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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

First Better Fishing Grants awarded

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering upgraded facilities and amenities for the more than 100,000 Tasmanians who enjoy recreational sea fishing.

As part of delivering the State's first 10-year strategy for recreational sea fishing, we also launched the first round of Better Fishing Grants to support our goal of making fishing more accessible.

The grants are part of our \$2 million election commitment and today we can announce the first five community projects to share in a combined total of \$30,500.

The grant recipients are:

- Swansea Primary School Equipment for the Sustainable Fishing Program;
- George Town Council Installing a fish cleaning table and tackle bin at York Cove;
- Tuna Club of Tasmania A single channel base to improve communications for fishers;
- Naracoopa Progress Association Lighting and fish cleaning facilities at Naracoopa Jetty; and
- Reclink Tasmania Fishing tackle for the Reclink Fishing Program.

Better Fishing Grants is a community grants program for not-for-profit organisations including community groups, fishing clubs, schools, councils, and individuals for funding to upgrade or build new recreational fishing facilities.

These might include things like pontoons, fish cleaning tables, bins, shelters, lighting, toilets our upgraded paths and walkways to provide better access to fishing locations.

The next round of the Better Fishing Grants will be launched early 2022.

Details of the grants and eligibility can be found at <u>Better Fishing Grants - Recreational Fishing Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (nre.tas.gov.au)</u>