

# Fish Habitat Improvement Fund



## What is the Fund?

In 2022, the Victorian Government committed \$2.5 million to a Fish Habitat Improvement Fund to improve our fantastic fisheries as part of its \$96m Go Fishing and Boating Plan. This is a great opportunity for recreational fishers and waterway managers to work together, improve local fisheries, help the recovery of threatened species and leave a wonderful legacy for the next generation.

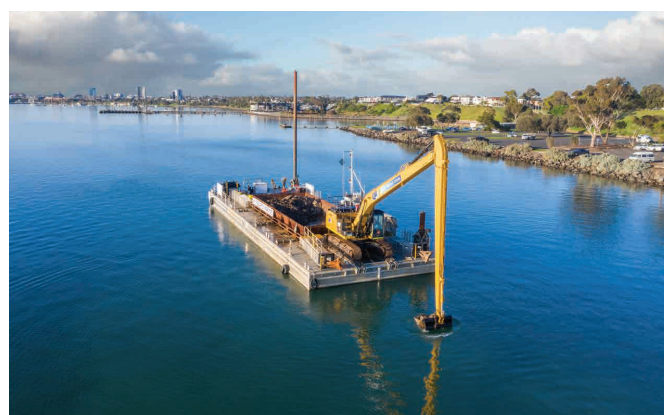
Here are the amazing projects already funded right across Victoria.

### Stream 1 Empowering recreational fishers to improve local fish habitat (community led projects up to \$50,000)

1	<b>Mallee CMA</b>	Sandilong Creek carp removal and waterway improvement project
2	<b>Mallee CMA</b>	Narcooyia creek fish habitat improvement project
3	<b>Wangaratta Landcare and Sustainability</b>	Wangaratta Landcare & Sustainability in partnership with Bangerang Traditional Owners
4	<b>Australian Trout Foundation</b>	Mayfly Rise 2.0, Ovens River habitat enhancement program
5	<b>North East CMA</b>	'Bridging Waters' A project for better fish passage, Ovens River
6	<b>Kiewa Valley Fishing Club</b>	Fish Habitat Construction – Maddisons, Kiewa River
7	<b>OzFish Unlimited</b>	Willow Warriors: OzFish River Repair Bus and Recreational Fishers Unite to Control Willows Within the Little Murray

### Stream 2 Partnerships to address critical fish habitat priorities: working together to restore, recover and rebuild fish populations (up to \$200,000)

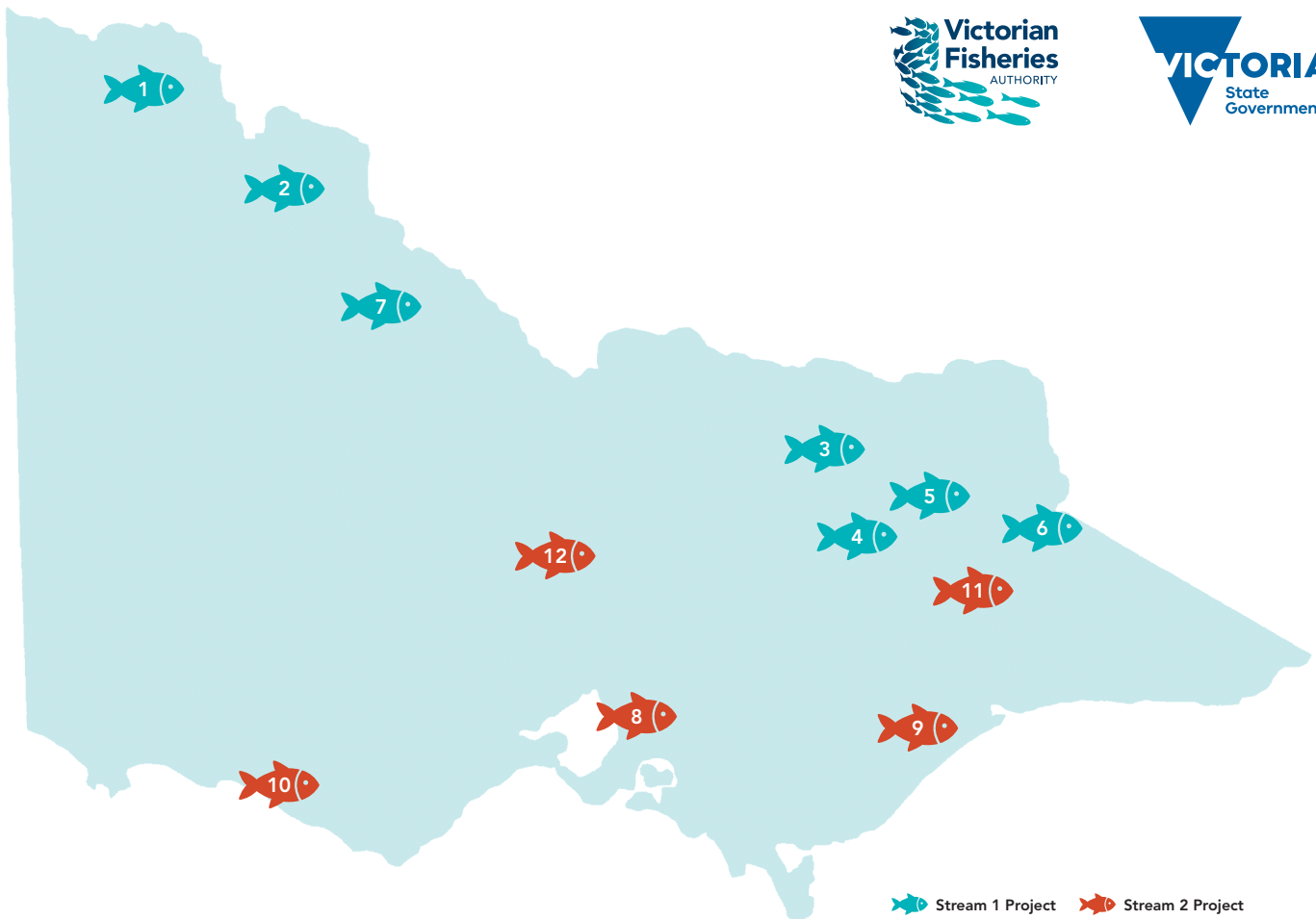
8	<b>Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club</b>	Kicking Goals for Kayakers' Reef, Hobsons Bay shellfish reef restoration
9	<b>East Gippsland CMA</b>	Gippsland Lakes Estuaries Habitat Improvement
10	<b>Glenelg Hopkins CMA</b>	Nursery fish habitat for the Hopkins River Estuary
11	<b>North East CMA</b>	River Resurgence: A fish-friendly endeavour in the Lower Livingstone Creek
12	<b>Goulburn Broken CMA</b>	Supporting Hughes Creek Macquarie Perch through in-stream habitat restoration



## Do you have a project idea?

If you have an idea for your local waterway, big or small, we'd love to hear about it!

Full grant details, assessment and eligibility criteria can be found on the Fish Habitat Improvement Fund website at: [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishhabitatfund](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishhabitatfund). Give Andrew Briggs a call on 0427 018 406 for a chat about your project.



## Case Studies

### Australian Trout Foundation

#### Stream 1 Project: Mayfly Rise 2.0

This project has delivered in-stream and riparian habitat to the Ovens River near Bright. Over 25 boulders have been placed alongside numerous hardwood logs, weed control, revegetation and measures to prevent vehicle damage to the riverbed.

#### Did you know?

The Ovens River is recovering from extensive historic gold mining that destroyed much of the original river habitat between Harrietville and Myrtleford. Mining activity continued right up until the 1950's. Projects such as this are critical to the ongoing restoration of the river's fish population.



### Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club

#### Stream 2 Project: Kicking Goals for Kayakers' Reef

Building on similar projects in Port Phillip, this project will provide huge benefits to fish populations in Hobsons Bay. Once colonised with shellfish and other species, restored reefs become healthy habitats, complex structures with thriving biodiversity

#### Did you know?

"Oyster Towers" are prefabricated structures that have been "seeded" with native oysters. Combined with recycled shell deployed by rec fisher volunteers, the project will create a complex hybrid reef, restoring the area for generations to come.

