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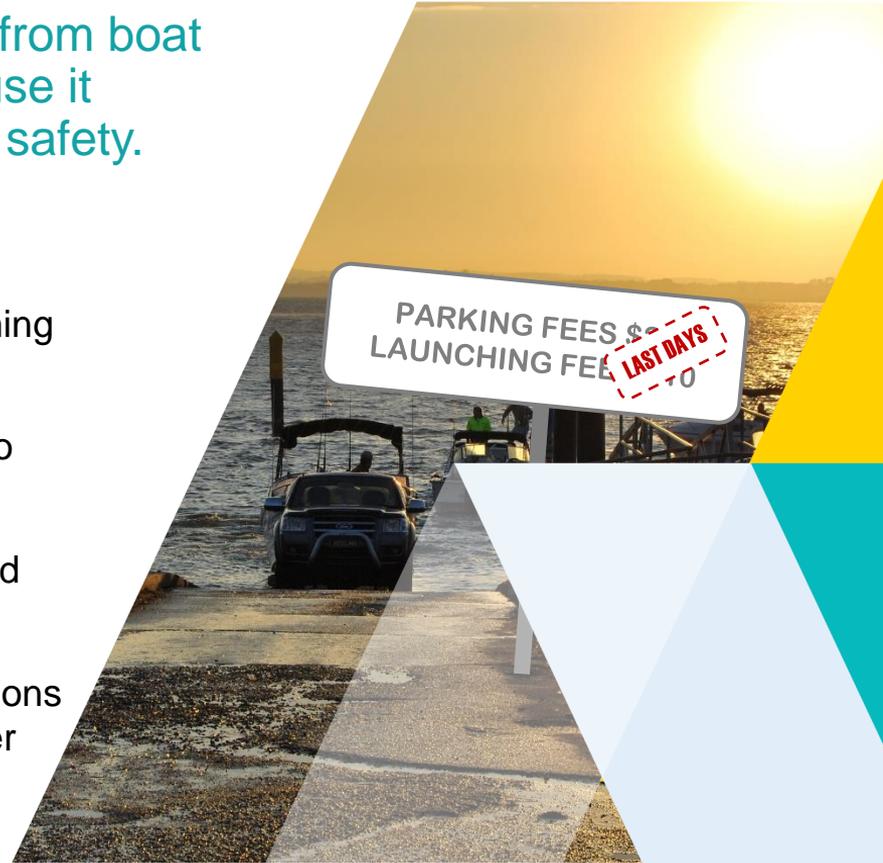
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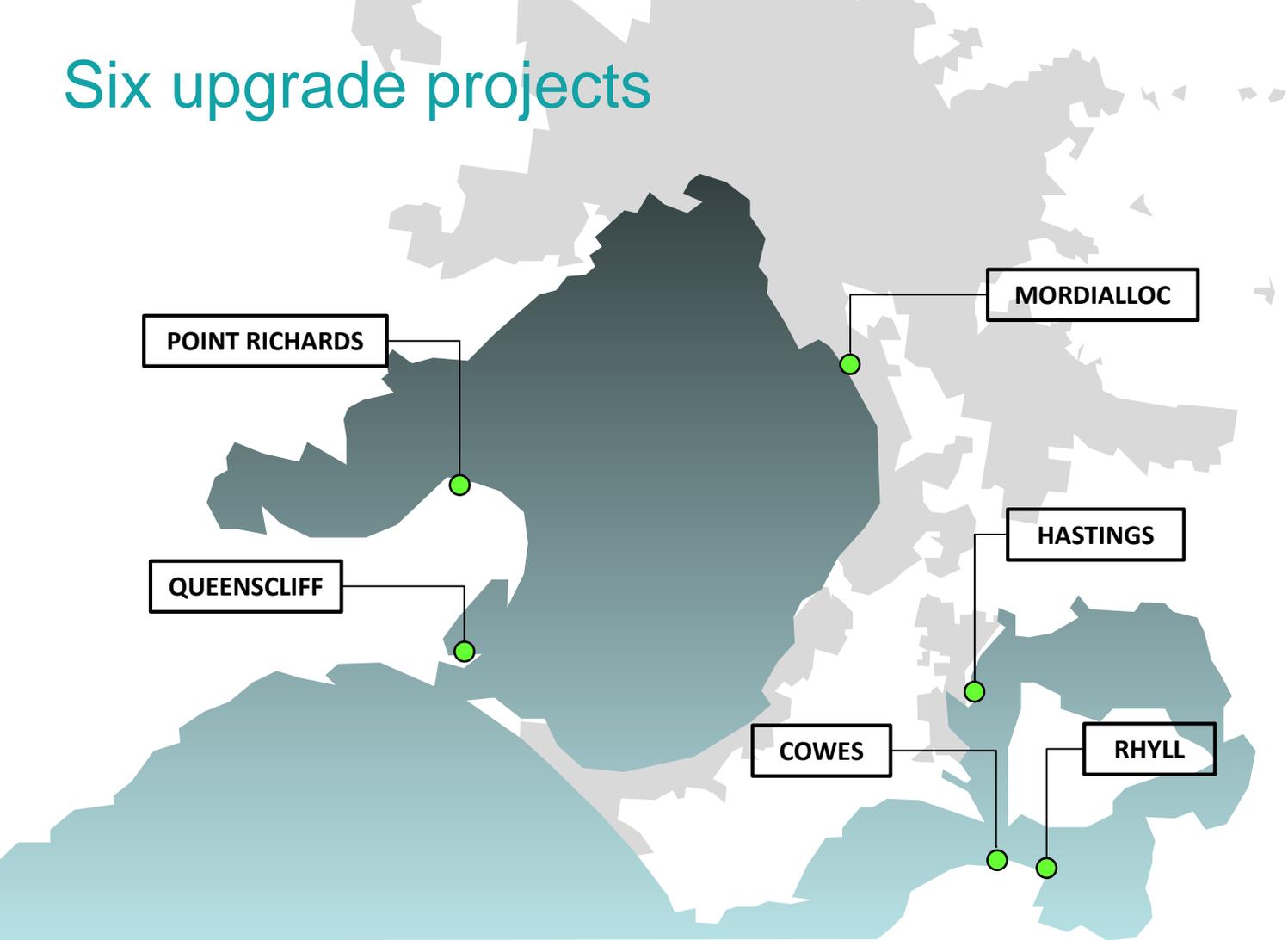
The Better Boating Fund will collect money from boat registration and marine licensing fees and use it exclusively to improve boating facilities and safety.

Early priorities

- \$7.6 million to abolish boat-ramp parking and launching fees at all public boat ramps
- \$39.6 million in priority upgrades and maintenance to boat ramps across the state
- Review infrastructure management at Port Phillip and Western Port
- A stakeholder reference group comprising organisations and individuals from the boating community to further refine the scope of the Better Boating initiatives and how they are implemented.



Six upgrade projects



The role recreational boating plays

- Recreational boating is worth \$4.5 billion to the Victorian economy every year.
- Recreational boating supports 18,000 jobs.
- Recreational boating boosts regional tourism
- Recreational boating creates new jobs
- Recreational boating helps families from all walks of life enjoy Victoria's great outdoors

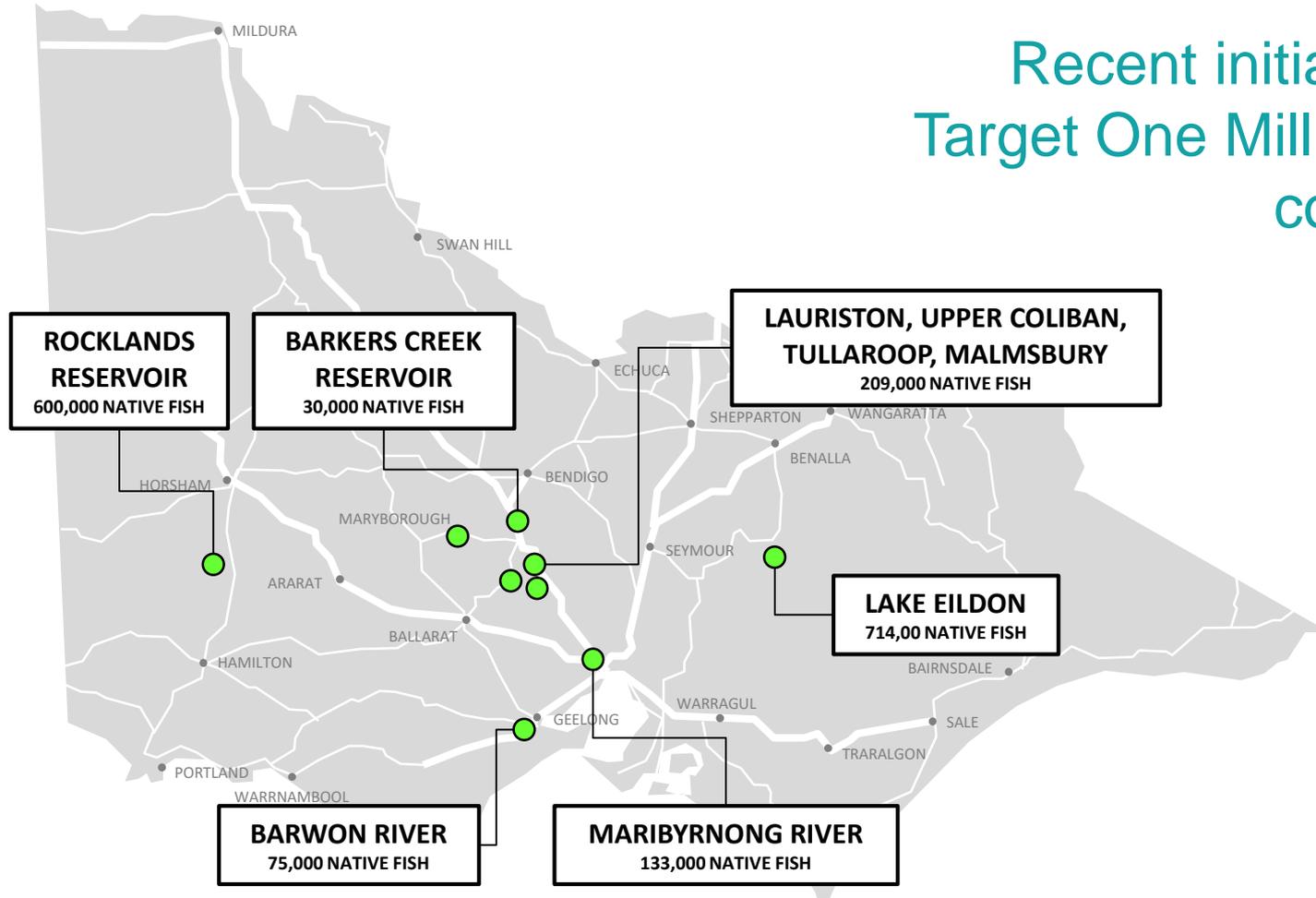


Target One Million

- Mandate access for fishing and camping by opening up hundreds of kilometres of crown land river frontages, many covered by grazing licences
- Release 10 million fish per year by 2022
- Allow anglers to use boats and kayaks with electric motors on some lakes and reservoirs.
- Introduce a new *Fishing for All* program to get more people into fishing, including a further \$200,000 into the Vic Fish Kids program
- Offer number plates for recreational fishers



Recent initiatives under Target One Million stocking commitments



Gippsland Lakes

- Phase out commercial fishing in the Gippsland Lakes through a compulsory buyout to give the Lakes back to recreational anglers
- Invest in science and habitat restoration in the Gippsland Lakes to ensure the environment remains healthy
- Invest \$1.5 million for a new on-water cafe on Bullock Island in partnership with the Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co Operative Society



Native hatchery

- Construct a new \$7 million native fish hatchery in Shepparton focussed on warm-water species such as Murray cod and golden perch
- Increase fish stocking to 10 million fish annually by 2022
- Stock Eastern King Prawns into Lake Tyers
- Release more native fish including Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch into suburban lakes such as Rowville, Lilydale, Karkarook, Casey Fields, Navan Park, Roxburgh and Melton





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