

Vic Fish Stock 2023-24

Where your fish are stocked across Victoria



Aboriginal acknowledgement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Introduction

Every year the Victorian Fisheries Authority, 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. This document reports on the outcomes of the 2023 consultative meetings.

The fish stocking year runs from April 1st each year through to March 31st of the following year.

Vic Fish Stock meetings

The Vic Fish stock meetings consider recreational angling for each waterbody to:

- Determine the management objectives for the fishery
- Review the fishery in light of the current year's stocking plan and identify any modifications required
- Draft the following year's stocking plan
- Identify other opportunities relevant to fish stocking
- Identify current fishery management opportunities
- Assess additional proposals to the stocking program

The Vic Fish Stock meetings provide a forum for discussions on fish stocking regimes and related recreational fisheries management opportunities.

In 2023, three meetings were held on-line in May following the draft stocking plan being released for public comment for a period of five weeks.

Submissions to change the stocking program are tabled from representative angler groups and from the VFA. This ensures that the submissions are supported by the relevant groups. Individuals who wish to submit changes are encouraged to contact the representation groups.

The meetings involve invited representatives from a range of stakeholder groups and include the Victorian Fisheries Authority, the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating (WIRFAB) network, Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Native Fish Australia (NFA) and fishing association representatives.

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

2022-23 Fish stocking season—Summary

The 2022 Vic Fish Stock proposed that 1,334,090 salmonids and 8,790,500 native fish could be stocked. A total of 1,255,647 salmonids and 6,760,200 natives were stocked.

The 2022 fish production year was impacted due to the statewide floods that occurred in the spring of 2022. This impacted the availability and condition of mature golden perch broodstock and combined with production challenges at our hatcheries (and in NSW), resulted in lower than planned production numbers.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
Salmonids		
Brown trout	738,200	783,341
Rainbow trout	497,890	467,681
Chinook salmon	90,000	90,000
Tiger trout	8,000	4,625
Sub total	1,334,090	1,255,647
Natives		
Australian bass	402,000	319,000
Golden perch	4,548,700	1,972,500
Macquarie perch ¹	100,000	40,900
Murray cod	2,772,100	3,186,100
Silver perch	500,700	822,800
Trout cod ¹	52,000	8,800
Estuary perch ²	380,000	244,000
Dusky flathead ²	35,000	76,100
Sub total	8,790,500	6,760,200
Total	10,124,590	8,015,847

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

² Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

2023-24 Vic Fish Stock meeting outcomes

The 2023-24 Vic Fish Stock meetings proposed native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2023-24 and salmonids stocked over winter 2023. Details of the planned species and numbers to be stocked for each water body are detailed in Appendix 1.

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

Summary of planned Vic Fish Stockings 2023-24

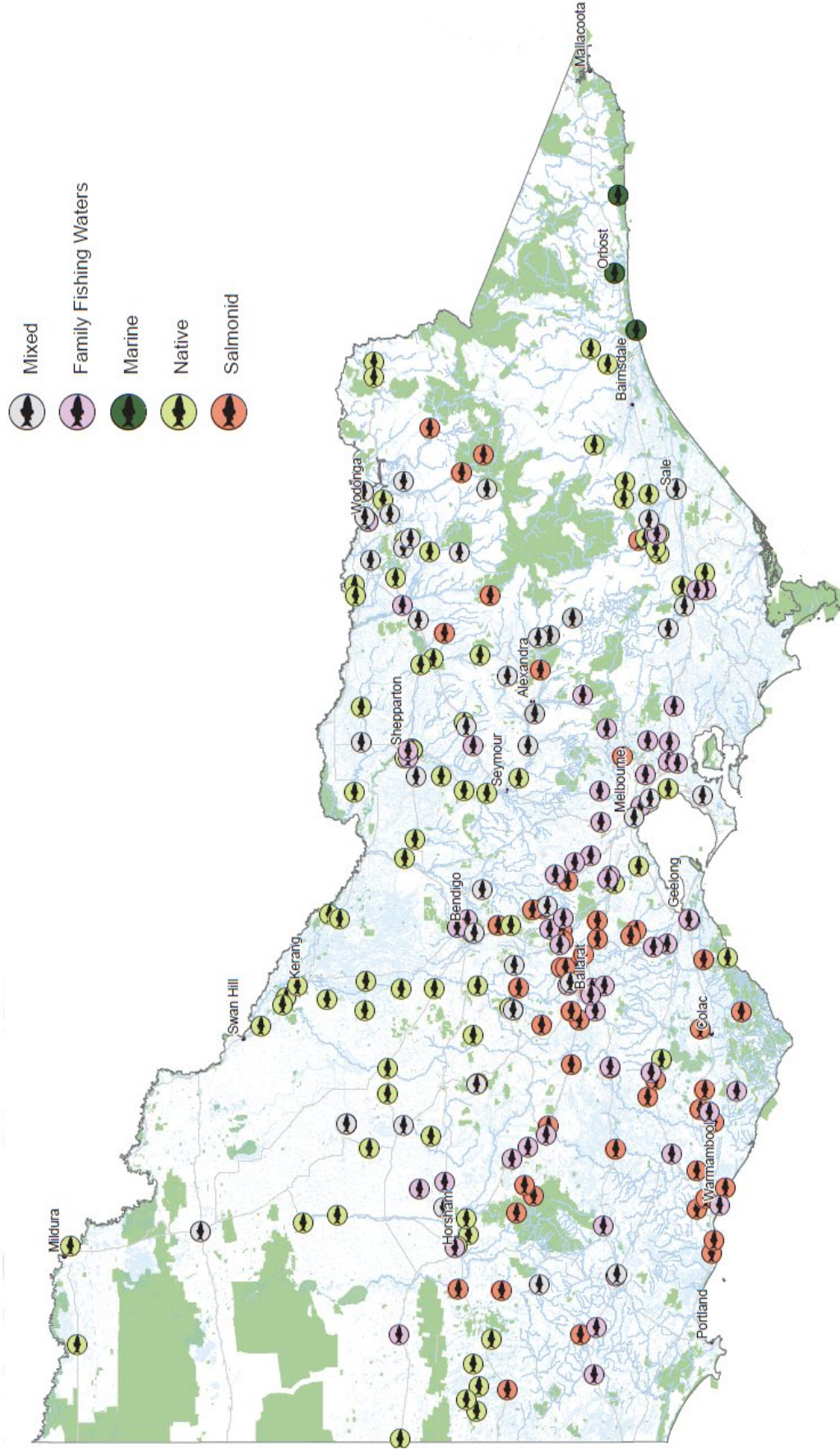
Proposed stocking numbers	
Salmonids (winter 2023)	
Brown trout	666,500
Rainbow trout	542,890
Chinook salmon	100,000
Tiger trout ¹	10,000
Sub total	1,319,390

Proposed stocking numbers	
Natives (summer 2023-24)	
Australian bass ¹	408,000
Golden perch	4,552,500
Macquarie perch ²	100,000
Murray cod	2,983,000
Silver perch	511,500
Trout cod ²	100,000
Estuary perch ¹	281,000
Dusky flathead ²	35,000
Sub Total	8,971,000
Total	10,290,390

¹ Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

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

Fish Stocking in Victoria



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

Victorian Fisheries Authority Activity Spotlight

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is always looking to provide or improve recreational angling opportunities across the state. Here is a glimpse of some of the VFA's activities pertaining to stocking and inland fisheries from last year.

Brighter future for Gippsland Lakes

Dusky flathead are one of Victoria's most prized recreational species and we've stocked a record number of fingerlings to boost their population in Gippsland.

The last of 46,100 dusky flathead have now been released into the Gippsland Lakes at Kalimna and Lakes Entrance with help from members of the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, complementing the 82,000 stocked in the previous two years (2021 & 2022).

The Bemm River was also stocked with 5,000 dusky flathead fingerlings, matching the stocking received in 2021. A total of 138,100 fingerlings have now stocked in the Gippsland area.

The stocking trial is a key part of the VFA's Gippsland Lakes Recreational Fishery Plan to return the iconic waterway to a fishing mecca for recreational anglers. The VFA acknowledges the support received from Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Cooperation, Mallacoota and District Angling Clubs, Loch Sport Fishing Association and the Bairnsdale RSL Angling club for this program.



The Government is investing a further \$96m to continue to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture. This includes \$2.5m in habitat improvements to preserve marine, estuarine and freshwater fisheries, and support Victoria's first indigenous-run oyster farm – with a \$250,000 grant for the farm in Lakes Entrance, also being led by the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.



Arcadia Stage 1 completed as production ramps up

Since our update in last year's Vic Fish Stock, our wonderful native fish farm at Arcadia has moved ahead in strides. The steel hatchery building is now complete with a multi-level concrete slab, recessed mechanical services area, internal walls and ceilings and hundreds of tanks and troughs of all sizes all plumbed in and operating.

Our talented crew at Arcadia have applied their design and trade skills to good effect by doing most of the internal plumbing fit out. All pipework is laid into drainage pits to keep the floor free of tripping hazards and water. Both bore water and re-use water supplies are delivered to the hatchery via extensive underground plumbing and two huge receiving water supply tanks.

A state-of-the-art alarm monitoring system has been installed and rotating drum screen filters and biological filters are now fully operational. Heater chiller units are operating to carefully manage water temperature in the hatchery. The hatchery building is holding around 80 impressive mature golden perch (2 to 5 kg) which are being hand fed on thawed shrimp and small carp (caught locally).

Moving outside the hatchery, all 12 brood ponds are now fully loaded and home to more than 200 thumping Murray cod and golden perch. These fish will be the primary source of broodfish for breeding native fish this summer at Arcadia.

Our 20 plankton ponds have performed well at Arcadia with 500,000 native fish fry ongrown to fingerling stage in just the first few months of production. In the second season of operation, we produced around 800,000 native fish which was only limited by the shortage in the supply of native fish fry from other hatcheries.

Major flooding across the Murray Darling basin in summer disrupted the condition and breeding of golden perch and hatchery access to running ripe fish from the wild. At the peak of this flood, the worst for almost 100 years, access to our Arcadia property was cut off by the flooding of Castle Creek however, all production areas and building infrastructure were not inundated. The production areas of our property are located well above the 1:100 year floodplain which was a key criteria for site selection before the property was purchased. Our native fish farming guru Stephen Vidler was marooned on the property throughout the flood and reported that large numbers of kangaroo, wombats and snakes found sanctuary on the higher parts of our property. Now that we have our full complement of mature broodfish, production is set to significantly increase at Arcadia this season.

Works have also started on the construction of a Visitors Centre at the front of the property which is expected to be completed in 2024. The Visitors Centre will attract people from far and wide with its picnic facilities, interpretive signage, well-stocked fish out pond and creative children's playground – which have all been designed to celebrate the amazing cultural, social, and economic contribution that native fish have made to our lives in the past and present. It will be a great place for families to enjoy a day out. We are planning an open day event for the hatchery and Visitors Centre at Arcadia in early 2024 (the date to be announced).



Based on the early success of the hatchery, in 2022 the State Government announced a further \$10 million dollars in funding to triple the native fish production at Arcadia. This will increase the number of brood ponds, plankton ponds and water re-use ponds from 33 (currently) to 105 in total. At full production, Arcadia is expected to produce more than 6 million Murray cod, golden perch, silver perch and catfish each year. This will make it one of the largest native fish farms of its kind in Australia and will safeguard the supply of native fish well into the future. We are in the planning stages of this exciting expansion with works expected to commence in late 2024.

The Arcadia journey has been exciting, complex and not without its challenges, but this investment is now bearing fruit, and with additional funding, it will become one of our most profound investments to recover and rebuild our native fish and improve recreational fishing for every fisher.



Recovering our Macquarie perch

The VFA have secured a \$3.7M collaborative research project to help recover this iconic native fish – *Cracking the Code*. The project will focus on four key elements:

- Nutrition and breeding optimisation
- Hormone optimisation
- Development of a Macquarie Perch captive breeding hatchery manual, and
- Broodstock collection, genetics, monitoring and evaluation.

Key project partners include the Fisheries Research Development Corporation (FRDC), NSW Fisheries, Victorian recreational fishers, NSW recreational fishers, Deakin University, the Norwegian Institute of Aquaculture Research, University of Melbourne, University of the Sunshine Coast, Monash University, the North East and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authorities and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

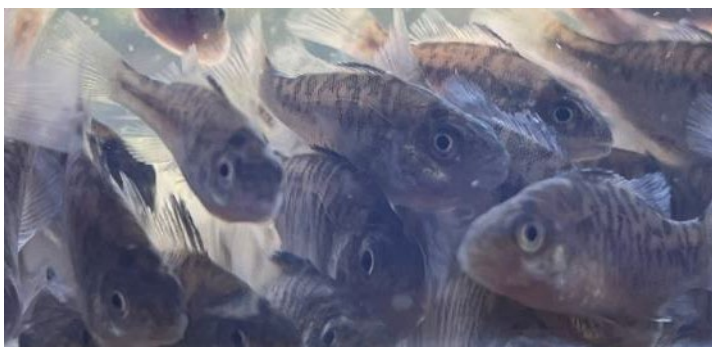
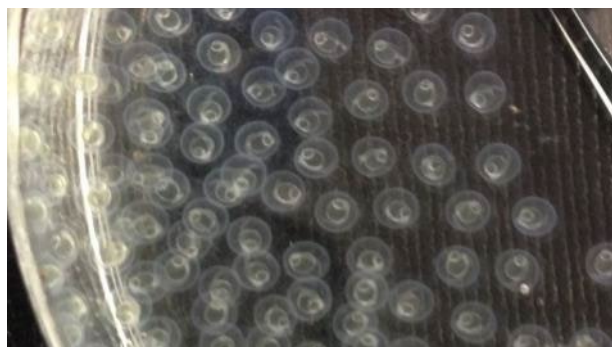
Together with the \$5 million investment committed to upgrade Snobs Creek infrastructure, we aim to be producing over 500,000 Macquarie perch annually to re-establish populations, and again make them one of the most abundant recreational native fish species in upland Murray Darling Basin streams. This funding will work in tandem with Commonwealth funding to improve (modernise) facilities at Snobs Creek. We aim to construct more breeding ponds and build a dedicated fish holding facility to assist producing large numbers of Macquarie perch, trout cod and small bodied natives to re-establish into wild populations.

More than 185,000 fingerlings had been stocked since the start of 2022, including 40,000 this year. Stockings have been complemented by instream fish habitat and riverbank improvement works conducted by locals, the DEECA, Landcare volunteers, recreational fishers, and traditional owner groups.

The VFA has also worked with SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium to officially open the new Macquarie perch display – which is aimed at raising awareness of the captive breeding research required to re-establish the species in the Murray Darling Basin.

The story of Macquarie perch and the combined recovery efforts has been captured in a cinematic film which was featured at the Cannes Short Film Festival in France. To learn more and to watch the film visit: www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recoveringmaccas

2023 Macquarie perch stockings	
Locations	Numbers
Ovens River	10,500
Buffalo River	10,500
Goulburn River (Yea/Trawool)	8,300
King River	4,950
Cudgewa Creek	3,000
Hughes Creek	2,000
Lake Dartmouth	1,650



Crater Lakes success

For 95 years the Lake Purrumbete and Camperdown angling clubs have helped us stock fish into the south-west's Crater Lakes.

Since 1928 volunteer efforts have seen Purrumbete and Bullen Merri maintain their status as premier fisheries, because of the care club volunteers take to help us stock many truckloads of fish a year.

To support these ongoing and dedicated efforts, we have supplied them with purpose-built nets, large tubs, and buckets, to ensure the careful release of fish into the best habitats within the lakes.

The equipment is part of a trial to see if we can get even better outcomes from fish stocking at the Crater Lakes which receive brown trout, rainbow trout, tiger trout and Chinook salmon annually to create a uniquely diverse year-round mixed fishery.

Oh, and let's not forget the sizable reddies that Purrumbete is famous for or those allusive big bass in Bullen Merri which turn up in winter when you least expect it!



VFA supporting volunteers and recreational fishing around Ballarat

Early in June 2023 VFA Staff members joined volunteers from the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society (BFAS) at Lake Wendouree, in their collection of brown trout for breeding at the Ballarat Fish Hatchery.

Over 300 mature brown trout were gently collected using a seine net at the hatchery outfall pipe, where they are carefully stripped of eggs and milt then safely returned to the lake.

The eggs and milt were mixed, fertilised and taken to the hatchery to produce thousands of fingerling trout, which will be stocked back into Lake Wendouree and other Victorian waters for recreational fishers to enjoy.

This trout breeding and production practise at the Ballarat Hatchery has been conducted by volunteers since 1870 – yep, that’s an incredible 153 years of cultural heritage and service to recreational fishing!

Recreational fishers and the VFA have supported the BFAS Ballarat Hatchery operations this year by introducing the 200m hatchery outfall pipe exclusion area throughout June and July, while the Ballarat volunteers complete this valuable trout breeding.



World class collaboration for Murray cod and recreational fishing benefits

Late last year, the VFA and partner agencies launched an online survey aimed at Murray cod anglers to better understand how they catch and release Murray cod, and how we can improve the Care for Cod campaign.

The survey has now been completed by 4,500 anglers – the largest survey of cod fishers to date. The work was led by the VFA in association with Andy and Sascha Danylchuk (US recreational fisheries experts from Keep Fish Wet), Steven J Cooke (considered the number 1 recreational fisheries expert worldwide), Meaghan Guckian (a US based recreational fisheries social scientist), VRFish, WIRFAB and the Murray cod Fisher Reference Group.



Preliminary results include:

- Satisfaction with Murray cod fishing in Victoria is high (68%)
- Murray cod fishers believe Murray cod fishing has improved considerably since the 70's
- The primary motivations for most fishers to go Murray cod fishing are for non-catch related health and well-being benefits such as 'to be outdoors', 'to relax' and 'to be with friends and family'
- Catch and release remains high in Murray cod fishing, but harvest is still important to some fishers
- Murray cod handling is considered important and is improving amongst cod fishers
- Livescope / forward facing sonar use is increasing amongst cod fishers (13% of respondents)
- Murray cod fishers have concerns about blackwater and carp
- The Care for Cod Campaign is making a difference with high fisher awareness, influence on fisher handling practices and fishers are sharing improvements with others



Murray cod fishers support management efforts such as stocking, regulations, fishery compliance, and habitat enhancement.



Fish rescues across our state

Field teams of staff from CMA's, DEECA, NSW Fisheries, OzFish Unlimited and the VFA have been saving fish in response to environmental challenges (low dissolved oxygen) across the state. The rapid and co-ordinated response by various agencies helped to ensure native fish and crays from Gunbower Creek, Pyramid Creek, Taylor's Creek, Racecourse Lake, Phyland Lagoon and the Murray River (Echuca to Mildura) avoided death.

Almost 2,000 native fish and Murray spiny freshwater crayfish have been relocated, including many large Murray cod to 120cm. Over 1,000 native fish and crayfish were held in Government and private hatcheries in Victoria and NSW, under the watchful eye of hatchery staff while they recover.

At Snobs Creek, the team received and cared for highly endangered purple spotted gudgeon and tandanus catfish. At Arcadia, the team cared for Murray cod, golden perch, silver perch and Murray spiny freshwater Crayfish.



Stocking of native fish to assist flood/blackwater recovery

In Spring 2022, many Victorian waterways suffered devastating native fish kills due to flooding and blackwater impacts.

The VFA have been working closely with the Catchment Management Authorities, environmental managers, VRFish, angling associations and local independent rec fishers to monitor the systems and we understand water quality is now sufficient for native fish restocking.

Through consultation with key stakeholders, 200,000 Murray cod and golden perch fingerlings will be reallocated (stocked) into flood affected waters across the Goulburn Broken and North Central catchments including:

- Broken Creek
- Little Murray River
- Pyramid Creek
- Loddon River
- Broken River
- Gunbower Creek
- Boosey Creek

These fish are in addition to the numbers of native fish those waters were planning to receive this summer.

In addition to the reallocation of native fish stocking:

- 2,000 Macquarie perch was stocked into Hughes Creek (for the first time), to build resilience and improve genetics in this important population following flood impacts
- Some of our blackwater salvaged fish that were temporarily housed at Arcadia have been returned to the Gunbower system with recreational fishers and indigenous groups.



Devilbend hotspot

Devilbend Reservoir on the Mornington Peninsula has received its first fish stocking of 2023 with the release of catchable size brown trout (500g) as part of the Victorian Government's ongoing plan to improve fishing. Devilbend Reservoir is already a terrific fishery thanks to the stocking of nearly 250,000 brown trout and rainbow trout since 2010 when stocking first commenced. Some of these fish have grown to 2kg or more and are highly prized by local anglers and visitors.

The stocking of Devilbend has created a tourism drawcard on the Mornington Peninsula with visitors now provided with great freshwater fishing in addition to all of the saltwater fishing opportunities.

In addition to trout, Devilbend Reservoir is also one of many waterways in Victoria stocked with estuary perch and has received more than 120,000 over the past eight years. They have excelled in the productive waters and are keenly sought after by lure casters and fly fishers on warm summer nights when they are highly active.



Barkers Creek fish habitat installation

Fishing opportunities continue to improve at Barkers Creek Reservoir with the addition of 27 logs and root balls to create more fish habitat. This along with the allowance for non-powered watercraft will only improve your chances at this amazing waterway.

The VFA have stocked over 170,000 golden perch and Murray cod in there over the last 5 years and they'll love the new homes created by this timber, which was salvaged from storm recovery efforts in the Macedon Ranges.

Most of the snags have been positioned within casting distance of the shore so everyone benefits, whether you're in a kayak, a tinnie with an electric motor, or just tossing a line in from the bank.

These habitat investment initiatives complement the previous fish habitat already installed into the reservoir back in 2020.

It's another great project, with support from Coliban Water that'll make the most of this little mixed fishery in central Victoria that's home to trout, golden perch, Murray cod and redfin.

2022 – 2023 Barkers Creek Reservoir Stockings

Species	Numbers
Golden perch	50,000
Murray cod	10,000
Brown trout	60,000



Native Fish Report Cards continue

The Native Fish Report Card program was approved for funding of \$135,000 from the VFA and the RFL Trust Account, which will provide two more years of monitoring for our key recreational native fish species and iconic waterways. The program is funded until 2024.

The funding contributes to the collaborative program with anglers and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) - The Arthur Rylah Institute to produce health report cards for six of our most popular and valued native fish species across five priority Victorian rivers. Report cards are produced for populations of Murray cod, trout cod, Macquarie perch, silver perch, golden perch and Australian bass. The program provides unprecedented information to monitor native fish population health, track fisheries performance and assess the effectiveness of fisheries management interventions, such as fish stocking, regulations, and habitat restoration.



The native fish report card information can be accessed at <https://www.ari.vic.gov.au/research/field-techniques-and-monitoring/native-fish-report-card-program>



World Recreational Fishing Conference 2023

The Victorian Government secured the hosting rights for the 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference in 2023 and hosted the event from February 18-23, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Andrews Labor Government secured hosting rights with a bid led by the Victorian Fisheries Authority in partnership with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and recreational fishing bodies including VRFish, FutureFish Foundation and Women in Recreational Fishing Network.

The conference was attended by almost 350 recreational fisheries managers, scientists and academics from across Australia and beyond including Mongolia, Belize, Belgium, Italy and The Bahamas to share the latest trends, research and industry insights.

International speakers included Keep Fish Wet executive director Sascha Clark Danylchuk and Trout Unlimited's Steve Moyer from the USA, Norwegian fisheries researcher Keno Ferter, South African scientist Christopher Bova and UK actor and host of the Extreme Fishing TV series Robson Green.

Australia's wealth of recreational fishing knowledge is also being tapped into through Stan Lui, whose keynote address delved into First nations peoples and their interactions with recreational fisheries, as well as OzFish Unlimited founder Craig Copeland and recreational fisheries scientist Dr Matt Taylor.

The Conference followed the Ultimate Fishing Expo held over the weekend prior, which brought together fishers from across the state to see the latest gear from more than 50 exhibitors as well as hearing tips and tricks from a range of presenters including international fly-fishing expert April Vokey and VFA ambassadors Bachar Houli and Lee Rayner.

Victoria was the ideal location to host the conference as its home to Australia's best recreational fishing, from snapper, whiting and calamari in Port Phillip Bay to catches of southern bluefin tuna and kingfish along the coast, wild trout in high country streams and the iconic Murray cod throughout northern waters.



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More rainbow trout stocked across Melbourne

Rainbow trout formed part of our ever-growing stocking efforts across Victoria over the past few years.

Rainbow trout are a great stocking option for beginners because they're easy to catch and take a variety of baits and lures. With the increased efforts for metro stockings, Melbournians will not need to travel far to enjoy these wonderful opportunities.

The average size of these trout are approximately 200 – 250g, which is an ideal catchable size for beginners. In addition, towards the trout opening season, a special stocking of 'stonker' trout – broodstock sized (2-4kg) occurs to provide increased opportunities to land the 'big one'.

The stockings have been funded by recreational fishing licence fees and form part of the State Government's \$96 million Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing, more often.

Stocked waters across greater Melbourne

Albert Park Lake

Berwick Springs Estate Lake

Casey Fields Lake

Caulfield Racecourse Lake

Don Lake

Emerald Lake

Ferntree Gully Quarry

Garfield Lake

Karkarook Lake

Lilliput Lane Reserve

Lilydale Lake

Navan Park Lake

Pakenham Lake

Rowville Lakes (Sutton and Hill Lakes)

Roxburgh Park Lake

Spavin Lake

Yarrambat Lake



New horizons for stocked bass and perch fisheries

The Victorian Government has delivered for recreational fishers by stocking more than 560,000 Australian bass and estuary perch into nearly 30 lakes and rivers, including seven waterways for the first time.

The bass and perch stockings are part of the Victorian Fisheries Authority's statewide program, supported by recreational fishing licence fees.

Some waters were unable to be stocked this year due to unseasonably high flows impacting small fish survival. These include the Barwon River in Geelong that was scheduled to receive 100,000 estuary perch and the Latrobe River in Gippsland was due for 20,000 Australian bass.

Stocking of bass and estuary perch will continue in Spring 2023. Heyfield Racecourse Lake in Gippsland was stocked with 2,000 Australian bass for the first time, as was Lake Elingamite near Cobden in the state's south-west, which received 5,000 fingerlings. They are two of 19 waterways to share in 319,000 Australian bass.

Once the bass fingerlings grow to catchable size in three to four years, they will provide a summertime fishery to complement regular trout stockings in both waters during the cooler months.

Five new waters welcomed estuary perch this season, with the Little River receiving 5,000 fingerlings, Lagers Cutting at Point Lonsdale 15,000, Upper Stony Creek Reservoir 30,000, Painkalac Reservoir 10,000 and Rocklands Reservoir near the Grampians 26,000.

For the full list of stocked bass and perch waters in 2022, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/2022bassandperch



Lake Toolondo revival

Lake Toolondo in the Wimmera will receive a water allocation from Rocklands Reservoir. Recent rainfall has resulted in nearby Rocklands Reservoir exceeding 56 per cent capacity, a threshold to trigger a large-scale water allocation for Toolondo. This is expected to create a high-quality trout fishery at Toolondo for several years, enough time for stocked brown trout to grow with the right environmental conditions. Water levels in Lake Toolondo are reliant on water transfers from Rocklands, which have not occurred in recent years.

In early 2023, Toolondo received about 3,5000 rainbow trout. The trout are the first fish stocked into the Lake Toolondo since 2019, with plans for a further 14,000 brown trout and 10,000 rainbow trout to be stocked later this year - returning the lake to the top of many a trout fishers list of go-to destinations.

To assist in providing a productive environment for stocking, the VFA is reducing carp numbers in Lake Toolondo in conjunction with recreational fishers, GWM Water, the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority and commercial carp fisher, Keith Bell.

Last year more than 70 tonnes of carp were removed from Toolondo. A further 22 tonnes of carp have been removed from the lake in recent times with carp harvesting planned to continue through to December.



Supporting hand for Thowgla Creek.

The banks of Thowgla Creek have received an environmental helping hand from the combined efforts of more than 30 volunteers over 3 days near Corryong. Over 5,000 new trees and shrubs now call the banks of Thowgla home.

The plantings will accelerate the recovery of the system following the devastating wildfires in 2019 by stabilising banks, providing shade and housing terrestrial food items that fish just love! The Australian Trout Foundation's 'Trees for Trout' program is leading this rehabilitation effort, supported by the Corryong Angling Club, the VFA, North East CMA, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, and the broader community.

The team reports their planting effort along Nariel Creek in 2021 is growing well and the creek's has also benefitted from the installation of instream habitat. Victoria's next generation of fishers also got involved along the Cobungra River with 10 school students from Swifts Creek Primary planting over 600 trees. An awesome effort by all involved.



Women in Recreational Fishing and BOATING!

The number of women in recreational fishing has increased rapidly in the five years since the Victorian Government established an award-winning network for female fishers, which will now be expanded to include recreational boating. To celebrate this momentous milestone the WIRF program has expanded to include boating priorities as well, so is now called the Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating – WIRFAB network.

Since being established on International Women's Day in 2018 the network has grown rapidly to include more than 4,100 members from around Victoria, Australia and abroad. This includes 20 leaders promoting the network and advocating for women in fishing.



The network's success was recently recognised on the global stage at the 10th World Recreational Fishing Conference, scoring an award for excellence in promoting inclusive participation in recreational fishing.

The network includes beginners to experts and provides a welcoming place to share stories, experiences, and tips. This will now extend to recreational boating and will cover a range of topics from professional development opportunities to practical skills-based events such as trailer reversing clinics.

Other WIRFAB leaders also feature on fishing TV and radio shows or podcasts and several have joined advisory boards and committees including the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee, which guides the investment of Victorian fishing licence fees.

The network offers opportunities to build connections in the industry through major events and through the development of the WIRFAB Locals program, which includes more than 300 women participating in regular skills-based sessions to build their fishing knowledge.

To find out more about the network visit vfa.vic.gov.au/WIRFAB.



Better Boating Victoria

Better Boating Victoria was launched in 2018 to deliver on the Government's commitment to make it safer, cheaper and easier for boaters and fishers to get out on the water. In recognition of the strong relationship between recreational boating and fishing, BBV became a division within the Victorian Fisheries Authority in February 2021 and operates under two mandates:

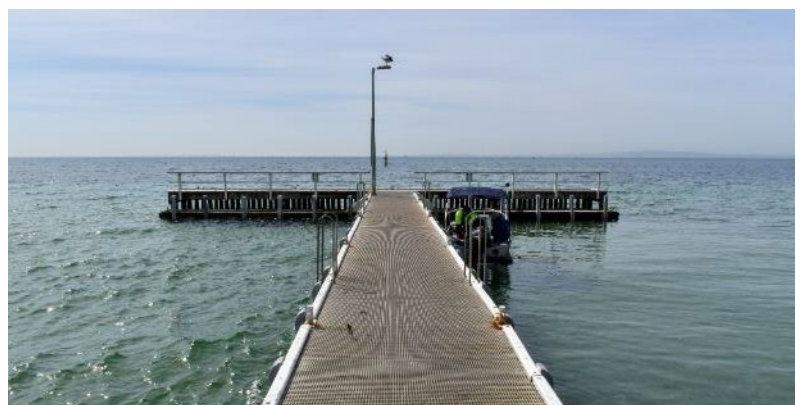


1. Delivery of the Government commitment to return every cent of licensing and registration fees to boating safety and facilities.
2. Delivery of the Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy 2022-23 Action plan, including:
 - Progressing and maturing the development of boat ramp upgrades for future construction.
 - Improving maintenance of facilities and supporting asset managers of public facilities.
 - Improving access on water through dredging and by improving all-abilities access.
 - Continued support for boating safety and marine search and rescue services.

The projects identified in the action plan which have been progressed to date include:

1. Development of the boating upgrade pipeline. Better Boating Victoria has commissioned concept designs and other reports to inform future improvement at Gunbower on the Murray, Port Fairy, Newhaven, Seymour, Stony Point, Shepparton, Mornington, Corinella, and Rye. Detailed designs and approvals are progressing at Tankerton, St Leonards, Werribee, Anthony's Nose, Lake Boga, Lake Glenmaggie, Lake Hume, Tullaroop, Howqua Inlet, and Melton Reservoir.
2. Construction at Limeburners, Avalon, Kirk Point, Cowes, Mahers Landing, Clifton Springs and Lake Burrumbeet.
3. A \$2 million grant program to support facility managers to maintain boating infrastructure and a \$1 million grant program to support dredging access
4. Improved boating destinations including upgrades at Cunninghame Arm and Raymond Island Jetty.
5. Continue to make it free for Victorians to launch and retrieve at public boat ramps across Victoria.

To learn more about the Recreational Boating Action Plan 2022-23, head to www.betterboating.vic.gov.au



VicFishKids and Fishing For All clinics

The ever-popular VicFishKids programs returned for another year. The program provides a wonderful opportunity and atmosphere for children to learn everything about fish and fishing from the experts. Events have already been held at Casey Fields (Cranbourne), Lake Fyans (Halls Gap), Lake Pertobe (Warnambool) and Lake Hyland (Churchill). Late this year, San Remo, Portalington and Williamstown events will close out the 2023 fishing year.

Lee Rayner, one of the VFA's Ambassadors, joined Fisheries Officers, VFA staff and the Education Team to chat with participants and share tips and tricks.

VicFishKids events are run with the help of local fishing clubs and Fishcare, ensuring participants learn from experienced fishers about tying knots, casting, bait selection and what to do when they land their first fish.

Catchable size rainbow trout from the VFA's Snobs Creek hatchery was stocked prior to these events to improve the chances of success. Children who pre-registered for clinics received a free fishing rod to take home.

There was also filleting and cooking demonstrations and tips on how and where to catch your target species.

In addition to the VicFish Kids program, the VFA have extended these amazing opportunities with the *Fishing For All clinic*. This program focusses on removing the various barriers that many fishers take for granted. The program aims to promote active involvement (inclusive) of women, people with disabilities, children, and CALD participants into the world of fishing.



Fishing Festival returns to the Eildon (Goulburn) and Ballarat

These free festivals continue to grow bigger and better each year. It comes as part of the State Government's \$96 million Go Fishing Victoria plan to get more people fishing, more often.

Combined activities at these festivals included children's fishing clinics with experts, fly-fishing lessons, prizes and raffles, prize giveaways, lure painting and tours of the Victorian Fisheries Authority's Snobs Creek hatchery nearby – which grows trout and native fish for the statewide stocking program.

There were also trout stockings occurring at Eildon Pondage and Lake Wendouree on the day for people to try their luck casting a line.

A total of 10 stocking sites along the Goulburn River, between Eildon and Molesworth, shared in 1,500 stonker trout (large fish 2-4kg), with Eildon Pondage receiving 500. For participants at Lake Wendouree, kids assisted with the stocking of hundreds of rainbow trout. For fishers who missed out on these wonderfully large fish, the stonker trout stockings program will continue in 2023.



Victorian rivers and streams officially open to trout fishing on Saturday 2 September 2023. All lakes, including Lake Eildon and the Eildon Pondage, are open to trout fishing year-round.

For more information, including a map of the 10 stocking sites on the Goulburn River, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/goulburnfishfest or www.vfa.vic.gov.au/ballaratfishfest



Golden Tag 150 milestone

The Golden Tag competition has reached a major milestone, hooking in 150 lucky winners right across the state. The competition commenced in February 2020 to encourage people to get out on the water and wet a line in their favourite spot, as well as boost recreational fishing tourism. The program has awarded more than \$400,000 in prizemoney.

Fishers have travelled all the way from the Lindsay River in the north-west to Nariel Creek in the north-east, Gippsland and right through to Lake Purrumbete in the south-west to land tagged fish worth \$2,000 and \$10,000.

The competition has been extended until the end of the year, with almost 900 Golden Tagged fish worth \$2,000 each still uncaught and swimming in waterways across the state.

Golden Tagged species include Murray cod, golden perch, brown and rainbow trout, Australian bass, bream, flathead, estuary perch, luderick, King George whiting, silver trevally, tailor, southern bluefin tuna and kingfish.

More information about the Golden Tag competition can be found online at: www.vfa.vic.gov.au/goldentag



School holiday trout stockings continue

Over 67,000 catchable fish were stocked into more than 80 lakes across the state just in time for school holidays. The school holiday stockings are part of the Victorian Fisheries Authority goal to stock 10 million fish this year and funded by recreational fishing licence fees and Go Fishing Victoria, the Victorian Government's \$96 million plan to get more people fishing, more often.

Family Fishing Lakes boast good access with waterside platforms, walking tracks, picnic areas and other facilities, creating a wonderful environment for people to breath in some fresh air and exercise whilst wetting a line.

On top of the lake stockings, the Eildon Pondage and Goulburn River between Eildon and Molesworth received 2,000 stonker rainbow trout weighing 4-5kg which are sure to test fishers if they're lucky enough to hook one.

Rainbow trout are perfect for kids or anyone new to fishing because they are easy to catch and take a range of bait such as worms and Powerbait, and lures as well. The catchable size rainbow trout for Family Fishing Lakes were grown by the Victorian Fisheries Authority team at their Snobs Creek hatchery, near Eildon.



For the state-wide list of stocked waters these holidays visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/holidaytrout



'Hooked On' Events

Over the last 12 months, Victorians were blessed with the continuation of our ever popular 'Hooked On' events conducted at the Bellarine (Portarlington), Lakes Entrance and Portland.

Lakes Entrance

The event was held on Sunday 12 March on the Labour Day long weekend. Lakes Entrance is a fishing mecca and home to one of Australia's largest commercial fishing fleets, making it the perfect destination to celebrate fresh, locally sourced seafood. For recreational fishers, it also offers fantastic recreational fishing opportunities for beginners and experienced die-hards, from the shore or boats.

Bellarine

The Hooked On Bellarine was held in late 2022 and coincided with National Fishing Day. The event was led by keen fishers, and Richmond Tiger superstar and Victoria Fishing Authority ambassador Bachar Houli. Bachar generously imparted various tips, tricks and secrets to capture species such as snapper, King George whiting and gummy shark. Other attractions included stalls selling freshly cooked seafood and locally made produce, including blue mussels.

Portland

This event was held across two days over the Anzac Day long weekend on April 23 and 24 in partnership with the Glenelg Shire council. Plenty of entertainment was offered by TV celebrity chef Paul West and celebrity angler Lee Rayner. The days were filled with plenty of cooking demonstrations, fishing clinics and concluded with live music entertainment from The Black Sorrows.



Your licence fees at work to improve recreational fishing

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



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

Fish stocking

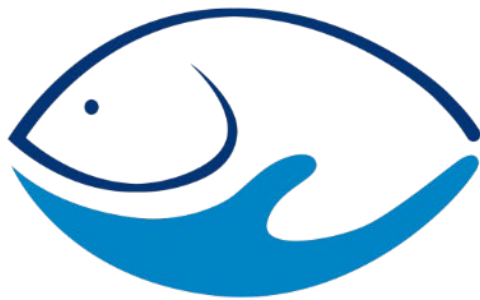
Your licence fees contribute significantly to the delivery of the recreational fisheries state-wide stocking program. They are used to operate the fish hatchery at Snobs Creek and Arcadia, meet costs associated with the delivery of fish across the state and for the purchase of additional fish from private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

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



Fishcare

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



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Recreational Fishing Grants Program

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

VRFish

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

Education and Enforcement

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

Sales commission

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



Recreational Fishing Grants Program

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

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

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

For more information on RFGP activities or details on how to access these grants (applications), please visit: www.vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program

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

Each year funds from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account are also disbursed to fund a number of projects. The following projects were approved from the 2022-23 round:

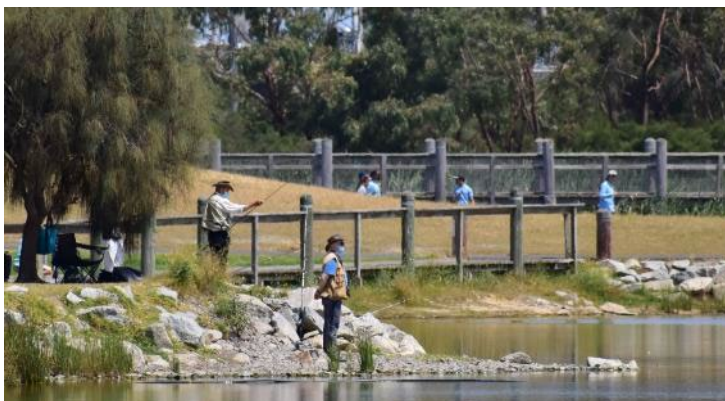
Intermediate Grants

- Settlement Point Rock Platform: The Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management who will complete stairs to the popular rock platform at Settlement Point.
- Floating Poonton Ouyen Lake: Ouyen Anglers and Ouyen Incorporated to extend the floating pontoon jetty across Ouyen Lake, which will double as a fishing platform and walkway.
- Water Security Nhill Lake: The Nhill Lake Reserve Committee of Management to secure a year-round supply of water. The lake is stocked annually with catchable-size rainbow trout during September school holidays to provide family fun
- Lake Purrumbete Access Upgrade: The Lake Purrumbete Angling Club to formalise parking and install signage, fencing and an access gate off Purrumbete Pit Road. This project is to create a safe access point for land-based anglers, as well as an alternative to the main access point through the local caravan park on the opposite side of the lake.
- Ovens River Fish habitat improvement: The Alpine Fly Fishers secured funding to help install large boulders and logs in the Ovens River to improve in-water habitat for fish.

Large Grants

- Porth Phillip Bay recreational reefs Ozfish Unlimited will undertake works to replenish recreational fishing reefs with the addition of recycled shell material at the three nearshore reefs (Altona, Frankston and Portarlington) and the three reefs approximately 2 kilometres out from Aspendale, Seaford and Frankston.
- Gunbower fishway upgrade: The North Central Catchment Management Authority will upgrade the fishway on the Gunbower Weir which will allow small-bodied fish, as well as juveniles of large bodied recreational fishing species will be able to safely move up and downstream of Gunbower Weir and colonise other parts of the creek.
- 'Cracking the Code' on the captive breeding of Macquarie perch: The Victorian Fisheries Authority will undertake research and development into the captive breeding of Macquarie perch will assist with the rebuilding of populations in the wild through stocking.
- Increase fish habitat and access at Kennington Reservoir: The City of Greater Bendigo will improve habitat by deepening pools and channels for fish movement, add woody structure and create access for non-powered vessels at this popular recreational fishery.
- Fish habitat forums Northern Victoria: Ozfish Unlimited will deliver a series of six highly engaging native fish habitat forums to educate and inspire local community members and organisations to participate in local restoration efforts, benefitting waterways throughout northern Victoria.

- Karkarook Lake infrastructure upgrades: Parks Victoria will upgrade the bore pump which maintains water levels in this popular recreational fishery and supports healthy fish habitat for stocked species such as rainbow trout and Murray cod.
- Multilingual recreational fishing campaigns in Melbourne: The 3ZZZ radio station will produce a multilingual educational campaign to improve the practices, procedures, and experiences of recreational fishers within multicultural communities
- Picnic Point, Cairn curran infrastructure upgrades: Goulburn Murray Water will install an all-abilities amenity facility at Picnic Point, which is a very popular access point for both land-based fishers and boats at this key recreational fishery.
- Murray crayfish populations assessment across north-eastern Victoria: The Arthur Rylah Institute will assess the status of 17 Murray crayfish populations in north-eastern Victoria and compare findings to benchmarking surveys completed in 2016 to guide the management of this popular recreational fishery.



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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 three Vic Fish Stock consultation meetings held across regional Victoria in May 2023. They reflect the key outcomes from each meeting. Proposals for stockings were received prior to meetings. These proposals were discussed, and a final position determined by consensus. The proposals were then costed against budgets and fish production capabilities and modified to suit but maintaining the intention of the stocking. The outcomes represent the shared decision of the meeting attendees resulting from this assessment.

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

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

The 2023 Vic Fish Stock meetings plan the stocking of both salmonids and native fish to align with the April 1st to March 31st reporting requirements.

Barwon South West and Grampians

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2023	Comments
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams		300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Bannockburn Lagoon (Bannockburn)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Barwon River (Geelong)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	70000	Including Winchelsea
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	6000	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	7000	
Boyds Waters (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	400 fish for Ron Nelson Classic. Once a year stocking. Public access limited to the waterbody apart from open day of the Ron Nelson Classic. Supported stocking for the Classic, but fish numbers to remain the same. This is a temporary arrangement until Seagull Lake becomes available.
Bringalbert Lake (Bringalbert)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Broughton's Waterhole (Edenhope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	New stocking site
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2023	Comments
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~2-10g	50000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		fingerlings 2-10 g	15000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	
Burrumbeet (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Calembeen Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Carpolac Lake (Carpolac)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Cato Lake (Stawell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Charlegrark Lake (Booroopki)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Cobden Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Colac Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	Stocking based on water levels and access
Colac Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	April-June		on grown 180 grams	500	Stocking focused on key access locations including Lake Colac Foreshore Reserve and Meredith Park
Coleraine Lagoon (Coleraine)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Collins Lake (Edenhope)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	New stocking site.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	

	Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2023	Comments
Barwon Grampians	Dewar Lake (Myrniong)	Rainbow trout	Once off Stocking		on grown 180 grams	500	Fishcare request for private water stocking for disadvantaged kids
	Dock Lake (Horsham)	Rainbow trout	Once off stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
	Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Estuary perch	Initial stocking		fingerlings 1g	1000	New species stocking
Gippsland	Dunkeld Arboretum (Dunkeld)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
	Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
	Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	Strong support to create a mixed salmonid-redfin-bass fishery given weedy habitat.
	Esmond Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Ess Lagoon (Casterton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	6000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
	Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	12000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
	Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
	Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1500	
	Glenlyon Dam (Glenlyon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Great Western Racing Recreation Reserve Lake (Great Western)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
	Green Hill Lake (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	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		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	Stocking dependent on secure and sufficient minimum water levels to maintain trout fishery for 2-3 years. VFA to investigate potential of waterbody as an on-grown rainbow trout fishery for school holiday stocking.
	Green Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Port Phillip	Green Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Haddon Reservoir (Haddon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2023	Comments
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Jack Emmett Lagoon (Rupanyup)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	350	350 once 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Jubilee Lake (Skipton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	
Lakers Cutting (Point Lonsdale)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	New stocking site
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Learmonth Lake (Learmonth)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Lethbridge Lake (Lethbridge)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lismore Golf Club Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	Stocking resumed 2018. 200 2nd and 3rd term.
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Marma Lake (Murtoa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merri River (Bromfield St Weir downstream))	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	

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Barwon Grampians	Mill Swamp (Casterton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	New stocking site
	Minyip Wetlands (Minyip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays.
	Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	6000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
	Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	4800	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Gippsland	Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
	Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
	Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
	Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Hume	Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays. Check water level.
	Norval Dam (Ararat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40		New stocking site – TEP endorsed. Subject to waterway approval
	Norval Dam (Ararat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40		New stocking site – TEP endorsed. Subject to waterway approval
Loddon Mallee	Old Hamilton Reservoir (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Painkalac Reservoir (Aireys Inlet)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Pertobe Lake (Warrnambool)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Port Phillip	Police Paddock Dams (Horsham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
	Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
	Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		advanced fry ~10-20g	30000	
	Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	

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Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	6000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	Subject to TEP approval
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Rainbow trout	Two per year		on grown 180 grams	400	Subject to TEP approval. 200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Rainbow Lake (Rainbow)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2,500	Subject to TEP approval
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25000	Developing fishery
Rokewood Reservoir	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Saint Augustines Water Hole (Geelong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Simpson Recreation Reserve Lakes (Simpson)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	

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Tea Tree Lake (Mortlake)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
The Gong (Bunningyong)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout			Yearling 120g	20000	
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Initial stocking		fry		Numbers to be finalised
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	Developing new fishery
Victoria Lakes (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	4000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	15000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	7200	Lake also receives an additional 6000 fish from Ballarat Trout Hatchery. Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	6000	Larger trout trial (60% planned 20-40g yearlings with 50g+ yearlings)
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	

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Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	300000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Horsham)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	

Gippsland

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Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bemm River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	50000	
Cann River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Genoa River (Genoa)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	New stocking site
Gippsland Lakes	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Gippsland Lakes	Dusky flathead	2 year trial		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	Subject to program funding
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Guthridge Lake (Sale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Heyfield Racecourse Lake (Heyfield)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Subject to TEP approval
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2400	800 each stocking, 2nd, 3rd term school holidays and in October.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	0	
Latrobe River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (D/s of L. Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	

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Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (upstream Cheynes Bridge)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Mitchell River (Glenaladale to Augusvale)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Morwell Lake (Morwell)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams		Stocking suspended due to water quality.
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2500	
Rainbow Creek (Heyfield/Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Snowy River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Tambo River (Bruthen to Junction with the Haunted Stream)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Thomson River (D/s Cowwarr Weir)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Timbarra River (near Junction with the Tambo River)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Tyers Lake	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Tyers River (Wirilda Park to Caringal)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Valencia Creek (U/s Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	

Hume

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Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	750 each 2nd,3rd term school holiday and 500 in October.
Allans Flat Dredge Hole (Allans Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Amaroo Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Anderson Lake (Chiltern)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking in 2nd and 3rd term.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Arboretum Dam (Euroa)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bangerang Cultural Centre (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Bartlett Lake (Tatura)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Boosey Creek (Katamatite)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Boosey Creek (Tungamah)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	120000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	

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Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	25000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	65000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	35000	65% downstream : 35% upstream site stocking ratio
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers to be finalised
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Buffalo River (above Buffalo Lake)	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Final stocking numbers based on production outcomes
Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Cudgewa Creek (Cudgewa)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Dartmouth Lake	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	160000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	60000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking			1000	
Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking			14000	

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Barwon Grampians	Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing		1000	
	Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
	Eldorado Dredge Hole (Eldorado)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Gippsland	Felltimber Creek Wetlands (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Fifteen Mile Creek (Glenrowan)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
	Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
	Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Glenrowan Rec Reserve	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
	Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
	Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	
Hume	Goulburn River (Goulburn Weir to Molesworth)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
	Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	
	Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Loddon Mallee	Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	1500	
	Goulburn River (Trawool)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	58000	
	Hughes Creek (Avenel)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	Flood recovery stocking
	Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	150000	
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Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
Hume Lake including Mitta River (Tallangatta)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	Stock 50,000 around Thologolong to support bushfire affected communities.
Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	4000	
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Rainbow trout	Two per year	Family fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays
King River (Chesnut)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Final stocking numbers based on production outcome
King River (Chesnut)	Trout cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	Final stocking numbers based on production outcome
Koonoomoo Billabong (Koonoomoo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Koonoomoo Billabong (Koonoomoo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings 1 gram	5000	
Les Stone Park Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lowanna Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Marysville Lake (Marysville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	500 each stocking 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merriwa Park (Wangaratta)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Merriwa Park (Wangaratta)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	200	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	100	
Merrigum Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Periodic stocking		Channel harvested	200	
Moodemere Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Lake (Mooroopna)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	300	150 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	

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Barwon Grampians	Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	3000	1500 fish to be stocked prior to Easter and in 1500 October.
	Nagambie Lake/Goulburn Weir						Included in Goulburn River, Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie
	Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Gippsland	Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
	Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Numurkah Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6000	
	Ovens River (downstream Wangaratta)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Ovens River (Oxley Flats to Rocky Point)	Macquarie perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Numbers dependant on production levels
	Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Sambell Lake (Beechworth)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Seven Creeks (Euroa)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Seven Creeks (Above Polly McQuinns Weir)	Trout cod	Periodic stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Hume	Shadforth Reserve Island Pond (Violet Town)	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	Initial stocking,
Loddon Mallee	Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
	Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Stanley Ditch Dam (Stanley)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
	Sumsion Gardens Lake (Wodonga)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
	Tronoh (Top) Harrierville Dredge Hole (Harrierville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Port Phillip	Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	1000	
	Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.

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Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Victoria Lake (Shepparton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Waranga Basin	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	250000	Committed to 750,000 over 3 years in conjunction with GVAAC RFL Fish Habitat Installation Project.
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	

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Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Avoca River (Charlton to Nattie Yallock)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bealiba Reservoir (Bealiba)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Big Meran Lake (Meering)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	250000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Campaspe River (Axedale to Rochester)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	
Charm Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	

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Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6000	
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	400000	
First Reedy Lake (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Foletti Caravan Park Lake (Donald)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Forest Lake (Kangaroo Flat)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Goldfields Reservoir (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Goldfields Reservoir (St Arnaud)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Green Lake (Sea lake)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Green Lake (Sea lake)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	70000	
Gunbower Creek (Patho to Spences Bridge)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Inglewood Reservoir (Inglewood)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Jil Jil Lake (Donald)	Rainbow trout	Once off		on grown 180 gram	500	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	

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Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	
Kennington Reservoir (Strathdale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Kings Billabong	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Kings Billabong	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Kings Billabong	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Laanecoorie Reservoir (Laanecoorie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Lindsay River	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	Includes Mullaroo Creek.
Lindsay River	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	Includes Mullaroo Creek.
Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Little Boort Lake (Boort)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Little Murray	Golden perch			fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	Flood recovery stocking (tripled Murray cod and golden perch for 2 years)
Little Murray	Murray cod			fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	Flood recovery stocking (tripled Murray cod and golden perch for 2 years)
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Loddon River (Below Laanecoorie to Fernihurst Weir)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	45000	Flood recovery stocking for 2 years - increase of 20,000
Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	Flood recovery stocking for 2 years - increase of 20,000
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	

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Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Neanger (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Ouyen Lake	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Ouyen Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	yearlings ~20-40g	500	2nd term school holidays.
Ouyen Lake	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Ouyen Lake	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Pyramid Creek (Kerang)	Golden perch	Flood recovery stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Flood recovery stocking for 2 years - previously last stocked in 2013
Pyramid Creek (Kerang)	Murray cod	Flood recovery stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	Flood recovery stocking for 2 years - previously last stocked in 2013
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Serpentine Creek (Durham Ox)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Skidders Flat Reservoir (Wedderburn)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	2000	

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Barwon Grampians	Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	2nd term school holidays.
	Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	12000	
	Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings 50g+	30000	Larger trout trial (50g+ yearlings)
Gippsland	Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	20000	
	Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
	Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	5000	
	Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Hume	Victoria Lake (Maryborough)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Walkers Lake (Avon Plains)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Loddon Mallee	Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Yaapeet	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Port Phillip	Yaapeet	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
	Yaapeet	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	
	Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	

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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	3000	1500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	60	
Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Berwick Springs Estate Lake (Berwick)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	40	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2250	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays. October stocking 750.
Casey Fields Lake (Cranbourne)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	40	
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Caulfield Racecourse Lake (Caulfield)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Darlingsford Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	10000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	9000	First stocking since 2016
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	30000	
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Don Lake (Healesville)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	

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Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1000	500 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Emerald Lake (Emerald)	Emerald Lake	Periodic stocking		yearlings ~20-40g	300	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian bass	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	yearlings ~20-40g	500	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	900	450 each stocking, 2nd term and 3rd term school holidays.
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	20	
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	250 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Garfield Lake (Garfield)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	10	
Hanging Rock Lake (Woodend)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	700	350 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	6000	2000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd terms school holidays and 2000 in October.
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Karkarook Lake (Moorabbin)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	90	
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 fish stocking 2nd and 3rd term school holidays
Lilliput Lane Reserve (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	10	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2000	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	

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Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	90	
Little River (Little River)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	Developing new fishery – second year stocking
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Melton Reservoir (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Navan Park Lake (Melton)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Nursery Reservoir (Macedon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	500	500 once 2nd term school holidays.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1500	750 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Pakenham Lake (Pakenham)	Rainbow trout (	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	70	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Hutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1100	650 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Sutton and Hill Lakes	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	800	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Murray cod	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	

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Roxburgh Park Lakes (Roxburgh Park)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Spavin Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	30	
Walter J Smith Reserve Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Werribee River (Downstream of Melton Weir)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	High fishing pressure, not stocked since 2016 (65,000 to date)
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	3000	1000 each stocking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout)	Once per year (Sept)		stonker	60	

Appendix 2 – Stocking Submission Check list

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

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



