**Labor’s Taxpayer Support for Shooters** *(see also special financial assistance to FGA: pages 2-3 below)*

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| FY | Government grants to GMA  | Game licence revenue  | Taxpayer Subsidy (= difference between previous 2 columns)  | SHAP (2016-2020)  | SHAP (2021-2024) | Shooting Sports Facilities Program (SSFP) grants since 2014 | Lead pollution clean-up at shooting ranges | TOTAL: previous Taxpayer support for shooters |
| 2015 | 4.80 | 2.85 | 1.95 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2016 | 4.80 | 2.50 | 2.30 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2017 | 5.30 | 2.60 | 2.70 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2018 | 5.65 | 3.22 | 2.43 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2019 | 7.13 | 3.00 | 4.13 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2020 | 7.39 | 2.85 | 4.54 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2021 | 8.83 | 0 | 8.83 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2022 | 9.06 | unknown | Conservative estimate\* of 5.5m |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2023 | 9.11 | unknown | Conservative estimate\* of 5.6m |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | **TOTAL ($m)** | **37.98** | **5.3** | **5.3** | **25.48** | **11** | **85.06\*\*** |
|   | Source: | Source: |   |   |   | Source: | Sources: |   |
|   | GMA annual reports | FOI to GMA Ref: 20-19825 |   |   |   | <https://sport.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0023/182507/SSFP-Guidelines-Dec-2021.pdf> | [Treasury Budget papers 2018-19](https://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-05/2018-19%20State%20Budget%20-%20Service%20Delivery_0.pdf) | **\*\*$10m more was recently promised to train shooters** |
|   |   | ***Note: no licence fees for 2021 due to COVID*** | \* Average licence revenue FY2015-2020 was 2.84m |   |   |   | [Treasury Budget papers 2017-18](https://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/state-budget-service-delivery-bp3-2017-18.pdf) |   |

**Taxpayer Funding[[1]](#footnote-1) for Field & Game Australia’s *Heart Morass* - a private duck-shooting wetland**

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| **Contribution**  | **Donor** | **Reference[[2]](#footnote-2)**  |
| Supervision and planning services for Heart Morass enhancement | West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) - State government  | 2012-13 annual report p.20 |
| $504,000 over 10yrs for Heart Morass; responsibilities include weed control | VicRoads offset funding (via Trust For Nature) | 2013-14 annual report p.11 |
| $30,000 for weed control at Heart Morass | State government | 2016-17 annual report, p.17 |
| $200,000 for improved water regulator at Heart Morass | State government  | 2016-17 annual report p.17 |
| Consultants’ report recommending major water infrastructure at Heart Morass and adjacent Dowd Morass: total cost of proposal would be $1.3m | WGCMA – State government [[3]](#footnote-3)  | See link in footnote. Unclear if all this proposed work has been completed. |
| Funds for FGA Sale to plant 8,000 trees at Heart Morass | Gippsland Lakes Coordinating Committee (funded by State government) | 2017-18 annual report p.15 |
| Water-watch program at Heart Morass  | WGCMA – State government | 2017-18 annual report p.15 |
| Funding for track upgrades and recreational access infrastructure in Heart Morass  | Waterway Recreational Values program administered via WGCMA (funded by state government) | 2020-21 annual report p.9 |
| Funding for Bug Blitz (FGA’s schools program) including field days in east Gippsland | Bushfire Recovery Victoria (funded by state government) | 2021-22 annual report p.9 |

1. This is not a comprehensive list; there may well be more instances of funding from the public purse.
 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. All annual reports are FGA Annual Reports. These used to be publicly available on the web but in recent times all but the last 3 have been removed. Fortunately, some people made copies before they were removed.
 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <http://epbcnotices.environment.gov.au/_entity/annotation/8727b9b7-5981-e711-aec9-005056ba00a7/a71d58ad-4cba-48b6-8dab-f3091fc31cd5?t=1523491200337>
The specifications for the report include: “*Feeding, breeding and sheltering habitat for a diverse range of wetland biota, including waterbirds.”*  [↑](#footnote-ref-3)