

Vic Fish Stock 2025-26



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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Introduction

Every year the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), stocks many of Victoria's inland lakes, impoundments and rivers with key recreational angling species to improve fishing opportunities for fishers across the state. This document reports on the outcomes of the 2025 fish stocking consultation.

The fish stocking year reports by financial year, from 1st of July to 30th of June of the following year.

In February 2025, the draft stocking plan was released for public comment for a period of six weeks.

Submissions to change the stocking program were received from angling clubs, stakeholder groups and the public. These submissions were carefully considered and discussed with regional angling representatives at a series of Vic Fish Stock Forums held online in June. Submissions to change the draft stocking plan that were agreed upon have been incorporated into the final plan in this Vic Fish Stock Report. The Authority acknowledges and values the important contribution made by stakeholders in this process, particularly those who volunteered their time to prepare and discuss submissions.

The next round of Vic Fish Stock meetings will occur in 2026.



2024-25 Fish stocking season—Summary

The 2024-25 Vic Fish Stock proposed that 1,315,000 salmonids and 8,860,000 native fish to be stocked into 245 waterways across Victoria. A total of 1,541,060 salmonids and 8,520,530 natives were stocked between 1st July 2024 and 30th June 2025, for a total of 10,061,590.

There was a shortage of available golden perch fingerlings across the southern Murray-Darling Basin in the summer of 2024-25, as well as a shortage in expected numbers of Australian bass and estuary perch fingerlings.

To compensate for this shortfall, extra Murray cod and silver perch were purchased from external suppliers, and extra brown and rainbow trout were stocked from the Snobs Creek salmonid hatchery.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
Salmonids		
Brown trout	676,500	774,600
Rainbow trout	538,500	670,630
Chinook salmon	90,000	85,830
Tiger trout	10,000	10,000
Sub total	1,315,000	1,541,060
Natives		
Australian bass	403,000	137,500
Golden perch	4,392,500	3,150,740
Macquarie perch ¹	100,000	99,890
Murray cod	2,953,000	4,014,820
Silver perch	521,500	780,770
Trout cod ¹	100,000	140,970
Estuary perch ²	345,000	133,500
Dusky flathead ²	45,000	62,340
Sub total	8,860,000	8,520,530
Total	10,175,390	10,061,590

¹ Estimates only, actual numbers dependant on the outcomes of onsite breeding program.

² Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

2025-26 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2025-26 Vic Fish Stock meetings proposed native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2025-26 and salmonids stocked over winter 2026. 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 for the 2025/26 financial year. Numbers may vary and may be exceeded or not attained, depending on a variety of factors at our hatcheries and waterways. The VFA will monitor fish availability and waterway conditions to get the best result possible. Therefore, fish allocations may be amended prior to release.

Summary of planned Vic Fish Stockings 2025-26

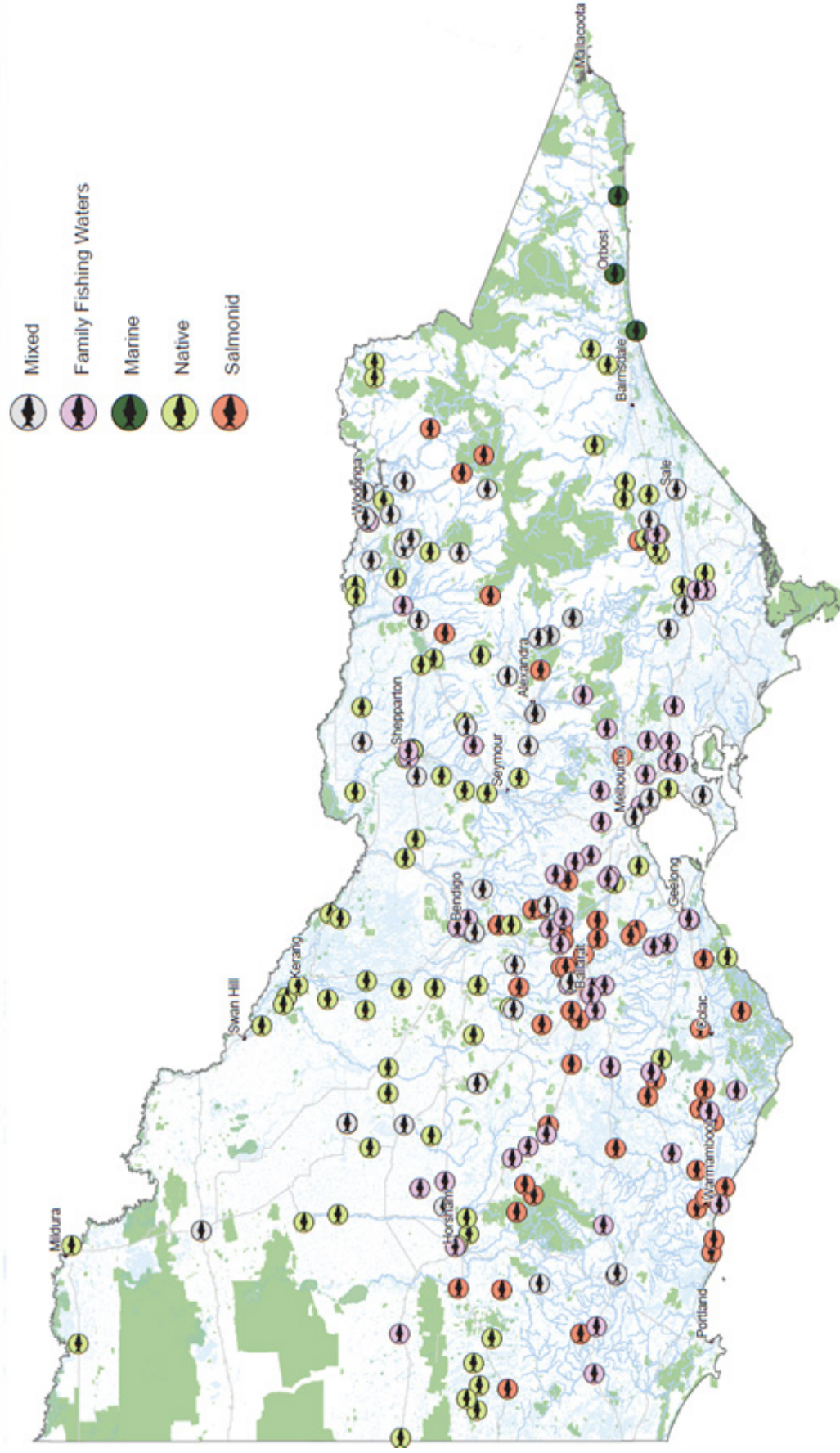
Proposed stocking numbers	
Natives (summer 2025-26)	
Australian bass ¹	268,000
Golden perch	4,482,500
Macquarie perch ²	100,000
Murray cod	2,973,100
Silver perch	526,500
Trout cod ²	100,000
Estuary perch ¹	280,000
Dusky flathead ²	47,500
Sub Total	8,777,600

Proposed stocking numbers	
Salmonids (winter 2026)	
Brown trout	676,500
Rainbow trout	539,400
Chinook salmon	90,000
Tiger trout ¹	13,000
Sub total	1,315,000
Total	10,175,000

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Fish Stocking in Victoria



Victorian Fisheries Authority Activity Spotlight

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is always looking to provide or improve recreational angling opportunities across the state and recover threatened native fish populations. Here is a glimpse of some of the VFA and partners activities pertaining to stocking and inland fisheries from the past year.

10 million fish stocked, yet again!

Once again, the VFA's fish stocking program has hit its target goal of 10 million fish stocked across the state, so more recreational fishers can wet a line close to home, no matter where they live.

More fish are stocked in Victoria than every other state and territory in Australia combined – with Murray cod, golden perch, brown and rainbow trout, threatened species Macquarie perch and trout cod, dusky flathead, Australian bass and more bolstering world-class fishing experiences that are easy and accessible for every Victorian to enjoy.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority has stocked more than 47.96 million fish since July 2020.

Last year, more than 1.4 million brown and rainbow trout were stocked in waterways across the state while 8.5 million native fish including Murray cod and golden perch fingerlings, as well as our estuarine species, are also now in waters for recreational fishers to enjoy.

The future of our threatened large-bodied fish species like Macquarie perch and trout cod continues to shine brighter with more than 200,000 fingerlings released into Victorian waters to re-establish wild populations across the state, fast-tracking the recovery of these once-prominent native fish species.

There has been significant progress on the construction of a new hatchery building at Snobs Creek, dedicated to Macquarie perch recovery.

The Arcadia native fish hatchery near Shepparton has also received an upgrade this past year, with the expansion of both broodstock and plankton ponds from approximately 30 ponds to over 120.



Record breaking threatened species stocking!

The team at Snobs Creek really outdid themselves last summer, with record breaking numbers of threatened trout cod and Macquarie perch produced from the hatchery and stocked into the wild.

A new record of 140,800 threatened trout cod fingerlings was produced at Snobs and released into 7 waterways across Victoria including first ever trout cod releases into the Kiewa and Campaspe Rivers. Additionally for the first time trout cod fingerlings have been released into the Goulburn River above Lake Eildon, complementing the adult trout cod translocation that occurred in the year previously.

These fish releases are building on the VFA's historic success in establishing self-sustaining populations of trout cod in the Ovens River, with the Goulburn River around Murchison also featuring an established population.

It was also a great year for Macquarie perch production, with just under 100,000 "Macca's" stocked from the breeding program at Snobs Creek. The fish were released into 9 waters across the state, mostly in the North-East, with the Kiewa River receiving its first ever Macquarie perch stocking of 30,000 fingerlings. This has since been complemented by the translocation of adult and sub-adult Macquarie perch from Lake Dartmouth and other locations in an effort to quickly establish multiple age-classes of Maccas in the Kiewa and establish a new self-sustaining population in Victoria.

Shoutout to all the volunteers, landowners and agency partners that came out to assist with the fish releases in the North-East, particularly the Christmas Eve stocking of trout cod!

With the expansion of our committed trout cod and Macquarie perch facilities at Snobs Creek and *Cracking the Code* initiative for understanding how to captive breeding Macquarie perch, the future of these threatened fish species continues to shine!



Livingstone Creek Habitat Restoration Project



The banks of Livingstone Creek are getting some much-needed restoration, thanks to the efforts of the North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA) and dedicated volunteers from the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF). Over two weeks in November 2024, around 25 volunteers, including a committed few who stayed the entire fortnight, planted 40,000 trees and shrubs along the creek. This project aims to rehabilitate breeding grounds for the endangered Macquarie Perch and improve water quality in a waterway long degraded by mining and agriculture. Thanks to the outstanding restoration efforts, resident trout populations will also benefit from the improved fish habitat. The planting covered several kilometres from the creek's confluence with the Mitta Mitta River, passing through Omeo and two station properties. Additionally, Greening Australia complemented these efforts by funding a million-dollar project to revegetate the surrounding hills.

The landscape will continue to transform, with goals to see stabilised banks, clearer waters and thriving fish populations. Over time, the newly planted trees and shrubs will provide critical habitat in reducing erosion and support the return of Macquarie Perch and more abundant aquatic life, including trout. The broader work in the Omeo Valley, including hilltop revegetation, will further reduce siltation and improve long term water quality. With continued support, the Livingstone Creek restoration could be a game changer for the region's waterways, ensuring a healthier ecosystem for fish and the anglers who love them.



Record dusky flathead stocking

As the VFA strives to enhance the angling opportunities for every Victorian fisher, we have been working towards a breeding program for dusky flathead, to enhance estuarine fisheries across Victoria.

As part of our dusky flathead breeding program, we engage highly experienced volunteer local anglers to collect adult broodstock, which are then transported to the hatchery. The fish are then induced to spawn and the fertilised eggs are incubated, and the fry released into plankton ponds when hatched, to grow in a safe environment.

The spent adults are then safely returned to the system where they were caught, this year's collection occurred at Mallacoota Inlet. Flathead broodstock are collected throughout January each year, to produce offspring for stocking which provides a boost to existing populations. The pond-reared fry are approximately 3cm in length and weigh an average of 1 gram each when they are released into the wild. This year's release locations included estuaries like the Gippsland Lakes, Bemm River and Mallacoota Inlet. This year was a great season for our flathead breeding program, with a total of 62,340 dusky flathead stocked into those locations.



Catfish are coming back across Northern Victoria!

Endangered native freshwater catfish (*Tandanus tandanus*) populations have expanded through the release of over 10,000 catfish into 19 locations across northern Victoria.

The initiative was a collaboration between recreational fishers, Traditional Owner groups and fisheries and catchment management authorities (CMA's) to help recover catfish by re-establishing more populations of the species.

In late March, thousands of catfish were salvaged from Lake Lascelles near Hopetoun, Cronomby Tanks at Woomelang and and private dam near Lancefield where they had incredible breeding events.

Geneticist Dr Peter Unmack assessed the genetics of the catfish, showing that they originated from the Wimmera, Mallee, Gunbower strain and were suitable for release – perfect!

Catfish were released into:

- Ovens River (4 sites) – 2,686
- Campaspe River – 1,035
- Loddon River – 895
- Broken Creek Upper – 895
- Lake Sambell (Beechworth) - 834
- Goulburn River – 828
- Broken Creek Lower – 784
- Loch Garry – 544
- Horseshoe Lagoon (Gunbower) - 544
- Lake Victoria (Maryborough) – 504
- Gunbower Creek – 480
- Winton Wetlands – 315
- Wooroonook Lake – 305
- Arcadia Pondage - 273
- Walkers Lake (St Arnaud) – 284
- Foletti Lake (Donald) – 206
- Watchem Lake – 200
- Turner/Phyland Lagoon – 181
- Donyak Moira - 171
- Harcourt Park Dam - 165
- Sandilong Creek - 18



To re-establish 22 populations of an endangered native fish is a huge step towards recovery and downlisting of the species. Well done and thank you to all involved.

The Secret Life of Murray Cod



Lake Eildon is renowned for its Murray cod fishery, bolstered by over 5.5 million fingerlings stocked since the 1990s. Recent research by the VFA has provided new insights into cod movement and habitat preferences in the Upper Goulburn River and Lake Eildon.

In 2022–2023, 19 Murray cod averaging 93 cm were tagged and released in the Jamieson arm and Upper Goulburn River. Sixteen acoustic receivers along 32 km of waterway tracked their movements, revealing:

Cod exhibit diverse movement patterns; some migrate extensively, while others remain within a defined home range.

Seasonal distribution shifts occur, with higher concentrations in the upper lake arms between September and February.

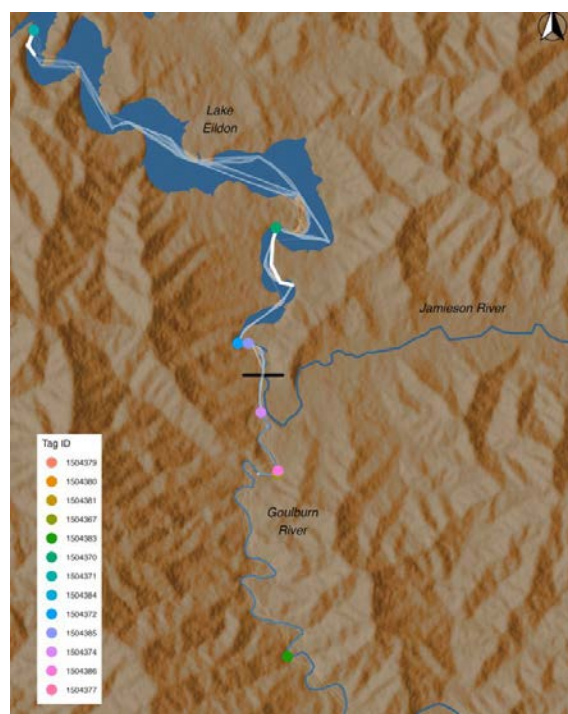
Cod are most active and likely to feed during warmer months (around 20°C) from dusk until dawn, with peak activity at 6 am.

In cooler months, cod prefer deeper waters during daylight hours (10 am – 3 pm), moving to shallower areas at night in summer.

The first significant rain event, increasing flow from the Upper Goulburn River into Lake Eildon, triggers cod to move into tributary arms.

One cod, relocated from the Upper Goulburn River to the Jamieson boat ramp, returned to its original location several months later.

More detailed information including movement animations can be found on our website:



<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/fisheries-management/murray-cod-movement-lake-eildon>

Kayaker's Reef performing Better than Expected

Kayaker's Reef is a small-scale shellfish reef that was installed around 800m south-west of Kerferd Road Pier, Albert Park, in November/December of 2024 and was funded by Recreational Fishing Licence funds that the Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club received.

In 5.4m of water, 90 'Oyster Triangles' and 45 'Fish Towers' were arranged on the bottom, across an area of about 200m². The triangles were seeded with native oysters at the Victorian Shellfish Hatchery in Queenscliff, to help restore lost shellfish reefs in Port Phillip. Similarly, the newly installed reef was hoped to attract species such as snapper and provide a convenient, near-shore reef for the growing number of kayak and small boat anglers who enjoy the Port Phillip fishery.

In May 2025, VFA's science team surveyed the newly established reef to investigate the progress since its establishment. The team was very impressed by the rapid growth and coverage of seeded native oysters (*Ostrea angasi*) on the Oyster Triangles. Many oysters had also settled on and are growing well on the unseeded Fish Towers.

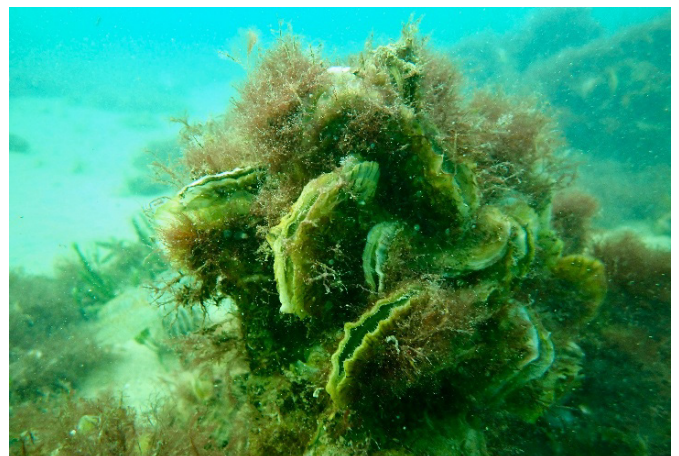
The establishment of this reef completes Phase One. Thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Fish Habitat Improvement Fund, Phase Two included an additional 48 Fish Towers deployed during May 2025; with Phase Three deployment of another 45 Fish Towers to commence within the next year.

Given such early success of rapid flora and oyster growth the expansion reef structure is sure to have many positives for fishing and the environment alike.

Hobsons Bay, Port Phillip

800m SSW off Kerferd Road Peir

37° 51.370' South, 144° 56.810' East



Recreational Fishing Forums 2025

Throughout August and September, staff from all over the VFA hit the road, partnering with local angling clubs to host recreational fishing forums and talk all things fishing with anglers across Victoria!

Across both metro and regional Victoria, the VFA hosted 11 in-person fishing forums and it's been fantastic to chat with a diverse mix of anglers in person about key fishing topics and opportunities.

We value these forums as a chance to connect with the recreational fishing community, share updates on current VFA initiatives, and most importantly open the floor to questions and feedback.

Angler input is invaluable because it helps us better understand local fishing experiences, identify emerging issues, and shape future projects.

Key themes from the 2025 Recreational Fishing Forums included:

- Urban fisheries and the smorgasbord of options available to recreational fishers in Victoria
- Catfish on the comeback, Rocklands and cracking estuary perch fisheries
- Kingfish, tuna, swordfish and the science behind our exciting offshore fisheries
- Macquarie perch, trout cod, catfish and blackfish – bringing out native fish back
- Fish production and stocking is creating great inland fisheries for anglers!
- Fish production at Snobs Creek and Arcadia
- Gippsland lakes fisheries, breeding cycles, harvest patterns of key fisheries

If you're interested in us visiting your angling club in 2026, please reach out to taylor.hunt@vfa.vic.gov.au



VFA Delivers on the Victorian Fish Habitat Improvement Fund!



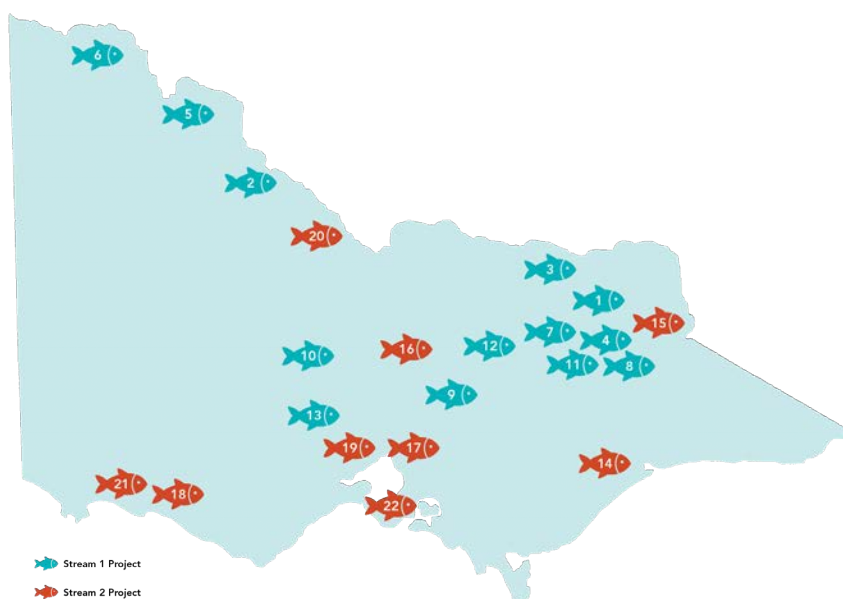
Applications have now closed for the VFA's fish habitat improvement fund: \$2.5 million in funding provided through the Victorian Government's Go Fishing Victoria plan, working with recreational fishers and partnering organisations to create better fish habitat across Victoria's waterways.

Twenty-two projects have been funded right across Victoria, giving a huge boost to fish habitat across fresh, estuarine and marine ecosystems. These amazing projects include:

- Establishing shellfish reefs and kelp forests in Port Philip
- "Fish hotels" for juvenile bream in the Hopkins River,
- European carp removal for catfish near Mildura, and
- Installation of log-jams and boulders for Macquarie perch and trout habitat in Victoria's high country.

Projects such as these will leave a huge legacy of continued improvement to some of our most valued recreational fisheries as well as iconic threatened fish like Macquarie perch. In some instances, like the shellfish reefs of Port Philip, these ecosystems are now "functionally extinct", however through programs such as this and the efforts of passionate recreational fishers we can pave the way to their return!

And remember, even though this fund is closed for now, if you've got any great ideas for habitat improvement in your favourite waterway, we'd love to hear about them! The Recreational Fishing Licence program ("Your Licence Fees at Work!") is ongoing, as is the work of our other partners: Catchment Management Authorities, Landcare and others.



You can contact Andrew Briggs andrew.briggs@vfa.vic.gov.au for all general habitat enquiries. Otherwise, check out <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program> or contact Richard Rogala richard.rogala@vfa.vic.gov.au for all RFL project enquiries.

Angler support confirms yellowtail kingfish bag limit change

Yellowtail kingfish are a highly sought after and valued recreational fish species in Victoria, typically averaging 5-10kg each.

Over the past five years recreational fishers have raised concerns that current recreational fishing regulations for the species are outdated, particularly the 5 fish per person day bag limit, being seen as beyond a reasonable day's harvest.

The VFA, in partnership with recreational fishers, reviewed bag and size limits for the species as well as scientific research and neighbouring jurisdictions management and consulted extensively with stakeholders regarding a fisheries notice proposal to change the bag limit for kingfish from 5 to 2.

193 public submissions were received during the public consultation period between 1-30 September 2025. 79% of submissions were supportive of the proposal, including casual to avid recreational fishers, angling clubs, charter boat operators, spearfishing organisations and the tackle sector. 17% of submissions were opposed to the proposal and 4% of submissions did not provide a position on the proposal.

A VRFish survey conducted between 1-15 September 2025 of 1023 respondents found 72% were supportive of the proposal, and 28% were opposed to the proposal.

The proposal was also shared and communicated through four VFA social media posts (reaching over 262,000 views), online media, print media, radio interviews, podcasts, phone calls, email and public forums, inviting feedback through providing a submission.

The proposed changes are expected to:

- Better reflect rec fisher views of a reasonable day's harvest
- Better share the catch amongst more fishers
- Reduce local depletion of the species during peak fishing periods
- Potentially improve the fishery quality through better sized fish
- Align with the bag limit of other offshore species such as gummy and school shark.



The VFA will re-consult with recreational fishers on maintaining these regulations in 2026.

Given the shared stock of kingfish, the VFA will continue to discuss the scientific understanding, stock status and fishery management arrangements for kingfish with other jurisdictions including NSW and South Australia.

If you have questions or would like further information, feel free to contact Taylor Hunt, Manager of Recreational Fisheries, on taylor.hunt@vfa.vic.gov.au or 0418 478 028.

The war on carp

It's been more than fifty years since carp exploded into our waterways following widespread flooding across the Murray Darling Basin in the 1970's. With each subsequent flood, they push further upstream, take more territory, increase turbidity, destroy aquatic vegetation, erode riverbanks, displace native fish, and ruin our fishing and camping experience. Despite half a century of trying to control them using netting, exclusion devices, baiting, electrofishing, commercial and recreational fishing, these options provide only short-term and local controls.



The Federal Government has explored research into the use of a carp herpes virus as a biological control agent for almost two decades culminating in the publication of the *National Carp Control Plan* in 2022. In 2024, the Federal government announced a further \$3 million dollars in research funding. Timelines to complete this research and to make a final decision on the use of the carp virus remain unclear. To address some of the key information gaps, the VFA engaged leading researchers to prepare a plan for a field based biosecure carp virus trial – to date this proposal has not been supported by the Federal Government.

The VFA prepared a detailed submission to the Federal Government to list carp as a key threatening process under the *EPBC Act* alongside other invasive species like, rabbits, goats, pigs, foxes, and others. Listed invasive species enable the development of a national threat abatement plan which drive a coordinated investment – to date, our proposal to list carp has not been supported by the Federal Government. The VFA has also nominated carp for listing as potentially threatening process under *Victoria's Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*. The nominations provide a foundation for building a coordinated approach to improve the health of our freshwater native fisheries and aquatic ecosystems by managing carp - we are awaiting feedback on this proposal.

Over the last few years, on the back of another flood and record numbers of carp, the VFA has engaged recreational and commercial fishers, landowners, farmers, NRM agencies and local and federal government to raise awareness about the impacts of carp, the extent of the problem, the need for an integrated approach to Australia's carp problem. We're building a broad-based coalition of support for more action on carp by hosting a national carp summit in northern Victoria in the new year.

As fishery managers we can't stand by and watch our rivers fall to the compounding impacts of carp year on end. We need recreational fishers to advocate for more action on carp, to protect our waterways and our wonderful recreational fisheries.

For more information, go to: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/featured/australias-carp-problem>

Carpe Diem



Seize the Day

Hatchery Open Days

In 2025 the VFA held two dedicated open days, one for each of our hatcheries that grow your fish. These events are free, open to all members of the public and are a great opportunity for people to see what goes on behind the scenes that allow us to grow and stock 10 million fish into Victorian waterways every year.

Arcadia Open Day

On Saturday the 6th of April 2025, we hosted the Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery open day! Members of the public received an exclusive, behind-the-scenes glimpse into how we grow millions of Murray cod and golden perch each year, and how the now completed expansion of the site will triple production capacity to a whopping six million fish per year.

The day also included plenty of things to do for kids including free learn-to-fish clinics, fishy-themed arts and crafts, outdoor games and an adventure playground. Anglers could also bring their own gear and wet a line in the Visitor Centre's fish-out pond for a Murray cod, golden perch or silver perch.

Located on the banks of the Goulburn River, 20 minutes south of Shepparton, our Arcadia facility was opened in 2021 and has since produced millions of native fish as part of Victoria's record-breaking fish stocking program.

The 2026 Open Day for the Arcadia hatchery will be held on the 21st of March.



Snobs Creek Open Day

Held on Saturday the 4th of May, the Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery Open Day was a great opportunity for the public to tour the facility, ask questions of expert staff, feed trout and check out our new Conservation Hatchery, as well as see how the Macquarie perch Recovery Centre is taking shape.

This event is the exclusive opportunity to tour our hatchery, which is usually closed to the public, at your own pace.

There were also dedicated experts on hand to guide you through this special place while answering all the public's questions about the growing and stocking of trout and native fish species all across Victoria.

There were fun and exciting activities for the whole family, including:

- Self-guided tours of the Snobs Creek hatchery
- Trout cooking and filleting demonstrations
- Kids educational activities
- Casting clinics
- Experts on hand to answer your fishy questions
- Hear from staff from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action on the work being done to protect threatened native fish
- Stocking truck display
- Aquaculture hub
- Take a selfie with the big fish sculpture at the front of the hatchery
- Coffee van and sausage sizzle onsite to purchase refreshments

The Snobs Creek hatchery will host its next Open Day on Saturday the 3rd of May, 2026



Better Boating Victoria

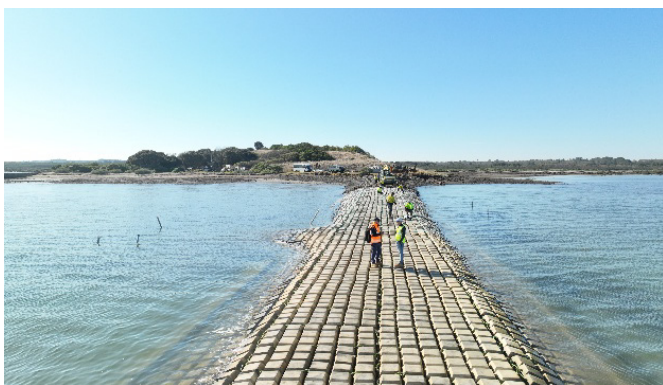
Better Boating Victoria (BBV) was launched in 2018 to deliver on the Government's commitment to make it safer, cheaper, and easier for boaters and fishers to get out on the water.

Since becoming part of the VFA in February 2021, BBV operates under two main mandates:

1. Reinvestment of Fees
 - All boating license and registration fees are reinvested into boating safety and facility improvements.
2. Delivery of the Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy 2021-30 and annual Action Plans, which include:
 - **Boat Ramp Upgrades:** Developing future boat ramp projects by commissioning concept designs and subsequent construction for locations like Tooradin, St Leonards, Schnapper Point, Howqua and Redcliffs.
 - **Facility Maintenance:** Enhancing maintenance and support for public boating facilities.
 - **Water Access:** Improving water access through dredging and ensuring facilities are accessible to all.
 - **Safety and Rescue:** Continuing support for boating safety and marine search and rescue operations.

Key Progress Highlights from last year:

- Rocklands Reservoir-Hynes Road upgrade is now complete, rounding out the over \$1 million from the Better Boating Fund (BBF) invested in projects run by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water.
- The Tankerton boat ramp upgrade is now complete, with the facility receiving a northern ramp and turning area, as well as articulated concrete mats.
- BBV worked with Parks Victoria to upgrade Horseshoe Bend boat ramp in Mildura. The facility received a wider & steeper concrete ramp with grooves to provide more traction.
- Two boat ramp extensions have been completed by West Wimmera Shire Council in Lake Wallace, providing better access to the lake.
- Inverloch boat ramp has received new asphalt re-surfacing, and reinstatement of line markings.
- Works to improve the rock groyne at the Bastion Point boat ramp in Mallacoota, are now complete.
- Dredging has been undertaken in the Lower Yarra, and at Kananook Creek by local ramp managers through BBF grants.
- Lang Lang boat ramp construction has kicked off and will be completed in late 2025. The facility will receive an extended ramp, and new jetty to cater to a wider tidal range for boaters.
- Construction is underway on a new all-accessible ramp pontoon at Blue Rock Lake and will be completed by spring 2025. The project will include a wheelchair accessible gangway, with a wider landing area and a hoist.



Tankerton Now



Construction at Lang Lang

BBV has been attending angling club meetings in 2025 to chat all things boating. If you would like BBV to attend one of your club meetings, email bbv.communications@vfa.vic.gov.au. For further information on projects near you, check out our website: <https://betterboating.vic.gov.au/>

Murray Codference

The Murray Codference is back! In November 2025 the VFA are returning to present another public conference on all things big cod and native fish angling in Shepparton.

The keynote speaker this year is Taka Kawasaki, who leads Daiwa Australia's product development team. He will be discussing international trends in lure technology, and what that means for targeting big fish in Australian waters. Some of the best big cod anglers in the country will be talking about the lessons they've learned from catching monster cod, and a countdown to the best big cod fisheries in the country.

Other talks will feature the benefits of going fishing for mental health and wellbeing, how recreational anglers are helping river health and native fish populations, and the great native fishing opportunities there are around Victorian urban waterways.

There will be updates from VFA staff about the ongoing efforts to improve fisheries for all Victorian anglers and the recovery of threatened native fish populations. Finally, the day concludes with "The Great Debate" – *To live scope or not, that is the question!*



Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery Expansion

The Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery is now the largest native fish hatchery of its kind in the world and will support Victoria's iconic recreational fisheries now and into the future. Work on the expansion completed in October 2025 after a busy year of work at the site. As production scales up over the next few years, the facility at Arcadia will be capable of producing more than six million fish annually by 2028/29.



The expansion involved increasing the number of production ponds from 30 to more than 125, extension of the hatchery building to include an office, enlargement of both the hatchery and fish processing facilities, and creation of new water re-use storages to sustainably manage excess water.

Broodstock collection to support the program at the expanded site commenced in June 2025, with large Murray cod and golden perch arriving onsite and settling into temporary holding ponds ready to contribute to Victoria's Australia-leading breeding and stocking program.

The Arcadia Visitors Centre has been a major success over 2025 and is now home to the world's largest Murray cod. The Visitors Centre features public fish-out dam stocked with Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch, which receives strong visitation year-round but is especially active during school holidays. Landscaping, fencing, and security works have continued over the last year to further enhance the Centre for visitors.

The expanded facility at Arcadia is a flagship for sustainable aquaculture and regional development, cementing Victoria's leadership in native fish production and recreational fishing. This project was made possible by funding received from the Victorian Government through \$96 million committed as part of its 'More piers, jetties and opportunities for little anglers' election policy which included \$15 million to expand the VFA's hatcheries at Arcadia and Snobs Creek.

Snobs Creek – Capital Works Update

In operation since 1948, the Snobs Creek Fish Hatchery has entered an exciting phase of growth with major works underway to construct the Macquarie Perch Recovery Centre - an advanced, dedicated, facility that will help safeguard the future of Victoria's threatened native fish.

Once complete, the new centre will be capable of producing 500,000 Macquarie perch and 500,000 trout cod annually for stocking into Victorian waters, providing essential help to bolster wild populations of these iconic threatened native species while supporting recreational fishing in Victoria.

Following a competitive public tender process, the contract for the design and construction of the new facility was awarded in early 2025. Construction began in June 2025, with offsite fabrication of the custom-built recirculating aquaculture system occurring concurrently.

The new breeding centre will include tank and incubator systems, water recirculation that will allow the management of water temps and other parameters to assist with breeding and growing of these endangered fish and ensuring the facility remains at the forefront of native fish conservation and breeding innovation. Practical completion and commissioning of the building and aquaculture systems are expected by late 2025.

These works represent the most significant investment in Snobs Creek in decades, positioning the hatchery as a cornerstone of Victoria's threatened species recovery programs and reinforcing its vital role in supporting the state's healthy fisheries and waterways for generations to come.

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Conservation Hatchery Update

Since opening in May 2024, Victoria's new Conservation Hatchery has quickly become a cornerstone of native fish recovery and research. The facility is the only aquatic conservation hatchery of its kind in Australia and central to its mission is the 10inTen program - a collaboration with our research partners at the Arthur Rylah Institute, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (ARI, DEECA). The 10inTen program means Victoria will be better placed to deal with extreme events by spreading the risk, strengthening genetics, creating 'insurance' populations, and stocking for conservation purposes by 2033.

In its short time, the hatchery has delivered extraordinary results. Among the most exciting achievements is the first-ever successful captive breeding of several critically endangered galaxias species, including the Moroka galaxias, McDowall's galaxias, and flathead galaxias. Two populations of our hatchery-bred Moroka and McDowall's galaxias were returned to their natural habitats in early and late 2025 - a vital step toward re-establishing their wild populations.



Working in partnership with the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority and Barengi Gadjin Land Council, the hatchery successfully produced its first clutch of River Blackfish fry. A first for hatchery-based breeding of the species and an important advancement for both conservation and cultural heritage, given the species' deep significance to Traditional Owners.

The Glenelg freshwater mussel program has been a great success, with our expert hatchery staff producing over 60,000 larvae (glochidia) of this species which is notoriously difficult to breed in captivity. These larvae are introduced to host fish to complete their early life stage before dropping off to grow into a mussel, a species with a very complex process critical to their survival. The data gathered from these trials is already improving our understanding of this endangered species and informing strategies for its future production and recovery across Victoria.



This year we've continued to introduce the currently extinct olive perchlet into surrogacy and wild sites around the state. Our production of the southern purple-spotted gudgeon continues as we return more fry to Victorian wetlands and rivers, supporting its recovery from drying habitats in 2023.

There's plenty more and we could fill a book with all that we get up to in the Conservation Hatchery – be sure to keep an eye on VFA socials for updates!

Fishing Festivals at Eildon (Goulburn) and Ballarat

Each year these festivals are a celebration of fishing and offer something for every angler, no-matter their experience level. The festivals are held on the opening day of trout season (first Saturday of September) and help bring anglers and families to the regions.

Each festival features free kids fishing clinics run by FishCare volunteers and assisted by experienced VFA staff members. Rods, bait and tackle are fully provided for those registering for the clinics. Fish cooking demonstrations, face painting, live fish releases and science displays are held at both festivals throughout the day. Fisheries Officers are available at the events to answer questions from the general public. The festivals also include fly fishing demonstrations from local clubs, as well as fly-tying lessons for those inclined to “chuck fluff.”

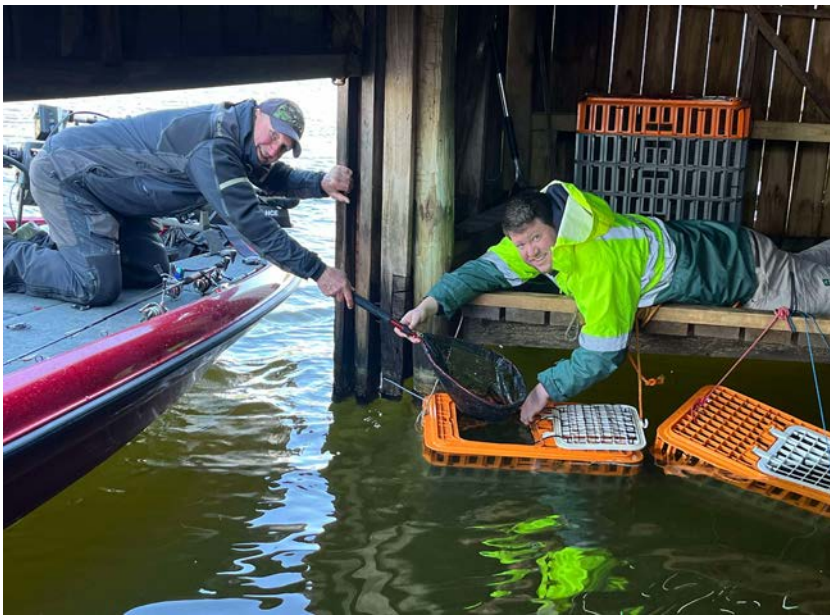
The Ballarat Fishing Festival is held on the shores of Lake Wendouree and features boating displays by the Ballarat and District Angling Association and hatchery tours of the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society's trout hatchery.

The Eildon (Goulburn) Fishing Festival is held at the Lions Park near the Eildon Pondage, with free tours of the Snobs Creek hatchery just up the road. Snobs Creek hatchery staff are on hand at the Pondage throughout the day with live fish releases, as well as the chance to catch one of 2000 “stonker” rainbow trout released prior to the event. Live music, market stalls and food trucks also feature at the park, before the event is capped off by an evening fireworks display over the Pondage.



Stocked estuary perch fisheries, alive and well

Over the last thirteen years, the VFA has stocked around 2.5 million estuary perch fingerlings into 30 Victorian waterways including lakes, rivers, estuaries, and impoundments. Prior to this, estuary perch breeding was experimental in nature with limited breeding and stocking success. This all changed in 2012 as we worked with recreational fishers to collect broodfish and send these broodfish to a marine hatchery facility in New South Wales. After a few years of trial and error, the production recipe for catching, transporting, and breeding estuary perch was developed and large-scale stocking became a reality. It's one thing to stock estuary perch, but to know if they're surviving, growing and most importantly contributing toward a recreational fishery? In partnership with Deakin University, Austral Research and, with a grant through the Recreational Fishing Licence Fund, ten stocked estuary perch waters were recently surveyed. Using a combination of electrofishing and netting and guided by local recreational fishing knowledge, estuary perch were collected for examination to determine age (and how this corresponds to stocking years), growth rates and fish condition. All of this tells us how stocked estuary perch are performing in each water, and into the future, which waters are best suited to creating an estuary perch recreational fishery.



Through this survey, researchers caught hundreds of estuary perch are still processing samples and analysing data. The full results of this survey are expected in the next few months, but we can share some interesting observations to date. The biggest estuary perch was caught in the Werribee River estuary, measuring a whopping 47cm (1.7kg). Interesting because estuary perch in this river were stocked in the freshwater reaches and some may have migrated over the wall during a flood? More broadly and based on the surveying effort, it appears good numbers of stocked estuary perch were present in Devilbend Reservoir, Albert Park Lake, as well as the Maribyrnong, Werribee, and Barwon rivers. This seems to reflect angler feedback of quality estuary perch catches in these waters.

We acknowledge the effort and goodwill of recreational fishers who have volunteered their time in support of our estuary perch breeding and stocking program. In particular, we honour the contribution of Doug Phayer (RIP) who recently passed away from a long-term illness. Doug led our perch search team from the start, and we celebrated his outstanding commitment at the last perch search event on the Glenelg River (see photo). We also thank many recreational fishers who helped guide our researchers to where the fish were: Brad Hodge, Kevin Baldy, Nic Tribonias, Connor Jackson and Silvio Grech.

We're looking forward to the final report on this survey which will inform our future stocking program.

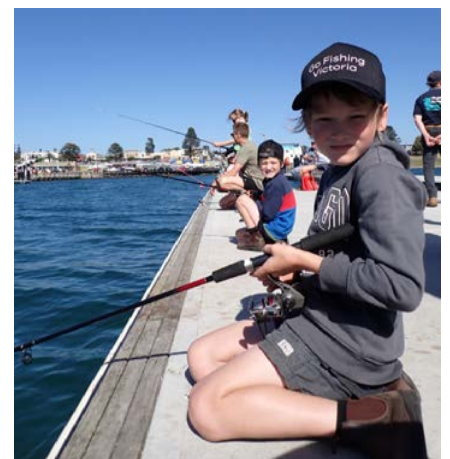
Hooked On' Events continue to deliver

The annual 'Hooked On' event series held at three iconic coastal destinations—Portarlington, Portland, and Lakes Entrance—continues to grow in popularity and impact, delivering vibrant, family-friendly celebrations that showcase the best of Victoria's recreational fishing, locally sourced seafood and community engagement.

Each 'Hooked On' event offers a diverse program designed to appeal to all ages and skill levels.

Key features include:

- **Victorian Seafood Showcase:**
Attendees enjoy a variety of delicious seafood options, including fresh fish caught by commercial fishers and other locally sourced produce. Cooking demonstrations highlight simple ways to prepare Victorian seafood, while educational displays promote awareness of aquaculture and fisheries science and management.
- **Fishing Clinics and Community Engagement:**
Vic Fish Kids clinics and fishing skill-based fishing workshops, led by Fishcare Victoria and local angling clubs, provide hands-on learning experiences for participants. WIRFAB (Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating) Leaders are present at each event to encourage and support women of all ages and abilities to try fishing. Better Boating Vic are also present to provide updates to attendees on boating infrastructure and grant funding programs in Victoria.
- **Family Activities and Entertainment:**
A dedicated Kids Zone offers fish-themed activities and games. Pop-up market stalls support local makers and growers, contributing to the community-focused theme of each event.



Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating

The Women in Recreational Fishing Network began in 2018. It started with a small number of like-minded women with a shared aim to increase the inclusion and upskilling of female fishers. From there, it expanded to an online community providing women a space to learn more about fishing and now boating. To broaden the scope, early 2023 saw the addition of boating to the network's core mission and the name was changed to the Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating (WIRFAB) Network. WIRFAB Network's mission is to foster and grow a diverse community that enables female fishers and boaters to learn, belong and thrive supported and coordinated by the VFA as part of its vision to maintain healthy, sustainable fisheries and better boating experiences for all

The role of the VFA The WIRFAB Network is supported by the VFA. This online community and the general running of the network is coordinated by the VFA and guided by the WIRFAB Leadership Team. This team is made up of women from the community. The main roles of the team include guiding and advising on what is needed to pave the way for females in this industry and to inspire and empower other women to take up and enjoy fishing and boating.

WIRFAB Network achievements so far...

Over the first five years, the WIRFAB Network has grown and now includes:

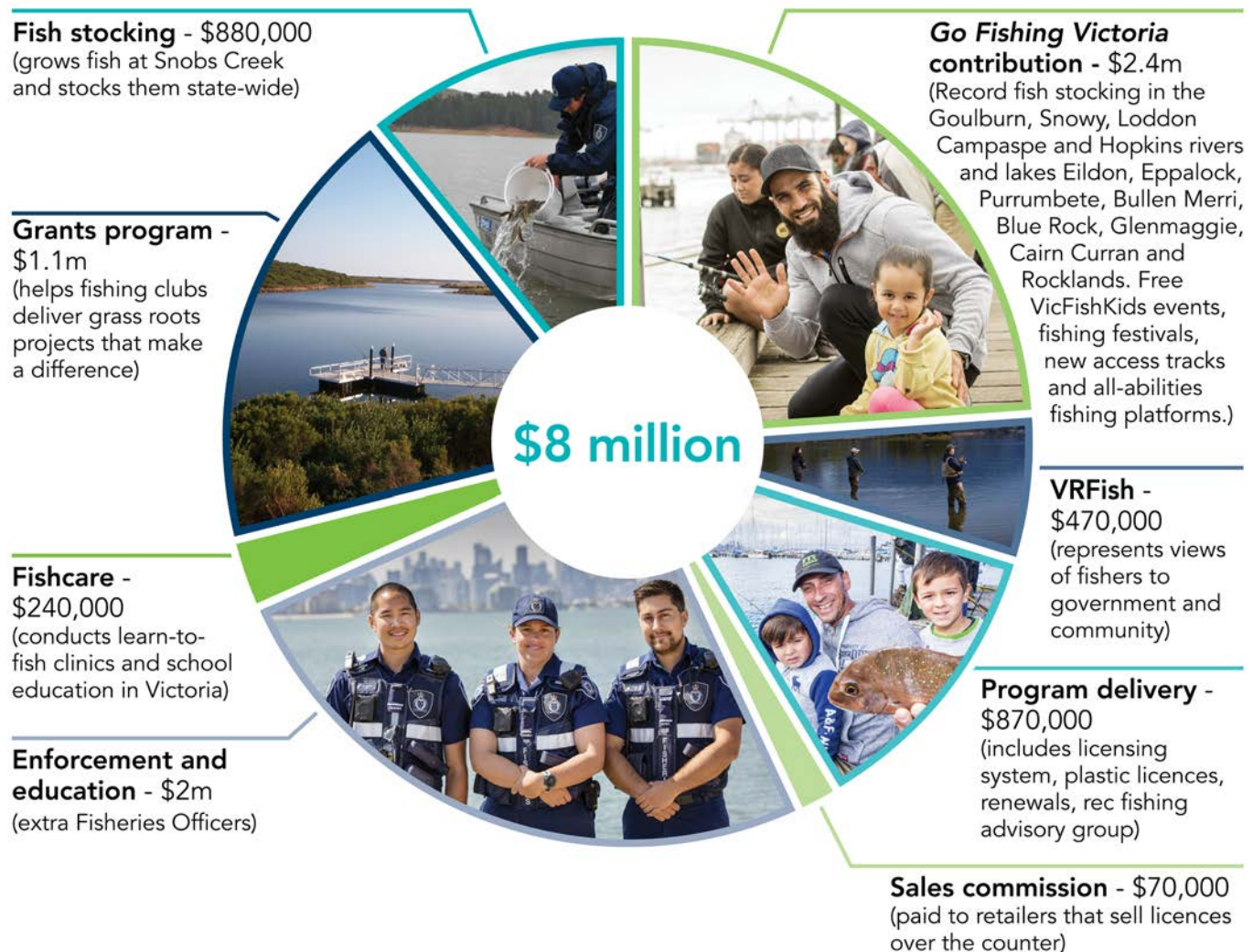
- A dedicated online community – Facebook group (Women in Rec Fishing and Boating online community) and a website (wirfab.com.au)
- A broader social media presence, particularly on Facebook and Instagram, that provides information to everyone across Victoria and further afield.
- The community-based “WIRFAB Locals” program where people can meet up and go fishing together and that is currently active in 5 areas - Bass Coast/Gippsland, Metro, North East, Mornington and Geelong/Surf Coast/Bellarine.
- An annual “WIRFAB Leadership Program” that has resulted in 42 Victorian women taking up professional development opportunities and advancing their leadership skills, then going on to represent the VFA and WIRFAB at industry events and advocating for female fishers and boaters needs. Some participants have also gained careers in the industry, including representing women in popular fishing media and working in tackle stores.
- A variety of events held across Victoria each year to improve female inclusion and to provide a platform for female fishers and boaters to be heard.

WIRFAB by the numbers

- **4,500+** members in the WIRFAB Facebook group
- **1,600+** followers on Instagram
- **300** participants in the WIRFAB Locals program
- **42** Victorian women have accessed the WIRFAB Leadership Program
- **120** attendees at the inaugural WIRFAB conference
- **120** other WIRFAB learning and networking events

Your licence fees at work to improve recreational fishing

Every year the revenue that is collected from the sale of Recreational Fishing Licences is paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, and the funds are then used for projects and activities that improve recreational fishing in Victoria in many ways.



About \$8 million of fishing licence fees is reinvested each year into programs that improve fishing for all Victorians. From fish stocking to extra fisheries officers, programs to improve facilities and fish habitat and educating fishers through Fishcare, your licence fees are hard at work to safeguard Victoria's fisheries for the future.

Fish stocking

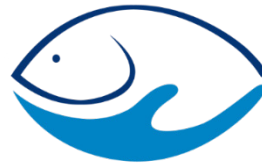
Your licence fees contribute significantly to the delivery of the recreational fisheries state-wide stocking program. They are used to operate the fish hatchery at Snobs Creek and Arcadia, meet costs associated with the delivery of fish across the state and for the purchase of additional fish from private hatcheries.

Recreational fishers across the state benefit from these stockings, which include huge numbers of Murray cod and golden perch released into iconic waters such as the Goulburn River, Lake Eildon, Lake Eppalock, Rocklands Reservoir, and brown trout and chinook salmon into the renowned crater lakes, Bullen Merri and Purumbete.



Fishcare

Fishcare Victoria is a community based not-for-profit organisation promoting responsible and sustainable fishing practices. Whether through their new 'Get Hooked On Fishing' app, through their extensive school education programs, or at a range of events held across the state, Fishcare provides valuable education to inspire the next generation of fishers.



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Recreational Fishing Licence Grants Program

The Recreational Fishing Licence Grants program allows a wide range of organisations and community groups to put licence fees to work on projects to improve fishing in their local area. Whether it's instream habitat, upgraded facilities, research projects or providing more fishing information, the grants program funds this vital work.

VRFish

Recreational fishing advocacy body VRFish is supported through your fishing licence fees and provides a strong voice supporting recreational fishers (www.vrfish.org.au)

Education and Enforcement

Fishing licence fees support the education of fishers and the enforcement of Fisheries Regulations through funding 13 extra Fisheries Officers to ensure everyone is doing the right thing. Fisheries Officers are based in locations across the state to make sure fishers are complying with regulations when wetting a line, whether chasing trout in a mountain stream or offshore targeting a monster tuna.

Sales commission

A portion of your fishing licence fees goes back to businesses who sell fishing licences over the counter.



Recreational Fishing Licence Grants Program

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

Since its inception in 2001, the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Grants Program has funded over 600 projects, worth more than \$23 million, to help improve recreational fishing and facilities throughout Victoria. The RFL Grants Program comprises three separate programs including:

- A **Small Grants Program** that is continually open to fund small projects (up to \$5,000 - GST Exclusive)
- An **Intermediate Grants Program** that is continually open to applications from angling clubs and associations and not-for-profit community groups (\$5,000 - \$50,000 GST Exclusive)
- A **Large Grants Program** (for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000 - GST Exclusive)
- A **Commissioning Program*** for large priority projects (generally in excess of \$100,000).

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

www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program

*Note. Commissioning Program grants are to fund internal guided programs that benefit recreational users.

Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Grants Update

Twenty-six Large RFL Grant applications that were received during 2024–25 have been assessed by the RFL Advisory Committee who have made their recommendations for funding to the Minister, the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos. Subject to Ministerial approval, this will see a great range of projects funded that aim to improve recreational fishing across Victoria.

Applications for Intermediate and Small RFL Grants are open year-round. Six Intermediate Grant applications received a total funding of \$217,754 and 36 Small Grant applications received a total of \$113,398 in 2024-25.

2025-26 is already off to a great start with 22 Small Grant applications approved for funding, and 2 Intermediate Grant applications to be recommended for funding, at the time of this report's publication.



Intermediate Grant “Bridging Waters” by the Australian Trout Foundation – Habitat improvement along the Ovens River



Large Grant at Lake Marma by Lake Marma Committee of Management – Creation and installation of floating fishing platform

Victorian Fisheries Authority contacts

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Taylor Hunt taylor.hunt@vfa.vic.gov.au

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For compliance assistance:

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

For general enquiries:

Call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186
or visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au

Report illegal fishing call 13 FISH (☎13 3474)

Helpful information includes:

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

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

Appendix 1 – Proposed fish stockings

Using the Tables

The following tables present a summary of 2024 fish stocking consultation.

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.

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 Mark Adams, Fisheries Management Engagement Officer, Victorian Fisheries Authority, mark.adams@vfa.vic.gov.au

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

Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2025	Comments
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,500	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	20,000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	6,000	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,500	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	7,000	
Boyd's Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	400 each stocking
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Broughtons Waterhole Wildlife Reserve (Edenhope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		fingerlings 2-10 grams	50,000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2025	Comments
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		fingerlings 2-10g	15,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	3,000	Reduced to allow Wurdiboluc stocking
Burrumbeet (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,500	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Charlegark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Cobden Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	200 each stocking
Colac Lake (Colac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Colac Lake (Colac)	Rainbow trout	April-June		on grown 180 grams	500	
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Collins Lake (Edenhope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Dewar Lake (Myrniong)	Rainbow trout	Once off stocking		on grown 180 grams	500	Private water, submission from Terry Wells Fishcare, For disadvantaged kids and adults and fishcare clinics
Dock Lake (Horsham)	Rainbow trout	Once off stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2025	Comments
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Estuary perch	Initial stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,500	
Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking
Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	6,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	12,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,500	
Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Great Western Racing Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 each stocking
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	4,000	
Green Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Green Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	4,000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	

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Hopkins River	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Jack Emmett Lagoon (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	350	350 each stocking
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	Subject to TEP advice
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	3,000	
Lakers Cutting (Point Lonsdale)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Learmonth (Learmonth)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4,000	
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Merri River (Bromfield Street Weir downstream)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 each stocking
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	6,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)

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Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	4,800	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 each stocking
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Painkalac Reservoir (Airey's Inlet)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3,000	
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	300 each stocking
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		fingerlings 2-10 grams	20,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	4,000	Reduced to allow Wurdiboluc stocking
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	

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Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 each stocking
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Rainbow Trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Estuary Perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500,000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500,000	
Rokewood Reservoir (Rokewood)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	750 each stocking
Simpson Recreation Reserve Lakes (Simpson)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	200 each stocking
St Georges Dam (Stawell)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 each stocking
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	
Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
The Gong (Bunningyong)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking

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Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 120 grams	20,000	
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25,000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	30,000	
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	4,000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	15,000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	7,200	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings) - also receives 6,000 50G+ BT from Ballarat Hatchery
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	6,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	300,000	

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Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	20,000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	3,000	Subject to TEP advice

Gippsland

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Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Bemm River	Dusky flathead	Trial extension		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	
Bemm River	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	Two year rotation with Genoa River
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	Two year rotation with Glenmaggie
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	30,000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	50,000	
Cann River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4,000	
Flooding Creek (Port of Sale)	Estuary Perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1gram	5,000	
Genoa River	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	Two year rotation with Bemm River
Gippsland lakes	Dusky flathead	Trial extension		fingerlings ~1 gram	25,000	
Gippsland lakes	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	Two year rotation with Blue Rock

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Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	New stocking with fish from Macalister River allocation
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	15,000	Increase to 15,000 with fish from Macalister River allocation
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	0	Two year rotation with Hyland
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	Two year rotation with Guthridge
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2,400	800 each stocking
Lake Tyers	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Latrobe River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	
Macalister River (Licola)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Mallacoota Inlet	Dusky flathead	Trial extension		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Mitchell River (Glenaladale to Augusvale)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,500	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,500	
Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Snowy River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Snowy River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	Two year rotation with Timbarra
Thomson River (D/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	

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Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian Bass	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	Two year rotation with Tambo
Tyers River (Wirilda Park to Caringal)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Tyres Lake	Dusky flathead	Trial stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	New stocking - submission from VFS Forum
Valencia Creek (U/s Valencia Creek)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	

Hume

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Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2,000	750 each stocking and 500 in Oct
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout	Two per year		on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4,000	
Arcadia Pondage	Murray cod	Once year (Dec-Jan)		on grown 1kg+	100	
Arcadia Pondage	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
	Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
	Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking
	Boosey Creek (Tungamah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Gippsland	Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3,000	
	Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
	Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
Hume	Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
	Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	35,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
	Broken River (Nillahcootie to Swanpool)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
Loddon Mallee	Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Port Phillip	Buffalo River (above Buffalo Lake)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
	Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	

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Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Cudgewa Creek (Cudgewa)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Dartmouth Lake	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3,000	
Dunyak Moira	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	New water - no TEP advice required
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	160,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	50,000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		ex brood	1,000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		ex brood	1,000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	14,000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Felltimber Creek Wetlands (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,200	600 each stocking
Fifteen Mile Creek (Glenrowan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,200	600 each stocking
Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60,000	
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Molesworth)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
	Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
	Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60,000	
Gippsland	Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	2,000	
	Goulburn River (Upstream of Kevington)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
	Goulburn River (Trawool)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
Hume	Hughes Creek	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
	Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	150,000	
	Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	
	Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	
	Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
	Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
	Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4,000	
	Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30,000	
	Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Loddon Mallee	Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
	King Lake (Rutherglen)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	Submission from Greg Sharp, VFA - 200 each school holidays
	King River (Cheshunt)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
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King River (Cheshunt)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25,000	
Koonoomoo Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Koonoomoo Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Loombah Lake (Tatong)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	Requires RFL grant in partnership with ATF
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	500 each stocking
Meriwa Park	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Meriwa Park	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Once year (April)	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	100	
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	3,000	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60,000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6,000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Ovens River (downstream Wangaratta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	See word document
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	

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Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Seven Creeks	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Shadforth Reserve Island Pond (Violet Town)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking
Tronoh (Top) Harrietville Dredge Hole (Harrietville)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	1,000	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	750 each stocking
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	750 each stocking
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Waranga Basin	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	250,000	Committed to 750,000 GP over 3 years in conjunction with GVAAC RFL fish habitat installation project (baseline of 50k)
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	

Loddon Mallee

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Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	10,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	250,000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60,000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking
	Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	
	Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6,000	
Gippsland	Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400,000	
	Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400,000	
	Expedition Pass (Chewton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Expedition Pass (Chewton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
	First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking
	Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking
	Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Hume	Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
	Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 each stocking
	Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Loddon Mallee	Green Lake (Sea lake)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Green Lake (Sea lake)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Port Phillip	Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	70,000	
	Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	

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Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Jil Jil Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout	Once per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200,000	
Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Kings Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Kings Billabong	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Kings Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	25,000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Lindsay River	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Lindsay River	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60,000	
Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Little Murray	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Little Murray	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking if 24-25 target reached
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	Reduce to pre flood recovery stocking if 24-25 target reached
	Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir and including Kerang Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150,000	
	Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Gippsland	Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
	Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout	Two per year		on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Hume	Neanger (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Ouyen Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	22,000	Increase of 2,000 fish from Tower Hill allocation
	Ouyen Lake	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Loddon Mallee	Ouyen Lake	Rainbow trout	One per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	500 each stocking
	Ouyen Lake	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	12,000	Increase of 2,000 fish from Tower Hill allocation
	Pyramid Creek (Kerang)	Golden perch	Flood recovery stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	-	Halt stocking if 24-25 target reached
Port Phillip	Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
	Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3,000	
	Skidders Flat Reservoir (Wedderburn)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
	Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
	Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
	Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
	Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2,000	1000 each stocking
	Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	

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Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	2,000	
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 each stocking
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	12,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings) - also receives 6,000 50G+ BT from Ballarat Hatchery
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50 grams+	30,000	Larger trout trial (60% of planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	20,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Murray Cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	5,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50,000	
Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Wallpolla Horseshoe Lagoon (Cullulleraine)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	Submission from Mallee CMA and FPMAC
Wallpolla Horseshoe Lagoon (Cullulleraine)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	Submission from Mallee CMA and FPMAC
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	

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Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Yaapeet Lake (Yaapeet)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Yaapeet Lake (Yaapeet)	Rainbow trout	Annual Stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	
Yaapeet Lake (Yaapeet)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15,000	

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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	3,000	1500 each stocking
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	120	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Auravale Lake	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2,250	750 each stocking
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	40	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	50	
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking

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Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	15,000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	30,000	
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	30	
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Brown trout	Periodic stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	300	
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,000	500 each stocking
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	30	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 20-40 grams	500	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	60	
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	10	
Guru Nanak Lake (Berwick Springs Estate Lake)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	750 each stocking
Guru Nanak Lake (Berwick Springs Estate Lake)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	40	
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	6,000	2000 each stocking

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Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	150	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 each stocking
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	10	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2,000	1000 each stocking
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	130	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20,000	
Little River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	70,000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30,000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40,000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,200	600 each stocking
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	30	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking - add 2nd stocking in T3
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,500	750 each stocking
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	80	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	

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Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,100	650 each stocking
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	40	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	30	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5,000	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1,000	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1,200	600 each stocking
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	30	
Walter J Smith Reserve	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 rainbow trout in T2 and T3 school holidays
Yarra River (Wallen Road Reserve)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10,000	Subject to TEP advice and further discussion
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	3,000	
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout	Once year (September)		Stonker	120	



