

Vic Fish Stock 2017

Where your fish are stocked across Victoria



Aboriginal acknowledgement

The Victorian Government proudly acknowledges Victoria's Aboriginal community and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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

We recognise the strength of Aboriginal people and communities and value the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal people and communities to Victorian life, through their daily work and at key events, and how this enriches us all.

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

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

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

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

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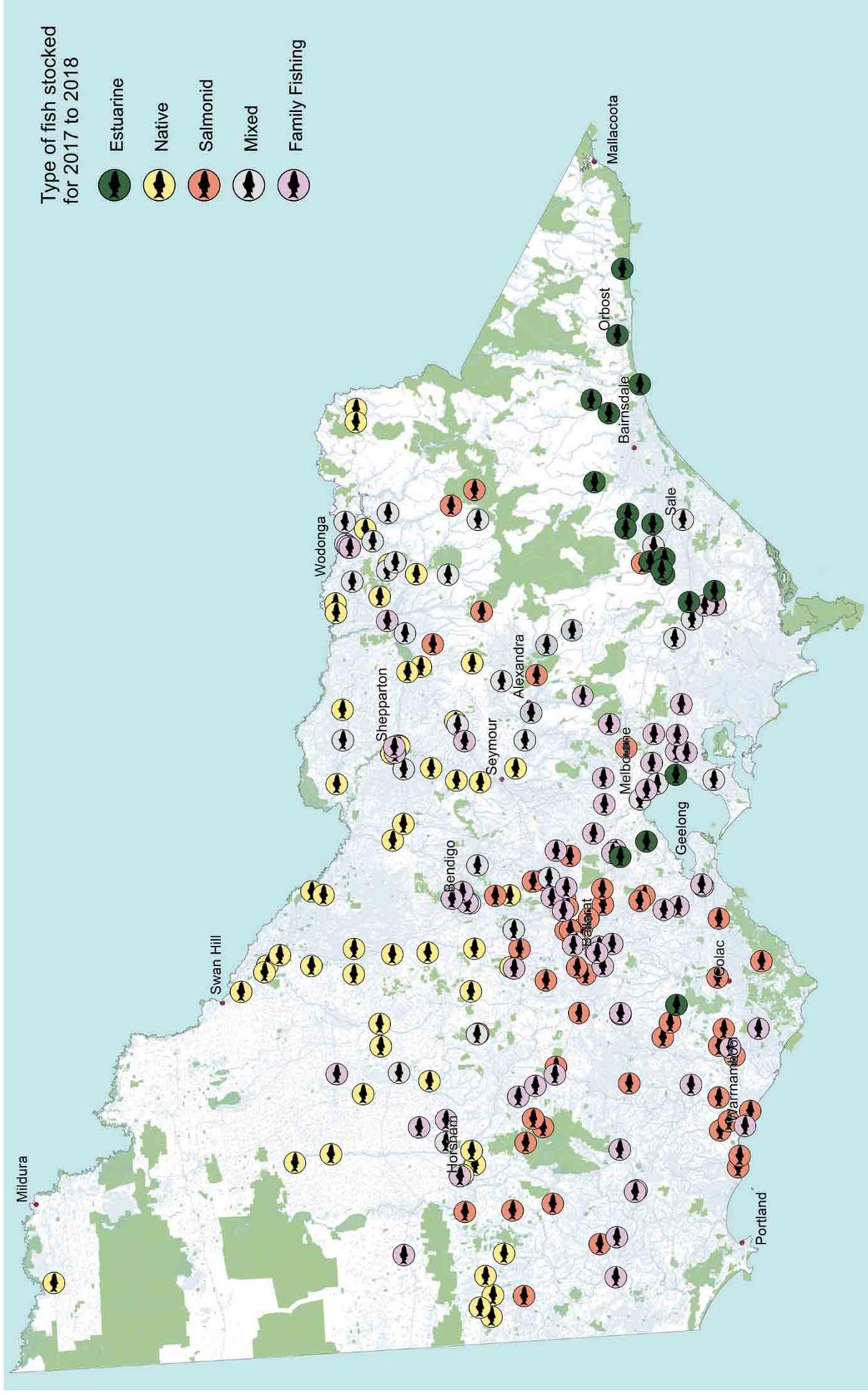
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Key fish stocking locations in Victoria



Introduction

Every year the Victorian Fisheries Authority, stocks many of Victoria's inland lakes, impoundments and rivers with key recreational angling species to improve fishing opportunities for fishers across the state. The annual rounds of Vic Fish Stock regional consultative meetings plan the direction of these stocked fisheries. The meetings apportion the number of native fish to be stocked in the forthcoming summer (2017-18) and the number of salmonids that will be stocked in the following winter (2018). This document reports on the outcomes of the 2017 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 issues relevant to fish stocking
- Identify current fishery management issues
- Assess additional proposals to the stocking program

The Vic Fish Stock meetings provide a forum for discussions on fish stocking regimes and related recreational fisheries management issues. In 2017, five meetings were held across regional Victoria:

Grampians/Barwon South West — held at Ballarat on the 4th September 2017

Hume — held at Snobs Creek on the 4th August 2017

Loddon Mallee — held at Bendigo on the 5th August 2017

Port Phillip — held at Melbourne on the 6th August 2017

Gippsland — held at Traralgon on the 19th September 2017

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 Victorian Fisheries Authority, 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.

This report summarises the key outcomes of the 2016 Vic Fish Stock meetings.

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

2016-17 Fish stocking season—Summary

The 2016 Vic Fish Stock proposed 992,400 salmonids and 2,982,200 native fish. A total of 1,213,019 salmonids and 3,133,467 natives were stocked.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
Salmonids (stocked 2017)		
Brown trout	583,500	626,865
Rainbow trout	365,900	543,169
Chinook salmon	40,000	39,715
Brook trout	3,000	3,270
Sub total	992,400	1,213,019
Natives (stocked 2016-17)		
Australian bass	126,000 ¹	162,000
Golden perch	1,767,200	1,549,825
Macquarie perch	16,000 ²	13,300
Murray cod	795,000	1,146,700
Silver perch	100,000	100,000
Trout cod	10,000 ²	9,756
Estuary perch	168,000 ¹	147,000
Barramundi		4,886
Sub total	2,982,200	3,133,467
Total	3,974,600	4,346,486

¹Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

²Estimates only, actual numbers dependant on the outcomes of onsite breeding program.

2017 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2017 Vic Fish Stock outcomes proposed 4,081,000 native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2017-18 and 935,000 salmonids to be stocked in the winter of 2018. 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 2017-18

	Proposed stocking numbers
Salmonids (2018)	
Brown trout	451,000
Rainbow trout	441,000
Chinook salmon	40,000
Brook trout	3000
Sub total	935,000
Natives (2017-18)	
Australian bass ¹	200,000
Golden perch	2,300,000
Macquarie perch ²	20,000
Murray cod	1,200,000
Silver perch	200,000
Trout cod ²	10,000
Estuary perch ¹	150,000
Catfish ¹	1,000
Sub total	4,081,000
Total	5,016,000

¹Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

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Target One Million

More Victorians fishing, more often

Recreational fishing is important to our social and economic well being. It is one of the 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.

To do List – all on track

- ✓ Ban commercial netting in Port Phillip Bay
- ✓ Local advisory committee for Lake Toolondo
- ✓ Establish a marine stocking program
- ✓ Open trout cod fisheries at Beechworth
- ✓ Stock barramundi into Hazelwood Pondage
- ✓ Remove boating restrictions at Blue Rock Lake
- ✓ \$2,000 grants to fishing clubs
- ✓ School education and children's fishing programs
- ✓ Growing the trout opening festivals
- ✓ Better fishing facilities program
- ✓ Ban netting at Gippsland lakes' river mouths
- ✓ Make Fisheries Victoria a statutory authority
- ✓ Establish a native fishery at Rocklands Reservoir
-  Increase stocking from 3 to 5 million fish a year



Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan

Victoria offers wonderful and diverse freshwater fishing experiences in natural and man-made waterways. Recreational fishing makes an important social and economic contribution to Victoria. Fishing is an exciting way to connect with nature with friends and families and it makes an important contribution to regional economies.

Recreational fishers are passionate about recreational fishing and the habitat that supports their fisheries. The performance of our recreational fisheries are shaped by the quality of our river, wetland and lake habitats but since early settlement, our waters have been highly modified and many of our valued fisheries have struggled to cope.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority does not manage water or land, but management of these resources affects the performance of recreational fisheries. The Draft Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan is a partnership approach and through the plan, the Victorian Fisheries Authority will work more closely with recreational fishers, land and water management agencies and Aboriginal Victorians to further improve our fisheries.

The draft plan includes six objectives that focus investment and promote collaboration over the next decade.

Key objectives of the draft plan are:

- **Healthy recreational fisheries** by working together to improve fish habitat and recreational fisheries
- **A deeper understanding of our recreational fisheries** – using best available information to manage fisheries
- **Working with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorians** – to encourage active partnerships in fisheries management
- **Improving recreational fishing experiences and opportunities**
- **Responsible recreational fishing** - adopting and promoting responsible fishing practices

To find out more and read the detailed draft Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan, please visit:

vfa.vic.gov.au/freshwaterplan



A happy fisher releasing her brown trout.
(Source: Adam Royter)



Victorian Fly Fishers Association planting trees along the Goulburn River.
(Source: Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority)

Angler Riparian Partnerships Program

The benefit of healthy habitats to fisheries is clear and the Victorian Government is committed to ensuring recreational fishers are involved in riparian habitat improvement projects across Victoria. Approximately \$1 million will be provided to support this commitment through the Angler Riparian Partnerships Program.

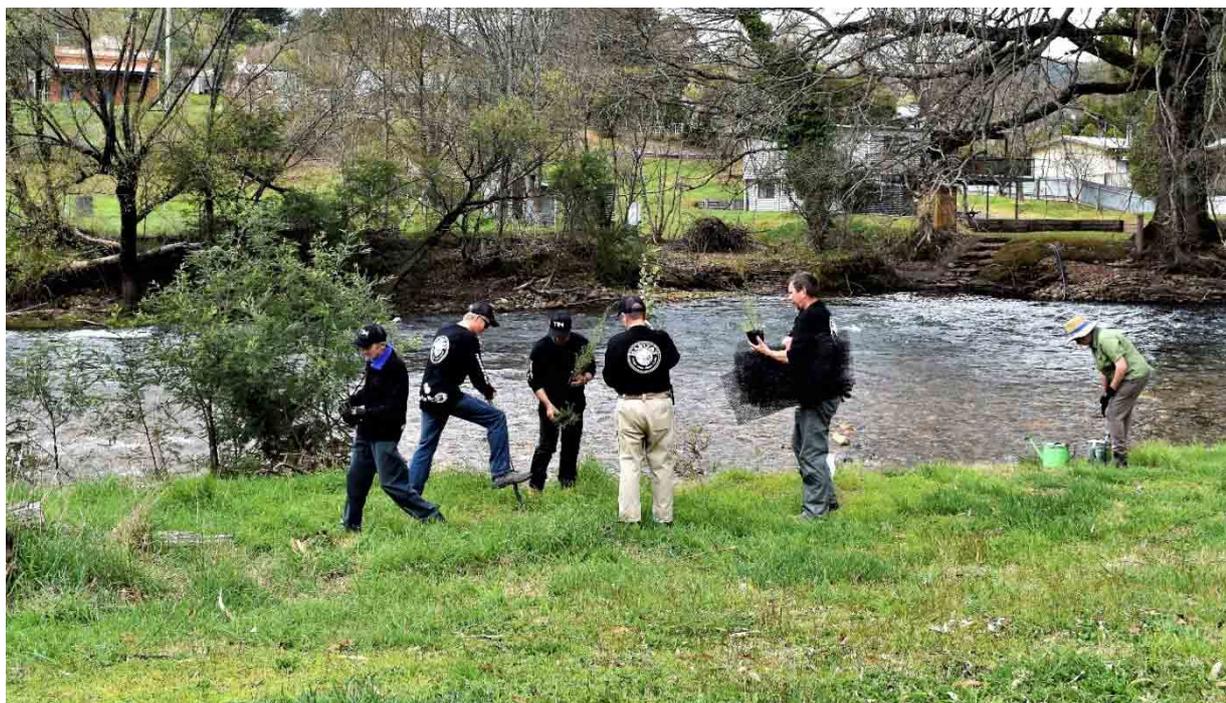
Riparian land is the land that runs along river banks and beside wetlands. It plays a key role in helping to maintain healthy fish habitat in waterways, by buffering water temperatures, filtering nutrients and sediments from catchment run-off, providing shade, providing a source of fish food and instream wood that fish need to shelter in streams and by helping to reduce bank erosion.

The government is providing the funding for the Angler Riparian Partnerships Program over four years (2016/17 to 2019/20). The funding will be used for partnerships between regional catchment management authorities (CMAs) and recreational angling groups to deliver riparian improvement works in areas of local priority for anglers. This will give local angling groups the ability to work directly with CMAs on riparian areas that are important to them and improve fishing in their favourite fishing streams.

Recent riparian improvement projects include the Goulburn Broken CMA working with the Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club to plant trees along the Delatite River and the Victorian Flyfishers Association to plant trees along the Goulburn River and anglers planting trees along the Jamieson River. These projects improve riparian habitat to support improved fish populations and ultimately better fishing.

Angling clubs can be involved in the program so if your angling club wishes to be involved in improving fishing in your area through improving riparian habitat, find out more about the Angler Riparian Partnerships Program by contacting your local CMA:

- East Gippsland CMA (5152 0600)
- West Gippsland CMA (1300 094 262)
- Corangamite CMA (5232 9100)
- Glenelg Hopkins CMA (5571 2526)
- Wimmera CMA (5382 1544)
- Mallee CMA (5051 4377)
- North Central CMA (5448 7124)
- Goulburn Broken CMA (5822 7700)
- North East CMA (1300 216 513)



Volunteers assisting in riparian vegetation remedial works at Jamieson, Victoria. (Source: Marta Wakeling)

National Carp Control Program

Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) are recognised as one of the country's most devastating pests in our waterways. Considerable work is required before the release of carp herpesvirus could occur, including further research into how to manage the release and clean up and ecological impacts, as well as legislative approvals and community consultation. The National Carp Control Plan will set out a considered approach to safely manage this very significant work.

In terms of its nature and scale, this proposal is unprecedented in Australia, and we will need to work across portfolios and governments, in partnership with communities, to ensure that we get it right.

A ministerial taskforce, led by the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, has been established to bring together Australian Government ministers from the Environment, Industry, Innovation and Science and Infrastructure and Transport portfolios to oversee the development of the plan. The NSW Minister for Primary Industries will also join the taskforce, given the leading role that NSW continues to play in the technical and regulatory aspects of the carp herpesvirus proposal, and to represent state and territory governments.

A National Coordinator will work with stakeholders from across governments, industry, community and environmental groups, and research organisations to understand the issues and bring together a comprehensive plan, underpinned by research, risk assessment and a sound understanding of community views.

The plan will focus on maximising the reduction of carp populations while minimising disruption to industries, communities and the environment should a carp herpesvirus release go ahead.

The *Cyprinid herpesvirus* (CyHV-3 or carp herpesvirus) is a naturally occurring strain of carp herpesvirus.

Years of rigorous testing has shown that carp herpesvirus is specific to common carp, and won't cause disease in any other species of fish (including native Australian fish) or in other animals that are exposed to the virus, including humans. Testing conducted by the CSIRO, through the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre has found that under optimal conditions carp herpesvirus will kill up to 95 per cent of individual carp.

However, use of the carp herpesvirus will not totally eradicate carp. Whenever a virus is used as a biological control agent, the virus kills large numbers of the target for the first couple of years. But gradually, over time, some resistance builds up. However, numbers never recover to their original levels. Additional tools will be required to complement the virus and to control residual carp populations over the longer term.

The CSIRO has been very involved with the scientific testing of this virus. More information about the carp herpesvirus can be found on the National Carp Control Plan website (<http://www.carp.gov.au/>).



Carp aggregation. (Source: Katie Howard)



Crater lakes Chinook salmon study

A recent study of the Crater Lakes (Purrumbete and Bullen Merri) found the reintroduction of Chinook salmon has provided a great return to anglers!

The study, funded by recreational fishing licence fees, assessed the performance of these popular fisheries after salmon stocking resumed in 2012. Over the 4 year study, 2,367 fish were caught and, the vast majority of more than 1,000 anglers surveyed were satisfied with their fishing experience.

From March 2016, social media reports showed some truly impressive fish were caught including salmon over 8kg, brown trout to 6kg and rainbow trout to 3kg.

The study estimated the Purrumbete recreational fishery to be worth over \$2 million annually, providing strong social and economic benefits to anglers and the regional community.

The project confirms the return of the salmon has created world class trophy fishing and economic benefits to the region. Anglers hope that it won't be long before we're back to the halcyon days of the 1980's when 20lb Chinook salmon were caught.

For a copy of the study email brett.ingram@vfa.vic.gov.au.



Maz Stowlowski with a trophy sized 12lb Bullen Merri Chinook salmon.



Chinook salmon broodstock feeding at the Snobs Creek fish hatchery.

Snobs Creek turns 70!

From humble beginnings when the first batch of trout were released from the site in 1947, the Snobs Creek facility has grown and remained a pivotal location for both fisheries research and fish breeding (salmonid and native fish) in Victoria.

In recognition of the 70 years since that first release, a free community event celebrated the contribution of Snobs Creek to freshwater fisheries and fishing. Snobs Creek opened its doors to the public and visitors had the opportunity to go on self-guided tour through the hatchery, as well as see historical archives showcasing past research and how fish production has changed throughout the decades. It was also an occasion for staff members, past and current to gather and reminisce on their time working at the iconic hatchery. Face painting, balloonists, a jumping castle and a range of other games and prizes up for grabs gave a real party atmosphere.

The event was an opportunity to showcase the legacy and continuing work at the Snobs Creek facility and demonstrates of how Victorian Fisheries Authority improves recreational fishing opportunities for all Victorians.



Snobs Creek fish hatchery 70th birthday celebration.

Developing Rocklands Reservoir as a native fishery

On 1 December 2017, the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) announced plans to stock Rocklands Reservoir (Rocklands) with 200,000 Murray cod and 200,000 golden perch this summer. Estuary perch will also be stocked in Rocklands when available. To date, the reservoir has been stocked with 120,000 Murray cod to help start the fishery.

The development of Rocklands fishery aligns with the State Government's *Target One Million* plan to get more people fishing, more often. It's the newest and one of our most exciting native fishery projects to date.

Rockland's is one of Victoria's largest water storages with a surface area of 67 square kilometres. It has extensive stands of timber created when the forest was flooded in the 1950's. These conditions provide ideal fish habitat and will support a high quality recreational fishery for Murray cod, golden perch and estuary perch. Based on our experience in developing other native fisheries, annual fishing participation at Rocklands is expected to double over the next five years as stocked fish reach catchable size. This will make an important contribution to the regional economy as fishing related tourists spend money in the region buying fuel, tackle, food and staying in accommodation.

The decision to stock native fish in this waterway was based on a detailed (see link below) and independent fish stocking risk assessment conducted by environmental and fishery management consultants. The assessment found the stocking poses no significant risk to other endemic aquatic species.

A copy of the *Translocation risk assessment for the stocking of Murray cod, Golden perch and estuary perch into Rocklands Reservoir* can be downloaded at

https://vfa.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/373717/Translocation-risk-assessment-Rocklands-Reservoir.pdf



First stocking of Murray cod into Rocklands Reservoir, Victoria. (Source: Hui King Ho)



Victoria's newest native fishery, Rocklands Reservoir. (Source: Hui King Ho)



Local fishers, recreational angling groups, VFA and CMAs representatives, celebrating the stocking of native fish into Rocklands Reservoir, Victoria.

Trout Opening Festivals

Bigger and better than ever, the Goulburn Fishing Festival at Eildon and Ballarat Fishing Festival at Lake Wendouree are on again to coincide with the trout open fishing season (1 September 2017).

These events celebrated both the opening of the trout fishing season in rivers, and the diverse freshwater fishing opportunities that these two regions offer. The events offered a range of fun and exciting activities for the whole family and keen fishers. Attendees got to stock live trout, acquired some fishing tips from experts, toured the trout hatchery at nearby Snobs Creek, and participated in a host of other free activities throughout the day.

These events will be run again next trout season opening on September 1st 2018. For more information on the openings, visit vfa.vic.gov.au or the VFA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VictorianFisheries/



Trout opening attendees enjoying a fishing day along the banks of the Eildon Pondage, Victoria.

Vic Fish Kids Program

The Victorian Fisheries Authority is helping more kids get into fishing by conducting an exciting range of introductory clinics for children eager to wet a line over Spring 2017.

The new Vic Fish Kids program, hosted six introductory fishing clinics aimed to encourage children into the healthy outdoor and fun pastime. These events were assisted by program ambassador and Australian fishing icon, Rex Hunt.

The first clinic was part of the Goulburn Fishing Festival at Eildon on trout opening weekend with other events held throughout the state at Albert Park Lake, Mordialloc, Lilydale Lake, Victoria Lake at Maryborough and Morwell Lake.

The Vic Fish Kids clinics are part of the Government's *Target One Million* plan, which aims to get more people fishing, more often and increase participation to one million anglers by 2020.



Vic Fish Kids event held at Lilydale Lake, Victoria.



VFA staff members Jonathon Pini and Will Ingram, assisting with trout releases at Morwell Lake, Victoria.

Better Fishing Facilities Grants Program

One of the key components of the *Target One Million* program is the delivery of the Better Fishing Facilities grants program which guides investment into;

- recreational fishing reefs and Fish Aggregating Devices (FADS),
- improving access for land and boat based fishers, and;
- delivering better recreational fishing facilities and infrastructure.

The Better Fishing Facilities grant program provides funding up to \$100,000 towards recreational fishing infrastructure and access projects throughout the state.

Any group considering an application should contact Anthony McGrath – Project officer on 8392 6833 or via email anthony.mcgrath@vfa.vic.gov.au

More information about the program and application process can be found on the VFA website; <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/target-one-million/better-fishing-facilities-grants-program>

Applications are currently open.



New fishing platform at Yarrambiack Creek, Victoria.



Artificial reef installation at Torquay, Victoria.

Murray cod from irrigation channels

Due some important winter maintenance work on the East Goulburn main channel, Goulburn Murray Water, in partnership with the Victorian Fisheries Authority, enlisted the help of an electrofishing specialist to safely catch and relocate fish. The fishing was done in advance of Goulburn Murray Water treating the channel for aquatic weed, which will improve the flow of water to irrigators next summer. Over the course of four days, more than 30km of irrigation channel was fished to catch Murray Cod, Golden Perch and blackfish. A total of 560 native fish were translocated from the channel and translocated into other areas.

The aim was to catch and relocate as many high-value native fish as possible.

With the help of local school children, the fish were released into family-friendly fishing spots identified by local angling clubs. The largest cod was released into the Goulburn River where they will hopefully spawn.

The final tally for the exercise was:

- 560 fish relocated, comprising 432 Murray Cod, 121 Blackfish and seven Golden Perch;
- 189 fish relocated to Nathalia's Broken Creek;
- 115 fish relocated to Numurkah Lake;
- 163 fish relocated to Victoria Park Lake in Shepparton and;
- 93 fish relocated to the Goulburn River.



Fisheries officer Anthony Wilson, relocating a Murray cod to the Goulburn River, Victoria.



Local school children assisting the relocation of native fish into family-friendly fishing locations.

Trout regulation changes

Trout opening 2017 saw a suite of improvements to recreational fishing rules for trout that aimed to boost angling opportunities in Victoria's freshwater rivers and lakes.

The changes included the introduction of a minimum size for trout in several waters and changes to bag limits.

Specifically the new rules include:

- A minimum size of 25cm for all species of trout in the Rubicon River, Mitta Mitta River upstream of Lake Dartmouth, Ovens River upstream of the Porepunkah Bridge, and Nariel Creek upstream of the Colac Colac Bridge
- A minimum size of 30cm for rainbow trout and 45cm for brown trout at Lake Toolondo, and a reduced daily bag limit 3 trout – down from 5
- A minimum size of 45cm for all trout and a daily bag limit of 3 at Hepburn Lagoon
- Removal of the trout closed season from the Merri and Hopkins rivers.

The introduction of a minimum size in four rivers will help promote these waters as high quality trout fishing destinations.

The changes are aimed to produce more trophy trout in the two lakes, both of which are stocked annually with yearlings grown at the Victorian Fisheries Authority's Snobs Creek hatchery and funded largely by fishing licence fees.

The removal of the closed season in the Merri and Hopkins rivers will give anglers year-round access to stocked populations of brown trout, some of which grow to more than 2kg.



New trout regulations now apply for Lake Toolondo, Victoria (and others).

Toolondo Reservoir fishery—extra water, extra fish

Lake Toolondo is an iconic trout fishery. 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.

Good rainfalls in the winter of 2016 saw an increase in storage capacity in Rocklands Reservoir and 10 megalitres of water were subsequently transferred into Toolondo at the end of the year. This ensures continued fishing into next year. The Victorian Fisheries Authority was quick to react and stocked additional fish into the lake to take advantage of the increased water and maintain the fishery.

The transfer follows a similar transfer of water last year, and meets an election commitment by the Labor Government to supply water to Toolondo to protect water levels and fish stocks in the lake.

Lake Toolondo remains a popular place to fish for trout fishing and draws recreational fishers to the lake which helps keep valuable tourism in regional Victoria where it continues to boost small businesses.



Water security established for Lake Toolondo, Victoria.



Trevor Holmes with a typical trophy sized brown trout angled from Toolondo Reservoir, Victoria. (Source: Trevor Holmes)

Drought recovery stocking paying dividends

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. The quick stocking response to the newly filled lakes has again proven successful with the fish growing well with the increased productivity and ample food supply. The drought recovery fish stocking plans were refined with help from keen anglers at a Ballarat workshop, which brought together local advice on waterways. By winter 2017, anglers were reaping the benefits of the stockings and reporting excellent captures of well-conditioned fish from many of the lakes.

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, and Moorabool Reservoir. A total of 67,000 rainbow trout and 41,000 brown trout sourced from the government's Snobs Creek fish hatchery were released into these systems.



Newly filled lakes in Victorian waters allow for increase stocking opportunities by the VFA.



Marc Ainsworth displaying the typical result from Lake Bolac, Victoria as a result of the VFAs rapid response in the drought recovery stocking program (Source: Marc Ainsworth).

Stronger Fishing Club Grants

The Government's *Target One Million* plan to get more Victorian's fishing more often included a commitment to provide all eligible angling clubs with up to \$2,000 to promote membership. The Stronger Fishing Clubs grants program was open from early 2016 until 31 August 2017.

Over the 15 months, the Stronger Fishing Clubs grants program provided almost \$350,000 worth of grants to over 180 clubs to conduct projects to promote and/or increase club membership and benefit recreational fishing in Victoria (visit www.vic.gov.au/strongerfishingclubs to see some of the projects that were funded).



Essendon Anglers Club updated their signage with some of the funding they received and immediately started picking up new members as a result.

Defibrillators for Fishing Clubs Program

The Stronger Fishing Clubs program has now been replaced with the Defibrillators for Fishing Clubs program. The VFA acknowledges the vital role defibrillators offer in the early intervention to cardiac arrest for significantly improving survival rates. Successful recipients (fishing clubs) of the program will receive a high quality defibrillator, basic defibrillator and first aid training and five years of essential maintenance for the unit.

For more information and to apply for a defibrillator for your fishing club, please visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/about/news/defibrillator-grants-program-for-fishing-clubs>



Mornington Peninsula Fly Fishers club receiving their defibrillator.

Talk Wild Trout Conference 2017

The third Talk Wild Trout Conference was held in Mansfield on November 11, 2017. Building on the two previous 'Talk Wild Trout' conferences, the 2017 event was a huge success and attracted over 200 keen anglers from across the state.

Similar to the previous conferences, the 2017 conference assembled fisheries scientists and keen freshwater anglers to share the findings of research conducted on riverine trout populations during year three of this three-year project.

The conference is all about sharing knowledge between all trout enthusiasts, so that anglers, and angling dependent businesses, build an understanding of our trout fisheries, their key drivers, and ways to potentially mitigate any concerns.

Keynote speaker was well-known and credentialed Dr John Hayes from the Cawthron Institute in New Zealand. Dr Hayes provided insights into the factors influencing wild trout populations.

Other conference topics included an update on the trout populations in key wild trout rivers, information on angler participation take and satisfaction, progress of instream incubator trials, and updates of CMA instream habitat improvements and examples of angler and Catchment Management Authority partnerships restoring riparian habitat to offset climate change impacts in Victorian trout rivers.

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 <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/talk-wild-trout-2017>

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



Talk Wild Trout Conference 2017 presenters.



2017 Talk Wild Trout keynote speaker, Dr John Hayes (Cawthron Institute, New Zealand).

Murray CODference 2017

The second Murray 'CODference' were held in Shepparton on Sunday 10 December 2017. Over 300 keen participants attended the event and heard a range of topics regarding our famed Murray cod.

'CODference' topics included, overview on our flagship native fisheries, habitat impacts that influence native fish waters, angler fees at work, better cod handling practices and national carp control plans. Recreational fishing icons, Robbie Alexander, John Cahill and Marc Ainsworth, will also provide personal experiences and tips on successfully angling for our iconic fish.

The keynote address for the conference will be provided by fishing guru, Steve 'Starlo' Starling. Steve discussed our native fish revolution and the various influences that will ultimately direct the future of our freshwater native fish fishery.

As a special event, the VFA organised a special fly fishing for native fish workshop in Shepparton on the evening prior to the conference. Murray cod fishing icon Rod Harrison and expert native fish fly tier, Pip Clement lead the workshop and provided tips and techniques on how to successfully catch Murray cod on fly.



Care for Cod campaign launched at the 2017 CODference.



Trophy sized Murray cod angled by keynote note presenter, Steve Starling. (Source: Steve Starling)



Dr Andrew Norris, discussing the importance of fish habitat structures in dams.

Fish stocking database

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Searches on stocking records can be made accordingly by water, fish species, within a date range or by map. Summaries of fish stocking numbers can also be generated for a specific season. The stocking information is updated regularly so the database is kept current.



To access the online database, please visit <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/db>

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Native fish released in season 2016/2017

Species Summary

Species	Total fish stocked
Australian bass	162,000
Estuary perch	147,000
Golden perch	1,549,825
Macquarie perch	13,300
Murray cod	1,146,700
Silver perch	100,000
Trout cod	9,756
Barramundi	4,886
Total	3,133,467

An output summary example generated from the online fish stocking database.

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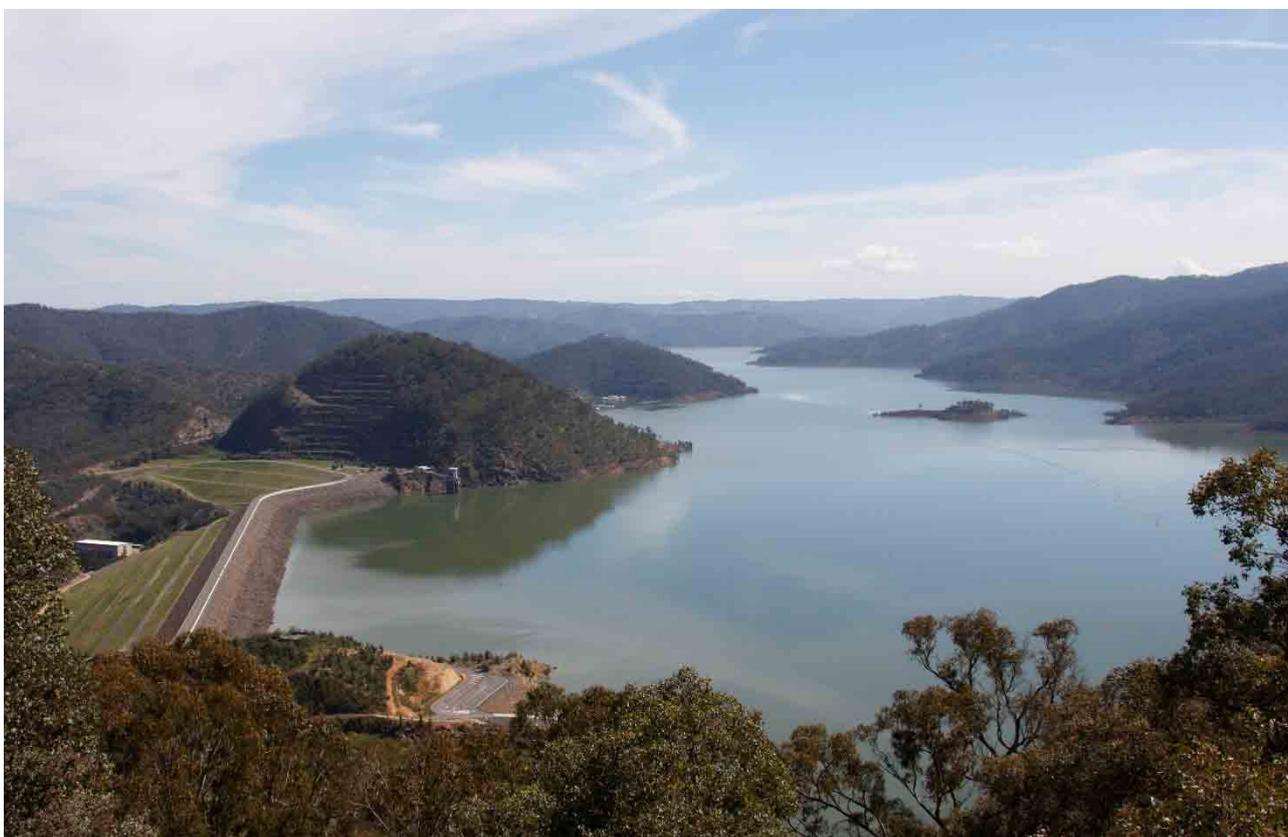
Lake Eildon open to Murray cod fishing all year

2016 was the first year that fishers could target and keep Murray cod from Lake Eildon during September, October and November. The rule change expanded freshwater fishing opportunities close to Melbourne and is based on research that found 99.6 per cent of Murray cod in Lake Eildon were stocked fish. If Lake Eildon's Murray cod are not breeding, then it makes no sense to protect them unnecessarily with a closed season, especially when it limits fishing opportunities during spring.

Lake Eildon's reputation as a productive Murray cod fishery has grown in recent years thanks mostly to a substantial stocking program funded by anglers through their fishing licence fees. More than one million Murray cod fingerlings were released into Lake Eildon between 2010 and 2013, complementing an existing population developed from decades of smaller scale releases.

The regulation change mirrors a New South Wales decision to remove the Murray cod closed season at Copeton Dam, like Lake Eildon, research found most of Copeton Dam's Murray cod were stocked fish and not the offspring of wild Murray cod. The change in rules at Copeton has proved popular with anglers and fishing dependent businesses. The removal of the closed season at Lake Eildon was expected to be similar and provide new fishing opportunities, increase participation and boost regional tourism.

Other Victorian fishing regulations for Murray cod will remain unchanged including the slot limit introduced in 2014 of 55 to 75cm, the bag limit of one Murray cod in rivers and the bag limit of two in lakes.



Fishing opportunities now increased at Lake Eildon with the removal of the Murray cod closed season.

School holiday stocking program

The school holiday stocking program sees over 80 waters stocked with ready to catch rainbow trout. The waters are usually near urban locations and stocked prior to the 2nd and 3rd school holidays, although this does vary for some lakes. The program provides angling opportunities that are closer to home for many people. The program looks to expand and is always seeking new waters. For more information on the waters included in the program check the website:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fish-stocking/school-holiday-trout-stocking>

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 Victorian Fisheries Authority to secure additional native and salmonid species for the state-wide stocking program.

For more information on RFGP activities or details on how to access these grants, please visit: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program>

Fishing for other 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 Victorian Fisheries Authority website: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program/small-grants-program/small-grants-program-guidelines-and-conditions>

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

Submitting a change to the fish stocking program

Victorian Fisheries Authority'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 Victorian Fisheries Authority (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 Victorian Fisheries Authority website <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/publications-and-resources/vic-fish-stocking> or by requesting a hard copy from Hui King Ho (0407 987 003).

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 Victorian Fisheries Authority website.

A checklist of suggested subjects to address when making a submission is provided in Appendix 2.

Victorian Fisheries Authority contacts

For inland fisheries management assistance:

Manager Inland Fisheries:
Anthony Forster 03 8392 6871

Fish stocking enquiries
John Douglas 03 5770 8045

Fish stocking enquiries
Hui King Ho 03 8392 6547

For compliance assistance:

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

For general enquiries:

Call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186
or visit <http://vfa.vic.gov.au>

Report illegal fishing call 13 FISH (☎13 3474)

Helpful information includes:

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

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



VFA staff member, Hui King Ho releasing golden perch into the Campaspe River.

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 2017. They reflect the key outcomes from each meeting. Proposals for stockings were received prior to meetings. These proposals were discussed and a final position determined by consensus. The proposals were then costed against budgets and fish production capabilities and modified to suit but maintaining the intention of the stocking. The outcomes represent the shared decision of the meeting attendees resulting from this assessment.

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

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

Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		50000	Authority to stock not yet obtained. Risk assessment submitted to TEP. 10,000 if authority to stock is obtained. Stocking dependent on translocation assessment.
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1500	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		0	Discuss future of on-going stocking given unknown water security.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30000	Lake not performing well as a trout fishery, despite long stocking history with rainbow trout. Idea to supplement trout stocking with native fish species such as golden perch and Murray cod. New stocking if so requires translocation evaluation assessment. Not all angling groups support. Further discussions required.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		20000	Refer above.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000	Refer above.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Lake not performing well as a trout fishery, despite long stocking history with rainbow trout. Idea to supplement rainbow trout stocking with some brown trout. New stocking if so requires translocation evaluation assessment. Not all angling groups support. Further discussion required.
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		8000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		0	Lake level often too low to support long lived species like estuary perch.
Boorooopki Swamp (Minimay)	Murray cod			0	Lake typically dry for extended periods. Receives some fish from Lake Charlegrak when filling. Only consider stocking if water security for many years is assured.
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		7000	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2500	
Boyd's Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	400	400 fish 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 remain the same. Temporary arrangement until Seagull Lake becomes available.
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		20000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		9000	Initiated two year rainbow trout trial in Spring 2016, comparing all female triploid, all female diploid and Snob Creek fish. Will monitor growth, longevity and catchability of three types of rainbow trout. 3,000 all female diploid, 3,000 all female triploid and 3,000 Snobs Creek stock.
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass				Some local anglers requesting Australian bass be stocked. Lake has been previously stocked with bass and some of these fish still present. Further discussions required with wider angler representation to gauge demand.
Burrumbeet Lake (Burrumbeet)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Burrumbeet Lake (Burrumbeet)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Calemben Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Calemben Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Once every three years		1000	Next stocking 2017/18
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on water levels.
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1500	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Charlegrark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		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)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Large shallow lake with concerns regarding summer water temperatures and suitability for trout. Often limited boat angler access. Lake to be stocked if agreed trigger point reached.
Colbrook Reservoir (Colbrook)	Brown trout	Once every three years			Next stocking 2018.
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1500	
Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Gilliear Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Gilliear Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1500	
Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Currently, not a fishery. VFA working with water managers to investigate access for angling.
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Currently, not a fishery. VFA working with water managers to investigate access for angling.
Great Western Racing Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4000	Lake has water security issues and often too low to maintain trout over summer. Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	Lake has water security issues and often too low to maintain trout over summer. Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Green Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		15000	
Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		0	Received extra estuary perch last year and translocated fish from Lake Bolac. Not stocked this year.
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	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	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Jack Emmett Lagoon (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	350	350 once 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	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. Dependent on translocation risks, water quality and fish availability.
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		15000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		9000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability.
Learmonth Lake (Learmonth)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels for trout to survive over 3-4 summers before stocking.
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	Recent TEP application approved. New stocking site for 2018.
Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on TEP outcome.
Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on TEP outcome.
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

Barwon Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		4000	
McClouds Water Hole (Drysdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing		No permission to stock from water managers at this time. VFA will continue to work with the water managers.
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		7000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		8000	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 is successful.
Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3000	
Moynes River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Natimuk Lake (Natimuk)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	Lake has water security issues and often dry. Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years.
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.

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Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	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 for growth, longevity and catchability of three types of rainbow trout. 3,000 all female diploid, 3,000 all female triploid and 3,000 Snobs Creek stock.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brook trout			3000	Year 2 of a 2-year stocking trial.
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch				Anglers requested lake to be considered for a golden perch water. Not supported. Lake not secure in regards escape. Consider estuary perch for stocking in future.
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		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Fish stocking to proceed subject to the outcomes of an independent and robust risk assessment.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Fish stocking to proceed subject to the outcomes of an independent and robust risk assessment.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Estuary perch				Fish stocking to proceed subject to the outcomes of an independent and robust risk assessment. Stocking numbers subject to fingerling availability from commercial supplier.
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two 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		No permission to stock from water managers. Allocated 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)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch			1000	
Struan Lake (Foxhow)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Original trial lake of estuary perch, stocking trial has now ceased.
Taylor's Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	
Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
The Gong (Bunningyong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		20000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		20000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4000	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		7000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		6000	Note that lake also receives an additional 6000 fish from Ballarat Trout Hatchery for a total of 12,000 brown trout stocked annually.
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		110000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		16000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		9000	

Gippsland

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		25000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		2000	
Freestone Creek (Briagolong)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		9000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hazelwood Pondage	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10000	Suggested stocking with 10000 bass. Approved in principle, subject to advise from water security for Hazelwood pondage.
Hazelwood Pondage	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4000	Approved in principle, may intigate a trial this spring.
Hazelwood Pondage	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Suggested stocking with 10000 Murray cod. Approved in principle, subject to advise from water security for Hazelwood pondage and fish stocking risk assessment.

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Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hospital Creek (Tostaree)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	2750	750 each stocking, 1st, 2nd, 3rd term school holidays and 500 in November.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000	
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 of L. Glenmaggie to Junction with the Wellington River)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Mitchell River (Glenaladale to Augusvale)	Australian bass			30000	
Morwell Lake (Morwell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4500	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2500	
Nicholson River (Old Weir Site)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Nicholson River recently stocked with bass. Bass stocking focused on other waters in district.
Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian bass			2000	
Snowy River	Australian bass			40000	

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Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10000	
Tamboon Inlet	Estuary perch	Trial stocking			Stocking dependant on estuary perch production numbers.
Thomson River (D/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		8000	
Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10000	
Timbarra River (Tambo Crossing or Buchan)	Brown trout				Anglers suggest brown trout population low and requires supplementation through stocking. Stocking trout where existing populations are present is not effective in increasing trout population. Stocking not supported. Instream egg incubators were suggested as a potential method to improve fishery. Await findings from current trial underway of incubators in three streams (Jamieson and King rivers and Traralgon Creek).
Traralgon Creek (Downeys Lane to the Junction with the La Trobe River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000	
Turtons Creek	Brown trout				Survey required to establish trout status.
Tyers Lake	Estuary perch	Trial stocking		25000	Numbers depends on the success of the breeding program
Tyers River (Wirilda Park to Caringal)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5000	
Valencia Creek (U/s Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1000	

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Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4000	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	1550	375 each stocking, 1st, 2nd, 3rd term school holiday and 500 in October.
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500	
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1000	300 each stocking in 1st term and 2nd term, 400 each stocking in 3rd term.
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1000	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4000	
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)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500	
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		Suggested as potential stocking water. Queries regarding access and water security. Hume fisheries officer to follow up.
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000	

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Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	300	100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500	
Benalla Lake (Benalla)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Benalla Lake (Benalla) and river upstream	Murray cod	Annual stocking		20000	Consult with Tatong Anglers Group with stocking locations for rivers and lake. Fish to be distributed between lake and upstream to below Lake Nillahcootie.
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		11000	
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		3000	
Broken Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30000	
Broken River	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000	
Broken River	Murray cod	Annual stocking		30000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		40000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3000	
Cobbler Lake	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		0	
Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Once every two years		0	
Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1000	

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Cudgewa Creek	Murray cod	Once every two years		0	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		200000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking		14000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking		1000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking		1000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500	
Felltimber 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)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fosters Dam (Glenrowan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500	
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		200000	

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Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		100000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to McCoy's Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		59000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Goulburn River (Trawool)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		0	
Greens Lake (Corop)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Greens Lake (Corop)	Murray cod	Once every two years		5000	
Holland Creek (Tatong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	Stocking trials of yearling in streams with existing trout population shown not to a make contribution to the trout population. This stocking to be reviewed in light of these results.
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		30000	

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Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod			100000	
Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		5000	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2500	
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000	
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500	
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	600	200 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1000	
Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1350	450 each stocking 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Meriwa Park	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	family Fishing		Second and third term holidays
Meriwa Park	Silver perch	Annual stocking			Potential silver perch stocking. Translocation risk assessment required.
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability.
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	300	100 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3000	Some fish to be stocked prior to Easter and in November.

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Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	Some fish to be stocked prior to Easter and in November.
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		60000	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		30000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		8000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		6000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ovens River (downstream Wangaratta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000	
Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		20000	Focus on Ovens for rebuilding Macquarie perch population.
Rocky Valley Dam (Falls Creek)	Chinook salmon				Trial stocking of triploid Chinook salmon cannot be maintained so triploid chinook stocking ceased. Consider other novel species in waterway.
Rocky Valley Dam (Falls Creek)					Investigate the potential of stocking with tiger trout. Tiger trout are sterile hybrid between brook trout and brown trout. Novel fishery.
Ryans Creek (Mollyulah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	Stocking trials of yearling in streams with existing trout population shown not to a make contribution to the trout population. This stocking to be reviewed in light of these results.
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		5000	

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Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Seven Creeks (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Fishing	4000	Upstream of bridge town, behind the caravan park.
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4000	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family	1050	350 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Fishing	1000	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family	800	200 each stocking, 1st term, 300 each stocking in 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Fishing	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Fishing	500	
Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		0	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5000	
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	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Fishing	5000	

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Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		1000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Yarralumla Drive Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing		Water quality issues may prevent stocking. If this is the case then transfer fish to nearby family fishing lakes.

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Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	Stocked with larger fish where possible.
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	Increase in stocking numbers to support recent maintenance works on reservoir.
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10000	
Bottom Teddington Reservoir (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Bottom Teddington Reservoir (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	

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Campaspe River (Kyneton Area)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		15000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	900	300 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability.
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Once every two years		6000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Brown trout (fry)	Annual stocking		100000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		100000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		20000	20,000 fish stocked as yearlings and 100,000 stocked as fry.
Expedition Pass Reservoir (Farraday)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		5000	
First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	

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Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		7000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		8000	
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		100000	
Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1500	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		60000	
Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Kings Billabong	Murray cod	Annual stocking		20000	
Kings Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20000	

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Kings Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Kow Swamp (Leitchville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		0	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50000	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		9000	
Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100000	
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		5000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		4000	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		20000	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ouyen Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Recent TEP approved for stocking. Lake currently under construction and once matured, stocking will commence. Possible mixed-species stocking.

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Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Murray cod			5000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	2000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		8000	
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Top Teddington Reservoir (Stuart Mill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		30000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		15000	30000 asked for by anglers.
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Macquarie perch			5000	
Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	

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Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch			5000	

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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		18000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		0	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	3000	1000 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Native Fish Australia requested Murray cod stocking. Potential for Murray cod to impact on other stocked species but a stocking of small supported. TEP required. NFA to write TEP application.
Beaconsfield Reservoir					Potential to become a recreational fishery close to large population centre. Requires investigation and high level discussions with water managers to determine any issues.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	2250	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 750 in October.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5000	

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Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5000	
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1000	300 each stocking in 1st term and 2nd term, 400 each stocking in 3rd term. Awaiting water manager approval (TEP approved)
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Awaiting water manager approval (TEP approved)
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Awaiting water manager approval (TEP approved)
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2000	Awaiting water manager approval (TEP approved)
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Awaiting water manager approval (TEP approved)
Frankston Reservoir					Disused water body with potential to become a recreational fishery close to large population centre. Requires investigation and high level discussions with water managers to determine any issues.
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jells Park					Potential urban fishery. Requires water manager approval. VFA to talk with Parks Victoria regarding future stocking.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	8000	2000 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd terms school holidays and 2000 in October.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
Kararook Lake (Moorabbin)					Potential for a summer urban fisheries with native fish species including golden perch and or silver perch. Requires translocation risk evaluation. Native Fish Australia to do TEP initial screening/risk assessment.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	2100	700 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Brown trout stocking ceased due to limited returns to anglers from brown trout stocking.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Estuary perch				Suggestion received to stock estuary perch. VRFish to undertake risk assessment initial screening to seek approval to stock estuary perch.
Little River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Maribyrnong	Estuary perch			50000	Focus on Maribyrnong River freshwater to estuarine section. Potential for integrated stocking and habitat restoration program. VFA to discuss with Melbourne Water. Stock 50,000 if fish are available.
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Estuary perch			5000	
Mordialloc Creek/National Aquatic Centre	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1200	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	500	500 once 2nd term school holidays.
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			
Painkalac Creek Reservoir	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		10000	
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1500	500 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Planned for 2017-18:	Comments:
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 Hutton Lake. 150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd terms school holidays.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburg Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	750	375 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Spavan Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	1200	400 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Werribee River (Downstream of Melton Weir)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5000	
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family Fishing	2600	700 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 500 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, Victorian Fisheries Authority, on 03 5770 8045, or with your local Fisheries Officer.

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



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