

# Vic Fish Stock

Meeting outcomes 2016



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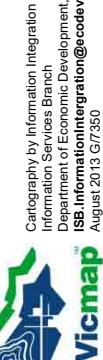
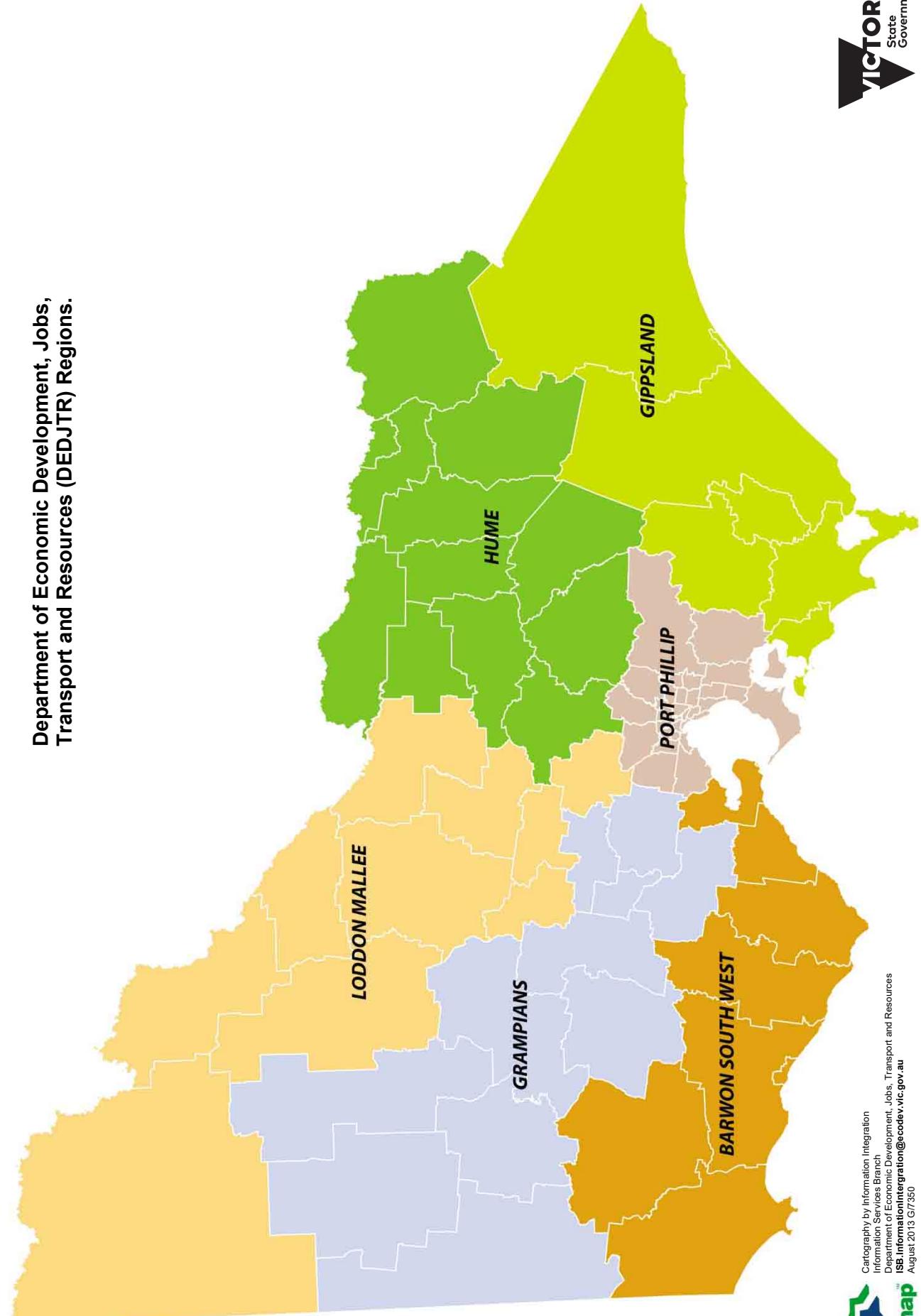
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# Introduction

## Background

Every year the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources, through Fisheries Victoria, stock 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. The meetings apportion the number of native fish to be stocked in the forthcoming summer (2016-17) and the number of salmonids that will be stocked in the following winter (2017). This document reports on the outcomes of the 2016 consultative meetings.

## Vic Fish Stock meetings

The purpose of the Vic Fish stock meetings are for each waterbody, to consider recreational angling 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 opportunities to improve fish stocking in Victoria
- 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 2015, five meetings were held across regional Victoria:

Hume — held at Snobs Creek on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

Port Phillip — held at Melbourne on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

Loddon Mallee — held at Bendigo on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Grampians/Barwon South West — held at Ballarat on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Gippsland — held at Traralgon on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Submissions to change the stocking program are tabled from representative angler groups. 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 Fisheries Victoria, the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Native Fish Australia (NFA), Water Management Authorities, Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Primary Industries (DELWP) and fishing association representatives.

Draft outcomes from Vic Fish Stock meetings are prepared by Fisheries Victoria and circulated to meeting participants for comment prior to the publication of this document. This report summarises the key outcomes of the 2016 Vic Fish Stock meetings.

The Department 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.

## 2015-16 Fish stocking season—Summary

The 2015 Vic Fish Stock proposed 754,225 salmonids and 2,485,000 native fish. A total of 816,385 salmonids and 2,522,066 natives were stocked. This may not be the final number of stocked fish as the trout stocking season has continued past the publishing of this report.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
<b>Salmonids (stocked 2016)</b>		
Brown trout	393,100	391,482
Rainbow trout	304,125	400,643
Chinook salmon	57,000	21,260
Brook trout		<b>3,000</b>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>754,225</b>	<b>816,385</b>
<b>Natives (stocked 2015-16)</b>		
Australian bass	120,000	133,000
Golden perch	1,425,000	1,439,557
Macquarie perch	50,000**	9,462
Mulloway	7,500	21,000
Murray cod	713,000	678,767
Silver perch	20,000	20,000
Trout cod	10,000**	3,6780
Estuary perch	183,500	183,500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,485,000</b>	<b>252,2066</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,239,225</b>	<b>3,345,634</b>

## 2016 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2016 Vic Fish Stock outcomes proposed 2,979,700 native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2016-17 and 993,400 salmonids to be stocked in the winter of 2017. 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 proposed Vic Fish Stockings 2016-17

Proposed stocking numbers	
<b>Salmonids (2017)</b>	
Brown trout	583,500
Rainbow trout	365,900
Chinook salmon	40,000
Brook trout	3000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>993,400</b>
<b>Natives (2016-17)</b>	
Australian bass	126,000
Golden perch	1,764,200
Macquarie perch**	16,000
Murray cod	795,000
Silver perch	100,000
Trout cod**	10,000
Estuary perch	168,000
Catfish*	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,979,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,972,600</b>

\*Dependant on availability. Numbers determined if supply available.

\*\*Estimates only. Numbers dependant on outcomes of breeding.

# Improving fisheries state-wide

## To do list - all on track

The State Government has committed to delivering its Target One Million plan for recreational fishing, which will get more Victorians fishing more often.

- Ban commercial netting in Port Phillip Bay
- Save Lake Toolondo
- Establish a marine stocking program
- Open trout cod fisheries at Beechworth
- Creating an exciting barramundi fishery at Hazelwood Pondage
- Remove boating restrictions at Blue Rock Lake
- Deliver \$2,000 grants to fishing clubs to grow participation
- Establish school education and children's fishing programs
- Grow the trout opening festival across Victoria
- Roll out a better fishing facilities program
- Ban netting at Gippsland lakes' river mouths
- Increase stocking from 3 to 5 million fish a year
- Make Fisheries Victoria a dedicated statutory authority to grow fishing in Victoria

Recreational fishing is important to our social and economic well being. It is one of our most treasured pastimes, contributing significantly to families and communities.

By working with fishers, Target One Million will grow recreational fishing, get more families outdoors and increase participation to one million anglers by 2020.



# Target One Million

More Victorians fishing, more often

## Toolondo Reservoir fishery

The Toolondo Reservoir Recreational Fishery Advisory Group was established in March 2015 to secure the future of Toolondo Reservoir as one of Victoria's best trout fisheries. Over the next 6 months, the group commissioned three independent studies, deployed monitoring equipment and reviewed the performance of the fishery over the last twenty-three years. The Advisory Group's final draft report was presented to Government for consideration. The state government's initial transfer of 5,000 megalitres to Toolondo Reservoir in January 2015 preserved water levels and extended the performance of the fishery. This resulted in some exceptional trout fishing over the last twelve months.

Good rainfalls in the winter of 2016 saw increases in storage capacity in Rocklands Reservoir and 10 megalitres were subsequently released into Toolondo, ensuring continued fishing into next year. Fisheries were quick to react and have stocked additional fish into the lake to maintain the fishery.

## Drought recovery stocking

Fish stocking trucks hit the road in spring 2016 to deliver tens of thousands of yearling trout to Victorian lakes that had re-filled with recent spring rainfall. Stocking recently filled lakes has proven successful as the fish can take advantage of the increased productivity and ample food.

Several iconic lakes had filled and others were on a watch-list to be stocked pending further rain forecast in October. Undertaking fish stocking quickly into lakes responds to the improved conditions and can result in spectacular fishing.

The drought recovery fish stocking plans were refined with help from keen anglers at a Ballarat workshop, which brought together local advice on waterways.

Lakes that had refilled and stocked included Greenhill Lake, Lake Bolac, Lake Burrumbeet, Lake Beaufort, Lake Elingamite, Lake Wallace, Bostock Reservoir, Deep Lake, Tullaroop Reservoir, Lake Tooliorook, Teddington Res (bottom), Teddington Res (upper), and Moorabool Reservoir

The trout were sourced from Fisheries Victoria's hatchery at Snobs Creek.



More than 100,000 extra trout were stocked into recovering drought affected waters this spring. (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## Hazelwood Pondage Barramundi



Young gun angler Jesse Matthias with a cracking 80 cm + Hazelwood barramundi. (Photo by DEDJTR)

Barramundi are a tropical species, highly prized by recreational fishers. Hazelwood Pondage near Moe is part of the cooling process of the power station and as a result has warm water. The site was investigated for suitability for Barramundi with the view to stocking the lake with these hard fighting fish.

In May 2015, Fisheries Victoria established a local working group, completed a water quality review, deployed water temperature loggers and completed a tank-based acclimatisation trial (using Hazelwood Pondage water). In April 2016, 1,700 barramundi (of various sizes) were stocked into the Pondage. At least 20 of these fish were fitted with acoustic tags and a number of acoustic receivers were deployed around the Pondage. The six month trial indicated survival, movement and growth of barramundi.

Based on the success of the monitoring, in August, a further 4,886 Barramundi were released.

Subsequent monitoring showed continued great growth rates and the fishery was opened in December 2016.

The fishery opened on 9<sup>th</sup> December. To avoid congestion at the small boat ramp, and allow many people to experience the fishery, a ballot system was operated for anglers wishing to use a boat to fish the lake. Over 25,000 registrations were received in the ballot. The need for a boat-based permit was not required for a barramundi fishing open weekend on 4<sup>th</sup>-and 5<sup>th</sup> of February. The need for boat-based permits was removed from March 1 2017.

## Open season in Eildon cod



Josh Trew with an Eildon Cod off the surface

The 3 month closed season for Murray cod did not apply to Lake Eildon in 2016. The change in regulations expanded freshwater fishing opportunities for anglers to chase Murray cod all year.

Research found that 99.6% of cod in Lake Eildon were stocked fish. Closed seasons regulations aim to provide protection for spawning wild fish. If cod are not breeding in the lake, it makes no sense to protect them unnecessarily with a closed season, especially when it limits fishing opportunities. A survey of anglers fishing Eildon during this period showed anglers valued this regulation change.

Anglers were permitted to take Murray cod from Lake Eildon during September, October and November this year. The Murray cod closed season remained in place in all other Victorian waters.

Lake Eildon's reputation as a productive cod fishery has grown thanks to a substantial stocking program, funded through fishing licence fees. More than 1 million cod fingerlings were released into the lake between 2010 and 2013, complementing an existing population developed from decades of smaller scale releases.

The change in Lake Eildon Murray cod regulations mirrors a NSW decision to remove the Murray cod closed season at Copeton Dam. Like Eildon, research found most of Copeton's cod were stocked fish and not the offspring of wild ones.

Other regulations for Murray cod remain unchanged including the slot limit introduced in 2014 of 55 to 75cm, the bag limit of 1 in rivers and 2 in lakes.

The removal of the closed season at Lake Eildon will be trialled for 12 months – For more information visit [www.vic.gov.au/eildoncodopen](http://www.vic.gov.au/eildoncodopen)

## Golden perch bag limit reduction

From 20 April 2016, the daily bag limit for golden perch in Victoria's lakes was reduced from 10 to five.

The change was in response to concerns that bag limit catches of large perch were being taken regularly by groups of anglers from several stocked lakes. These catches included numerous fish over 3kg and hauls well beyond a reasonable day's take for the table.

The reduced bag limit of five is protecting stocked populations from over-harvest and will better share the resource amongst anglers.

Golden perch populations in lakes are nearly all stocked and take more than a decade to establish as viable fisheries so are worthy of protection. Most have been created using recreational fishing licence fees and are a valuable asset for anglers and the local community.

The change simplifies the rules for freshwater anglers and brings the golden perch bag limit in line with that already in place for Victorian rivers.

Sustainable freshwater fisheries and our ongoing native fish stocking program aim to improve recreational fishing opportunities, increase participation and boost regional tourism.

## Port Phillip Bay Conference

In partnership with recreational fishing groups VRFish and the FutureFish Foundation, Fisheries Victoria hosted its first ever conference on Port Phillip Bay.

Fisheries scientists presented on snapper, kingfish and southern calamari research, along with habitat improvement efforts such as shellfish reef restoration and recreational fishing reefs.

Rex Hunt was special guest and talked about getting young people into fishing and his more memorable moments on the water.

David Kramer from FutureFish chaired.

Over one hundred keen anglers attended the evening.



Fisheries scientist Paul Hamer presenting the conference. (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## **Victoria welcomes nine new Fisheries Officers**

The appointment of nine newly trained Fisheries Officers across the state has brought the team looking after Victoria's fish stocks up to full strength.

The new officers have been widely deployed and include Horsham, Portland, Yarram, Mallacoota, Traralgon and Mornington.

The officers endured ten week's training that covered small boat handling, testifying in court, legal, defensive driving, community education, fisheries management, and an understanding of recreational and commercial fisheries, both inland and marine. The training is a comprehensive program to get the officers ready for their role as education and enforcement authorised officers for Fisheries Victoria.

The recruitment program began in August 2015 when 315 applications were received and the shortlisted applicants went through a competitive recruitment process involving psychometric testing, first round telephone interviews, face-to-face interviews and a scenario based assessment centre.

Apart from compliance duties, the new officers will be helping to release trout and native fish grown at our Snobs Creek hatchery, attend community events to promote sustainable fishing and visiting angling clubs to talk about local issues and identify opportunities to improve fishing and angler access.

The new officers join an experienced state-wide team who are the vital front line in our efforts to ensure the sustainability of Victoria's fish stocks.



The new Fisheries Officers about to begin their Fisheries Victoria careers. (Photo by DEDJTR)

## Fishing club Grants

Grants are available to fishing clubs as part of the Target One Million plan. Uptake has been encouraging and the 100th Stronger Fishing Clubs grant recipient, the Mallacoota Angling Club was awarded with a very large cheque and much fanfare.

The Stronger Fishing Clubs grant program is open until March next year and is all part of the Target One Million plan, to get more people fishing, more often.

Go to [www.vic.gov.au/strongerfishingclubs](http://www.vic.gov.au/strongerfishingclubs) to apply.



The Premier, Daniel Andrews, and the Mallacoota Angling Club with the 100<sup>th</sup> grant cheque. (Photo by Julie Morgan)



Greensborough Angling Club was the 50<sup>th</sup> recipient of the fishing club grants. (Photo by Travis Dowling)

## Lake Purrumbete and Camperdown angling clubs volunteer work recognised

Lake Purrumbete and Camperdown angling clubs were acknowledged for their volunteer work in helping to improve the Crater lakes fisheries. Fisheries recently thanked the clubs with a 9kg (20lb) preserved Chinook salmon in recognition of their great effort in monitoring these fisheries' performance.

The clubs have provided 43 years of historical catch and effort data plus detailed information on more than 2,300 fish caught from the lakes since 2012. The clubs also donated salmon heads and frames so otoliths (ear bones) could be used to determine the age of fish.

The information has been used in a project, funded by fishing licence fees, to understand how stocking rates can recreate the trophy Chinook salmon fisheries of the past and to monitor current stocking.

This work is paying off as salmon over 5.6kg (12lb) starting to come through the fishery. The largest were just two years and ten months old, representing excellent growth rates.

Lake Bullen Merri once supported a world-class salmon fishery with trophy specimens attracting thousands of anglers. Recent growth rates suggest we are on track to again grow some very large salmon over the next few years.

Learn more at <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fish-stocking/chinook-salmon-stocking-returns>



Senior members of Purrumbete Angling Club and the Camperdown Angling Clubs show off the plaque and salmon. (Photo by John Douglas)

## Talk Wild Trout Conference

The second Talk Wild Trout Conference was held in Mansfield on November 5, 2016. Building on last year's inaugural 'Talk Wild Trout' conference, the 2016 event was a huge success and attracted around 200 keen anglers from across the state.

The 2016 conference assembled fisheries scientists and freshwater anglers to share the findings of research conducted on riverine trout populations during year two of this three-year project.

The conference shared the results of field work so that anglers, and angling dependent businesses, build an understanding of our trout fisheries, their key drivers, and ways to potentially improve trout fisheries.

Ms April Vokey, a leading fisheries conservationist and passionate fly fisher from Canada, provided the keynote address about her love of trout fishing.

Conference topics included include an update on the trout populations in 12 key wild trout rivers, information on movement of tagged trout in the Delatite River over summer, how smart tree planting can offset climate change impacts in Victorian trout rivers, how anglers can get involved with CMAs in river restoration efforts and updates of CMA instream habitat improvements.

Anglers also heard from fisheries managers about the low contribution that stocked trout have made in the Howqua and Goulburn rivers and that conventional stocking is not effective where existing trout populations are present.

The conference was funded by fishing licence fees and the State Governments Target One Million plan for recreational fishing, which aims to get more people fishing, more often and grow participation to one million by 2020.

More information about the day, including speakers and themes, is available at [www.vic.gov.au/troutconference](http://www.vic.gov.au/troutconference)

Further details about the conference and the Wild Trout Fisheries Management Plan (WTFMP) can be obtained from the Fisheries Victoria website: <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/wild-trout-fisheries-management-program>



April Vokey presenting at the Talk Wild Trout 2016 conference in Mansfield. (Photo by Travis Dowling)

## Murray CODference

Victoria's first ever Murray 'codference' was held in Shepparton on Sunday 11 December. Over 200 keen participants attended the event and heard a range of topics regarding Murray cod.

Codference' topics included, indigenous connections to Murray cod, habitat restoration efforts, a progress report on how the new slot limits are working and stocking program updates to improve fishing in rivers and lakes.

The 'codference' was part of the State Government's \$46 million *Target One Million* plan for recreational fishing, which aims to get more people fishing, more often and grow participation to one million by 2020.

The keynote address was presented by Dr Stuart Rowland from NSW, a nationally recognised expert on Murray cod, who presented and reflected on times gone by and the resurgence of the species.

Cod fishing legends Rod Mackenzie and Rod Harrison presented their angling tips and experiences, and how the attitudes of most recreational anglers towards Murray cod have changed for the better.

Aquatic veterinarian Dr Paul Hardy, Smith, gave an overview of better handling practises for Murray cod, which is more important than ever for big fish, following the introduction of the slot limit in 2014 and the requirement that all cod over 75cm must now be released.



Over200 Murray cod fishers attended the inaugural Murray 'Codference' (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## Recreational Fishing Forums

Fisheries Victoria is always open to new ideas and ways to keep improving recreational fisheries opportunities for Victorian anglers. Each year a series of regional fishing forums are held throughout regional Victoria to update interested stakeholders about Fisheries Victoria's management activities and hear any suggestions in which recreational fishing can be improved in their region.

The forums are advertised widely in the media each year and anglers may also send in ideas online.

See the Fisheries Victoria website for further details see the website at:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/target-one-million/regional-recreational-roundtables>

## Brook trout in Purrumbete

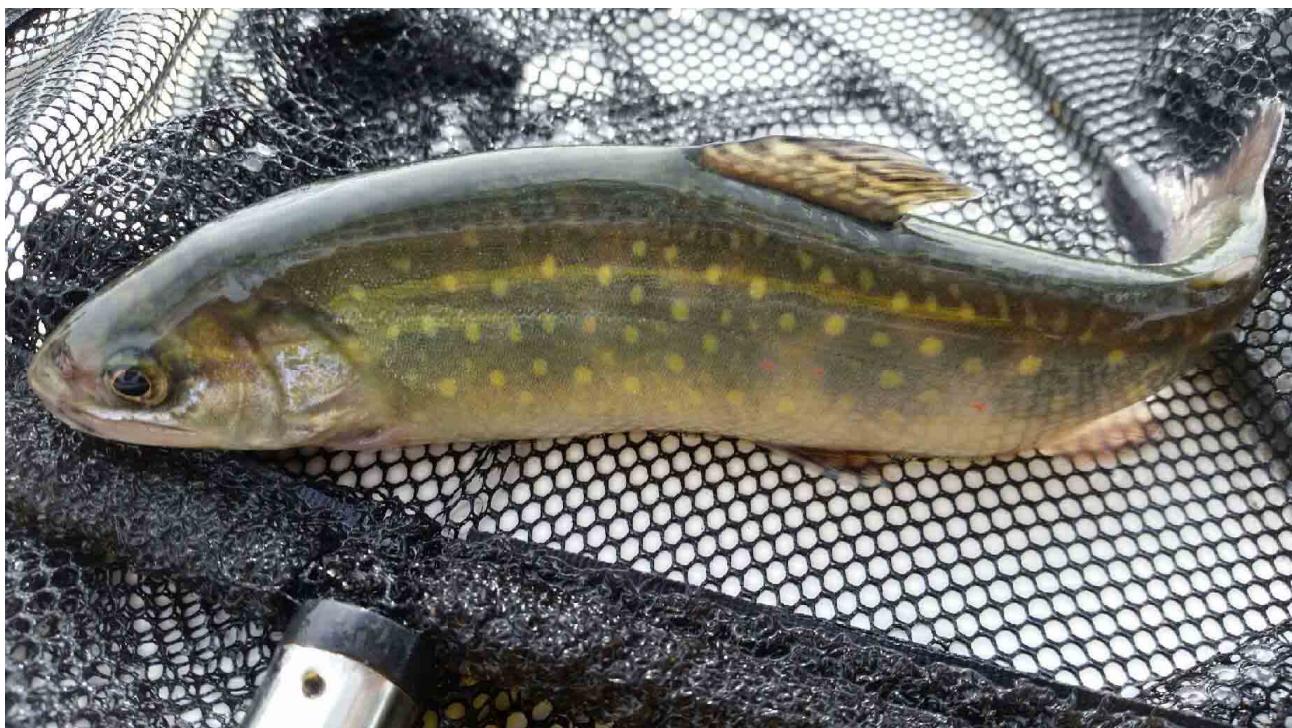
Anglers had expressed a desire to see some Brook trout stocked into Purrumbete. Brook trout are a freshwater fish belonging to the salmon family and although called a trout, is actually a char. Brook trout are native to eastern North America, but have been introduced into other countries around the world.

The fish are noted for their handsome colouration and angling attributes.

A total of 3,000 brook trout were released into Lake Purrumbete, near Camperdown, in August 2016. This was the first official release of the species in Victoria. The release was the first of a two-year trial at Lake Purrumbete, which also supports a redfin fishery and is stocked with Chinook salmon, brown trout and rainbow trout.

The stocking was funded by recreational fishing licence fees and the State Government's Target One Million plan, which aims to get more people fishing, more often.

Anglers catching a brook trout from the lake are encouraged to report it to Fisheries Victoria.



Brook trout yearling prior to release into Purrumbete. (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## Marine stocking trials

The State Government's Target One Million plan included a commitment to implement a marine stocking program in Victoria. In August 2015, Fisheries Victoria Managers met with Gippsland representative anglers at the Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club where agreement was reached to trial the stocking of estuary perch (25,000) and mulloway (5,000) in Lake Tyers and mulloway (2,500) in Tamboon Inlet.

Five thousand mulloway fingerlings were stocked into Lake Tyers during October 2015 and 25,000 estuary perch fingerlings were stocked into Lake Tyers on January 2016 and a further 25,000 estuary perch were stocked in January 2017.

A key success factor of this project has been the contribution of volunteer fishers who helped collect mature estuary perch from Gippsland waters for the breeding program. Anglers were also on hand to help stock the fish into their new homes.



Mulloway being loaded from the transporter for release into Lake Tyers. (Photo by John Douglas)

## School Holiday stocking program

The school holiday stocking program sees over 70 mainly urban waters stocked with ready to catch rainbow trout. The waters are usually stocked prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> school holidays, although this does vary for some lakes. The program provides close to home angling for many people. The program looks to expand in the next few years. For more information on the waters included in the program check the website:

<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/recreational-fishing/fish-stocking/school-holiday-trout-stocking>

In the summer of 2016/17 the program was expanded to include the release of silver perch into selected northern family friendly waters to provide summer native fish fishing opportunities for local families.



School holiday stocking program sees over 70 urban waters stocked with ready to catch fish. (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## Bass in the Snowy River

The Snowy River at McKillops Bridge was stocked with 40,000 Australian bass fingerlings to improve freshwater fishing opportunities for recreational anglers. The fish were sourced from a private hatchery interstate that had grown extra this season.

The Snowy River and Australian bass are an iconic combination so it made sense to take advantage of the opportunity and purchase those additional fish at short notice. This helped set a new stocking record for the species of 162,000 released into Victorian waters in one year.

The 40,000 bass fingerlings complement 122,000 stocked in 2016 into 17 waters including the Macalister, Mitchell, Tambo, Thomson, Tyers, Timbarra and Avon rivers along with lakes Glenmaggie and Blue Rock. Nearly 850,000 bass have been stocked into Gippsland rivers and lakes since 2002 and anglers are reporting that the fish are growing very well and providing great fishing opportunities.

The Snowy River had been stocked with bass between 2007 and 2013 when Victorian and NSW agencies joined forces to release over 500,000 fingerlings. Those fish spread throughout the river and provided a valuable pulse of young age-classes in the fishery, which contained some very large and old bass, but very few smaller fish. The release of 40,000 fingerlings into the Snowy River will help maintain a viable population and provide recreational fishing opportunities for locals and visitors.

Learn more at [www.vic.gov.au/bassstocking](http://www.vic.gov.au/bassstocking)

## Estuary perch stocking expanded

Estuary perch stocking program was expanded to include the National Watersports Centre and Mordialloc Creek. This is on the back of recent positive reports of anglers catching estuary perch from other stocked waters. Reports have been received from Devilbend Reservoir, Karkarook Lake, the Werribee River, Melton Reservoir and Albert Park Lake.



Fisheries Victoria has stocked more than 400,000 Estuary perch fingerlings in 14 waters over the last 4 years. (Photo by Marc Ainsworth)

## **Recreational Fishing Grants Program (RFGP)**

Every year the Victorian Government, through the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account, disburses revenue derived from the sale of Recreational Fishing Licences to projects that will improve recreational fishing in Victoria.

Since its inception in 2001, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program (RFGP) has funded over 600 projects, worth more than \$21 million throughout Victoria.

- A Small Grants Program, that is continually open to fund small projects (up to \$5,000 - GST Exclusive)
- A Large Grants Program (for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000)
- A Commissioning Program for large priority projects (generally in excess of \$100,000).

The trust has also allocated an annual grant of \$200,000 to Fisheries Victoria to secure additional native and salmonid species for the state-wide stocking program.

More information on the RFGP activities is available at the Fisheries Victoria website:

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

Details on how to access grants are provided in the 'Fishing for Grants' section of this report.

### **Fishing for Grants?**

Grants are available to help improve recreational fishing and facilities. Options for obtaining funding are through the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund.

#### **RFL Trust Fund Small Grants**

The aim of the Small Grants Program is to provide funding of up to \$5,000 (GST exclusive) for small projects that benefit public recreational fishing in Victoria.

The Grants are available to fishing clubs and other organisations. Information regarding the Small Grants Program Conditions & Guidelines can be obtained from the Fisheries Victoria website:

To apply for a small grant, applicants are required to use the online application form (at the web address above).

Further information on applying for a small grant can be obtained on the web or contact:

The Secretariat, Recreational Fishing Grants Program, GPO Box 4440 Melbourne, Victoria 3001  
Tel. (03) 8392 6872 or email: [rec.fishinggrants@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:rec.fishinggrants@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

### **Submitting a change to the fish stocking program**

Fisheries Victoria's stocking program is constantly evolving as waterways and climatic conditions change. The need, or otherwise, to alter stocking regimes, in terms of the performance of a fishery or changed environmental conditions, is discussed annually at the Vic Fish Stock meetings.

Anglers wishing to submit a proposal to change the stocking program may do so by contacting Fisheries Victoria (see contact details below). Suggestions are best submitted through the representational fishing bodies to gain their support.

This current Vic Fish Stock document is a good reference to the current stocking program. Copies of the report can be accessed at the Fisheries Victoria website <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fisheries/policy-and-planning/publications-and-resources/vic-fish-stocking> or by requesting a hard copy from John Douglas (03 5770 8045).

The Fish Stocking for Recreational Purposes Policy is also relevant and anyone wishing to make a submission is encouraged to make them familiar with the document before doing so. A copy of the policy is available online at the Fisheries Victoria website.

A checklist of suggested subjects to address when making a submission is provided in Appendix 3.

## Fisheries Victoria contacts

### For inland fisheries management assistance:

Manager Inland Fisheries:

Anthony Forster 03 8392 6871

Fish stocking enquiries

John Douglas 03 5770 8045

### For compliance assistance:

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

### For general enquiries:

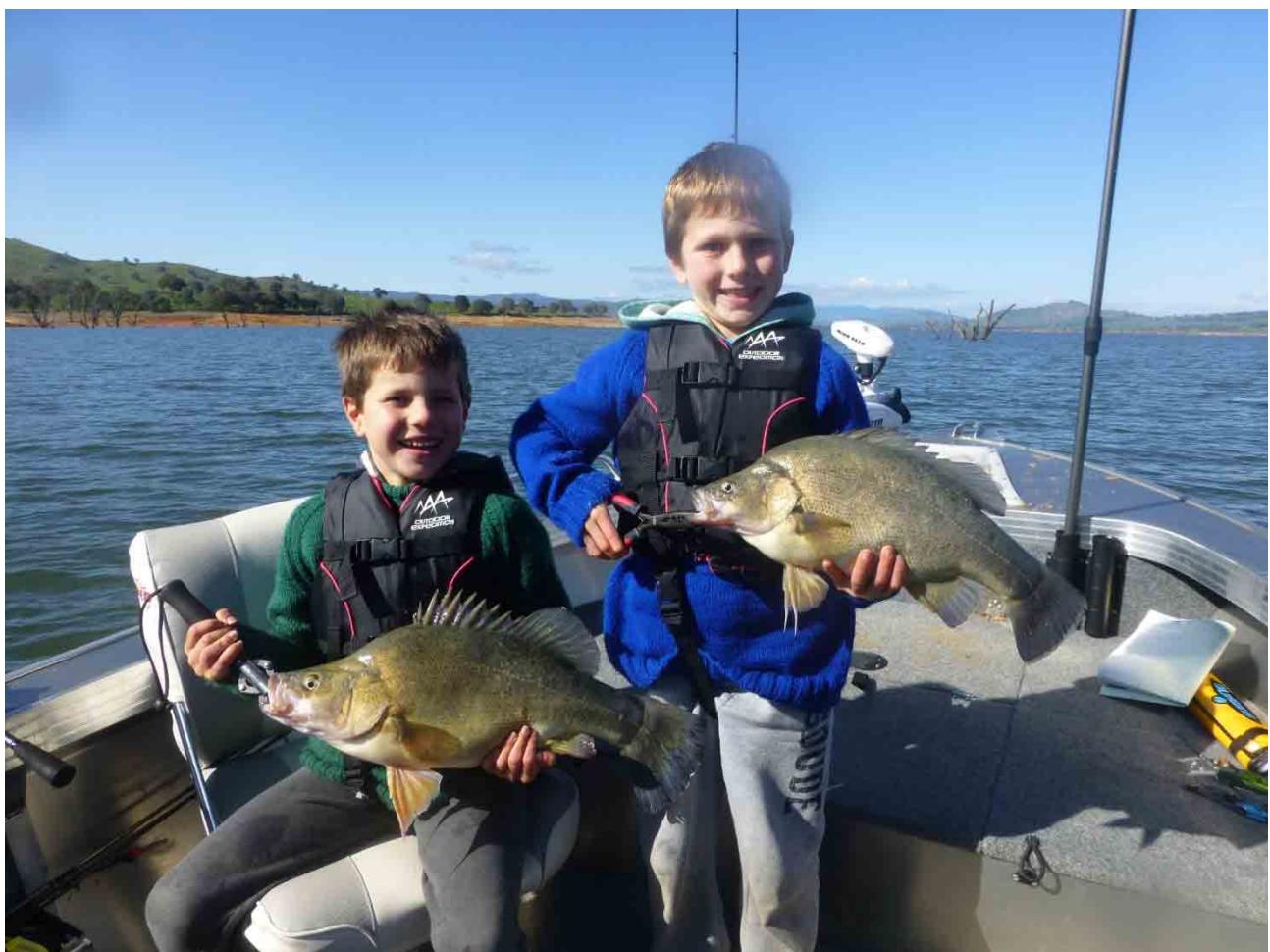
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or visit <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/home>

## 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.



Max and Lachie Bottrell looked pleased with their golden perch from Hume Weir. (Photo by DEDJTR)

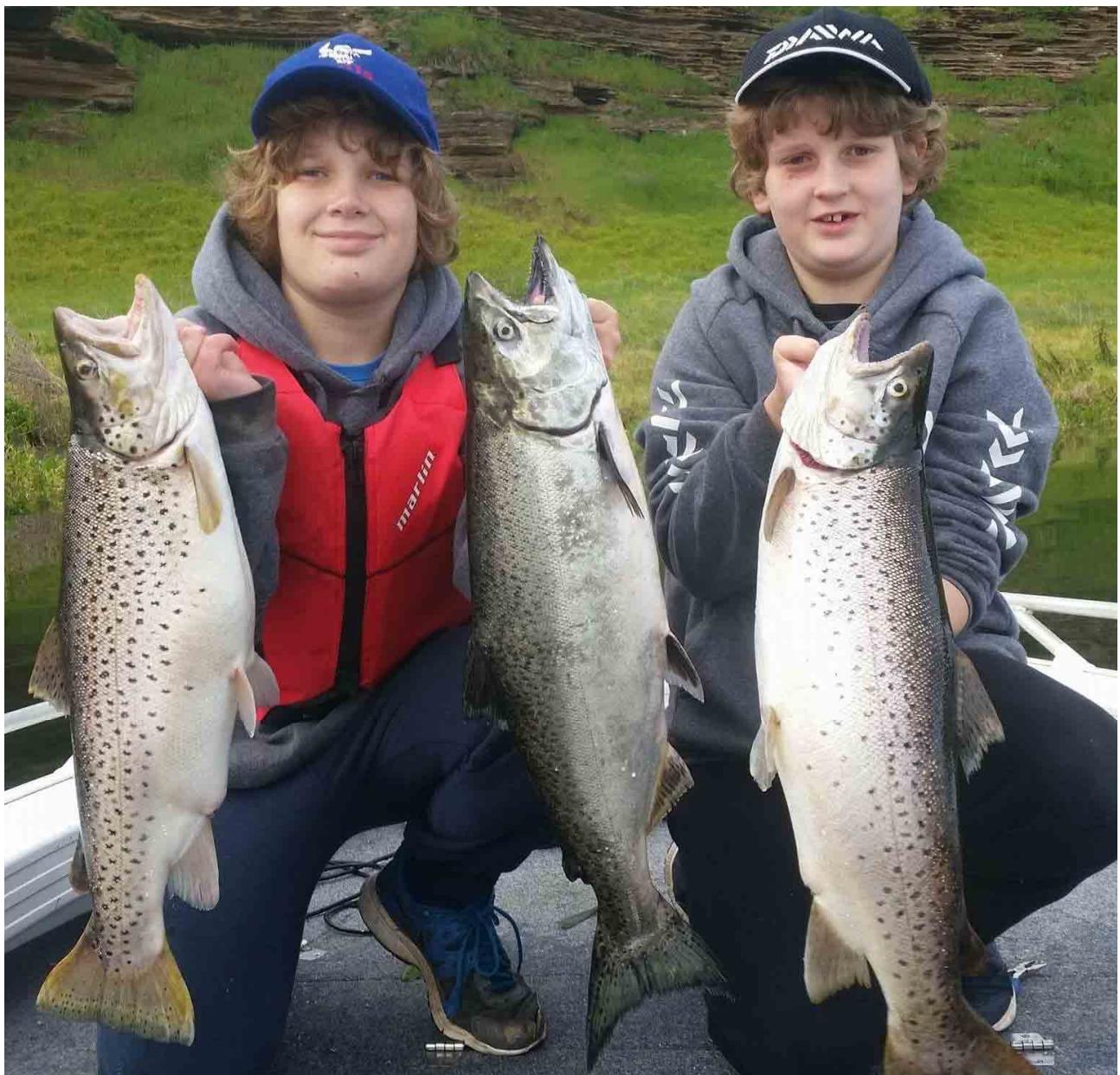
# Appendix 1 – Proposed fish stockings

## Using the Tables

The following tables present a summary of five Vic Fish Stock consultation meetings held across regional Victoria in 2016. 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 reason.

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



Young anglers Luke and Xavier Gercovich with an impressive catch of Lake Purumbete brown trout and Chinook salmon.  
(Photo by Mark Gercovich)

## Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500		
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000		
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking				Authority to stock not yet obtained. Risk assessment submitted to TEP. 10,000 if authority to stock is obtained. Stocking dependant on translocation assessment.
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000		
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		0		Discuss future of on-going stocking given unknown water security
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000		
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Chinook salmon					Previously stocked with Chinook salmon for little return. Potentially stock in future but not high priority salmon water.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 10000	20000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking				Not stocked with estuary perch. Discuss future of on-going stocking of estuary perch given unreliable water security of lake.
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			8000	
Booroopki Swamp (Minimay)	Murray cod					10,000 if water available. Stocking number and stocking dependant on water levels. Lake typically dry for extended periods.
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			5000	

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Chinook salmon					
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	
Boyd's Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		400	400 once for Ron Nelson Classic. Public access limited to the waterbody apart from open day of the Ron Nelson Classic. Supported stocking for the Classic, but fish numbers to be kept same. Temporary arrangement until Geelong Shire allow Seagull lake to come back on line as a stocked lake.
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA no change		5000	Stocking dependant on water levels.
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			500	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdowndown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			5000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdowndown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking			20000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdowndown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			9000	Initiated two year rainbow trout trial in Spring 2016, comparing all female triploid, all female diploid and Snobs Creek fish. Will monitor growth, longevity and catchability of the three types of rainbow trout. 3,000 all female diploid, 3,000 all female triploid and 3,000 Snobs Creek stock
Bungai Dam	Brown trout	Annual stocking				Also known as Lal Lal Dam (under Central Highlands Water). Investigate opening to angling. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Central Highlands Water.
Burrumbat Lake (Burrumbat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			5000	Stock if water levels sufficient to last 2-3 years.
Burrumbat Lake (Burrumbat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			10000	Stock if water levels sufficient to last 2-3 years.
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Triennial stocking				Stocked every three years. Next golden perch stocking 2017/18

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA no change	5000	Stocking dependant on water levels.
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			2000	Consider stocking when lake filled sufficiently for water security to last 2-3 years.
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			2000	Consider stocking when lake filled sufficiently for water security to last 2-3 years.
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 300 twice year	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Charlegrark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 10000	10000	Anglers raised concern regarding slot limit in this water. It is a small lake and it may end up with only a few large fish. Situation unchanged and requires monitoring.
Cobden Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Colac Lake (Colac)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			0	Lake has water security and access issues. Not currently a priority water for estuary perch due to long life span of fish.
Colac Lake (Colac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	Potential for on-grown rainbow trout to create a winter fishery. Stocking dependant on water levels (particularly boat access) and availability of suitable fish.
Colbrook Reservoir (Colbrook)	Brown trout	Triennial stocking				
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			500	

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking				
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			2000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking				Has been stocked with salmon intermittently in past with limited success. Not a priority water for Chinook at present but may consider stocking if over production of Chinook salmon occurs in future.
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 10000	10000	Increase stocking number supported.
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 10000	10000	Fyans to be developed further as trout fishery. Source additional larger rainbows, if available, for stocking in October.
Gillear Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Gillear Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking				Investigate reopening of this fishery. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Central Highlands Water.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking				Investigate reopening of this fishery. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Central Highlands Water.
Great Western Racing Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.	
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 2500	2000	Continued stocking dependant of water security. Need 2-3 years security for fish to grow.	
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 2500	2000	Lake filled in 2016 then consider stock fingerlings and yearlings. Continued stocking based on water security. Need at least 2 years of water to maintain fish.	
Green Lake (Horsesham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10000		
Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000		
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		10000	Received extra estuary perch last year and translocated fish from Lake Bolac. Reduce stocking to 10,000.	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000		
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000		
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	Suggestion to delay rainbow trout stocking until lake stops overflowing in wet years was tabled.	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		6000	Hopkins River stocked annually with yearling trout but a trial investigating stocking with eggs and the use of instream egg incubators is being conducted, starting winter 2016. Future surveys will identify contribution of incubator raised fish to trout population. Incubator trial may be extended to selected other rivers in 2017.	

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Jack Emmett Lagoon (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 300	300	300 once 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			2000	Investigate potential for estuary perch stocking. Dependant on TEP and water security.
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			2000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopestoun)	Catfish					Stocking dependant on fish availability.
Lascelles Lake (Hopestoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			7000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopestoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 5000	5000	
Learnmonth Lake (Learnmonth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking				Stocking and numbers dependant on water level.
Learnmonth Lake (Learnmonth)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	Stocking and numbers dependant on water level.
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		600	Stocking and numbers dependant on water level.
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing			Located within Lismore Golf Club. Angler access needs to be assured before stocking considered. Potential for school holiday water to be stocked with on-grown rainbow trout. Numbers to be determined if access and water level assured.
Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			3000	New fishery. Stocked with range of sizes to fast track recreational fishery in 2016. Future numbers 3,000 yearlings annual stocking rate and monitor performance.

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Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			3000	New fishery. Stocked with range of sizes to fast track recreational fishery in 2016. Future numbers 3,000 yearlings annual stocking rate and monitor performance.
Marra Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA 4000	4000	
Marra Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two times per year	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 600	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
McClouds Water Hole (Drysdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing			
McClouds Water Hole (Drysdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing			Potential new water. Currently being discussed with Geelong Shire. Numbers determined when access and stocking permission assured. May require survey to assist decision.
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			8000	
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Estuary perch					Potential to enhance estuary perch population below weir (in estuary) to compliment habitat restoration. Discuss with CMA and information on the present status of the estuary perch population required to determine need for stocking. TEP required. 10,000 if decision is made to stock waterway.
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA no change	5000	Dependant on water levels.
Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 200	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			12000	
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking				Stocked with rainbow trout in 2016 in lieu of limited brown trout availability. On going rainbow trout stocking is dependent on further angler support and if this stocking successful.

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Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			4000	
Moyn River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			2000	
Natimuk Lake (Natimuk)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			10000	
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			6000	
Nhill Lake (Nhill) (adv)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 300	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Estuary perch					Requests to stock estuary perch. Lake next to Merri River which has estuary perch population present. More information required before committing to stock. Nearby Merri River has estuary perch present. 3,000 if stocked.
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 600	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdowm)	Brook trout				3000	First stocking of Brook trout in 2016. Two year stocking trial.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdowm)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdowm)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking			20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdowm)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			9000	Initiated two year rainbow trout trial in Spring 2016, comparing all female triploid, all female diploid and Snobs Creek fish. Will monitor growth, longevity and catchability of the three types of rainbow trout. 3,000 all female diploid, 3,000 all female triploid and 3,000 Snobs Creek stock

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Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)				Angler submission for bass/ep		Anglers have suggested stocking lake with estuary perch or Australian bass. To be investigated and discussed further with anglers.
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch					Anglers requested lake be considered for a golden perch water. Water outside natural range of golden perch and will therefore need TEP for golden perch. Numbers to be determined if stocking authorised. Consider estuary perch as well for stocking in future.
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			3000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.	
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA no change	5000	Stocking dependant on water levels.	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 5000	2500		
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Estuary perch		Wimmera AA Support for stocking natives			Potential estuary perch stocking water. Needs TEP
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA Support for stocking natives			Proposed as a golden perch water. Water outside natural range of golden perch and will therefore need TEP for golden perch. Numbers to be determined if stocking authorised. Consider estuary perch as well.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod		Wimmera AA Support for stocking Murray cod			Proposed as a potential Murray cod water. Water outside natural range of Murray cod and will therefore need TEP. Numbers to be determined if stocking authorised.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 5000	2500		

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three time per year	Family Fishing	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Seagull Lake (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		Currently off stocking list until Geelong Council allow stocking. Fish transferred to Boyds Waterhole to maintain Ron Nelson Classic family fishing day.	
Simpson Recreation Reserve Lakes (Simpson)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000		
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch			2000		
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000		
Struan Lake (Foxhow)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5000		
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 50000	50000		
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 20000	20000		
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 5000	0		
Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
The Gong (Bunningyong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000		
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		0	Focus of Chinook stockings are the crater lakes of Purrumbete and Bullen Merri and triploids into Rocky Valley and Lauriston reservoirs. Consider Tooliorook and other waters if excess fish available and water levels sufficient.	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Toolbrook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	5,000 yearlings if sufficient water to last 2-3 years.	
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 30000	20000	Stocking dependant on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.	
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 20000	10000	Stocking dependant on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3000	3,000 yearlings	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000	3,000 yearlings	
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 1000	1000	Stocked 2016 when lake refilled and continued stocking dependant on water level.	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 4000	4000	Stocked 2016 when lake refilled and continued stocking dependant on water level.	
Wantook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 10000	10000		
Wantook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Wimmera AA 10000	10000		
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		11000		
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		6000		
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	On grown rainbow trout were stocked in October 2015 and provided a popular fishery over the summer months. Include additional on-grown rainbows, if available, to be stocked in October.	
West Banwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000		

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West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			80000	To be spread out as per Wimmera AA input. Elmhurst 5,000 (if water), Glenorchy 5,000 (if water), Horsham 30,000, Dimboola 30,000, Jeparit 20,000.
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			Wimmera AA (Horsham 5000, Dimboola 5000)	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			6000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Wimmera AA 15000 Warracknabeal to Beulah (Warracknabeal 5000, Brim 5000, Beulah 5000)	Supported increase in stocking numbers. To be spread out as per Wimmera AA input. Warracknabeal 5,000, Brim 5,000, Beulah 5,000.

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Brown trout					Anglers requested investigation into potential trout stocking of the Avon River. Low trout catches reported. Need further information regarding water temperatures and trout population status and distribution within system. Survey required. Requires TEP to stock trout.
Avon River (StrAustralian Trout Foundationord to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000	5000	Compensation for broodstock removal for stocking program.
Bemm River	Estuary perch				25000	Maintain stocking rate.
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			15000	Question of whether brown trout required to be stocked given trout presence in inflowing Tanjil River. Question noted but trout stocking to continue. May be investigated further if suitable fish marking techniques are developed and available.
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			10000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			2000	
Freestone Creek (Briagolong)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			3000	
Freestone Creek (Briagolong)	Brown trout					Anglers request investigation of trout stocking in Freestone to help with low trout numbers in Avon, if Avon can't be stocked due to wilderness classification. Need further information regarding water temperatures and potential for survey to investigate trout status and distribution. Requires TEP
Glennaggie Lake (Glennaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			10000	

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Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie) and Macalister upstream to Licola	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			20000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000		Creating an urban bass fishery.
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Hospital Creek (Tostaree)	Australian bass	Annual stocking				Cease stocking in this water for now. Small water, isolated, and previous stocking adequate for size and location of waterbody.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking				To be considered but dependant on an assessment of habitat and requires a TEP.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		750 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. + 500 in November.	
Macalister River (D/s of L... Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		4000		
Macalister River (D/s of L... Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000		
Macalister River (U/s Lake Glenmaggie to Licola)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000		
Mitchell/Wonnangatta River (Augusvale to Junction of Wongungarra River)	Australian bass			10000		Fishery developing and becoming popular. Supported increase in Australian bass.

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Mitchell/Wonnangatta River (Kingwell Bridge area)	Brown trout					Request for trout stocking due to low numbers reported by anglers. Listed a potential water for egg incubator trials. Work with Bairnsdale Fly Fishers and others to select sites if trial proceeds.
Morwell Lake (Morwell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10000		Some indication of bass present but development slower than expected. Lake was lowered in winter 2016 so fish may have moved into downstream Latrobe River. Continue stocking program.
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		7000		
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000		
Nicholson River (Old Weir Site)	Australian bass	Annual stocking				Cease stocking for now. Given life span of bass and size of water, adequate stocking from previous years at present. Weir decommissioning still in progress.
Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian bass			2000		
Sanctuary Lake (Traralgon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing			Issues with access around whole lake, proximity to houses and drain. Need to reassess potential and suitability as a school holiday stocking water.
Snowy River	Australian bass					Supported a significant stocking number of Australian bass. Known issues with Australian bass recruitment and the success of previous stockings now making up a sizeable proportion of the population warrants additional stocking. The Australian bass stocking is an environmental outcome as much as angling outcome. Dependant on supply and funds of bass. Proposed 2017-18.
Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		20000		Increase stocking rate to 20,000 supported.
Tamboon Inlet	Estuary perch	Trial stocking				Potential for trial stocking. Further discussion required between Fisheries Victoria and anglers. Stocking numbers would be determined.

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Tamboon Inlet	Mulloway	Trial stocking				
Thomson River (U/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking				Considered for bass stocking (In the Walhalla Creek /Coopers Creek area). Split Cowwarr weir stocking between these two areas. If access an issue to stock fish the just stock in Cowwarr Weir. Investigate requirement for TEP before stocking can occur.
Thomson River (U/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000		
Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10,000		Increase to 10,000. Fish stocked below falls to junction with Tambo.
Traralgon Creek	Brown trout					Request for trout stocking due to low numbers reported by anglers. Early angler reports from 2016 trout season indicated fish being caught in stream. Listed a potential water for egg incubator and or yearling trout stocking trial site. Submitted TEP initial screening for stocking authorisation.
Traralgon Creek (Downeys Lane to the Junction with the La Trobe River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		2000		
Turton's Creek (Below the Falls to Mirboo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking				Committed to survey. Leongatha anglers to be included in planning and site selection.
Tyers Lake	Estuary perch	Trial stocking			25000	
Tyers Lake	Mulloway	Trial stocking				Fisheries Victoria committed to survey. Future stocking decisions will be informed from survey results.
Tyers River	Brown trout	Annual stocking				
Tyers River (Winilda Park)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			5000	
Valencia Creek (U/s Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			3000	

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Victoria River (above Falls)	Brown trout					Request for trout stocking due to low numbers reported by anglers. Listed a potential water for egg incubator trials. Work with Bairnsdale Fly Fishers and others to select sites if trial proceeds.
Wonnangatta River (Kingswell Bridge area)	Brown trout					Request for trout stocking due to angler reports of low numbers. Listed a potential water for egg incubator trials. Fisheries Victoria to work with Bairnsdale Fly Fishers and others to select incubator sites if trial proceeds.

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			1500	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		1550	350 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. +500 in October.
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			2000	Supported trial silver perch stocking.
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			500	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			500	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		1200	400 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			1000	Supported trial silver perch stocking.
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			TBA	Consult with land and water managers. . TEP required for any stocking.
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			TBA	Consult with land and water managers. TEP required for any stocking.
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pongage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		TBA	Angler access issues so removed from stocking list until matter resolved with water manager.

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Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking				Angler access issues so removed from stocking list until matter resolved with water manager.
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500		Extremely small water. Question value of continued golden perch stocking.
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	300	100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Benalla Lake (Benalla)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP want increase stocking as no native fish caught from lake in competition.	5000	Small water stocked at high rate of golden perch and river upstream and downstream also stocked with golden perch. Increase not supported at this time.	
Benalla Lake (Benalla)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP want increase in numbers stocked as no native fish caught from lake in competition.	10000	Benalla Lake is a relatively small water currently stocked at high density for size of water. Reason for lack of fish returned not known. Increase not supported at this time.	
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		11000		
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		3000		
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20000	Request for on grown Golden perch to be stocked for children's fishing day. Stocking dependant on availability of suitably sized fish.	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000		
Broken River	Golden perch	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP no change	45000		
Broken River	Murray cod	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP no change	30000		
Buckland River	Brown trout		Australian Trout Foundation request stocking		Australian Trout Foundation request trout stocking in the river. Surveys indicate trout present in higher reaches of stream. Stocking in rivers will be reviewed after Wild Trout program stocking trials in Howqua and upper Goulburn rivers are completed and evaluated.	

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Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000		Support increase in stocking to 10,000.
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10000		
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000		
Cobbler Lake	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		0		Cobbler Lake has been suggested as potential water to develop trout fishery. No action taken to date. It is a small, shallow edged lake situated in National Park, surrounded by natural bushland. Camping area present. Lake has limited bank access for anglers. Accessed via rough 4 wheel drive track. Needs TEP and Parks Vic permission to stock.
Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Biennial stocking		2500		Stock 2016/17.
Craigmuir Lake (Mooropna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500		Potential lake for silver perch stocking. Consider stocking Craigmuir lake with silver perch as well, if silver perch stocking goes well in other urban small lakes.
Cudgewa Creek (Corryong)	Murray cod	Biennial stocking		5000		Stock 2016/17.
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		50000		Marked trout being stocked as part of Wild Trout Program research to investigate links between trout populations in lake and lower inflowing rivers. Increase stocking from 35,000 to 15,000 supported and fish have to be clipped to identify as hatchery fish. Local angling clubs very keen to be involved in releases and requested they be notified.
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		150000		
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		80000		
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		15000		Marked trout being stocked as part of Wild Trout Program research to investigate links between trout populations in lake and lower inflowing rivers. Increase stocking to 15,000 supported and fish have to be clipped to identify as hatchery fish. Local angling clubs very keen to be involved in releases and requested they be notified.

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Eildon Pongage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Trickle stocking across year.	Trickle stocking across year.	1000	14000	Fish stocked throughout year.
Eildon Pongage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Trickle stocking across year.	Trickle stocking across year.	1000	1000	
Eildon Pongage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (ex brood)	Trickle stocking across year.	Trickle stocking across year.	1000	1000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Annual stocking	1000	1000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Annual stocking	2000	2000	Silver perch stocking supported.
Eurobin Creek	Brown trout					Australian Trout Foundation request stocking. Suggest low trout numbers based on one visual survey where one fish was seen.
Fellinberry Creek Wetlands (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1200	400	each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fosters Dam (Glenrowan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200		
Fosters Dam (Glenrowan)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200	each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200	each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		170000		

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Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			50000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to McCoy's Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			50000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to McCoy's Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			50000	
Goulburn River (Edward Creek D/s to Jamieson)	Brown trout	Trial stocking				
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			12000	
Goulburn River (Trawool)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking			6000	Prioritise Macquarie perch stocking on Ovens River and Goulburn River (second priority).
Greens Lake (Corop)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			10000	
Greens Lake (Corop)	Murray cod	Biennial stocking			5000	
Holland Creek (Tatong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP no change	1000		Maintain at present but review on going stocking in light of Goulburn and Howqua stocking trial results.
Howqua River (Between Sheepyard Flat & Running Creek)	Brown trout	Trial stocking				Stocked last three years with marked trout as part of wild trout program stocking trials. 2016 was last year of the trial stocking. Evaluation indicates little return from stocked fish to date. Evaluation continuing.

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Hughes Creek	Macquarie perch		GVAC			Request to stock creek with Macquarie perch. Macquarie perch naturally present in system and population low. Stocking would be for conservation, not recreational fishing. Macquarie perch stocking dependant on position of Hughes Creek in the conservation focus of this species across state, and availability of fish to stock.
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			40000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			170000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			30000	
Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			80000	
Kiewa River	Brown trout		Australian Trout Foundation request stocking.			Trout fishery is self sustaining and known to be variable. Diary angler results indicate fish in the system but population possibly decrease further downstream away from pondage likely in relationship to water temperatures. Stocking in rivers will be reviewed after Wild Trout program stocking trials in Howqua and upper Goulburn rivers are completed and evaluated. Previous stocking trials in the stream did not increase trout population.
Kerferd Lake (BeeCentral Highlands Waterorth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking			5000	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			1500	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking				The lakes have potential for silver perch. Several urban lakes being trialled with silver perch and if these trials successful, then silver perch stocking will be increased to other waters such as Kialla lakes.
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			5000	

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Kiewa River (Mount Beauty to Keagan's Bridge)	Brown trout	Annual stocking				
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			1000	
King River (Below William Hovell Lake to Edi Cutting)	Brown trout	Annual stocking				
						King River supports a self sustaining trout population which fluctuates with environmental conditions. Previous stocking trials have shown limited returns in surveys and have not significantly increased the trout population, or angler catch rates. Stocking in rivers will be reviewed after Wild Trout program stocking trials in Howqua and upper Goulburn rivers are completed and evaluated.
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Loch Garry (Bunbartha)	Golden perch	Biennial stocking				Water security has been an issue. Lake can get low. Review water security and reconsider stocking waterway only if water security sufficient for long term.
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			500	
Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		1350	450 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merriwa Park Lake (Wangaratta)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		300	Awaiting water manager approval before stocking.
Merriwa Park Lake (Wangaratta)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			2000	TEP pending and awaiting water manager approval before stocking.
Mitta Mitta River						
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Catfish	Annual stocking				Stock if fish become available.
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			10000	
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		300	100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1500	
Nariel Creek	Brown trout		Australian Trout Foundation request	0		Not supported at this time. Australian Trout Foundation are aware of survey results and angler reports which are indicating improved fishing in the Nariel, but still request stocking. Stocking in streams with self recruiting populations of trout will be reviewed after the Wild Trout program evaluates results of the upper Goulburn and Howqua rivers stocking trials.
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP want increase plus habitat	60000		Supported increase in golden perch stocking to 60,000.
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP want increase plus habitat	40000		Supported increase in Murray cod stocking up to 40,000.
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		6000		
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah) (adv)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	600		200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5000		Supported stocking of Silver perch.
Ovens River	Brown trout				50000	
Ovens River (Bright Area)	Golden perch	Annual stocking				
Ovens River (downstream Wangaratta)						
Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking				
Rocky Valley Dam (Falls Creek)	Chinook salmon (triploid)			1000		Dependant on triploid chinook availability.

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Ryans Creek (Mollyullah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP no change	500	5000	Maintain annual stocking at present but review on going trout stocking in light of Goulburn and Howqua stocking trial results.
Sambell Lake (BeeCentral Highlands Waterorth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			3000	
Sambell Lake (BeeCentral Highlands Waterorth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Sambell Lake (BeeCentral Highlands Waterorth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking			5000	
Seven Creeks (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	2,500 to be stocked above barrage (park) and 2,500 below.	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500		
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1200	400 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		2000	Supported Silver perch stocking.	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500		
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	750	250 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Tronch (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500		

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Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			500	
Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			5000	Supported Silver perch stocking.
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			1000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			10000	Supported Silver perch stocking.
Waranga Basin	Golden perch		TATONG ANGLING GROUP do not support stocking with cod or golden perch - prefer fishery to be maintained as redfin water.			Fisheries Victoria proposed large-scale stocking of golden perch to create high quality mixed fishery. Conflicting views from anglers - some supportive and others concerned it may negatively impact current redfin fishery. Stocking plans deferred for this year pending further discussions.

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William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	TATONG ANGLING GROUP 30000 for next 5 years		10000	TEP obtained. Stock 10,000 brown trout.
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			1000	
Yarralumla Drive Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		300	100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	20000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 10000	10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 10000	10000	Supported increase to 10,000 larger yearlings, if available. Survey yielded no trout except for recently stocked ones. Question about fate of previously stocked fish. Issue of over harvest of population was raised. Fisheries Victoria to investigate.
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			2000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			15000	No change. Future water security still not assured. Investigate habitat increase options. Water security biggest issue.
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			20000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			5000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	30000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	100000	Fishery developing. Increase in stocking supported.
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	30000	Fishery developing. Increase in stocking supported.
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 40000	80000	

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Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	40000	
Campaspe River (Kyneton Area)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 5000	5000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			30000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			20000	Increase Murray cod to 20000.
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Catfish	Annual stocking				
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		M&MCAA 5000	5000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three times per year	Family Fishing		750	250 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			5000	TEP pending.
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Biennial stocking			10000	Little current information on fish stocks in the lake. May require survey. Closed lake with no route for fish to leave. Interest in increasing habitat from local anglers, but little information on amount current lake habitat or the need or benefit of increasing habitat.
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	120000	Trout stocking recommenced in spring 2016. This is a trial between stocking yearlings and fingerlings. Total is 100,000 fingerlings and 20,000 yearlings (all marked). CMA opposed to stocking citing potential impacts on native fish downstream of lake. Fisheries Victoria to work with CMA to assess trout escape from lake downstream into Campaspe River.
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking				
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		M&NCAA 20000	80000	

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Expedition Pass Reservoir (Farraday)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking	M&MCAA 5000	5000	The stocking of Macquarie perch in this water to be reviewed taking into account, Macquarie perch population status in Expedition Pass, if it can sustain recreational fishing pressure and, the rekindled focus on creating self sustaining wild populations in the Ovens River and Goulburn Rivers.	
First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000		
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2000		
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	Wimmera AA 600	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		3000	Silver perch stocking supported.	
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		3000	Silver perch stocking supported.	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 1000	1000		
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&MCAA 2000	2000		
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependant on water security.	

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000		Fisheries Victoria to work closely with CMA to increase native fish populations. 50,000 Murray cod and 50,000 Golden perch is aspirational and dependant on ability to identify stocked fish from other fish in system via genetic marking. Increasing stocking numbers is dependant on development of genetic marking techniques and protocols. Any increase in stocking numbers to be supported with monitoring program. Fish to be spread along creek.
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000		Supported increase in Murray cod stocking numbers.
Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 1000	1000		
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		80000		Increase in stocking numbers supported.
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000		Increase in stocking numbers supported.
Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	M&NCAA 1000	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. Silver perch may be considered in the stocking mix in future. Silver perch are being stocked in other Bendigo waters (Neangar and Forrest Lakes) as a trial. Depending on results of these trials and angler support, will consider future silver perch stocking. TEP required before stocking could commence.
Kow Swamp (Leitchville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30000		
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 10000	10000		Increase in golden perch to 10,000 supported.
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 10000	20000		
Luriston Reservoir (Luriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 10000	15000		
Luriston Reservoir (Luriston)	Chinook salmon (triploid)	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 2000			Chinook salmon triploids trial will continue if fish are available.

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Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernhurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 85000 (15000 below Laanecoorie, 40,000 Bridgewater, 15,000 Serpentine, 15,000 Fernhurst)	80000		Spread out as per M&NCAA suggestions. 15,000 below Laanecoorie, 40,000 Bridgewater, 15,000 Serpentine, 15,000 Fernhurst.
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernhurst Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 60000 (10000 below Laanecoorie, 30,000 Bridgewater, 10,000 Serpentine, 10000 Fernhurst)	50000		Spread out as per M&NCAA suggestions. 10,000 below Laanecoorie, 30,000 Bridgewater, 10,000 Serpentine, 10,000 Fernhurst.
Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			2000	
Malmesbury Reservoir (Malmesbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 10000	10000		
Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10000	Supported stocking of Silver perch.	
Ouyen Lake	Golden perch					New water. Not completed or filled yet. Requires TEP and further discussion with local anglers regarding potential stocking species.
Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Murray cod				5000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 1000	1000		
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 500	500		

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Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		2000	1,000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			15000	Supported Silver perch stocking.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Teddington Reservoir - Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 2000	2000		
Teddington Reservoir - Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 2000	2000		
Teddington Reservoir - Top (Stuart Mill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 2000	2000		
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		200	200 2nd term school holidays.
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 15000	30000		Supported increase to 30,000.
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 15000	20000		Supported increase to 20,000
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 10000	20000		Increase to 20,000 yearlings.
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Macquarie perch		M&NCAA 5000			
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 5000	5000		
Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	M&NCAA 2000	2000		

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Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		Wimmera AA no change	5000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			5000	Supported to trial silver perch. Dependant on TEP.
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			5000	
Wooroona Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch				5000	

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Angler submissions	Planned for 2016-17	Comments:
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			15000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			20000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			1000	NFA requested Murray cod stocking. Potential for Murray cod to impact on other stocked species but a small stocking supported. TEP required. NFA to write TEP application.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking			3000	
Aura Vale Reservoir (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing			Suggested as family fishing water. Open to creek system. Unlikely to get TEP in present state. Popular redfin fishery.
Beaconsfield Reservoir	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Potential water. Fisheries Victoria to discuss angler access and stocking with water manager.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Bittern Reservoir	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Potential water security issues and unsuitable when low. Follow up with Parks Victoria on catch drains and water security.
Cardinia Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing			Requires TEP before stocking. 300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four times per year	Family Fishing		2250	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. + 750 in October.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			10000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			20000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			5000	
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Edwards Lake						VRFish request stocking Edwards Park Lake. This is an open system flowing into Edgars and then Merri creeks. VRFish following up with council regarding angling at Edwards Park Lake. Requires water manager approval and TEP.
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Frankston Reservoir	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Water not available to angling.
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Jack Roper Reserve Lake (Campbellfield)	Rainbow trout			0		
Jells park	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Fisheries Victoria to discuss stocking potential of lake with Melbourne Water and Parks Victoria.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		8000		
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)						Lake currently stocked with estuary perch but anglers keen to see if it may have potential for additional species to be stocked to extend fishery into summer. Investigate potential for other species such as golden perch and silver perch. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Parks Victoria.

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Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four times per year	Family Fishing	10000	Popular water and increase in stocking supported. 2000 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1500		
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Estuary perch					
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three times a year	Family Fishing	2400	800 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Lysterfield	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Need to clarify status of lake and potential to open up as a future fishery. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Melbourne Water.
Maribyrnong	Estuary perch					Focus on Maribyrnong River freshwater to estuarine section. Potential for integrated stocking and habitat restoration program. Authority to stock is required and needs TEP and water manger approval. Fisheries Victoria to discuss with Melbourne Water. Stock 50,000 if approvals gained and fish available.
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Estuary perch			20000		
Mordialloc Creek	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		10000	First stocking occurred summer 2016/17.	
National Aquatic Centre	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		30000	First stocking occurred summer 2016/18.	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four times a year	Family Fishing			
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1500	Increase to 500 per stocking for 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		500		
Painkalac Creek Reservoir	Estuary perch	Annual stocking				5,000 if authority to stock is obtained. TEP submitted but no feedback to date. Pending.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three times a year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.	

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Ringwood Lake						Suggested as a potential urban stocking water.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville)						Request for additional fish species to be stocked into these waters. Need to work with Melbourne Water to investigate potential for other species.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Hutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		1850	400 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays in Sutton Lake. 150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburg Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Twice yearly	Family Fishing		750	250 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Spavan Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three times a year	Family Fishing		1200	400 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Sugarloaf Reservoir (Christmas Hills)						Lake would make good mixed trout and native fishery but water manager will not approve stocking. Melbourne Water core function is to supply safe drinking water to Melbourne and do not want to see increased angler activity.
Valley Lake (Keilor)	Golden perch					Support from manger and shire to stock lake but current planning permit prohibits fish stocking in relation to flight path. Follow up with Tullamarine Airport. Lake may also be drained and reconfigured in near future. Has drainage to nearby creek and escape may be a potential issue. Stocking golden perch requires TEP. 2,000 if stocking authorised.
Valley Lake (Keilor)	Rainbow trout		Family Fishing			Potential water, needs further information. Shire and developer keen for stocking but current planning permit does not allow stocking. See above.
Werribee River (Downstream of Melton Weir)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			20000	Work with Melbourne Water to determine estuary perch historic presence with a view to re-establishing estuary perch population. Investigate possibility of a student research project to determine historic distribution of estuary perch, specifically in Port Phillip Bay area.

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Yarra	Macquarie perch					Little information on population. Seek advice from ARI regarding if population is are declining and if is, what is possible cause?
Yarra	Murray cod					Proposals have been received to stock Murray cod in Yarra River. Requires further information on status of population and if population is declining. Murray cod slot length regulations should protect larger fish but not known if fish naturally recruit. Potential to undertake creel survey to obtain harvest rates.
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	2600	600 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. + 400 in October.	

## 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, Fisheries Victoria, 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 Fisheries Victoria an angling club or association?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you checked the suggestion against Fisheries Victoria'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"/>





