

# Vic Fish Stock 2022-23

*Where your fish are stocked across Victoria*



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We acknowledge Aboriginal people as Australia's first peoples, and as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which we work and live.

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We recognise all Aboriginal cultures and communities are diverse and should be celebrated.

We acknowledge that the land and water is of spiritual, cultural and economic importance to Aboriginal people.

We embrace the spirit of reconciliation: guaranteeing equality of outcomes and ensuring an equal voice.

We have distinct legislative obligations to Traditional Land Owner groups that are paramount in our responsibilities in managing Victoria's resources.

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# Introduction

Every year the Victorian Fisheries Authority, stocks many of Victoria's inland lakes, impoundments and rivers with key recreational angling species to improve fishing opportunities for fishers across the state. The annual rounds of Vic Fish Stock regional consultative meetings plan the direction of these stocked fisheries. This document reports on the outcomes of the 2021 consultative meetings.

The fish stocking year starts April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> the next year.

## **Vic Fish Stock meetings**

The Vic Fish stock meetings consider recreational angling for each waterbody to:

- Determine the management objectives for the fishery
- Review the current fishery in light of the current year's stocking plan and identify any modifications required
- Draft the following year's stocking plan
- Identify other issues relevant to fish stocking
- Identify current fishery management issues
- Assess additional proposals to the stocking program

The Vic Fish Stock meetings provide a forum for discussions on fish stocking regimes and related recreational fisheries management issues.

In 2022, four meetings were held on-line in May following the draft stocking plan being released for public comment for a period of 3 months.

Submissions to change the stocking program are tabled from representative angler groups and from the VFA. This ensures that the submissions are supported by the relevant groups. Individuals who wish to submit changes are encouraged to contact the representation groups.

The meetings involve invited representatives from a range of stakeholder groups and include Victorian Fisheries Authority, the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), Future Fish Foundation, Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Native Fish Australia (NFA) and fishing association representatives.

The Authority acknowledges and values the important contribution made by stakeholders in this process, particularly those who volunteered their time to prepare for and attend these meetings.

## 2021-22 Fish stocking season—Summary

The 2021 Vic Fish Stock proposed 1,500,450 salmonids and 8,016,000 native fish. A total of 1,917,328 salmonids and 8,296,820 natives were stocked.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
<b>Salmonids</b>		
Brown trout	909,000	1,126,124
Rainbow trout	546,450	677,974
Chinook salmon	40,000	100,730
Tiger trout	2,500	12,500
Cheetah trout	2,500	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,500,450</b>	<b>1,917,328</b>
<b>Natives</b>		
Australian bass	400,000	442,000
Golden perch	4,602,000	3,546,570
Macquarie perch <sup>2</sup>	10,000	145,600
Murray cod	2,600,000	3,170,800
Silver perch	494,000	596,450
Trout cod <sup>2</sup>	10,000	6,100
Estuary perch <sup>1</sup>	400,000	378,700
Dusky flathead		10,600
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,516,000</b>	<b>8,296,820</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,016,450</b>	<b>10,214,148</b>

<sup>1</sup>Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates only, actual numbers dependant on the outcomes of onsite breeding program.

## 2022-23 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2022-23 Vic Fish Stock meetings proposed native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2022-2023 and salmonids stocked over winter 2021. Details of the planned species and numbers to be stocked for each water body are detailed in Appendix 1.

The proposed fish release figures summarised here and listed in Appendix 1 are targets only. Numbers may vary and may be exceeded, or not attained, depending on hatchery conditions, water conditions (e.g. water quality, water levels), infrastructure maintenance, decisions of waterway managers, security of fish supply (e.g. unforeseen impacts on production such as mortality, disease, quarantine status and availability of required stocks from private suppliers) and any unforeseen circumstances that could preclude planned fish releases. Fish allocations may, therefore, be amended prior to release.

### Summary of planned Vic Fish Stockings 2022-23

Proposed stocking numbers	
<b>Salmonids (winter 2022)</b>	
Brown trout,	738,200
Rainbow trout	497,890
Chinook salmon	90,000
Tiger trout <sup>1</sup>	8,000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,334,090</b>

<sup>1</sup>May include cheetah trout.

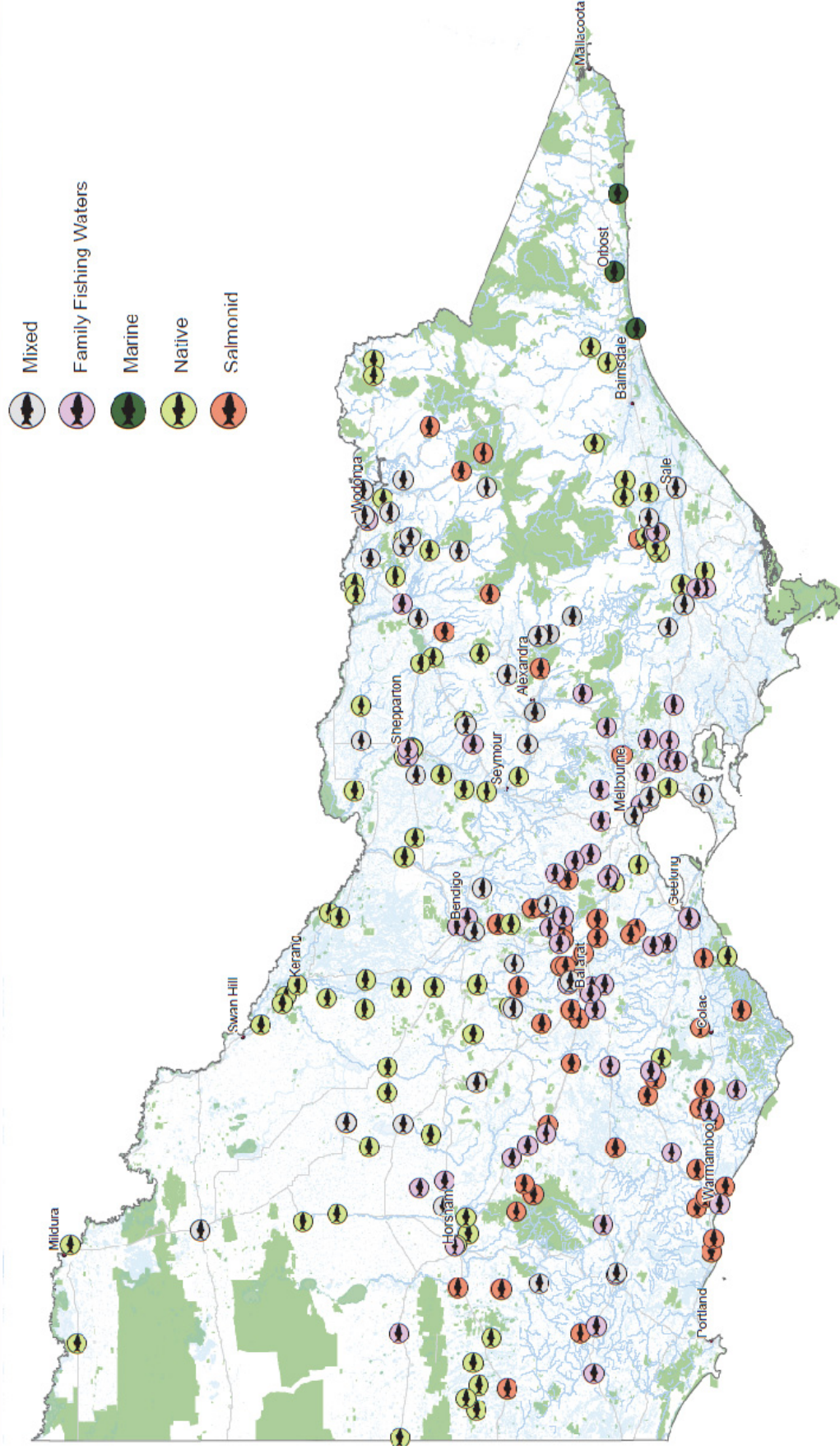
Proposed stocking numbers	
<b>Natives (summer 2022-23)</b>	
Australian bass <sup>2</sup>	402,000
Golden perch	4,548,700
Macquarie perch <sup>3</sup>	100,000
Murray cod	2,772,100
Silver perch	500,700
Trout cod <sup>3</sup>	52,000
Estuary perch <sup>2</sup>	380,000
Dusky flathead	35,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,790,500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,124,590</b>

<sup>2</sup>Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates only, actual numbers dependant on the outcomes of onsite breeding program.



# Fish Stocking in Victoria



[www.vfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au)

For the full list of waters stocked or fish releases, visit the VFA searchable fish stocking database at [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/database](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/database)

# Go Fishing Victoria Phase 1:2014-2018

## SUCCESS LIST

The state government has committed to delivering its Go Fishing Victoria plan for recreational fishing, which will get more Victorians fishing more often.



Remove commercial netting in Port Phillip Bay



Save Lake Toolondo



Establish a marine stocking program



Open trout cod fisheries at Beechworth



Create an exciting barramundi fishery at Hazelwood Pondage



Remove boating restrictions at Blue Rock Lake



Deliver over 180 grants of \$2,000 to Victorian fishing clubs



Ban netting at Gippsland Lakes' river mouths



Make Fisheries Victoria a statutory authority



Increase stocking from 3 to 5 million fish a year



# Go Fishing Victoria

## Phase 2:2018–2022

The state government has extended its commitment to recreational fishers in Victoria, building on its Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing, in more places, more often.

**The renewed plan will invest over \$35 million to:**



**Scrap parking and launching fees at all Victorian public boat ramps**



**Stock Melbourne metro lakes with native Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch**



**Phase out commercial netting in the Gippsland Lakes through a compulsory buy out**



**Stock eastern king prawns into Lake Tyers**



**Deliver the Fishing for All initiative and continue the successful Vic Fish Kids Program**



**Build a new \$7 million native fish hatchery in northern Victoria**



**Increase stocking to 10 million fish by 2022**



**Develop a fishing tourism ‘destination’ plan to boost regional visitation and business opportunities**



**Invest \$600,000 in new fishing platforms and cleaning tables in Port Phillip Bay**



**Open inland reservoirs to kayaks, canoes and tinnies with electric motors**



**Mandate access to Crown land river frontage covered by grazing licences for recreational fishing and camping**



**Invest \$2.5 million in reef development in Port Phillip Bay to improve fish habitat**

Recreational fishing is important to our social and economic wellbeing. It is one of our most treasured pastimes, contributing significantly to families and communities. By working with fishers, Go Fishing Victoria will deliver on its commitments to help get more families outdoors.



# Victorian Fisheries Authority Activity Spotlight

The Victorian Fisheries Authority is always looking to provide or improve recreational angling opportunities across the state. Here is a glimpse of some of the VFA's activities pertaining to stocking and inland fisheries from last year.

## Fish translocation operations for Greens Lake

Two translocation operations to rehome native fish from Greens Lake (near Corop) was performed in March and June 2022. The lake has recently been decommissioned and converted into a natural wetland.

The VFA were generously supported by our esteemed stakeholders from the Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs, Rochester, Kyabram, Nathalia and Underra Angling clubs.

The massive effort translocated a total of 394 golden perch (largest 6.5kg) and 42 Muray cod (largest 1.2m) have been relocated to boost populations in Watanga Basin (goldens only), Goulburn River (near Murchison) and Arcadia fish hatchery. The operations also removed around 13 tonnes of carp that to be made into fertiliser.





## Recovering river blackfish

River blackfish, one of our highly valued and priority native species of fish, received a boost to local populations with the release of 16 adult fish adjacent to Coorimungie Creek. The day was attended and celebrated by the local community, Corangamite CMA, researchers and the VFA – with many helping hands to assist in the safe release of the fish.

The fish were successfully bred in captivity and released by Native Fish Australia member Stephen Mueller, and we celebrate and congratulate him on his perseverance and passion for this achievement – one of the very few times captive bred blackfish have been released in Australian history.





## Australian Trout Foundation – unlocking the secrets about temperature

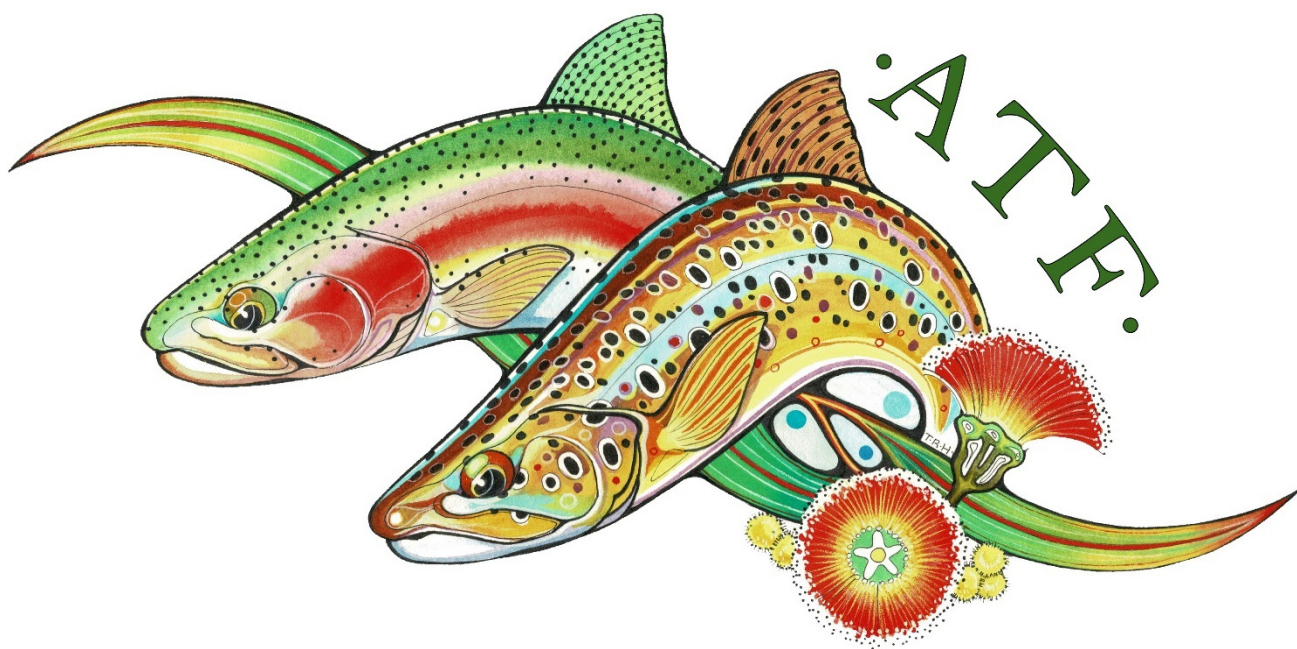
The Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program continues on in 2022 thanks to the passionate work of the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF) and your recreational fishing licence fees.

A key project delivery component this year is the collection of water temperature information in priority trout streams to be made available to fishers so they can plan their trips with the best chance of success.

Water temperature is known to have a large impact on trout feeding and populations so revealing this information for key Victorian trout streams will provide unprecedented insight for trout fishers and for managing trout fisheries into the future.

Dr Brett Ingram (VFA) is working closely with DELWP and ATF to make these data available live online for trout fishers to easily access live.

Congratulations to Terry George, Paul Stolz and the ATF team on continuing to lift the bar on recreational fisher understanding and engagement in managing the Victorian wild trout fishery.



# AUSTRALIAN TROUT FOUNDATION



## GoFish Vic App merger with RL Tag

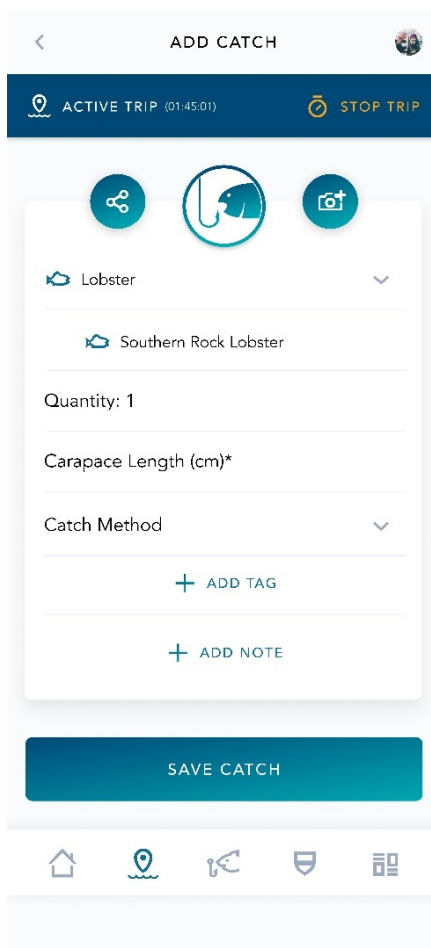
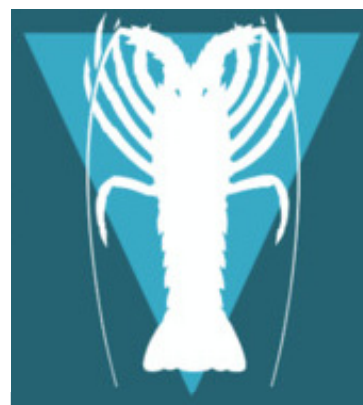
GoFishVIC is a digital revolution for how recreational fishers record their fishing experience and improve their future fishing success. It's the easiest way to have your complete fishing history available at your fingertips and uncover the secrets to catching more fish. The information collected through the program is building our capacity to maintain a healthy fishery for recreational and commercial fishers, and absolutely vital to the long-term sustainability of stocks.

GoFishVic features terrific benefits for fishers including the ability to report catch of all species, add photos, share catch information via social media, view personal catch statistics and receive fishing news and updates.

On 15 September 2021, the FREE app underwent a significant merger with the RL Tag App to provide a singular powerful platform to enhance your fishing experience and complete your rock lobster reporting requirements. The merger also allows users to eliminate plastic waste from using traditional (physical) tags. For more information on your rock lobster fishing experience and new reporting requirements please visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/lobstertag](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/lobstertag)

The primary functionality and app navigation routes remain mostly the same. For rock lobster fishers and new users of the App, the VFA will implement a series of workshop and information updates (FAQs, dedicated webpage, instructional leaflets, videos) to help users transition to using GoFishVIC.

For details on the new reporting program visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/gofishvic>





## Golden tag competition extended in 2022

Anglers across the state now have another year to try their luck at catching a Golden Tag fish worth up to \$10,000, with the State Government announcing the competition is extended until 31 December 2022.

Launched in February 2020 to encourage visitation to Gippsland and the state's northeast following the season's devastating bushfires, the competition was later expanded statewide to support local businesses following pandemic restrictions.

More than 950 tagged fish are still uncaught, swimming in waterways right across the state, including at Lake Eildon, the Goulburn and Ovens rivers in the northeast, Lake Purrumbete in the south west and the Kings Billabong in the north west.

Tagged species include Murray cod, golden perch, rainbow and brown trout, southern bluefin tuna and yellowtail kingfish, flathead, bream, estuary perch, luderick, King George whiting, silver trevally, tailor and Australian bass.

The majority of fish are worth \$2,000; however, there are still a number of \$10,000 fish up for grabs<sup>1</sup>.

The Golden Tag competition presents a great opportunity for locals to wet a line in their favourite spot close to home and encourage recreational fishing tourism, which has enormous economic benefits for communities.



<sup>1</sup> Subject to catch results



## Stonker rainbows released for regional and metropolitan family fun

Stocking the large trout is a way to promote interest in fishing and was undertaken to help out those who had been locked down and wanted to get outdoors for some much-welcomed outdoor recreation.

Seventeen metropolitan Family Fishing Lakes were stocked with up to 1000 'stonker' rainbow trout to bolster recreational fishing fun with some big catches. The trout weighed 4kg each and complement the large number of catchable size trout already stocked into Family Fishing Lakes.

Metropolitan Family Fishing Lakes boast good safe access with waterside platforms, walking tracks, picnic areas and other facilities, creating a wonderful environment for people to get some fresh air whilst wetting a line.

For the third year running, the Goulburn River system (Eildon pondage and Goulburn river between Molesworth and Eildon) also received about 2,000 stonker rainbow trout (for fishers who prefer to venture and try their luck around the northeast systems).

The program will once again return in September 2022 for both metropolitan and the Goulburn River systems.





## Larger yearling trout stocking trial

The VFA have worked closely with VRFish, Ballarat District Angling Association, Australian Trout Foundation and prominent trout fishers and planned a larger trout stocking trial in four waters across Victoria.

Lake Wendouree, Lake Fyans, Moorabool Reservoir and Tullaroop Reservoir will all be stocked with 50g or larger yearling brown and rainbow trout (see table below).

Over the next 3-4 years, anglers will record their catch and effort and this citizen science monitoring information of catch per unit effort, size of caught fish and condition of caught fish will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of stocking larger yearling trout compared with regular yearling trout.

Priority waters	Species	
	Brown trout	Rainbow trout
Wendouree	13,200 <sup>1</sup>	6,000
Fyans	6,000	12,000
Moorabool	6,000	4,800
Tullaroop	20,000	30,000
Sub total	45,200	52,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,000</b>	

<sup>1</sup>6,000 sourced from Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society





## More habitat for freshwater fisheries

Over the past 6 months, the VFA have helped repurpose record amounts of tree debris (large logs and root balls) from storm damage, into valuable in-stream habitat for Murray cod, golden perch and a range of other species.

An amazing 1194 root balls/stumps (188 truckloads) have been installed across 13 locations in Victoria. Key fisheries receiving woody habitat included the Goulburn River, Barwon River, Lake Eppalock, Lake Boga, Merrigum Lake (Burnanga Indigenous Fishing Club), Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery Visitor Pond and Rainbow Lake.

In October 2021, the VFA formed a working group with our contacts across six Catchment Management Authorities (CMA's), OzFish Unlimited, VRFish, DELWP and private contractors, to connect with Bushfire Recovery Victoria and best utilise available root balls and logs following storm damage.

A big thanks go to Bushfire Recovery Victoria for supplying and delivering the timber. This is a great example of working in partnership across Government, bringing together fish and land management, to build better recreational fisheries and improve river health in Victoria.





## Record Macquarie perch stockings and grants to help species recovery

Macquarie perch populations across Victoria's northeast benefited from a Commonwealth Government grant from Landcare (Bushfire Recovery Grants Program) to help recover the iconic species through breeding and habitat improvements. This will complement the record stocking of fingerlings, more than 145,000 fingerlings into six waterways across the North East region of this state.

Macquarie perch are an endangered species where stocking and targeted recovery programs provide critical pathways to accelerate their recovery in the wild. Populations of Macquarie perch have also been heavily impacted by bushfires which have caused the loss of habitat and increased sediment in waterways.

Stockings were complemented by instream fish habitat (boulder seeding, timber habitat), and riverbank improvement works by locals, the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Landcare Network (Ovens and Upper Murray), North East Catchment Management Authority, recreational anglers, recreational angling groups (Corryong Angling Club) community volunteers, Women's in Recreational Fishing Network and Traditional Owners.

The generous Landcare grant of \$181,500 would be used for a range of recovery measures across the Buffalo and King rivers and Cudgewa Creek. The grant also meant staff at the VFA's Snobs Creek hatchery near Eildon could spend more time breeding these valuable fish and increasing the number of fingerlings produced for stocking.

This season's Macquarie perch stocking program culminated in the community coming together to assist with the stocking of Macquarie perch fingerlings into the following systems:

- Ovens River, below Wangaratta - 40,000
- Goulburn River, near Trawool - 58,000
- King River - 15,000
- Buffalo River, upstream of Nug Nug - 15,000
- Cudgewa Creek - 15,000
- Lake Dartmouth - 2,200

For more information about Victoria's collective effort to bring back the Maccas visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recoveringmaccas](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recoveringmaccas)





## More tiger trout for Purrumbete

Lake Purrumbete's reputation as a trophy trout fishery got even better with the addition of 7,000 tiger trout (brook male x brown trout female).

The stocking of tiger trout into Lake Purrumbete over the last three years has been incredibly successful with freshwater fishers catching trout up to 2.3kg in size. Fishers have revelled in their sportfishing qualities and as a table fish for the family too.

The stocking trial at Lake Purrumbete began with a request from VRFish that has seen more than 1,200 tiger trout and 7,400 cheetah trout released to date.

Lake Purrumbete is stocked annually with Chinook salmon, brown, rainbow and brook trout, a species mix supported by the Lake Purrumbete Angling Club. The lake is also home to a self-sustaining population of redfin which often school in great numbers and can be caught by fishers of all skill levels.

Lake Purrumbete will also benefit from the Government's Boating Safety and Facilities Program grants program that awarded \$312,000 to the Lake Purrumbete Foreshore Committee of Management to renew the jetties and pontoons at the popular boating destination.

The grants program is part of the Government's \$47.2 million investment to improve recreational boating in Victoria, which includes Better Boating Victoria making it free to park and launch at Victorian boat ramps and establishing the Better Boating Fund.





## Murray cod – Giants on the move

Victorian recreational fishers can look forward to again casting a line for Murray cod anywhere in the state. The Murray cod season opened on Wednesday, 1 December, following a three-month closure in most waters to enhance breeding opportunities for this iconic species.

Victoria boasts several of Australia's premier Murray cod fisheries thanks to sensible catch limits, record stockings and substantial improvements to fish habitat and river health. One of the best Murray cod fisheries in Victoria is Lake Eildon, which has been stocked with nearly three million cod fingerlings over the last 30 years, primarily funded by recreational fishing licence fees. Freshwater fishers are now regularly catching trophy metre-long cod with a lucky few encountering giants up to 120cm.

In more good news for Murray cod fishers, Lake Eildon has welcomed an exciting new two-year research project this summer to unlock some of the mysteries about cod movement into the Goulburn River above the lake. The study will determine if cod in the upper Goulburn River are an active part of the Lake Eildon population or a distinct one of their own. 20 Murray cod over the minimum size of 55cm will be tagged with acoustic transmitters that emit a regular 'ping' as the fish swims.

Listening stations in the Goulburn Arm of the lake and up the Goulburn River will detect these 'pings', recording individual fish movement, depth and speed every time a tagged cod comes within range of a station. The project is supported by keen cod fishers by helping to monitor tagged cod movement, ensuring strong engagement with those most passionate about wetting a line for the species. This two-year project is a terrific example of applied research to improve knowledge for recreational fishers and fisheries managers, all of whom want to see Lake Eildon's cod fishery go from strength to strength in the years ahead. Learn more about the project at [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/codtracking](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/codtracking)





## Australian bass stocking

Recreational fishers will be excited to hear 150,000 Australian bass fingerlings were stocked into nine Victorian waters to further improve freshwater fishing opportunities.

Victorian Fisheries Authority CEO Travis Dowling said the bass stocked this week all went into Gippsland lakes and rivers with another 292,000 to come for 11 other waterways across the state.

This enormous bass stocking effort of 442,000 fingerlings this season is part of a dedicated effort to stock a record 10 million fish by April 2022, funded by fishing licence fees and the State Government's \$35 million Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing.

Australian bass are an iconic sportfish that can grow to 50 centimetres in favorable conditions.

Blue Rock Lake is an excellent example of how successful our bass stockings have been. In conjunction with on-water access improvements for small boats and kayaks, lure and bait fishers are regularly catching bass in good numbers, including in dedicated bass fishing competitions that are becoming more common.

Outside of Gippsland, Ferntree Gully Quarry in Melbourne received 1,000 bass and Lake Bullen Merri near Camperdown, which already boasts bass to 2kg and more, was stocked with 10,000 fingerlings.

Other Victorian waters that received bass stockings include:

- Mitchell River - 100,000
- Blue Rock Lake - 50,000
- Glenmaggie Lake - 50,000
- Snowy River - 50,000
- Cann River - 30,000
- Latrobe River - 20,000
- Macalister River - 23,000
- Timbarra River 20,000





## Record estuary perch stockings

A record number of more than 410,000 estuary perch have been stocked into seven waterways across Victoria.

Estuary perch are a popular target for fishers and one of a dozen species stocked annually to further improve fishing opportunities in the state's lakes, rivers and estuaries.

The Maribyrnong River has since welcomed a further 120,000 estuary perch that found new homes amongst 32 fish habitat structures installed in November 2021.

For the first time ever, Aura Vale Lake near Emerald has also been stocked with 5,000 estuary perch.

Further east – the Gippsland Lakes has been stocked for the second year in a row with 140,000 fingerlings.

The stocking at Gippsland Lakes comes as part of the Gippsland Lakes Recreational Fishery Plan, which is returning the waterway to a recreational fishing mecca, following the end of commercial net fishing in 2020.

Overall this season, estuary perch has been stocked into:

- Maribyrnong River - 120,000
- Gippsland Lakes - 140,000
- Barwon River - 113,700
- Lake Tyers - 25,000
- Aura Vale Lake - 5,000
- Bemm River - 5,000
- Snowy River - 5,000





## Record one million fish stocking for Lake Eppalock

Recreational anglers will have close to a million chances to reel in a fish at Lake Eppalock with a record stocking for the waterway.

Set to improve freshwater fishing for decades to come, the one million fish stocking is part of an Andrews Labor Government promise to stock an Australian-record 10 million fish across the state by April 2022. It is also a key component of its \$35 million Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing more often.

The Lake Eppalock was stocked with ~600,000 Murray cod and ~360,000 golden perch fingerlings, set to grow to catchable size within three to four years.

A short drive from Bendigo, the lake is known for producing exceptional freshwater fishing, including golden perch and redfin. At the same time, more Murray cod are stocked every year as part of an increased focus on the iconic native species by the VFA.

Many of the stocked Murray cod are grown by the VFA at its Snobs Creek hatchery, made possible by the Government's reinvestment of recreational fishing licence fees.





## Maribyrnong River Native Fish Revival project – COMPLETED

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) in a partnership with recreational fishers (RFL Grant), DELWP, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and local councils have completed the three-year (\$815,000) multi-tiered Maribyrnong River Native Fish Revival Project.

The project was finalised in November 2021 with the installation of 32 new native fish habitat from Avondale Heights to the Flemington Racecourse. Structures made from repurposed felled timber and concrete were built with the help of prisoners at Hopkins Correctional Centre, in addition to hundreds of tonnes of rock donated by the Cherry Creek Youth Justice Centre Project for use on the habitats.

The habitats will be home to some of the 300,000 estuary perch already stocked in the Maribyrnong River since 2018. Other key deliverables of the project include baseline fish population and fish habitat surveys, a new boat launching facility, estuary perch stocking, a recreational users survey, a review of existing angling access/infrastructure and an historical review of Maribyrnong River.

For more information about the project please visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/maribyrnongrevival>





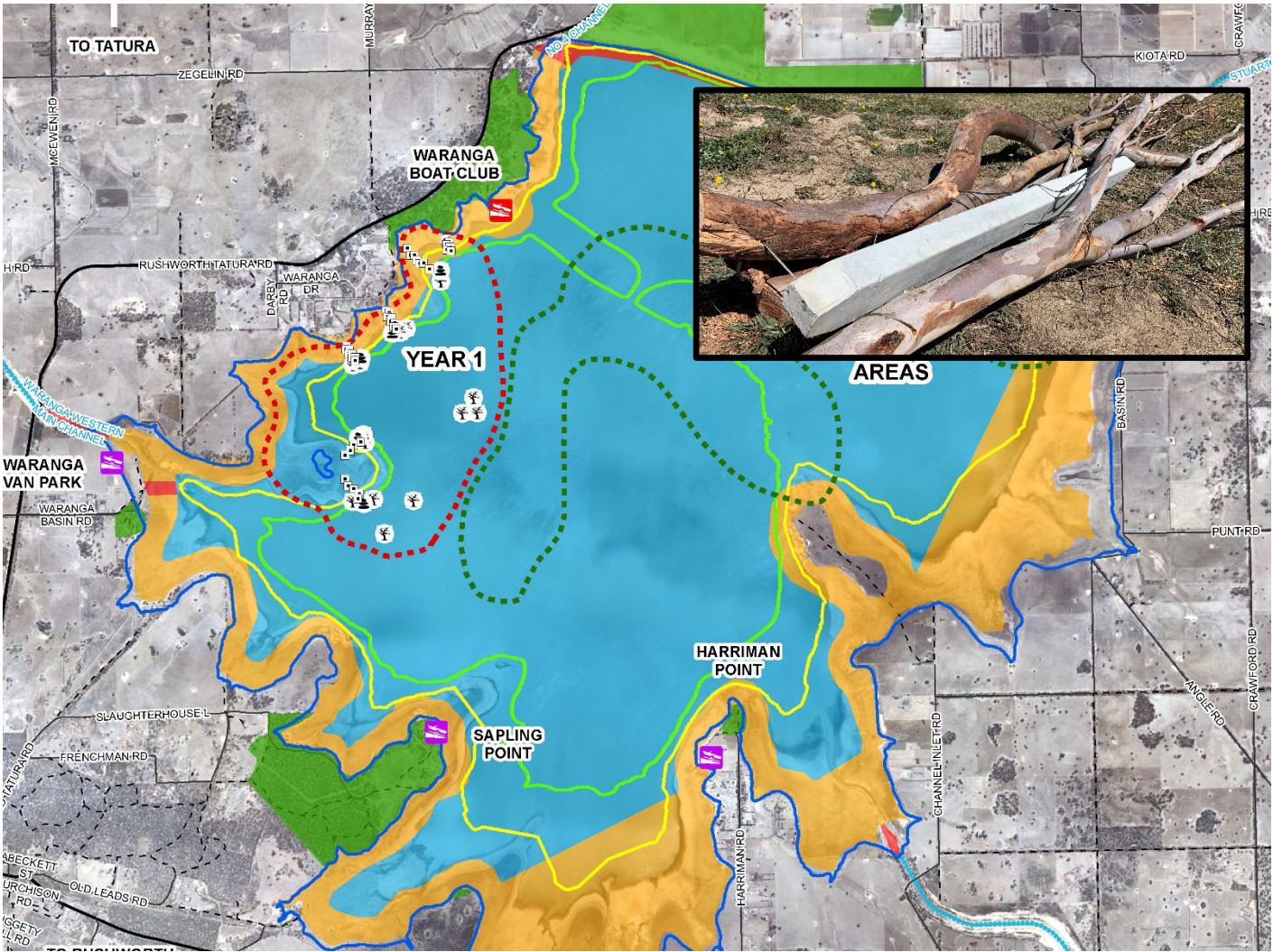
# Waranga Basin Fish Habitat Program

Leveraging off the success of the Maribyrnong Native Fish Revival Program, the installation of fish habitat into Waranga Basin is getting closer thanks to the big steps taken by Roland Huber and the Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs (GVAAC) successful Recreational Fishing Large Grant.

To progress the installation of fish habitat, a project steering committee has been formed (Jan 2022), a stakeholder engagement session held (Feb 2022) and the next deliverable will be the habitat installation plan (June 2022) - outlining the strategies for determining final habitat design, obtaining habitat supplies and determining a suitably qualified contractor to safely install the habitat (July 2022).

The habitat installation plan is expected to recommend (1) installation of purpose-built habitat comprising of a natural timber-concrete beam complex to safely manage risk (boating and navigation) and manufactured within budget constraints and (2) a multi-year approach for habitat installation to fully optimise the recreational fishing growth opportunities for this waterbody (see proposed map below).

The fishery enhancement project is complemented by the updated boat ramp for Waranga Basin at Harriman Point, delivered by Better Boating Victoria.





## Arcadia native fish farm – the last big step.

Now that earthworks are done and, we have a successful first harvest season under our belt, all efforts are now focussed on the last piece of the jigsaw puzzle - construction and fit out of our native fish hatchery building at Arcadia. The hatchery building will measure 48 metres x 16 metres and once operational, will enable us to close the production cycle at Arcadia. This means, over the next few years, Arcadia will become self-sufficient, bringing broodfish into condition, breeding from them and, rearing larvae through to fingerling stage all on site.

To make sure the hatchery can be fully utilised and ready for spring, we have stocked our brood ponds with more than 150 thumping Murray cod and golden perch. To make them feel at home and, to build their condition, we've been feeding them on a rich diet of carp fillets and yabbies. There was quite a commotion when the first batch of 250 kilograms of yabbies were released into the broodstock ponds.

All broodfish going to Arcadia are first put through fish health screening and treatment as part of a quarantine process. This also involves sexing, pit tagging, salt bathing and fin clipping broodfish for DNA analysis. It's important we keep fish health in top condition and ensure we maximise the genetic diversity of all broodfish used for breeding.

Despite frustrating rain delays, we expect to complete the hatchery concrete slab by the end of next week and, by mid-July the hatchery shed will be erected. Soon after this, the internal walls and ceilings will be installed followed by electrical works and heating cooling systems. Around this time more than 70 specialised tanks, pumps filtration equipment will be installed by our highly skilled crew at Arcadia.

The hatchery shed will be operational by September, in readiness to receive the first batch of Murray cod eggs laid down at Arcadia in October. It usually takes up to two seasons for Murray cod to settle in and reliably breed in ponds so, we will continue to receive larvae from Snobs Creek hatchery to ensure we maximise the use of plankton ponds this season.

Last season we harvested 480,000 fish from the ponds. We have set ourselves an ambitious production target of reaching 1 million native fish at Arcadia this season. For progress updates please visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/go-fishing-victoria/new-native-fish-hatchery>





## New partnership to train fish farmers of the future

The Victorian Government has formed a partnership with GOTAFE to train the fish farmers of the future. Together with the Government, GOTAFE has created a new, free Certificate Level 3 agriculture course to develop fish farming skills

The 12-month course started on July 16 2021, with a two-day introductory session enabling prospective students gain an insight into the course.

The course focuses on practical skills including fish feeding, breeding and harvesting, and releasing fish into the wild. A range of units will be taught on site at the new Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery near Shepparton and the Snobs Creek Hatchery near Eildon.

The Victorian Government is encouraging indigenous students to participate in the course and begin the journey to working at Arcadia. Two graduates of the course will be offered at least 12 months employment at Arcadia.

Once complete, the Arcadia Hatchery will produce 1.6 million native fish each year and support up to 20 jobs on and off site. The Government has committed \$3 million to develop a visitor centre at Arcadia in addition to the \$7 million to build the fish hatchery.

For more information on the Certificate Level 3 agriculture course, visit [www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/whats-on/events/native-fish-farming-information-session](http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/whats-on/events/native-fish-farming-information-session)



## Melbourne to host World Recreational Fishing Conference 2023

The Victorian Government has secured the hosting rights for the 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference in 2023. Melbourne will host the event from February 18-23, 2023 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre while also being broadcast digitally around the world.

The WRFC is the world's most prominent gathering of the recreational fishing community and is held every three years in major cities around the world for researchers, recreational fishers, angling organisations and government to meet and exchange knowledge about hot topics in recreational fishing.

The four-day event is expected to attract hundreds of international visitors from at least 20 countries, as well as recreational fishers and fishing experts from across Australia. The conference will include exhibitions and also combine the Talk Wild Trout Conference and Murray Codference with the world-class event. Some exciting keynote speakers have been approached which we will announce as soon as we can.

The Government's bid was led by the Victorian Fisheries Authority in partnership with recreational fishing organisations including VRFish, FutureFish Foundation, Women in Recreational Fishing Network, Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, Fisheries Research and Develop Corporation, the Melbourne Convention Bureau, Visit Victoria and leading recreational fisheries scientists in Australia.

The Fisheries Research and Development Corporation has been named as a major partner of the event.

Past WRFC conferences have been held in Canada, Brazil, Germany, USA, Norway, Australia (Darwin), Canada and Ireland. The website for the conference was launched on the 16 June 2022 with the conference themes and calls for abstracts (presentations): <https://wrfc10.com/>. The website will be updated regularly with event information and will be supported by a strong social media campaign.





## First-class facilities complete at Lake Purrumbete

The Andrews Labor Government has partnered with locals to improve fish cleaning facilities at one of Victoria's premier trout fishing destinations, Lake Purrumbete, providing an \$18,000 grant for a range of now-completed improvements.

Awarded to the Lake Purrumbete Foreshore Committee of Management, Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said the grant has assisted in repairing the lake's facilities following a severe weather event in 2019.

Completed works include a covered shade structure and three new large fish cleaning tables featuring overhead running water, plumbing, and lighting to enhance anglers' fishing experience.

Stocked by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) with Chinook salmon and rainbow, brown, tiger and cheetah trout species, and with an abundance of redfin, there are also plans for future improvements at the shelter.

These plans include electric barbecues, tables, and chairs, to ensure families can conveniently catch, clean, cook and eat their fish caught at Lake Purrumbete.

Complementing the new facilities is a \$312,000 grant awarded to the committee earlier this year through Better Boating Victoria's Boating Safety and Facilities Program to renew jetties and pontoons at the lake.





## School holiday trout stockings continue

Families across Victoria were able to catch an exciting new hobby over the school holidays thanks to the stocking of almost 8,000 catchable size rainbow trout into 16 lakes across the region.

Over 32,000 catchable fish were stocked into more than 80 lakes across the state just in time for school holidays in 2021. The school holiday stockings are part of the Victorian Fisheries Authority goal to stock 10 million fish this year and funded by recreational fishing licence fees and Go Fishing Victoria, the Victorian Government's \$35 million plan to get more people fishing, more often.

Family Fishing Lakes boast good access with waterside platforms, walking tracks, picnic areas and other facilities, creating a wonderful environment for people to breath in some fresh air and exercise whilst wetting a line.

On top of the lake stockings, the Eildon Pondage and Goulburn River between Eildon and Molesworth received 2,000 stonker rainbow trout weighing 4-5 kg which are sure to test fishers if they're lucky enough to hook one.

Rainbow trout are perfect for kids or anyone new to fishing because they are easy to catch and take a range of bait such as worms and Powerbait, and lures too. The catchable size rainbow trout for Family Fishing Lakes were grown by the Victorian Fisheries Authority team at their Snobs Creek hatchery, near Eildon.

For the state-wide list of stocked waters these holidays visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout)





## Murray Codference 2022

Recreational fishers once again converged on Shepparton for the sixth annual Murray Codference in February 2022. The free conference has become a popular gathering of freshwater fishing diehards keen to learn the latest in fisheries management and ways to catch iconic Murray cod and other prized native fish.

The event offers the latest tips and tricks on catching a cod and a wonderful opportunity for recreational fishers to get together, share a few fishing yarns and hear from experts about all things Murray cod.

Two keynote speakers this year is two-time Mulwala Classic winner, Thomas Pinter, who shared a few secrets on lake fishing for trophy cod. Thomas was joined by fellow impoundment fisher Kate Norman, who has become known in recent times as the 'Eildon cod whisperer'.

Other speakers included John Fyffe who spoke on the art of clearwater cod fishing with bait, while industry legend and Freshwater Fishing magazine editor Bill Classon talked through his preferred ways of targeting Murray cod and golden perch.

Other topics discussed at the conference include the VFA's new native fish hatchery at nearby Arcadia, a new project that is tracking cod in the Goulburn River above Lake Eildon, recovery efforts on Macquarie perch, and the successful Women in Recreational Fishing Network, which was started right here in Victoria.

Participants received an update on how we are progressing towards our record-breaking fish stocking target of 10 million by April, including 2.6 million Murray cod, which is supported by your recreational fishing licence fees.

To learn more about the conference or to download a copy of the proceedings, please visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/codference2022](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/codference2022)





## Hooked on Lakes Entrance 2022

Hooked on Lakes Entrance returned in 2022 and provided Victorians with the chance to indulge in fresh local seafood, while supporting regional communities during the March long weekend.

The many wonders of East Gippsland were on display and the free event held on Sunday 13 March allowed attendees to try delicious seafood, learnt more about where consumer fresh fish comes from or cast a line with experts and increase the odds at hooking your next meal.

Lakes Entrance is a fishing mecca and home to one of Australia's largest commercial fishing fleets, making it the perfect destination to sample fresh seafood. The area provides a diverse fishery that offers fantastic recreational fishing for beginners and experienced diehards, from the shore or boats, big and small. Access to the Lakes is becoming more accessible with the numerous boating upgrades currently underway in this region, including at the North Arm.

The festival helped bring tourism to bushfire-affected communities, boosted regional businesses that were subsequently impacted by Covid 19 restrictions.

This year's event on the Lakes Entrance Foreshore Reserve ran all day from 10am till 4pm and boasted new activities to get everyone excited about fishing and tourism in the region, including:

- Seafood cooking and filleting demonstrations by Mark Briggs from Sardine Eatery and Sam Mahlook from Soda Fish seafood restaurant.
- Free Fishcare 'Come and Try' fishing clinics for kids and families.
- Maritime Safety Vic Float Safe inflatable lifejacket clinics.
- Fresh seafood sales.
- Pop up bar.
- Kids amusements.
- Family-friendly areas to enjoy the waterfront views.





## VicFishKids 2022

The VFA's popular Vic Fish Kids event returned again in 2022, with four events held in Williamstown, Bendigo, Moorabbin and Seymour.

Each event is fun for the whole family, featuring FREE fishing clinics for children, activities, food, drink and more. Best of all, youngsters got the chance to experience a new hobby in a safe and supportive environment with help from experts.

The first event at Williamstown was opened by three-time Richmond premiership player, Bachar Houli, Fisheries Officers, VFA staff and many esteemed volunteers. Fishing expert Lee Rayner led the fishing clinics at all four events, with help of local fishing clubs, Fisheries Officers and Fishcare, ensuring newcomers to the pastime learn from experienced fishers about knots, casting, bait selection and what to do when they land their first fish.

Catchable size rainbow trout from the VFA's Snobs Creek hatchery was stocked prior to the events at Bendigo, Moorabbin, and Seymour to enhance everyone's chances of fishing success. Every child who participated in the fishing clinic received a FREE fishing rod.

Following the Williamstown event (March 6<sup>th</sup>), Bendigo was held at Kennington Reservoir on Sunday, 1 May, Moorabbin at Karkarook Lake on Sunday, 15 May, and Seymour at Goulburn Park on Sunday, 22 May.

For more information about future events (dates, times and location) please visit [vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids](https://vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids).





## Your fees at work to improve recreational fishing

The State Government is giving Victorian anglers more opportunities to wet a line thanks to new projects funded through the *Recreational Fishing Grants Program* – now in its twentieth year.

Worth more than \$925,000 in reinvested fees, the grants program is putting fishing licence fees to work to ensure every Victorian angler has access to the state's best fishing experiences – with the 11 new projects ranging from fish habitat improvements to a jetty upgrade, education, and fisheries monitoring right across Victoria.

In the Gippsland Lakes, 50 fish habitat structures will be placed at the mouth of the Mitchell River to provide more shelter and food for iconic species like black bream, estuary perch and Australian bass – contributing to the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's plan to improve habitats in rivers that enter Jones and Tambo bays.

At Waranga Basin outside Shepparton, the *Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs* received a grant to install a woody habitat, creating more homes for golden perch. The basin will also be stocked by the Victorian Fisheries Authority, commencing this summer with 100,000 fingerlings – meaning more stock for anglers to reel in.

In south-west Victoria on the Glenelg River at Pritchards Landing, a longer floating pontoon will replace the jetty to provide all-abilities access at any water level and temporary tie-up for three boats next to the ramp.

Keen anglers on the Little Murray River will also receive a boost, with five sites between Swan Hill and Fish Point Weir to welcome more snags in deep pools for Murray cod and golden perch. The North Central Catchment Management Authority also has similar plans for more instream habitat into Pyramid Creek.

The *Australian Trout Foundation* has received funding to continue delivering its Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program – including collecting stream temperature data, site selection for bankside tree planting, assessment of incubator stocking trials as a recovery tool, and the annual Trout Conference.

Trout and native anglers on the Goulburn River will benefit from three grants awarded to the *Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority* to enhance fish habitat near Eildon, Trawool and downstream at Wyuna, installing lunkers and more than 110 logs and stumps.

Finally, the VFA will receive a grant to monitor catches in Port Phillip, Western Port, Corner Inlet, and the Gippsland Lakes, along with funds to publish the *2022 Recreational Fishing Guide* in English, Chinese and Vietnamese, fish length rulers, and measures for rock lobsters, abalone, and spiny crayfish.

To learn more about the *Recreational Fishing Grants Program* please visit [vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing](https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing).





## Recreational Fishing Grants Program

Every year the Victorian Government provides revenue from the sale of recreational fishing licences to projects that improve recreational fishing, through the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account.

Since its inception in 2001, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program (RFGP) has funded over 600 projects, worth more than \$21 million, to help improve recreational fishing and facilities throughout Victoria. An annual Large Grants Program (for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000) is open for applications between 1 October and 28 February. A Small Grants program is open year-round and provides funding of up to \$5,000 for fishing clubs and other organisations to run community fishing events and undertake small scale projects.

Information regarding the Small Grants program conditions and guidelines, as well as a link to the online application form can be obtained from the Victorian Fisheries Authority website at:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program/small-grants-program>

For more information on RFGP activities or details on how to access these grants, please visit:

[www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program)

Each year funds from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account are also disbursed to fund a number of projects. Successful application this year are:

- Gippsland Lakes Habitat Restoration project: The East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority will install woody habitat in the Gippsland Lakes which will benefit key species such as black bream, estuary perch and Australian bass.
- Waranga Basin native fish habitat project: The Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs will lead a project to create additional habitat in Waranga Basin for native fish species such as golden perch.
- Upgrade of the jetty at Pritchards Landing on the Glenelg River: The Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority will replace the existing small, fixed jetty with a larger pontoon-based jetty, which will improve access for recreational fishers.
- Victorian Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program: The Australian Trout Foundation will implement a range of programs and research and educational activities to safeguard the future of Victorian wild trout fisheries.
- Increase fish habitat in the Little Murray River: The North Central Catchment Management Authority will install additional woody habitat and snag structures to improve the recreational fishery for native fish in the Little Murray River.
- Increase fish habitat in the Pyramid Creek: The North Central Catchment Management Authority will install additional woody habitat and snag structures to improve the recreational fishery for native fish in the Pyramid Creek.
- Enhance fish habitat in the Goulburn River at Eildon Waters: The Goulburn Broken Central Catchment Management Authority will install woody structure to improve fish habitat in the Goulburn River near Eildon.
- Increase fish habitat in the Goulburn River at Wyuna: The Goulburn Broken Central Catchment Management Authority will install additional woody structure to improve fish habitat in the Goulburn River near Wyuna.
- Increase fish habitat in the Goulburn River at Trawool: The Goulburn Broken Central Catchment Management Authority will install additional woody structure to improve fish habitat in the Goulburn River near Trawool.

## Victorian Fisheries Authority contacts

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Fish management and stocking enquiries:  
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### For compliance assistance:

To report fisheries offences, call 13 FISH (☎13 3474).

### For general enquiries:

Call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186  
or visit [www.vfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au)

## Report illegal fishing call 13 FISH (☎13 3474)

### Helpful information includes:

- ◆ Time and date of activity
- ◆ Vehicle/boat registration
- ◆ Place
- ◆ Activity
- ◆ Number of people involved
- ◆ Equipment

Information provided will assist in planning patrols and enforcement operations when no immediate field response is possible.







# Appendix 1 – Proposed fish stockings

## Using the Tables

The following tables present a summary of three Vic Fish Stock consultation meetings held across regional Victoria in May 2022. They reflect the key outcomes from each meeting. Proposals for stockings were received prior to meetings. These proposals were discussed, and a final position determined by consensus. The proposals were then costed against budgets and fish production capabilities and modified to suit but maintaining the intention of the stocking. The outcomes represent the shared decision of the meeting attendees resulting from this assessment.

Annual stocking refers to the on-going stocking program where waters are stocked with the fish each year. These stockings will continue each year unless altered at the Vic Fish Stock meetings or there is insufficient water to stock fish, or some other unforeseen (production issues) reason.

School holiday stockings refer to the stocking of ready to catch on-grown rainbow trout into small waters prior to selected school holidays.

The 2022 Vic Fish Stock meetings plan the stocking of both salmonids and native fish to align with the April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> reporting requirements.



## Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2022	Comments
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	6000	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	7000	
Boyd's Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	400 fish for Ron Nelson Classic. Once a year stocking. Public access limited to the waterbody apart from open day of the Ron Nelson Classic. Supported stocking for the Classic, but fish numbers to remain the same. This is a temporary arrangement until Seagull Lake becomes available.
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Broughton's Waterhole (Edenhope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Subject to TEP approval.
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2022	Comments
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		advanced fry ~10-20g	50000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout			yearlings ~20-40g	3000	
Calembreen Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Charlegrark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Cobden Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Colac Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	Stocking based on water levels and access
Colac Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	April-June		on grown 180 grams	2000	Stocking focused on key access locations including Lake Colac Foreshore Reserve and Meredith Park
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Collins Lake (Edenope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Subject to TEP approval.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	



Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2022	Comments
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	Strong support to create a mixed salmonid-redfin-bass fishery given weedy habitat.
Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	6000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	12000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Great Western Racing Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years. VFA to investigate potential of waterbody as an on-grown rainbow trout fishery for school holiday stocking.
Green Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Green Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2022	Comments
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Jack Emmett Lagoon (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	350	350 once 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	Stocking resumed 2018. 200 2nd and 3rd term.
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Mill Swamp (Casterton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	VFA to investigate and submit a TEP



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Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	6000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	4800	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays. Check water level.
Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Painkalac Creek (Aireys Inlet)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Painkalac Reservoir (Aireys Inlet)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		advanced fry ~10-20g	20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	

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Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	Subject to TEP approval
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Rainbow trout	Two per year		on grown 180 grams	400	Subject to TEP approval. 200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	Subject to TEP approval
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Rokewood Reservoir	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Simpson Recreation Reserve Lakes (Simpson)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
The Point (Point Lonsdale)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	Subject to TEP and landowner support.



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The Gong (Bunningyong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	15000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	7200	Lake also receives an additional 6000 fish from Ballarat Trout Hatchery. Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	6000	Larger trout trial (60% planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	300000	Reduced to 300,000 as received 500,000 last year.

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Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	9000	3000 in each weir pool

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Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bemm River	Dusky flathead	3-year trial		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	
Bemm River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	50000	
Cann River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Gippsland Lakes	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Gippsland Lakes	Dusky flathead	3-year trial		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Subject to TEP approval
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2400	800 each stocking, 2nd, 3rd term school holidays and in October.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	0	
Latrobe River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (D/s of L. Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	

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Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (U/s of L. Glenmaggie to Junction with the Wellington River)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	Review stocking with local recreational anglers.
Macalister River (upstream Cheynes Bridge)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Mitchell River (Glenaladale to Augusvale )	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Morwell Lake (Morwell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams		Stocking suspended due to water quality issues.
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Snowy River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Thomson River (D/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Tyers Lake	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Tyers River (Wirilda Park to Caringal)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Valencia Creek (U/s Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	



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Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	750 each 2nd,3rd term school holiday and 500 in October.
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking in 2nd and 3rd term.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Boosey Creek (Tungamah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	

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Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	65000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Buffalo River (above Buffalo Lake)	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Corryong-Jermal Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Stocking numbers received from Cudgewa Creek
Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Cudgewa Creek (Cudgewa)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Dartmouth Lake	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	150000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	50000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking			1000	



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Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking			14000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		1000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Felltimber Creek Wetlands (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	
Goulburn River (Goulburn Weir to Molesworth)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	50000 Greater Shepparton, 10000 Moira shire
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	20000 Greater Shepparton, 5000 Moira shire
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	1500	
Goulburn River (Trawool)	Trout cod	Annual stocking			50000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	150000	

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Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	Stock 50,000 around Thologolong to support bushfire affected communities.
Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	Check water level and lake condition prior to stocking
King River (Chesnut)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Koonoomoo Billabong (Koonoomoo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1350	450 each stocking 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Meriwa Park	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Meriwa Park	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	200	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	100	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	200	
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	1500 fish to be stocked prior to Easter and in 1500 October.



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Nagambie Lake/Goulburn Weir						Included in Goulburn River, Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6000	
Ovens River (downstream Wangaratta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	Numbers dependant on production levels
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Seven Creeks (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Shadforth Reserve Island Pond (Violet Town)	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	Initial stocking, TEP approved
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tronoh (Top) Harrierville Dredge Hole (Harrierville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Waler Paddock Dam (Seymour)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram		Subject to TEP approval.
Waranga Basin	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	250000	Committed to 750,000 over 3 years in conjunction with GVAAC RFL Fish Habitat Installation Project.
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	

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Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Green Lake (Sea lake)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Green Lake (Sea lake)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	70000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	



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Barwon Grampians	Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
	Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Kings Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Kings Billabong	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Gippsland	Kings Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
	Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Hume	Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
	Lindsay River	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	Includes Mullaroo Creek.
	Lindsay River	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	Includes Mullaroo Creek.
Loddon Mallee	Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Little Murray	Golden perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Little Murray	Murray cod			fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Port Phillip	Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
	Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150000	
	Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25000	Subject to confirmation of e-water security with NCCA
	Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	As above.

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Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Neanger (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Ouyen Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Ouyen Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	yearlings ~20-40g	500	500 each 2nd term school holidays.
Ouyen Lake	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Ouyen Lake	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Trial stocking.
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Skidders Flat Reservoir (Wedderburn)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Subject to TEP approval.
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	8000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.



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Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	30000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Yaapeet	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Yaapeet	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Yaapeet	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	

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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	3000	1500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	60	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Aura Vale Lake	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	40	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2250	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. October stocking 750.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	40	
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	

Barwon Grampians

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Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian bass	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd term and 3rd term school holidays.
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	20	
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	10	
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	6000	2000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd terms school holidays and 2000 in October.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	90	
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 fish stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	10	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	0	Not stocked before – not supported by TEP
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	

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Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	90	
Little River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Maribyrnong River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Achieved Maribyrnong Native Fish Revival commitment – 328,000 Eps stocked since Nov 2018
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	500 once 2nd term school holidays.
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram		Subject to TEP approval.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	70	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Hutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1100	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	



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Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout )	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Walter J Smith Reserve Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Werribee River (Downstream of Melton Weir)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	High fishing pressure, not stocked since 2016 (65,000 to date)
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2550	
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout )	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	60	

## Appendix 2 – Stocking Submission Check list

The following is a check list of information that you could include in a submission to the stocking program. These suggestions are not mandatory but will assist in the assessment of any proposals if included and addressed. Proposals can be discussed by contacting John Douglas, Fisheries Manager, Victorian Fisheries Authority, on 03 5770 8045, or with your local Fisheries Officer.

Name of Water:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish Species:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suggested change:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justification for the suggestion: Why is it needed? What is the expected outcome?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your name and/or organisation:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affiliation with angling club(s) (if appropriate):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you discussed the suggestion with Victorian Fisheries Authority, an angling club or association?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you checked the suggestion against Victorian Fisheries Authority's stocking policy criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the suggested change:	
Maximise the returns to recreational anglers;	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create public value;	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhance and support natural recruitment;	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be consistent with the translocation protocols and guidelines;	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide for equitable access for a range of stakeholders;	<input type="checkbox"/>
Satisfy cost-benefit analysis; and	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider long-term sustainable management strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are suitable receiving waters for the species to be stocked?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there evidence that self-sustaining populations do not exist or that they should be augmented for recreational fishing purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/>







