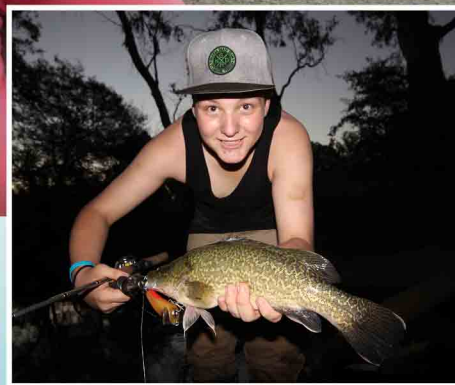
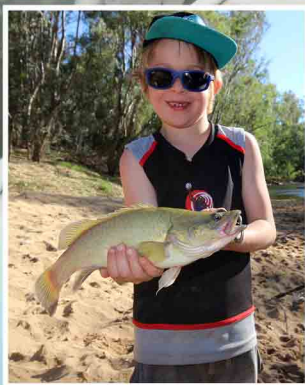
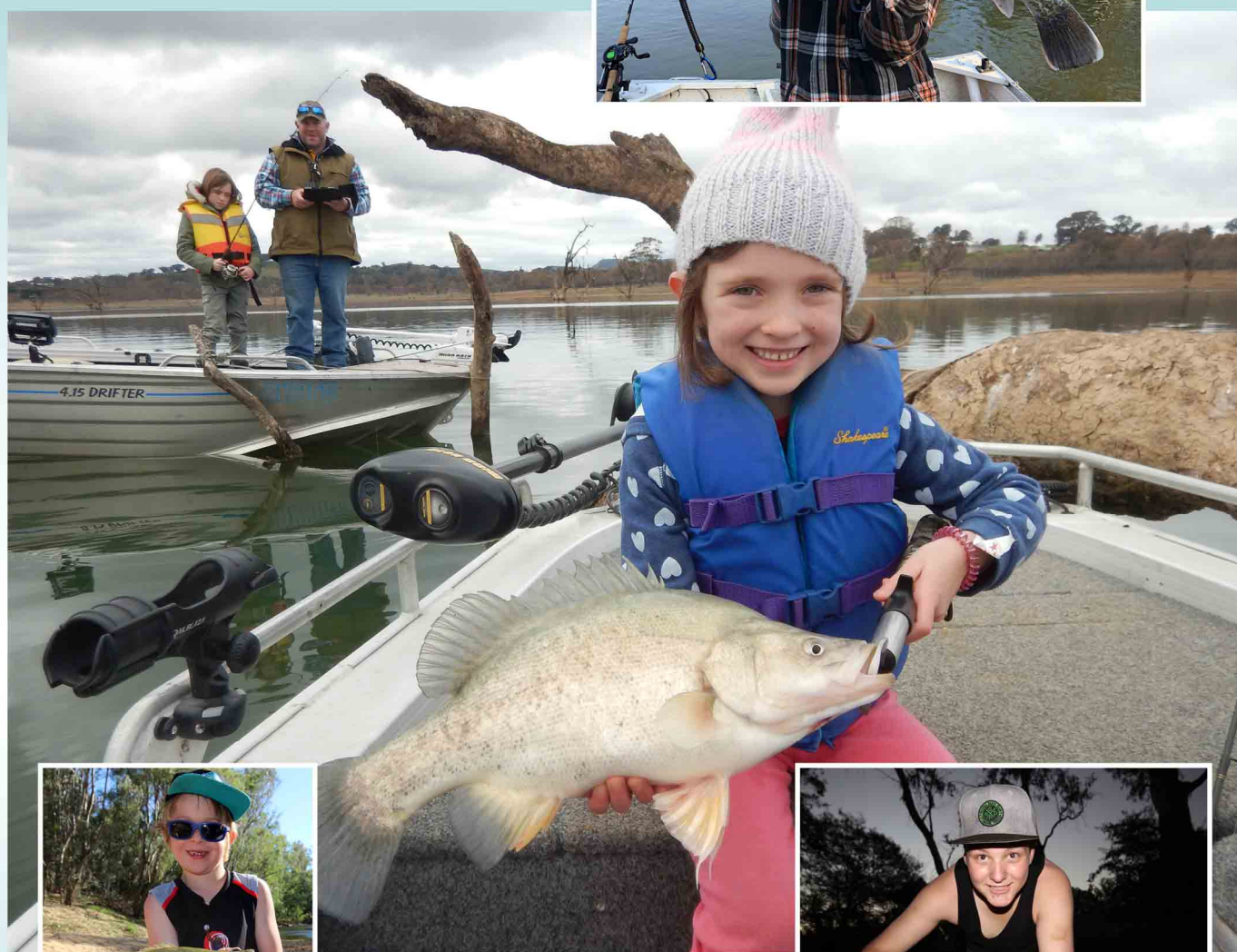




Vic Fish Stock 2018

*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, Traditional Owners and their communities, and value the ongoing contribution of Aboriginal people to Victorian life, through their daily work, their application of Aboriginal knowledge and practice, and at key events; we recognise how this enriches us all.

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

We acknowledge that the land and water are 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 Victorian Traditional Owner groups, related to cultural and natural heritage, that are paramount in our responsibilities in managing Victoria's resources in partnership with Traditional Owners.

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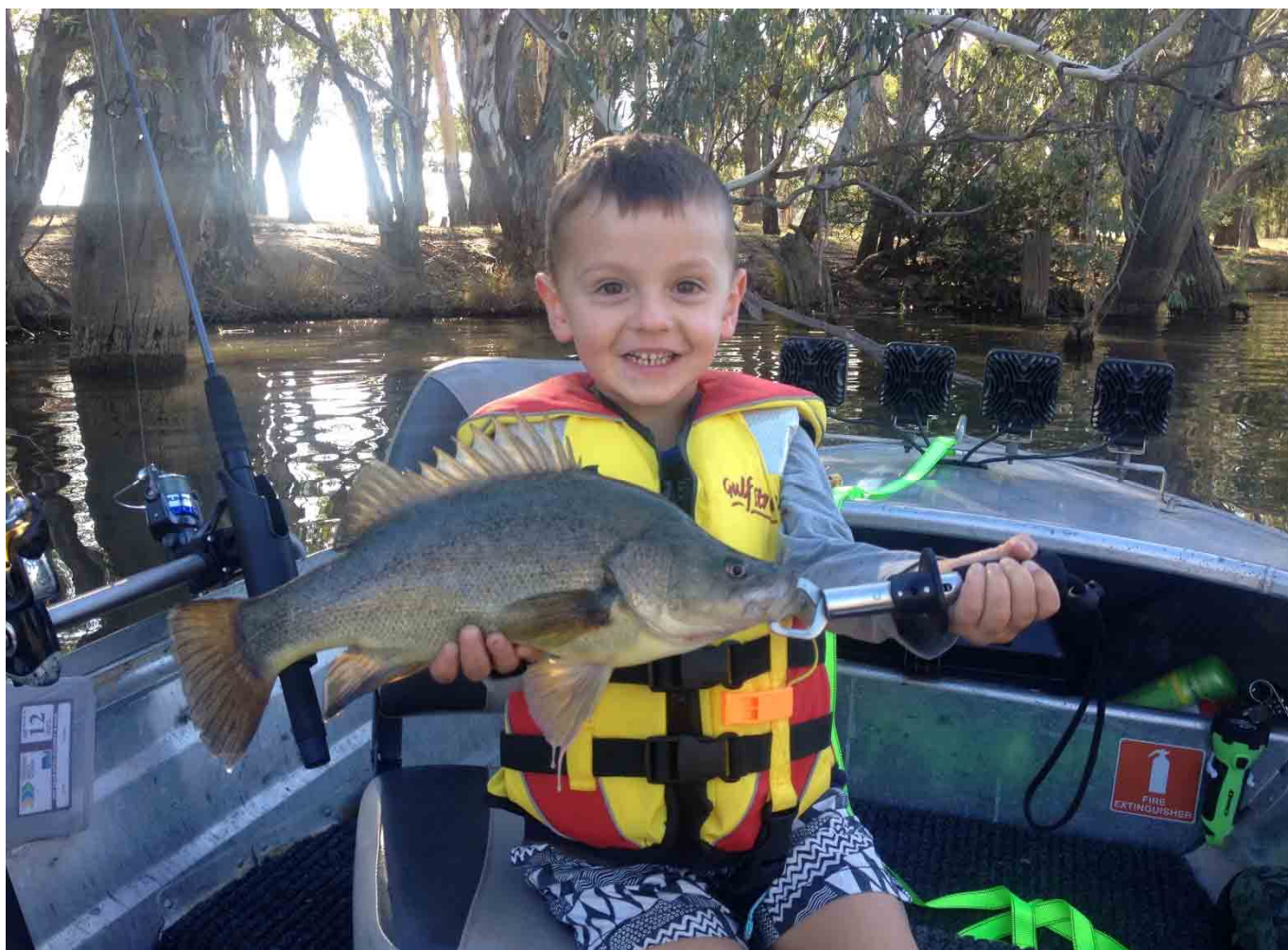
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Introduction

Every year the Victorian Fisheries Authority stocks many of Victoria's inland lakes, impoundments and rivers with key recreational angling species to improve fishing opportunities for fishers across the state. The annual rounds of Vic Fish Stock regional consultative meetings plan the direction of these stocked fisheries. At the meetings, the number of native fish to be stocked in the forthcoming summer (2018–2019) and the number of salmonids to be stocked in the following winter (2019) are apportioned to the various waterbodies. This document reports on the outcomes of the 2018 consultative meetings.

Vic Fish Stock meetings

The purpose of the Vic Fish stock meetings is to consider recreational angling in relation to each waterbody in order to:

- Determine the management objectives for the fishery
- Review the current fishery performance in the light of recent stocking outcomes
- Propose the following year's stocking plan
- Identify other issues relevant to fish stocking
- Identify current fishery management issues

The Vic Fish Stock meetings provide a forum for discussions on fish stocking regimes and related recreational fisheries management issues. In 2018, five meetings were held across regional Victoria:

Port Phillip – held in Melbourne on the 20th August 2018

Grampians/Barwon South West – held in Ballarat on the 21st August 2018

Loddon Mallee – held in Bendigo on the 22nd August 2018

Hume – held in Benalla on the 23rd August 2018

Gippsland – held in Bairnsdale on the 6th September 2018

Submissions to change the stocking program are tabled from representative angler groups. This ensures that the submissions have been considered and supported by recreational fishers. Individuals who wish to submit changes are encouraged to contact the representative groups.

The meetings involve invited representatives from a range of stakeholder groups and include the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Native Fish Australia (NFA), Water Management Authorities, Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs), the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and fishing association representatives.

This report summarises the key outcomes of the 2018 Vic Fish Stock meetings.

We acknowledge and value the important contribution made by stakeholders in this process, particularly those who volunteered their time to prepare for and attend these meetings.

2017–2018 fish stocking season – summary

The 2017 Vic Fish Stock proposed the stocking of 935,400 salmonids and 4,081,000 native fish. A total of 1,203,019 salmonids and 4,883,336 natives were stocked.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual numbers stocked
Salmonids (stocked 2017)		
Brown trout	451,000	626,865
Rainbow trout	441,000	543,169
Chinook salmon	40,000	29,715
Brook trout	3,000	3,270
Subtotal	935,000	1,203,019
Natives (stocked 2017–2018)		
Australian bass	200,000 ¹	474,500
Golden perch	2,300,000	2,515,981
Macquarie perch	20,000 ²	17,500
Murray cod	1,200,000	1,629,855
Silver perch	200,000	235,000
Trout cod	10,000 ²	3,500
Estuary perch	150,000 ¹	7,000
Catfish	1,000 ¹	0
Subtotal	4,081,000	4,883,336
Total	5,016,000	6,086,355

¹Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

²Estimate only; actual number dependent on the outcome of onsite breeding program.

2018 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2018 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes proposed that 4,081,000 native fish be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2018–2019 and 935,000 salmonids be stocked in the winter of 2019. Details of the planned numbers of each species to be stocked into each waterbody are detailed in Appendix 1.

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

Summary of proposed Vic Fish Stockings 2018–2019

	Proposed stocking numbers
Salmonids (2019)	
Brown trout	402,000
Rainbow trout	438,900
Chinook salmon	40,000
Tiger trout ¹	7,500
Subtotal	888,400
Natives (2018–2019)	
Australian bass ²	209,000
Golden perch	2,321,000
Macquarie perch ³	20,000
Murray cod	1,200,000
Silver perch	211,000
Trout cod ³	10,000
Estuary perch ²	225,000
Subtotal	4,196,000
Total	5,084,400

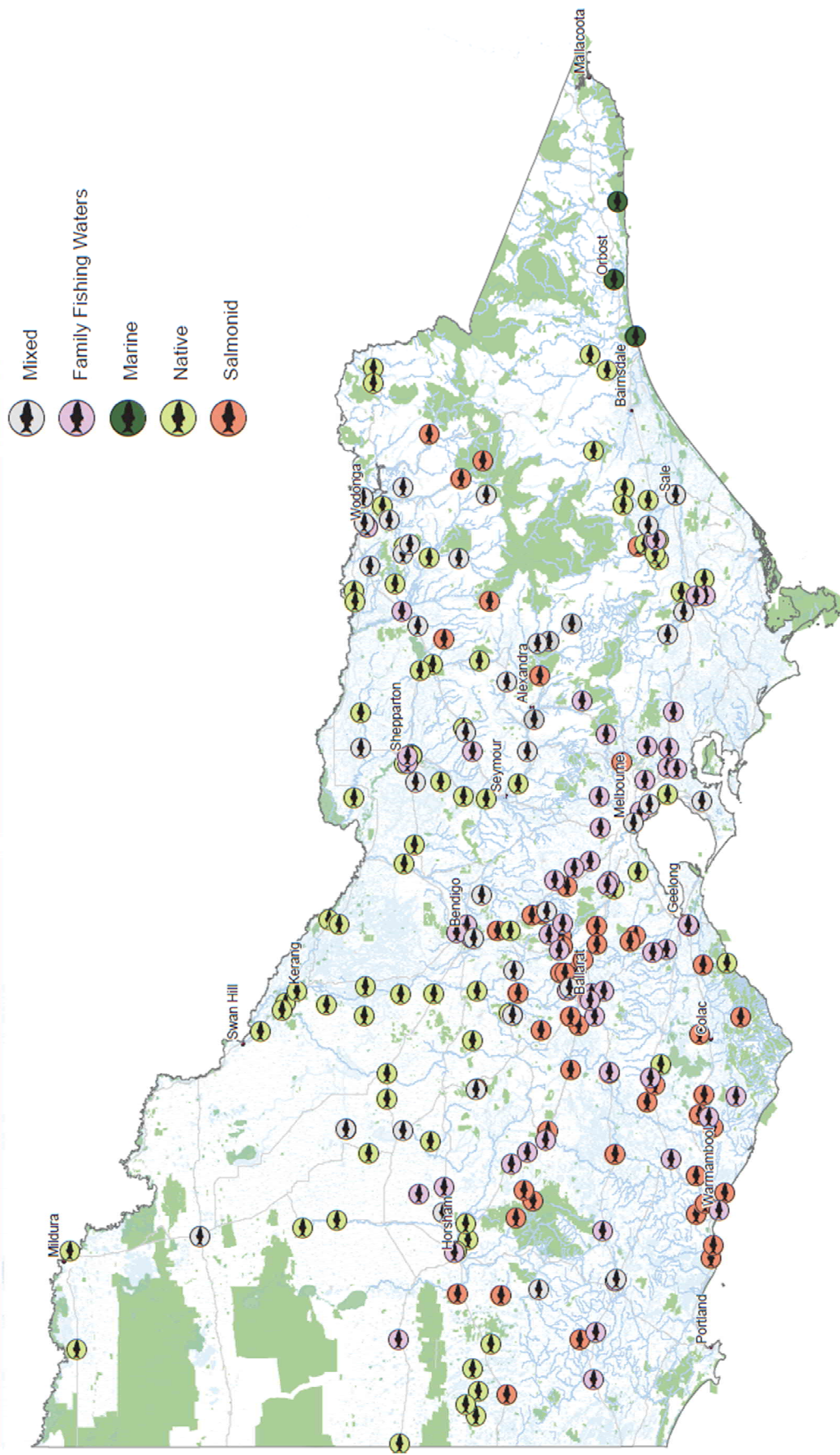
¹May include cheetah trout.

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Fish Stocking in Victoria

2018 - 2019



Target One Million

More Victorians fishing, more often

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



Success List

- ✓ Remove commercial netting in Port Phillip Bay
- ✓ Save Lake Toolondo
- ✓ Establish a marine stocking program
- ✓ Open trout cod fisheries at Beechworth
- ✓ Create an exciting barramundi fishery at Hazelwood Pondage
- ✓ Remove boating restrictions at Blue Rock Lake
- ✓ Deliver over 180 grants of \$2,000 to Victorian fishing clubs
- ✓ Deliver school education and children's fishing programs
- ✓ Grow the trout opening festivals
- ✓ Build over 40 new facilities across Victoria to make fishing access better
- ✓ Ban netting at Gippsland lakes' river mouths
- ✓ Make Fisheries Victoria a statutory authority
- ✓ Establish an exciting new native fishery at Rocklands Reservoir
- ✓ Over 50 angling clubs approved to receive a defibrillator
- ✓ Increase fish stocking from 3 to 5 million fish a year

Recreational fishing is important to our social and economic wellbeing. It is one of our most treasured pastimes, contributing significantly to families and communities. By working with fishers, *Target One Million* will grow recreational fishing, get more families outdoors and increase participation to one million anglers by 2020.

Six million fish stocked

A new fish stocking record was achieved with the release of more than 6 million fish into Victorian waterways for the 2017–2018 season. The release of these fish into more than 200 lakes, rivers and freshwater creeks throughout Victoria will improve recreational fishing opportunities.

A record of more than 1.2 million trout and salmon were released, alongside nearly 5 million native fish such as Murray cod (1.6 million), golden perch (2.5 million), Australian bass (474,500) and silver perch (235,000). The majority of the trout and Murray cod were grown at the Victorian Fisheries Authority's own fish hatchery at Snobs Creek, near Eildon. Some salmonid stocking highlights include; Lake Eildon (100,000), Hume (69,000), Purrumbete (41,500), Wendouree (29,000) and Tullaroop Reservoir (53,000).

Over 4 million Murray cod and golden perch fingerlings were stocked into lakes Eildon (427,000), Hume (320,000) and Eppalock (300,000), Rocklands (431,000) and Cairn Curran (208,000) reservoirs, and Gunbower Creek (300,000).

Many of these waterways have been receiving fish for years, so already support productive fisheries of catchable size fish. To see where these 6 million fish have been released, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/6million.

	Species	Number
Salmonids	Brown trout	626,865
	Rainbow trout	543,169
	Brook trout	3,270
	Chinook salmon	29,715
Natives	Murray cod	1,629,855
	Golden perch	2,515,981
	Australian bass	474,000
	Silver perch	235,000
	Macquarie perch	17,500
	Estuary perch	7,000
	Trout cod	3,500
Total	All species	6,086,355

The full list of native fish stockings is available at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/nativestocking2018 and trout stockings at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/troutstocking2017.

For the full list of waters stocked and fish releases, visit the VFA searchable fish stocking database at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/database.



Record Australian bass stocking for Gippsland

Anglers in Gippsland welcomed 2018 with the record stocking of 474,000 Australian bass fingerlings into 19 rivers and lakes. Australian bass are a native iconic sportfish, and the Victorian Fisheries Authority are developing these fisheries, which will deliver direct benefits to both anglers and the regional businesses that depend on tourism.

Bass stockings in Gippsland have gone from strength to strength since their commencement in 2002, and there are now several quality bass fisheries, including Blue Rock Lake and Lake Glenmaggie.



The 474,000 bass, which were grown at a private hatchery in Narooma using wild brood stock collected in Gippsland, have been released into:

Snowy River	110,000
Tambo River	27,500
Timbarra River	20,000
Mitchell River	110,000
Wonnangatta River	40,000
Avon River	9,000
Blue Rock Lake	30,000
Lake Glenmaggie	35,000
Macalister River	43,500
Thomson River	15,000
Lake Narracan	5,000
Tyers River	5,000
Cowwarr Weir	4,000
Freestone Creek	3,000
Lake Hyland	3,000
Rainbow Creek	3,000
Lake Guthridge	7,500
Traralgon Creek	2,000
Valencia Creek	2,000

For more information about Australian bass stocking visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/bassstocking.



Rocklands Reservoir – A new exciting mega fishery!



Rocklands Reservoir in western Victoria, is one of the state's newest recreational fishery. It is primed to become an iconic multi-species mega fishery that could rival Lake Eildon in years to come.

Local angling clubs have been calling for the stocking of native fish for more than 20 years to improve the quality of fishing in Rocklands Reservoir and the VFA have responded with the stocking of 205,000 golden perch and 215,000 Murray cod in the summer of 2017-2018. Rocklands Reservoir already has fantastic fish habitat (sunken trees and woody snags) for native fish development that was created when the forest was flooded during the construction of the reservoir.

To help develop its status as a mega-fishery, Rocklands Reservoir is to receive a further **300,000 Golden perch** and **200,000 Murray cod** in the upcoming summer season of 2018-2019.

As a result of these fish stocking efforts, visitation to Rocklands is expected to double over the next 5 years, particularly as stocked fish approach legal size. Rocklands Reservoir currently holds a large population of introduced fish including, redfin, carp, tench and stocked trout (brown and rainbow).

The multi-species fishing options presented by Rocklands Reservoir allows for increased (all-year) fishing opportunities for recreational fishers whilst simultaneously improving tourism options for the region.



Biggest ever trout opening festivals at Eildon and Ballarat

Bigger and better than ever, the Goulburn Fishing Festival (at Eildon) and the Ballarat Fishing Festival (at Lake Wendouree) continue to grow. Visitors from all over the state congregated at these two iconic country cities to enjoy the trout opening weekend festivities. Approximately 800 visitors attended each event.

Attendees enjoyed the free events with activities such as:

- Fish releases
- Hatchery tours
- Fishing clinics
- Cooking demonstrations
- Prize draws

As an added bonus, the Goulburn River festival received extra stockings of 2,000 trophy-sized broodstock rainbow trout (ranging up to 7 kg), distributed among 11 sites along the Goulburn River (including Eildon Pondage). With a combined weight of 7 tonnes, **this stocking was the biggest ever 24-hour stocking event in Fisheries' history.**



New fisheries, improved opportunities

Kings Billabong

For the first time, Kings Billabong near Mildura was stocked with 80,000 native fish (20,000 Murray cod, 20,000 golden perch and 40,000 silver perch) to improve recreational fishing opportunities.

The fingerling fish, which averaged 1 g and 2–3 centimetres when released, will take 3–4 years to reach catchable size. More fish stockings with these three native species are planned for this summer to add depth to the development of this exciting new fishery.

Kings Billabong is situated 8 kilometres from Mildura township and is popular with nature lovers, including bushwalkers, birdwatchers, canoeists, campers and (now) anglers.



Painkalac Reservoir

Our successful estuary perch stocking program has now been extended to Painkalac Reservoir (near Aireys Inlet). The VFA worked with Barwon Water to open Painkalac Reservoir for recreational use and to establish this new recreational fishing opportunity.

The reservoir has a capacity of about 514 megalitres and provides the ideal environment for development as a boutique estuary perch fishery. The first stocking of 7,000 estuary perch fingerlings occurred in late December 2017. Geelong Football Club star player Patrick Dangerfield (and his dad) helped with the release. To assist in its development, the reservoir has been earmarked to receive further stockings of estuary perch in the near future.



Lake Ouyen

Together, the Mildura Rural Council, local angling enthusiasts, and the VFA have been able to develop Lake Ouyen in the state's Mallee region as a multi-use waterbody incorporating a fishery. The VFA released 1,000 golden perch (0.75 g) and 1,000 silver perch (2 g) into the lake in February, and it will continue to receive further stockings of native fish as the fishery matures.



Hopetoun

A new lake named Willow Lake is also taking shape at Hopetoun, adjacent to Lake Lascelles. Recreational fishers in northwest Victoria can look forward to wetting a line there thanks to local anglers, the Yarriambiack Shire Council and a grant from the *Target One Million* plan. The Lake Lascelles/Corrong Committee of Management is using the \$60,600 grant for: earthworks, the construction of two 9-metre fishing platforms, installation of habitat (root balls), and picnic facilities.

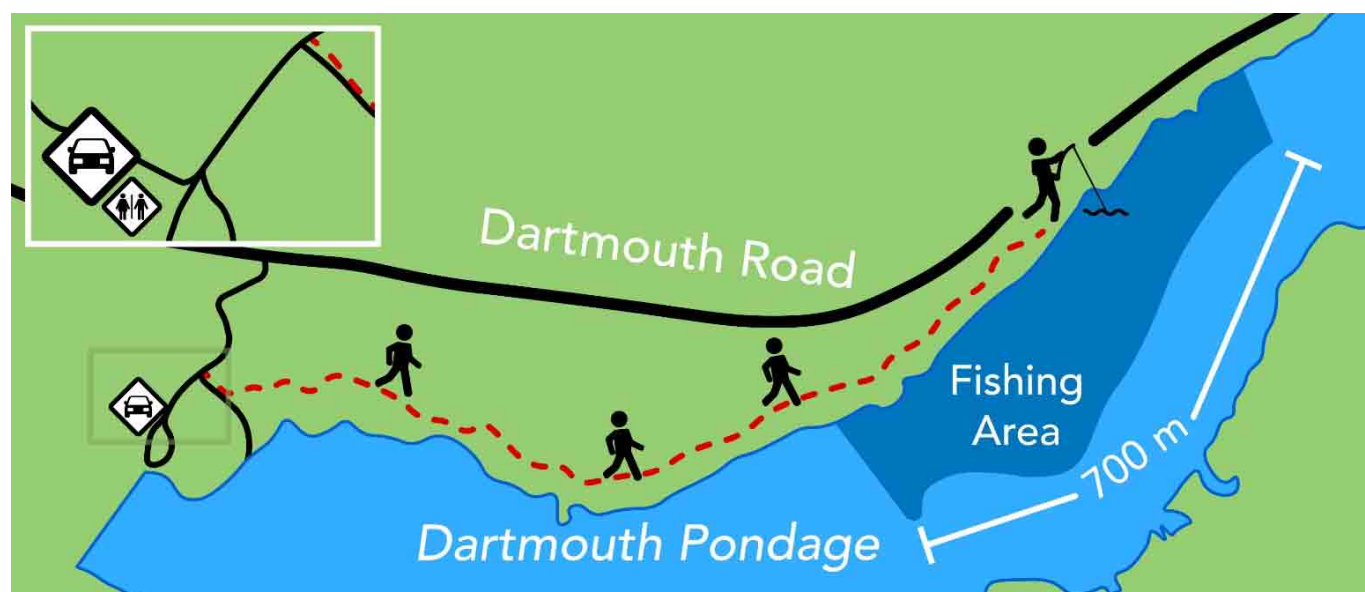


The VFA will stock thousands of native fish fingerlings, including golden perch and silver perch, into the lake next summer when the water level permits. It is hoped the new lake fish will emulate the performance of the native fish in neighbouring Lake Lascelles, where stocked golden perch now provide great fishing opportunities for locals and visitors.

Reopening of Dartmouth Pondage

A section of the Dartmouth Pondage in northeast Victoria has been opened to fishing for the first time since 2013. The VFA worked closely with Goulburn-Murray Water, DELWP, AGL Energy Ltd and local communities to make this happen. To help celebrate the opening, the pondage was stocked with 20,000 rainbow and brown trout in May.

Previously, the Pondage was known for producing trophy-sized trout to 3 kilograms, and often boasted the winning fish in many local angling competitions.



New Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan

The Minister for Agriculture has approved the VFA's plan for boosting freshwater fishing across Victoria.

The plan sets out a new, statewide approach to building better recreational fisheries by bringing together fish, water and land managers.

It is the first Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan for Victoria that considers the sustainable management of the state's most popular recreational fish – including 15 popular angling species.

The plan was developed in collaboration with DELWP, the CMAs, VRFish, NFA and traditional owners. To provide advice on implementation of the plan, a working group will be established to turn key priorities into actions on the ground.

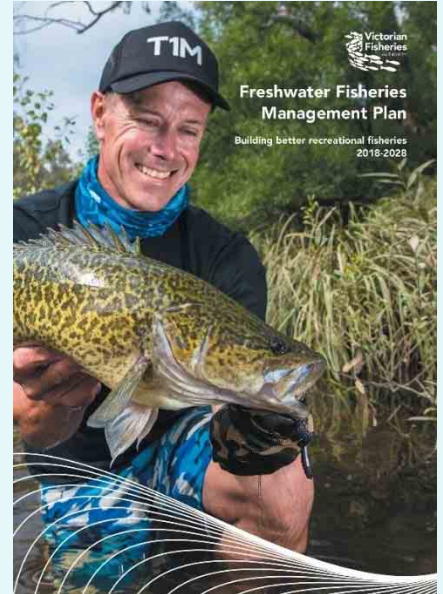
Its key elements include:

- Improving fish habitat to help naturally boost fish populations
- Using recreational angler catch-and-effort data to help track the educating performance of fisheries
- Accelerating recovery of threatened species, including Macquarie perch
- Expanding the breeding and stocking program of native fish
- Inspiring and educating the next generation of responsible anglers
- Promoting our best recreational fisheries as tourism destinations

The VFA will continue to build partnerships and improve recreational fishing through:

- The Victorian Labor Government's \$222 million commitment to improving waterway and catchment health, including \$1 million for enhancement of riverbank habitat and shading
- Investing \$500,000 and fishing licence fees in the evaluation of key native fisheries in 10 catchments
- Expanding fish stocking to 270 waters across the state

The plan is available online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/freshwaterplan.



Care for Cod campaign

With help from an expert aquatic veterinarian, published science, and practical advice from leading freshwater anglers, the VFA have developed a four-point plan to help promote the Care for Cod campaign.

Murray cod are our most iconic native freshwater fish, and the good news is that their population is bouncing back – thanks to river restoration, tighter catch limits, more responsible angler practices, cracking down on illegal fishing, and stocking. The slot limit, introduced in 2014, requires all Murray cod over 75 centimetres and under 55 centimetres to be released. For that to really work though, the released cod must live.



Be prepared



Landing a big Murray cod, removing the hooks, photographing it, reviving it and releasing it requires careful planning and the right gear. Good organisation will ensure a quick release, minimise stress and maximise the cod's chances of surviving the encounter.

Reduce air time



A fish can't breathe out of water, so it needs water and time to recover. If possible, keep your cod in the water at all times.

Gently does it



If lifting a cod, support the whole fish and don't hang it vertically, because that can damage the spine and gills.

Use the right gear



A big cod on light line is more likely to get exhausted, so use line classes and tackle that lands cod quickly and doesn't unnecessarily prolong the fight.

When fishing with bait, use large circle hooks (and a tight line) to reduce the chance of deep hooking.

Other tips

During springtime, when Murray cod are on the nest, give them a rest and target other species like golden perch or redfin. Let them be during the 3-month closed season (except in Lake Eildon, which is open year round).

To help get these messages out, the VFA will soon release posters, stickers and brochures to inform recreational fishers.

For more information about better cod handling techniques, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/education/codhandling.



Bright future for fishing in the Maribyrnong River



The Maribyrnong River is set for a boost with a 3-year project that will improve access for recreational anglers and increase the river's native fish population.

The project will focus on the stretch of river between Flemington Racecourse and Avondale Heights. It will include a new boat ramp for motorised boats as well as the installation of new fish habitat 'havens', and will be stocked with 300,000 estuary perch fingerlings.

The project aims to revive native fisheries, improve access to parts of the river that are currently difficult to get to, and increase populations of popular species such as black bream, mulloway, mullet and estuary perch.



The project is being funded through a partnership between the VFA (contributing \$415,000 through the *Target One Million* program), Melbourne Water (contributing \$200,000) and recreational anglers (contributing \$200,000 through their recreational fishing licence fees). Further, in-kind support is being provided by Parks Victoria and local shires.

The project will also monitor the river's fish populations (including that of the stocked estuary perch) and the colonisation of the fish havens. The havens will be installed in the river following consultation with water users regarding the best locations.

A review of land-based fishing needs will also be undertaken to guide future investment in access projects for anglers, and a study of the Maribyrnong River's early fishing history will capture how things have changed.

The project has received widespread support from more than a dozen local angling clubs and from VRFish, Victoria's peak recreational fishing body. It strongly aligns with the VFA's Draft Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan, which calls for a partnership approach to fish, water and land management in the building of better fisheries



Fishery conferences 2018

Talk Wild Trout 2018

Now in its fourth consecutive year, the Talk Wild Trout conference was held in a new venue – the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Preston – on 11th August 2018. This year's event attracted around 250 people from across the state – about 100 more attendees than at last year's event.

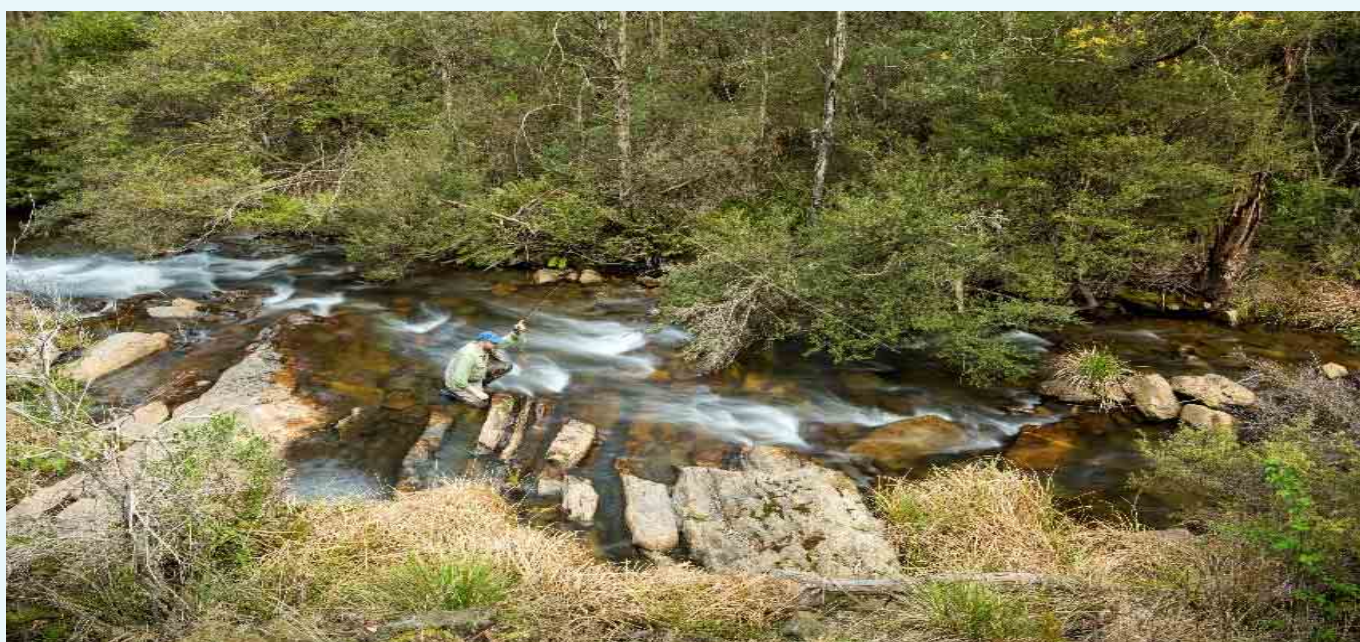
Talk Wild Trout shares the latest information about the health of our rivers, impacts of climate change, stocking effectiveness and other trout management practices.



The keynote speaker for this year's conference was the Chief of Fisheries from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Dr Jim Fredericks. Dr Fredericks provided valuable insights into the management processes of the Idaho wild salmonid fishery.

Information about the day, including speakers and themes, is available at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/talk-wild-trout-2018.

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



CODference 2018

Keen recreational fishers are again invited to the annual CODference. Now in its third year, it is expected to be bigger than in previous years. CODference 2018 is a free event to be held on Sunday 9th December, once again in Shepparton.

The program is currently under development but is likely to cover:

- Native fish population health
- Angling and electrofishing surveys
- Catching huge cod off the surface
- Bait fishing secrets



To register and for more information about the program, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/codference.



GoFishVIC app – expanding the angler diary program

In response to the state government's *Target One Million* plan to get more people fishing more often, the VFA is developing a smartphone app called 'GoFishVIC'.

GoFishVIC is a digital revolution, helping recreational fishers record their fishing experience and improve their fishing success. It's the easiest way for fishers to have their complete fishing history at their fingertips and to uncover the secrets to catching more fish.

The app will feature the ability to:

- Record fishing trips
- View complete fishing history at a glance
- Share fishing successes with mates
- Keep ahead of the game with the latest news and tips
- Improve fishing success
- Increase catch rates
- Help keep fisheries healthy

The first (beta) version of the app has now been released. Anglers and the VFA can now work together to develop the app to include functions for uploading photos, sharing catch results, showing fishing history graphically and helping angling clubs manage and promote events and attract new membership.



The app will also gather recreational fishing catch-and-effort data as a direct measure of the performance of our key recreational fisheries, and provide valuable insight into the effectiveness of various fishery management interventions such as fish stocking, habitat restoration, changes to river flow, etc.

An advertisement for the GoFish VIC app. On the left, a smartphone displays the app's interface, showing a 'Good morning, Joe' greeting, a 'CATCH HISTORY' bar chart, and 'AVERAGE CATCH RATES' for three categories (4, 8, 2). The background of the ad features a fisherman in a plaid shirt and cap, holding a fishing rod. Text on the right reads 'Healthy fisheries. Better fishing.' and 'Download the new GoFishVic App today and improve your fishing success.' Below this are 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons. The GoFish VIC and Victorian Fisheries Authority logos are in the bottom right corner.

Trout angler's putting back through river restoration

Habitat and anglers

Repairing where our wild trout live (including the establishment of more streamside shading and in-stream habitat) can lower water temperatures, reduce sedimentation, improve water quality and growth rates, and provide refuge areas. Better habitat supports better fishing opportunities.

The ATF, VRFish and other angling clubs are driving fish habitat projects. Strong partnerships continue to be developed between the CMAs, the VFA, DELWP and ARI.

On-ground works: anglers in action

A 'Habitat Team' [including representation from the VFA, the ATF, NFA, VRFish, DELWP, the Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI) and the CMAs] formed partnerships with recreational angling clubs to identify and complete riparian and in-stream habitat restoration projects.

Angler Riparian Partnership Program Project in 2017–2018 (examples)

Little River – August 2017



Steavenson River – May 2018



Steavenson River – May 2018



In-stream habitat restoration projects (examples)

Howqua and Delatite rivers – 2018



Buckland River – 2018



Fish habitat workshops

The ATF, with funding from VFA and DELWP, are presenting a series of Fish Habitat Workshops in north-east Victoria, Melbourne, Gippsland and south-west Victoria.

The first workshop was held on 28th April at Myrtleford, with 61 attendees actively participating in discussions during the day. The presenters and discussion leaders were from the ATF, NFA, the ARI, VFA, VRFish, Goulburn Broken CMA, North East CMA, Victorian Fly-Fishers' Association (VFFA), Harrietville Angling Club and the Benambra Angling Club. For more information on these workshops, visit www.atfonline.com.au/home/events.

Inaugural fish habitat workshop held in Myrtleford, Victoria



Site visit at the Buckland River restoration project



Angler Riparian Partnership Program

The importance of habitat should not be understated in creating better fisheries, and projects that restore habitat are vitally important. Funds are available for habitat restoration projects. At Talk Wild Trout 2016, DELWP launched the Angler Riparian Partnership Program, which provides funding for Riparian Restoration Projects in partnership with CMAs.

Large and small Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Grants are also available for more costly projects that involve works such as in-stream habitat restoration and/or angler access projects.

For direct involvement in the Angler Riparian Partnership Program, please contact your local CMAs or visit www.vrfish.com.au and www.atfonline.com.au for further information.

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



The VFA, the ATF, NFA, VRFish, the ARI and the CMAs would like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers from statewide angling clubs, community groups and organisations who donated their time and participated in habitat restoration works over the past year. The Habitat Army is growing and there are too many volunteers to list in this publication.



Jordan/Scotty Fish Egg Incubator trial

Fish stocking is an important tool in the fishery manager's toolbox, but success is not always as straightforward as putting fish into water. In Victoria, there has been a tendency to stock larger trout – typically yearlings – as research indicates that these larger fish have fewer predators and are thought to have the best chance of survival. This strategy works very well in lakes and forms the basis of Victoria's still water stocking program, but the recent stocking trials of hatchery trout in the Goulburn and Howqua show this is not necessarily the case in rivers.

When hatchery-raised fish are stocked into a stream, they behave very differently from the existing wild fish. Hatchery-raised fish tend to feed more aggressively, spend more time swimming in the faster water and rapids, and generally move about much more than the wild fish, diverting valuable energy away from growth. The behaviours learned at the hatchery are not suitable for survival and growth in the wild.

One method for preventing fish being stocked from having learned hatchery behaviour is to stock waterways directly with fertilised eggs. The Jordan/Scotty Fish Egg Incubator is a commercially available plastic unit that was developed to incubate salmon or trout eggs in-stream.



Work to date

Four river systems, the King River (Queen and Stony creeks), Jamieson River, Traralgon Creek and Dargo River, were each stocked with 10,000 fertilised eggs, using the incubators, in the winter of 2017 and 2018. The incubators were later checked and the hatch rates calculated. In February of the following summer, sampling for fish was conducted. A portion of fin clip for DNA analyses was removed from the fish caught in order to determine whether the fish were hatchery sourced or wild sourced.



Acknowledgements

The incubator trials have involved many people, representing the following clubs and organisations:

The ATF; NFA; the Mansfield and District Fly Fishers Club; the VFFA; Council of Victorian Fly Fishing Clubs; Yarra Valley Fly Fishers; Southern Fly Fishers Australia; Harrietteville Anglers; Alpine Fly Fishing Club; Kiewa Valley Fishing Club; Bairnsdale Fly Fishers Club; Latrobe Valley Fly Fishers; Sale Fly Fishing Club; Wangaratta Fly Fishing Club; Northern Suburbs Fly Fishing Club; Goulburn Murray Fly Fishers; Undera Angling Club; and VRFish. Neil Highett, Juuls Meusen, Brenda Gale, Werner Birkner and John Douglas admirably represented the VFA.

All recreational anglers and clubs are welcome to be involved and to assist in the Jordan/Scotty trials; please feel free to register your interest today at www.atfonline.com.au.



Victorian Auditor-General's Office audit of freshwater fisheries

This year, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) released its follow-up audit of the VFA's freshwater fishery management program.

The report concluded that the VFA has responded to recommendations made by VAGO to a 2013 audit of the Department of Primary Industries.

The VAGO audit report recognised significant improvements made to freshwater fisheries management in recent years, including:

- Preparation of the Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan, which provides the overarching statewide strategic direction for managing freshwater recreational fisheries in Victoria for the next 10 years.
- Establishment of systematic data collection programs that are being used to inform fisheries management and develop harvest strategies. These include the Native Fish Report Card and Wild Trout Fisheries Management Programs, as well as expansion of angler catch-and-effort programs such as the Victorian Angler Diary Program.
- Robust and reliable scientific data collection and evaluation to inform fish stocking decision-making, in consultation with recreational fishing groups, natural resource managers and conservationists.
- Improved stakeholder engagement, in particular with natural resource managers through collaborative projects, the Freshwater Fisheries Management Plan and regular meetings. This is evidenced by increased co-funding towards mutually beneficial projects such as the Angler Riparian Partnerships Program.
- Other fishery-specific programs to improve fisheries management such as scientific research and monitoring, communication and engagement with key stakeholders, management scenario evaluation, and regulation amendments.



To read a full copy of the VAGO audit report, please visit: www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/follow-selected-2012-13-and-2013-14-performance-audits. For further information, please contact Taylor Hunt on 03 5258 0256.



Phasing out the use of opera house nets

The state government will ban the use of opera house nets in all waters in Victoria from 1st July 2019. The use of opera house nets has been implicated in the drowning of air-breathing wildlife such as native water-rats, platypus and turtles. Our research has shown that alternative 'wildlife-friendly' yabby nets such as open-top lift nets are just as effective at catching yabbies as opera house nets when fished actively.

To encourage the use of wildlife-friendly nets, the VFA has purchased 20,000 open-top lift nets. These nets will be made available through spring and summer at 50 tackle stores throughout Victoria. Anglers can exchange their opera house nets for the wildlife-friendly nets at participating tackle stores. A list of tackle stores participating in this program can be found at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/changes-ahead-for-yabby-fishing-gear.



Better fishing with better facilities

The Better Fishing Facilities grants program funds projects that deliver clear benefits to recreational fishers.

Lake Purrumbete

The Lake Purrumbete Foreshore Reserve Committee will build a new family-friendly, all-abilities 70-metre fishing pontoon at Lake Purrumbete. Lake Purrumbete is one of Victoria's renowned crater lakes in the south-west and attracts thousands of anglers annually for its trophy-size brown and rainbow trout, Chinook salmon and abundant redfin.

The new fishing pontoon will help anglers without a boat wet a line more easily. For boaters, the existing launching ramp and jetties will be renovated and the nearby aquatic weed removed so that vessels can better access the lake through the shallow margins.



Lake Bullen Merri

Lake Bullen Merri near Camperdown is one of south-west Victoria's premier freshwater fisheries, attracting thousands of anglers throughout the year and contributing significantly to the local economy. The ramp facilities were damaged during the powerful storms that intensified the Camperdown bushfire back in March and have now fallen into disrepair and pose a safety risk for users.



The VFA has provided funds to the Lake Bullen Merri South Beach Foreshore Committee of Management to undertake urgent remedial works. This will ensure that the ramp remains safe and open for recreational anglers to get access to the lake.

Since 2015, more than 100,000 brown trout, rainbow trout and Chinook salmon have been stocked into Bullen Merri. These numbers have complemented our recent record stocking of more than 6 million fish to improve inland recreational fishing.

Kings Billabong platforms

Kings Billabong is a popular waterway near Mildura. Two platforms will be built by the Mallee CMA using a \$90,000 grant from the state government's *Target One Million* plan. These platforms will extend beyond the dense cumbungi vegetation that currently makes shore-based fishing difficult, and will help anglers make the most of this fishery, which includes Murray cod, golden perch, redfin, silver perch, yabbies and carp.

Two canoe launches and car-parking facilities will also be constructed as part of a larger project with Parks Victoria, VFA, Lower Murray Water and Traditional Owners. Recreational anglers in north-west Victoria can now look forward to better fishing access at Kings Billabong in the coming months.

Lake Eppalock

Residents of and visitors to Central Victoria's Lake Eppalock now have access to upgraded facilities following the completion of works at Kimbolton Foreshore. The \$400,000 project funded a new toilet block and barbecue shelter area, better signage and landscaping, two other smaller shelters, and new pathways to connect these areas.

Lake Eppalock was built in 1964 to supply water for irrigation. Today, the lake supplies irrigation, environmental, stock and domestic water as far north as Echuca, as well as providing urban supplies to Bendigo, Heathcote and other central Victorian towns.

Earlier works completed as part of this Lake Eppalock package included construction of solar lighting at the lake, upgrades to Kimbolton carpark and boat ramp, installation of pre-launch preparation zones for vessels, new recycled plastic bollards, and improved signs.

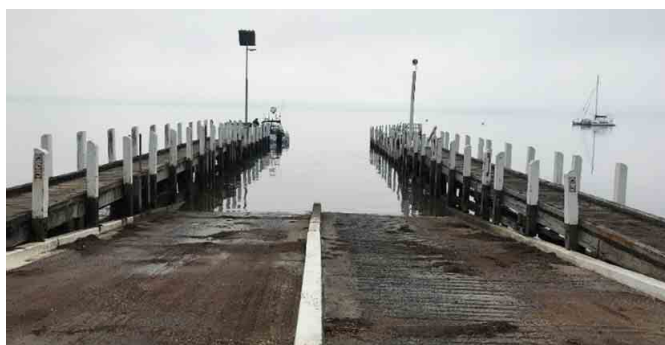
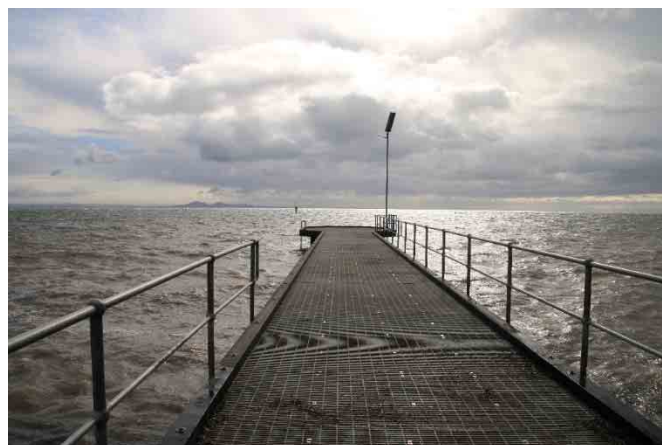
The project is a joint initiative between Goulburn-Murray Water, the VFA and the DELWP.



Clifton Springs jetty extension

The fishing jetty at Clifton Springs will be extended by 35 metres, complete with lighting, hand-rails and rod-holders along its length. The new, extended platform will provide the communities of Clifton Springs and Drysdale with a stable place to fish close to the existing boat-launching precinct that features toilets, car-parking and fish-cleaning facilities.

The extension will make it easier to catch flathead, calamari, whiting and snapper. What's more, it'll be ready in time for the warmer weather and the Christmas holidays!



Corinella boat ramp expansion

Corinella Boat Ramp is Melbourne's closest 'deep-water' ramp and is very popular during the summer months.

The expansion of the Corinella boat ramp precinct will double the number of ramps to four, install an all-abilities pontoon, and improve the fish-cleaning and trailer-parking facilities. It's all thanks to the *Boating Safety and Facilities Program* and the *Target One Million* program.

For more information about Better Fishing Facilities Grants or how to submit an application, please contact Anthony McGrath, Project Officer, on 8392 6833 or via email anthony.mcgrath@vfa.vic.gov.au.



2018 Vic Fish Kids program

The VFA hosted six free events in 2018 to get more children fishing more often. Vic Fish Kids ambassador Rex Hunt attended each event to inspire young and old with expert tips and entertaining tales.

These events were free and all equipment was provided. Free fishing tuition was also provided by volunteers from angling clubs and Fishcare, so the youngsters could cast a line and try fishing in a safe and supportive environment. Attendees were taught how to cast, how to tie knots, and what to do with a fish when you catch it.

In addition, 200 rod-and-reel outfits were given away at each event to encourage beginners to stick with the hobby and try it again another time.

For more information,
visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids



New Women in Recreational Fishing Network

An innovative new 'Women in Recreational Fishing Network' was launched on International Women's Day 2018 to encourage more females into fishing and to promote the popular pastime as a healthy and active outdoor activity for the entire family. This initiative is led by VFA's newest ambassador, Chloe Malloy (*middle picture*). Chloe works closely with the VFA to encourage more women and young people to get into fishing.

A dedicated social media group on the VFA Facebook page has been created and is central to developing the new network. The page provides a medium for discussing fishing, and sharing and engaging with other women interested in recreational fishing. Female fishers of all ages, fishing skill levels and experience are invited to join the group, post pictures and stories, and learn from one another in a supportive digital environment.



The formation of the group is a direct result of the VFA's 'Women in Fishing Survey' of last year, which was completed by nearly 1,400 women. In the survey feedback, women indicated they wanted a comfortable place for discussing fishing and getting advice from other females who were already wetting a line or diving.

Check out the new group at www.facebook.com/groups/womeninrecfishing or learn more at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/womensfishingnetwork



Getting hooked on free fish events at Portland and Lakes Entrance

Portland

Hundreds of keen visitors travelled from all around the state to attend the inaugural 3-day 'Hooked on Portland' fishing festival during the Australia Day long weekend in January. The festival is supported by the Glenelg Shire Council, Regional Development Victoria and the VFA.

Portland is not only a coastal tourism hotspot in Victoria, but is also recognised across Australia as a game fishing destination, particularly for large southern bluefin tuna, which is a great sportfish and highly regarded table fish.

The festival included a live broadcast of Triple J's Hottest 100, kid's amusements on the foreshore, fishing clinics, tours of the port, foreshore water activities, seafood cooking demonstrations from Masterchef finalists Sam Goodwin and Eliza Wilson, and a scientific research presentation on tuna and kingfish by Dr Corey Green (VFA).



The event concluded on Sunday with a big community brekky and fishing competition presentations. For further information, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/hookedonportland



Lakes Entrance

Seafood lovers and keen recreational anglers converged at Lakes Entrance for the Labour Day long weekend in March to join the festivities at our free 'Hooked on Lakes Entrance' event and first ever symposium on dusky flathead. Lakes Entrance is a fishing mecca and home to one of Australia's largest commercial fishing fleets.

Following on from last year's inaugural 'Hooked on Lakes Entrance' event, this year's event was bigger and better for Lakes Entrance, attracting more than 1,000 people for the weekend. The symposium on the dusky flathead noted the value of its fishery to the region.

The festivities were based at the Lakes Entrance Foreshore Reserve, and attendees enjoyed a range of free attractions that included fishing clinics, kids' amusement activities, and seafood cooking demonstrations by Sam Mahlook (Miriam's Seafood Restaurant), Nick Mahlook (The Atlantic Restaurant) and Masterchef finalists Eliza Wilson and Sam Goodwin. There were also market stalls and a food stand showcasing local produce.

The symposium presenters included Dr Paul Hamer (VFA; on Victoria's dusky flathead fishery), Dr Brett Ingram (VFA; on the feasibility of stocking dusky flathead through aquaculture) and expert angler Kaj Busch (Bushy), who provided helpful tips on improving your catch rate.



For copies of the conference proceedings, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/duskysymposium

For information on the event, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/commercial-fishing/hooked-on-lake-entrance



Snobs Creek Hatchery Open Day 2018

The Snobs Creek Hatchery is critical to the state's annual fish stocking program, growing species that are popular with recreational anglers, such as brown trout, rainbow trout, Chinook salmon and Murray cod, in addition to trout cod and Macquarie perch, which are of conservation significance.

The VFA opened to the public its Snobs Creek Hatchery near Eildon on Sunday 3rd June. Approximately 550 visitors attended the free event, which was family-oriented, with prizes to be won and activities for kids of all ages, including a jumping castle, face painter, balloonist and fishy-themed photo booth.



The Snobs Creek hatchery has played a huge part in stocking more than 6 million fish over the last 12 months.

For further information, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/snobsopenday.



Recreational Fishing Grants Program

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

Since its inception in 2001, the Recreational Fishing Grants Program (RFGP) has funded over 600 projects, worth more than \$21 million, to help improve recreational fishing and facilities throughout Victoria. It encompasses:

- The Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Fund Small Grants Program, which is continually open for the funding of small projects (up to \$5,000, GST-exclusive)
- A Large Grants Program (for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000)
- A Commissioning Program for large, high-priority projects (generally in excess of \$100,000)

The trust has also allocated an annual grant of \$200,000 to the VFA to secure additional native and salmonid species for the statewide stocking program.

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

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

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

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

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

Submitting a change to the fish stocking program

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

Anglers wishing to submit a proposal to change the stocking program may do so by contacting the VFA (see contact details to follow). Suggestions are best submitted through and with the support of the representative fishing bodies.

This current Vic Fish Stock document is a good reference regarding the current stocking program. Copies of the report can be accessed at the VFA website www.vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/publications-and-resources/vic-fish-stocking

or by requesting a hard copy from Hui King Ho (0407 987 003 or huiking.ho@vfa.vic.gov.au).

The Fish Stocking for Recreational Purposes Policy is also relevant, and anyone wishing to make a submission for a change to the fish stocking program is encouraged to make themselves familiar with that document before doing so. A copy of the policy is available online at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/strategy-and-policy/policy-statements/fish-stocking-for-recreational-purposes.

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

Victorian Fisheries Authority contacts

For inland fisheries management assistance:

Manager Inland Fisheries:
Anthony Forster 03 8392 6871

Fish management and stocking enquiries
John Douglas 03 5770 8045

Fish stocking enquiries
Hui King Ho 03 8392 6547

For compliance assistance:

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

For general enquiries:

Call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186
or visit 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 five Vic Fish Stock consultation meetings held across regional Victoria in 2018. They list the key outcomes from each meeting. Proposals for stockings were received prior to each meeting. These proposals were discussed and a final position determined by consensus. The plan was then costed against budgets and fish production capabilities and modified to suit, while maintaining the intention of the final position. The outcomes represent the shared decisions of the meeting attendees resulting from this assessment.

Annual stocking refers to the ongoing stocking program by which waters are stocked with fish each year. These stockings will continue each year unless altered at the Vic Fish Stock meetings, if there is insufficient water for stocking fish, or in the event of some other unforeseen situation (e.g. production issues).

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

Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Aire River	Estuary perch				Aire River is identified as a potential future stocking site for estuary perch. Currently, other waters are considered to be at a higher priority for estuary perch stockings.
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		15,000	Subject to availability, initiate first stocking of estuary perch in Barwon River downstream of Buckleys Falls.
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Lake level can be variable and can reach low levels. Currently, other waters are considered to be at a higher priority for estuary perch stockings.
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,500	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	Australian Trout Foundation submission to stock brown trout to enhance poor performance of current brown trout and rainbow trout fisheries. Requires further review and translocation evaluation.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Angler submissions requesting lake to be considered as a mixed fishery. Lake not performing well as a trout fishery, despite long stocking history with rainbow trout. Suggestion to supplement trout stocking with native fish species such as golden perch and Murray cod. VFA to arrange fish stocking risk assessment.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Angler submissions to create mixed fishery. See above.
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		20,000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Based on past experience and low water security, this water poses a high risk for stocking long-lived species like estuary perch. Currently, other waters are considered to be at a higher priority for estuary perch stockings.
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		8,000	
Boorooopki Swamp (Minimay)	Murray cod				Lake typically dry for extended periods. Receives some fish from Lake Charlegrark when filling. Only consider stocking if water security for many years is assured.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,500	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		7,000	
Boyds Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	400	400 fish for Ron Nelson Classic. Public access limited to the waterbody apart from the open day of the Ron Nelson Classic. This is a temporary arrangement until Seagull Lake becomes available.
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	Stocking dependent on water levels.
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass			5,000	Stocking to recommence at maintenance levels of 5,000 fish per year.
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		20,000	Review stocking plan prior to next season. Current ongoing hatchery challenges in meeting these targets.
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		9,000	Three strains of rainbow trout are being trialled. The stocking has concluded, but monitoring of fish is still in progress. Revert stocking to normal Snobs Creek strain until trial results known.
Burrumbeet Lake (Burrumbeet)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Stocking temporarily suspended and will recommence when sufficient water levels are assured for 3-4 years.
Burrumbeet Lake (Burrumbeet)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Stocking temporarily suspended and will recommence when sufficient water levels are assured for 3-4 years.
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Once every 3 years		1,000	Next stocking 2020–2021.
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	Stocking dependent on water levels.
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,500	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Charlegrark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		5,000	Lake typically dry for extended periods. Receives some fish from Lake Charlegrark when filling. Only consider stocking if water security for many years is assured.
Cobden Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Colac Lake (Colac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Extremely large but shallow lake with concerns regarding summer water temperatures and suitability for trout. Often limited boat angler access. Lake to be stocked only if agreed trigger point reached.
Colbrook Reservoir (Colbrook)	Brown trout	Once every 3 years			Next stocking 2020.
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,500	
Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,500	
Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Brown trout				Currently, no angler access permitted.
Gong Gong Reservoir (Brown Hill)	Rainbow trout				Refer above.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Great Western Racing and Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	200 once, 3rd term school holidays.
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	Lake has water security issues and is often too low to maintain trout over summer. Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2–3 years.
Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4,000	Refer above.
Green Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		15,000	
Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4,000	
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Jack Emmett Billabong (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	350	350 once in 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Konongwootong Reservoir (Konongwootong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Konongwootong Reservoir (Konongwootong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Previous requests to consider lake for potential estuary perch stocking. Currently, other waters are considered to be at a higher priority for estuary perch stockings, but it may be considered in future.
Konongwootong Reservoir (Konongwootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3,000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		15,000	
Learmonth Lake (Learmonth)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Continued low water and unsuitable for stocking. Future stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels for trout to survive over 3–4 summers before stocking.
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	Stocking resumed 2018.
Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Stocking risk assessment to be conducted, considering long-term water security.
Lower Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Refer above.
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		4,000	
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	700	Seeking water manager approval (TEP approved).
McLeods Waterhole (Drysedale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing		No permission to stock from water managers at this time.
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		7,000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	200 once, 3rd term school holidays.
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		8,000	Stocked with rainbow trout in 2016 due to limited brown trout availability. Ongoing rainbow trout stocking is conditional on continued angler support.
Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3,000	
Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Natimuk Lake (Natimuk)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Lake has water security issues and is often dry. Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2–3 years.
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	

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Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	200 once, 3rd term school holidays.
Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brook trout				Brook trout stocking provided limited returns, but fish growth has not met expectations. Replace brook trout with tiger and potentially cheetah trout stocking.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		20,000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Different strains of rainbow trout are being trialed. The stocking has concluded, but monitoring of fish is still in progress. Revert stocking to normal Snobs Creek strain until trial results known.
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		2,500	Request from Lake Purrumbete Angling Club to trial tiger trout. Request supported. Plan to undertake 3-year trial of stocking 2,500 tiger trout and may include 2,500 cheetah trout.
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch				Submissions received to stock golden perch from the local Melton Sportfishing Club and Geelong & District Angling Club & FPS. Further investigation and risk assessment required, including translocation evaluation.
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3,000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	200 once, 2nd term school holidays.
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	Reports that brown trout stockings have not been successful. Consider ceasing brown trout stocking and concentrate on creating a native fish fishery.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Stockings of estuary perch have been put on hold as the focus is now on stocking with Murray cod and golden perch.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		300,000	New fishery for native fish. Initial large pulse stocking to develop new native fishery.
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		200,000	Refer above.

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Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Seagull Paddock Lake (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)		Family fishing		No permission to stock from water managers. Allocated fish transferred to Boyds Waters to maintain Ron Nelson Classic family fishing day.
Simpson Recreation Reserve Lakes (Simpson)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Struan Lake (Foxhow)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Original trial lake for estuary perch; stocking trial has now ceased. Monitor fishery performance.
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70,000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50,000	
Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
The Gong (Buninyong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	Refer above.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		20,000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Upper Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Upper Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Golden perch				Interest from VRFish in stocking native fish into the waterway. Fish stocking risk assessment to be undertaken.
Upper Stony Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		20,000	
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	

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Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		4,000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		7,000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		6,000	Lake also receives an additional 6,000 fish from Ballarat Trout Hatchery, making a total of 12,000 brown trout stocked annually.
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Suggestions that one stocking only provides a short-term fishery for only a few months. Consider stocking the fish in two stocking trips several months apart to extend the fishery.
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	Anglers have suggested stocking lake with rainbow triploids. May change strain of rainbow trout stocked in future, dependent on outcomes of crater lakes rainbow trout stocking trials.
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	New stocking site when waterbody development is completed.
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	Refer above.
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100,000	Concerns from some anglers that fishing in Horsham Weir pool is limited. Investigate potential for increased habitat in Horsham Weir pool.
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		20,000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Investigate potential for increased angler access.
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		16,000	Refer above.
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		9,000	

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Avon River	Brown trout				Anglers concerned over decline of trout fishery and request stocking. Potentially marginal trout water in lower reaches. Trout present in upper reaches. Survey to be scheduled to determine status of salmonids.
Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5,000	
Bemm River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		25,000	Stock estuary perch if available from commercial supplier. Ensure broodstock parentage assigned.
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		25,000	Consider additional bass stockings if available.
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
Buchan River	Australian bass	Annual stocking			A review and risk assessment required to determine stocking potential.
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		2,000	
Freestone Creek (Briagolong)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Stocking transferred to other waters.
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10,000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		9,000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Stocking to be temporarily suspended. Catch rates to be reviewed.
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hazelwood Pondage	Australian bass	Annual stocking			No stocking at this time. Uncertain future water security.
Hazelwood Pondage	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Refer above.
Hazelwood Pondage	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Refer above.
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1,000	
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	2,400	800 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and in November.
Latrobe River	Australian bass			50,000	Strong support by anglers for developing the river as a bass fishery. Stocking is subject to availability from supplier.

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Barwon Grampians	Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
	Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5,000	
	Macalister River (Upstream of L. Glenmaggie to Junction with the Wellington River)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Gippsland	Macalister River (upstream of Cheynes Bridge)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		2,000	
	Mitchell River (Glenaladale to Angusvale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		30,000	
	Morwell Lake (Morwell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5,000	
Hume	Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,500	
	Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2,500	
	Nicholson River (Old Weir Site)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Nicholson River recently stocked with bass. Bass stocking focused on other waters in district.
	Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Rainbow creek recently stocked with bass. Bass stocking focused on other waters in district
	Snowy River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		40,000	
	Stratford Highway Park (Stratford)	Estuary perch				Potential small water fishery for small native fish fishery. Requires investigation regarding its potential as a recreational fishery.
Loddon Mallee	Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Tamboon Inlet (Tamboon)	Estuary perch				Dependent on estuary perch production numbers.
	Thomson River (Downstream of Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		5,000	
Port Phillip	Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		10,000	

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Timbarra River (Tambo Crossing or Buchan)	Brown trout				Anglers suggest brown trout population low and requiring supplementation through stocking. Stocking trout where existing populations are present is not effective in increasing trout population. Stocking not supported. In-stream egg incubators were suggested as a potential method for improving fishery. Await findings from current trial of incubators underway before making decision.
Traralgon Creek (Downeys Lane to the Junction with the La Trobe River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1,000	
Turtons Creek	Brown trout				Anglers concerned about trout population in the creek. Survey required to establish trout status.
Tyers Lake	Estuary perch			50,000	Increase stocking subject to hatchery supply. Ensure broodstock parentage assigned.
Tyers River (Wirilda Park to Caringal)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		2,000	
Valencia Creek (Upstream of Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		1,000	
Wonnangatta River (Castleburn Creek to Kingwell Bridge)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		0	Large-scale pulse stocking last year. Stocking consolidated in Mitchell River (downstream).
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Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,500	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	2,000	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 500 in October.
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4,000	
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, in 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4,000	
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Suggested as a potential new stocking water. Hume Fisheries Officer to follow up.
Back Creek Road Dam (Yackandandah)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing		Refer above.
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		3,000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3,000	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		500	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	300	150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Benalla Lake (Benalla)	Golden perch				Lake considered as part of Broken River stocking. See Broken River.
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		11,000	
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		3,000	
Boosey Creek (Tungamah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30,000	

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Broken River (Benalla, including Benalla Lake upstream to Nillahcootie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30,000	Consult with Tatong Anglers Group re stocking locations for rivers and lake. Fish to be distributed from Benalla Lake upstream to below Lake Nillahcootie.
Broken River (Benalla, including Benalla Lake upstream to Nillahcootie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		20,000	Refer above.
Broken River (downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20,000	
Broken River (downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		20,000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20,000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		30,000	
Corryong–Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Once every 2 years		2,500	Next stocking 2018–2019.
Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Cudgewa Creek	Murray cod	Once every 2 years		2,500	Next stocking 2018–2019.
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		300,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		200,000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		40,000	Generally, few rainbow trout caught by anglers. Future stockings dependent on angler returns of rainbow trout from the lake.
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking		1,000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking		14,000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking		1,000	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,500	
Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Silver perch			2,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Felltimber Creek Wetlands (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Fosters Dam (Glenrowan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Very small waterbody. Transfer these fish to nearby Glenrowan Recreation Reserve. Dependent on translocation review.
	Fosters Dam (Glenrowan)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing		Very small waterbody. Stocking transferred to nearby Glenrowan Recreation Reserve.
Gippsland	Glenrowan Recreation Reserve	Golden perch			500	Requires fish stocking risk assessment. Fish relocated from Fosters Dam.
	Glenrowan Recreation Reserve	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Goulburn River (Seymour)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		10,000	Trout cod population to be established.
Hume	Goulburn River (above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		200,000	
	Goulburn River (above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		100,000	
	Goulburn River (below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		60,000	
	Goulburn River (below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		40,000	
	Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Goulburn River (Trawool)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking			Macquarie perch stockings priority for the Ovens River.
Loddon Mallee	Greens Lake (Corop)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
	Greens Lake (Corop)	Murray cod	Once every 2 years		5,000	Next stocking 2020.
	Greens Lake (Corop)	Brown trout				Suggestion to stock with trout from local club. Not supported at this time.
Port Phillip	Holland Creek (Tatong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	Stocking trials of yearling in streams with existing trout population shown not to make a contribution to the trout population. Future stocking to be reviewed, considering these results.
	Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30,000	Stock additional brown trout if available to compensate for rainbow trout stocking.
	Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		150,000	

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Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking			Anglers requested that stocking be ceased due to lack of returns.
Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod			100,000	
Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking			Redirect trout cod stocking for the Goulburn River, Shepparton.
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2,500	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient water levels.
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,500	
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	1,350	450 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merriwa Park	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merriwa Park	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability. Continued hatchery supply challenges.
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	300	150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	Some fish to be stocked prior to Easter and in November or October.
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		3,000	Refer above.
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		30,000	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		20,000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		6,000	
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Numurkah Lake (Numurkah)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		8,000	
Ovens River (downstream of Wangaratta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50,000	

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Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		20,000	Supported with focus on Ovens River for rebuilding Macquarie perch population. Large-scale review of Macquarie perch breeding and stocking plan to be conducted.
Rocky Valley Dam (Falls Creek)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		5,000	Supported angler requests to trial stocking with tiger trout. Tiger trout are a sterile hybrid between brook trout and brown trout. Requires fish stocking risk assessment.
Ryans Creek (Molyullah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		500	Stocking trials of yearling in streams with existing trout population shown not to make a contribution to the trout population. Future stocking to be reviewed, considering these results.
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		0	Redirect trout cod stocking for the Goulburn River, Shepparton.
Seven Creeks (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		4,000	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		4,000	
Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tronoh (Top) Harrierville Dredge Hole (Harrierville)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Small water, Murray cod stocking ceased. Priority for family fishing rainbow trout stocking (refer below).
Tronoh (Top) Harrierville Dredge Hole (Harrierville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		1,000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Yarralumla Drive Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing		Fishery not successful as a school holiday water. New waterway under construction nearby. Stocking to be transferred to the new waterway when built.

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Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	2018–2019	Comments
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		20,000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		10,000	Stock with larger fish (60+ grams).
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	Consider stocking after review of water security.
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70,000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50,000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		30,000	
Campaspe River (Axdale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70,000	
Campaspe River (Axdale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50,000	
Campaspe River (Kyneton area)	Brown trout				Suggested at Talk Wild Trout and by Bendigo & District Fly Fishers Inc. River often has low flows in summer and therefore is potentially marginal for put, grow and take fishery. Site requires further review before consideration for stocking.
Campaspe River (Kyneton area)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			No captures of golden perch received despite several years of stocking. Stocking discontinued.
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50,000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Catfish	Annual stocking			Stocking dependent on fish availability.
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		20,000	
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		6,000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		20,000	Fish stocked as yearlings. Monitor angler returns post-stocking.
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Brown trout (fry)	Annual stocking			Cease fry stocking but continue with yearlings.
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		150,000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50,000	
Expedition Pass Reservoir (Faraday)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking			Stocking to cease due to low returns to anglers. Current focus of Macquarie perch stocking is the Ovens river.
First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	1,000	200 once, 2nd term school holidays.
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70,000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50,000	
Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,500	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		70,000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		30,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Kings Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Kings Billabong	Murray cod	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Kings Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Gippsland	Kow Swamp (Leitchville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Golden perch stocking suspended. Box Creek fishway now in operation.
	Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		50,000	
	Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		50,000	
	Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		15,000	
Hume	Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
	Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Silver perch			5,000	
	Loddon River (below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		100,000	
	Loddon River (below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		60,000	
	Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
	Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		2,000	
	Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		4,000	
	Merbein Common	Golden perch	Annual stocking			Potential new stocking. Requires further review and translocation evaluation.
Loddon Mallee	Merbein Common	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Refer above.
	Merbein Common	Silver perch	Annual stocking			Refer above.
	Neangar (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Port Phillip	Neangar (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Ouyen Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	Recently approved for stocking. Lake currently under construction and, once matured, stocking will commence. Possible mixed-species stocking.
	Ouyen Lake	Rainbow trout				Refer above.

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Ouyen Lake	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	Refer above.
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		3,000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	2,000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		8,000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2,000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		2,000	
Teddington Reservoir Top (Stuart Mill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		2,000	Stocking to commence if water supply is secure.
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	200	200 once, 2nd term school holidays.
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		30,000	Increase in stocking numbers to 30,000 supported.
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		30,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		20,000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Golden perch				Requires further angler support and translocation evaluation. Only shore-based access.
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Macquarie perch				Macquarie perch stockings priority for the Ovens River.
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Murray cod				Requires further angler consultation and fish stocking risk assessment.
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		15,000	
Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	

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Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		10,000	
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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Not supported as fish is a large predator that may impact on other stocked species.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	3,000	1,500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. Consider additional stocking trip.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		15,000	
Beaconsfield Reservoir					Potential to become a recreational fishery close to large population centre. Requires investigation and high-level discussions with water managers to determine any issues.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. Consider additional stocking trip.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	2,250	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. October stocking 750.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of risk assessment.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		5,000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	

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Barwon Grampians	Devilbend Reservoir (Moorooduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		10,000	
	Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Don Lake (Healesville)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
	Don Lake (Healesville)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Gippsland	Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
	Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
	Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian bass	Annual stocking			Seeking water manager approval to stock (TEP approved).
Hume	Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking			Refer above.
	Ferntree Gully Quarry	Golden perch	Annual stocking		2,000	Refer above.
	Ferntree Gully Quarry	Murray cod	Annual stocking			Refer above.
	Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	1,000	300 each stocking in 1st term and 2nd term, 400 in 3rd term. Awaiting water manager approval to stock (TEP approved).
Loddon Mallee	Frankston Reservoir					Decommissioned water body with potential to become a recreational fishery close to large population centre. Requires investigation and high-level discussions with water managers to determine any issues.
	Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
	Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Port Phillip	Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of a fish stocking risk assessment.
	Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
	Jells Park					Potential urban fishery. Requires water manager approval. VFA to talk with Parks Victoria regarding future stocking.
Port Phillip	Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
	Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Four per year	Family fishing	8,000	2,000 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 2,000 in October.

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Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	200	100 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		1,000	Brown trout stocking ceased due to limited returns.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Estuary perch				Suggestion received to stock estuary perch. VRFish to undertake risk assessment initial screening to seek approval to stock estuary perch. Currently, estuary perch focus is on the Maribyrnong River and Barwon River.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	2,000	1,000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Little River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking			Dependent on fish availability from supplier. Currently, estuary perch focus is on the Maribyrnong River and Barwon River.
Maribyrnong River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		100,000	Integrated stocking and habitat restoration program to reinvigorate the Maribyrnong River fishery and habitat.
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Estuary perch			5,000	
Moonee Ponds Creek	Estuary perch				Investigate area as possible estuary perch stocking location. Likely to be influenced through Maribyrnong estuary perch stocking. Consider water quality and pollution issues.
Mordialloc Creek/National Aquatic Centre	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking			
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family fishing	500	500 once, 2nd term school holidays.
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.

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Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Painkalac Creek Reservoir	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. Consider additional stocking trip.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,850	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays in Sutton Lake. 150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family fishing	1,200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Spavan Lake (Sunbury)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.
Werribee River (downstream of Melton Weir)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		5,000	
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family fishing	2,600	1,000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 600 in October. Consider additional stocking.
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		1,000	VFA-proposed water to stock, subject to outcomes of fish stocking risk assessment.
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		1,000	Refer above.

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Appendix 2 – Stocking submission checklist

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

Name of water:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish species:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suggested change:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justification for the suggestion: Why is it needed? What is the expected outcome?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your name and/or organisation:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affiliation with angling club(s) (if appropriate):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you discussed the suggestion with the Victorian Fisheries Authority, or an angling club or association?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you checked the suggestion against the Victorian Fisheries Authority's stocking policy criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the suggested change:	
Maximise the returns to recreational anglers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Create public value?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enhance and support natural recruitment?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be consistent with the translocation protocols and guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide for equitable access for a range of stakeholders?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Satisfy cost–benefit analysis?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider long-term sustainable management strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there 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"/>

