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### Record funding for boating facilities

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The State Government has approved record funding to improve recreational boating facilities throughout Western Australia.

Announcing the latest round of Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme (RBFS) grants today, Transport Minister Simon O'Brien said \$1.7million had been granted to 14 projects - more than double the 2008 allocation.

Mr O'Brien said the record funding allocation demonstrated the Government's commitment to meeting the growing demand for new boating facilities and the continued improvement of existing infrastructure.

"As the RBFS is funded directly from boat registrations, recent fee increases announced in the State Budget would ensure funding levels for boating facilities and services remain high and boat owners get value for money from their fees," the Minister said.

The majority of Round 14 RBFS funding was allocated to projects in the metropolitan area with \$450,000 granted to significantly increase trailer parking at the redeveloped Woodman Point Boat Launching Facility; more than \$254,000 for the City of Rockingham to upgrade the Point Peron launching ramps; \$76,633 to install courtesy moorings in the Upper Swan; \$37,500 for a study looking at an upgrade of the Leeuwin boat launching facility; and \$22,500 for safety ladders at Ocean Reef Harbour.

The Mid-West region received \$390,000 for additional trailer parking and traffic flow improvements at Batavia Marina.

The RBFS, administered by the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, calls for submissions from local governments and other authorities for grants up to a maximum of \$500,000 to improve recreational boating facilities around the State.

Mr O'Brien said the scheme fostered strong partnerships between the State, local governments and other authorities which significantly benefit the boating community in WA.

In its 14 rounds \$9.3million has been allocated through RBFS to 203 projects throughout WA.

Grants are recommended by the RBFS Assessment Committee, comprising representatives from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure; the WA Local Government Association; WA Tourism Commission; Recfishwest; Jet Sport West Boating Association; Swan River Trust; and Fire and Emergency Services Authority, and approved by the Minister for Transport.

Attached in Appendix 1 is an outline of the successful projects and funds granted.

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