal. Following this, Public Forum meetings will be held in early May in regions around the State to help prioritise projects for that region. All applicants will be notified when and where their regional forum will be held. These are also advertised in all the major newspapers.

At the public forum meetings, the proponents will be required to demonstrate the following:

- Clearly establish a need or demand for the facility and outline the contribution the project will make to recreational boating in Tasmania, the region and the immediate area.
- Enhancement of boating safety and enjoyment.
- Economic viability.
- Additional funding opportunities have been examined.

A short list of projects for each region is compiled and forwarded to the MAST Board for approval after the public forums, which will enable planning approvals to be granted and some construction completed by Christmas.

Letters will be forwarded to all proponents advising of their success or otherwise.

The funding range is generally between \$1,000 and \$50,000 per project and applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding from the facility owner.

Application forms are available from this website by clicking on the appropriate .pdf file below or email [admin@mast.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@mast.tas.gov.au) or by phoning MAST on (03) 6235 8888.

In excess of \$23 million has been spent on improvements to recreational boating facilities and services since 1998. In addition to the Recreational Boating Fund, further funding from periodic Motor Boat Licence Fees will be allocated during the next year to fund additional projects. MAST also liaises with Local Government Authorities and facility owners to assist with funding projects on a dollar for dollar basis to enable more projects to be funded. The majority of recreational boating facilities throughout the State are owned and maintained by Local Government Authorities.

A full list of projects approved for funding from the latest 2017 RBF round can be viewed by clicking on the appropriate .pdf file below. Similarly, a list of all projects funded by MAST and others since 1998 can also be viewed by clicking on the appropriate .pdf file below.

If you have any concerns regarding the suitability of a project please contact the Recreational Boating Team at MAST on (03) 6235 8888 or email [admin@mast.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@mast.tas.gov.au)