

Vic Fish Stock 2021-22

Where your fish are stocked across Victoria



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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 2021 consultative meetings.

The fish stocking year starts April 1st to March 31st the next 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 current fishery in light of the current year's stocking plan and identify any modifications required
- Draft the following year's stocking plan
- Identify other issues relevant to fish stocking
- Identify current fishery management issues
- Assess additional proposals to the stocking program

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

In 2021, five meetings were held on-line in late February following the draft stocking plan being released for public comment for a period of two 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 Victorian Fisheries Authority, the Victorian Recreational Fishing peak body (VRFish), the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Native Fish Australia (NFA), Water Management Authorities, Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Primary Industries (DELWP) and fishing association representatives.

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.

2020-21 Fish Stocking Season — Summary

The 2020 Vic Fish Stock proposed 1,261,800 salmonids and 6,740,050 native fish. A total of 1,303,160 salmonids and 6,684,488 natives were stocked.

	Proposed stocking numbers	Actual number stocked
Salmonids		
Brown trout	550,000	717,441
Rainbow trout	646,300	483,552
Chinook salmon	60,000	102,200
Tiger trout ¹	2,500	1257
Cheetah trout ¹	3,000	1251
Sub total	1,261,800	1,305,701
Natives		
Australian bass	300,000	368,750
Golden perch	3,703,050	3,058,300
Macquarie perch ²	100,000	54,000
Murray cod	2,101,000	2,853,938
Silver perch	351,000	385,332
Trout cod ²	100,000	20,300
Estuary perch ¹	265,000	284,100
Sub total	6,740,050	7,024,720
Total	8,181,850	8,330,421

¹Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

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

2021-22 Vic Fish Stock Meeting Outcomes

The 2021-22 Vic Fish Stock meetings proposed native fish to be stocked into Victorian public waters in the summer of 2021-2022 and salmonids stocked over winter 2021. 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 2021-22

Proposed stocking numbers	
Salmonids (winter 2021)	
Brown trout	909,000
Rainbow trout	546,450
Chinook salmon	40,000
Tiger trout ¹	2,500
Cheetah trout	2,500
Sub total	1,500,450

¹May include cheetah trout.

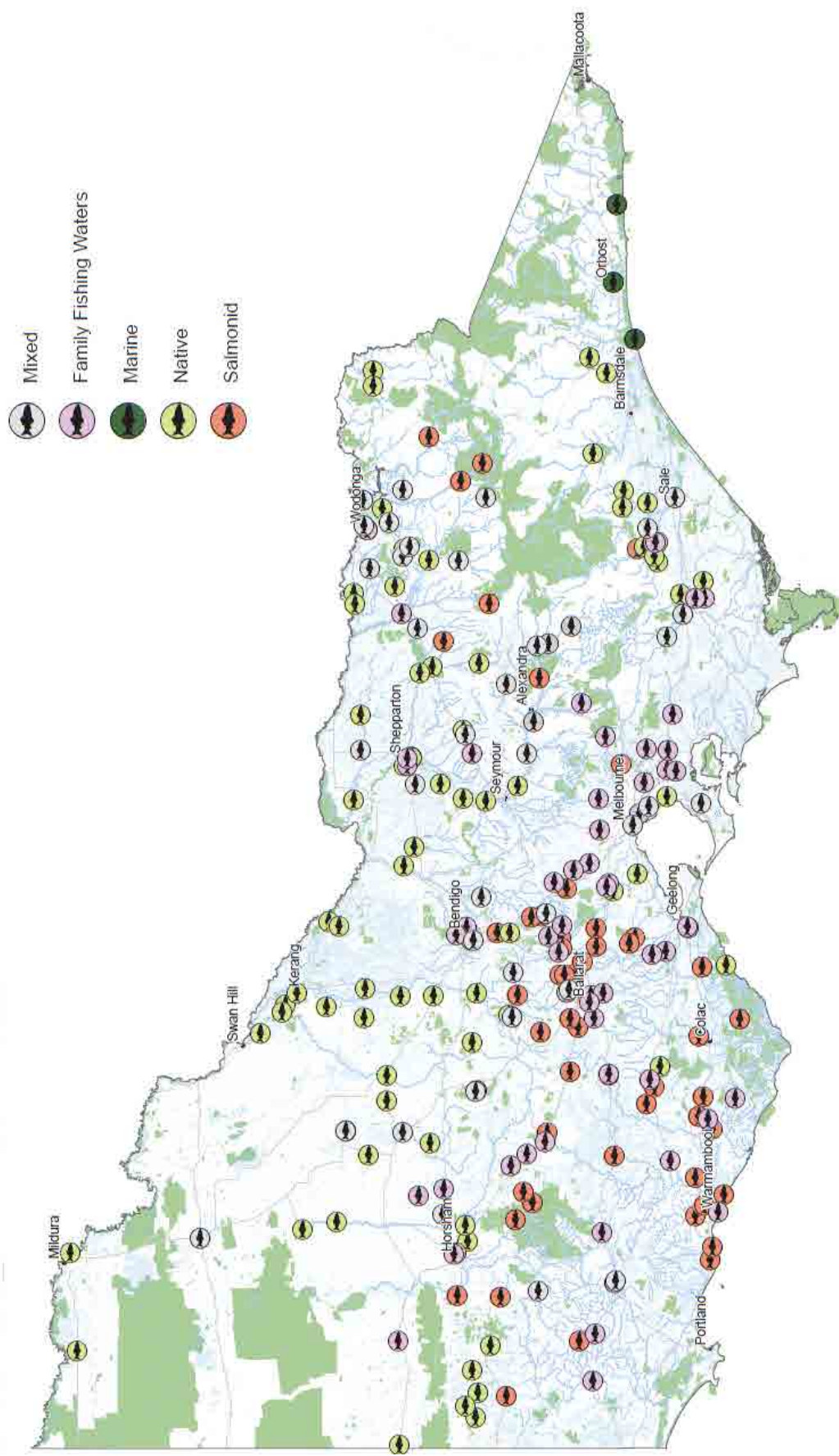
Proposed stocking numbers	
Natives (summer 2021-22)	
Australian bass ²	400,000
Golden perch	4,602,000
Macquarie perch ³	10,000
Murray cod	2,600,000
Silver perch	494,000
Trout cod ³	10,000
Estuary perch ²	400,000
Sub Total	8,516,000
Total	10,016,450

²Dependent on availability from commercial supplier.

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Fish Stocking in Victoria

2018 - 2019



Target One Million Phase 2

The State Government has extended its commitment to recreational fishers in Victoria, building on its Target One Million plan grow participation to one million anglers by 2020.

- To get more people fishing, more often, the renewed plan will invest over \$35 million to:
- Phase out commercial fishing in the Gippsland Lakes through a compulsory buyout to give the Lakes back to recreational anglers, boost tourism and create jobs;
- Construct a new \$7 million native fish hatchery in Shepparton focussed on warm water species such as Murray cod and golden perch;
- Increase fish stocking to 10 million fish annually by 2022;
- Allow anglers to use boats and kayaks with electric motors on some lakes and reservoirs including Tullaroop, Lauriston, Hepburn, Barkers Creek, Upper Coliban and Malmsbury, with later consideration to be given to Tarago and Devilbend;
- Mandate access for fishing and camping through opening up hundreds of kilometres of crown land river frontages, many covered by grazing licences;
- Stock Eastern King Prawns into Lake Tyers;
- Invest in science and habitat restoration in the Gippsland Lakes to ensure the environment remains healthy;
- Invest \$1.5 million for a new on water café on Bullock Island in partnership with the Lakes Entrance Fishermen's Co Operative Society;
- Invest \$600,000, in addition to fishing licence fees, on fish cleaning tables and fishing platforms around Port Phillip including Corio Bay;
- Improve fish habitat in Port Phillip by investing \$2.5 million reef development;
- Advocate for Southern Bluefin Tuna to protect the fishery from bag limit cuts by the Commonwealth.
- Release more native fish including Murray cod, golden perch and silver perch into suburban lakes such as Rowville, Lilydale, Karkarook, Casey Fields, Navan Park, Roxburgh and Melton;
- Introduce a new Fishing for All program to get more people into fishing, including a further \$200,000 into the Vic Fish Kids program;
- Offer number plates for recreational fishers;
- Invest \$200,000 to develop a recreational fishing tourism plan with a focus on events and marketing regions and towns with specific species.

Boating Commitments:

- Abolish all boat ramp parking and launching fees at Victorian boat ramps;
- Ensure every cent of licencing and registration fees is spent on improving boat ramps, boating safety and facilities;
- Establish a Better Boating Fund to get to work immediately on urgent boat ramp upgrades across the state including Mordialloc, Queenscliff, Point Richards, Hastings and Rhyll;
- Undertake critical maintenance at Cowes Jetty;
- Provide eight new casual berths across Port Phillip that are accessible to the public;
- Review management of boating infrastructure in Port Phillip and Western Port;
- Establish a dedicated boating infrastructure authority

Victorian Fisheries Authority Activity Spotlight

The Victorian Fisheries Authority 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.

Golden Tag Program: Golden Chance To Catch The Fish Of A Lifetime

Recreational fishers could land a tagged fish worth up to \$10,000 as part of the expanded Golden Tag competition, which aims to boost tourism and participation in fishing across the state.

The competition started in February 2020 to encourage people to visit Gippsland and the state's north east as communities recovered from bushfires. It was later paused due to travel restrictions as Victoria tackled the Coronavirus pandemic. The revamped Golden Tag competition aims to encourage recreational fishers and their families to visit regional towns and businesses - filling hotel rooms, cafes and restaurants.

The relaunched competition saw tagged fish released throughout Gippsland into places like Marlo, Tamboon, Lake Tyers, the Gippsland lakes and Mallacoota, as well as throughout the North East and Alpine regions. This included more than 20 new tagged fish worth \$10,000 each released around the state and an extra 50 fish worth \$2,000 added to waterways. Approximately 950 fish worth \$2,000 each had already been released, bringing the state-wide total of tagged fish to more than 1,000.

The far west coast around Portland will score tagged southern bluefin tuna, Rocklands Reservoir was bolstered with tagged fish, and trout in South West Victoria's famous crater lakes of Purrumbete and Bullen Merri also sport some of the prized catch.

In northern Victoria, Murray cod and golden perch in Sunraysia's Lindsay River and Kings Billabong, and the fishing mecca of Lake Eildon have tagged fish. For more details on the locations with tagged fish visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/goldentag



Virtual Trout Conference Bringing Fishers Together

The Talk Wild Trout conference was back again this year, but due to COVID-19, used an online platform to bring more international speakers than ever before. The popular annual conference returned for its sixth year over a series of Zoom webinars from November 24 to 26 with the theme 'Caring for Trout'.

Over three days, participants watched presentations from trout enthusiasts, photographers, fishery managers and scientists from Victoria and around the world.

Keynote speaker from the United States, Sascha Clark Danylchuk from the international 'Keep Fish Wet' organisation shared the best-practice fish handling supported by science.

Dr Paul Gaskell, freshwater biologist and fisher from the UK's Wild Trout Trust spoke about the 'Trout in the Town' program which does amazing work restoring fish habitat through urban landscapes.

Other conference topics and speakers included:

- Fisheries officers from Victoria's north east reported on how they go about looking after our trout fisheries.
- World-renowned fishing photographer, David Anderson, gave valuable tips on how to capture the photo of a lifetime, while still ensuring your prized trout is healthy for release.
- VFA, fisheries manager Taylor Hunt gave an overview of managing and monitoring the wild trout fishery to safeguard it for the future.
- Rick and Jo Dobson from Aussie Angler presented an informative video of fish handling and the
- Paul Stolz and Jo Dobson from the Australian Trout Foundation outlined the Victorian Wild Trout Strategy to protect, build and promote Victoria's wild trout fishery and an outline of ATF's activities and achievements from this very proactive group.

All the conference talks can be viewed on a playlist on the VFA's YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKo29JSp_KfRdAsyZsFj8IEqLI7HBISMd.



Inaugural Australian Bass Stocking for Latrobe River

The Latrobe River was stocked in December with 2020 Australian bass for the first time receiving 20,000 fingerlings as part of a plan to further improve freshwater fishing in Gippsland.

The Latrobe River is much maligned but is a valuable recreational asset for the Latrobe valley and Gippsland. Improving angling in this water provides additional recreational opportunities and builds awareness of the value this often-ignored river. The river is already providing bass fishing experiences through the stocking of Lake Narracan and Blue Rock Reservoir. Stocking the river is an extension this bass stocking program occurring across the Gippsland area.

Australian bass are a highly regarded recreational sportfish, native to Gippsland and Australia's east coast. The stocking of the Latrobe River is part of a broader program in which 20 lakes and rivers have shared in 327,500 bass fingerlings over the last few weeks.

Gippsland Lakes First Ever Estuary Perch Stocking

The tributaries of the Gippsland Lakes have been stocked with estuary perch for the first time, as part of an ambitious plan to return the iconic waterways to a recreational fishing mecca. Stocking of 200,000 estuary perch was a key action in the Gippsland Lakes Recreational Fishery Plan. This is significant step towards restoring the Gippsland Lakes to its former glory as a recreational fishing mecca

The estuary perch were stocked into the Tambo, Mitchell, Avon and Latrobe rivers, all tributaries of the Gippsland Lakes. The end of commercial net fishing in the region earlier this year paved the way for recreational fishing improvements such as stocking and upgrading fish habitat.

The perch fingerlings were about two centimetres long and will take about three years to them to reach the minimum size of 27 centimetres.

The fingerlings were bred from mature fish collected by volunteers earlier this year, after local tournament fishers joined members of the Marlo Angling Club to catch parent fish.

This estuary perch stocking compliments previous stockings of these exciting sportfish into other Gippsland streams and estuaries including Lake Tyers and the Bemm and Snowy rivers.

Stonker Rainbows Released for Metropolitan Family Fun

COVID-19 restrictions began to ease and under the Second Step of Metropolitan Melbourne's roadmap to easing restrictions, fishing was again permitted. Stocking the large trout was a way to promote interest in fishing and was undertaken to help out those who had been locked down and wanted to get outdoors for some much-welcomed outdoor recreation.

Eighteen metropolitan Family Fishing Lakes were stocked with 500 'stonker' rainbow trout to bolster recreational fishing fun with some big catches. The trout weighed 4kg each and complement the large number of catchable size trout already stocked into Family Fishing Lakes.

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

Rainbow trout are perfect for those new to fishing because they're easy to catch and taste great on the plate. visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/metrostonkers



New Boat Ramps at Upper Coliban and Barkers Creek Reservoirs

The Government commitment to improve boating infrastructure in regional communities has continued with new boat ramps now open at Upper Coliban and Barkers Creek reservoirs in central Victoria.

Both reservoirs are popular freshwater fisheries and have shared in substantial stockings of trout (107,000), Murray cod (36,000) and golden perch (77,000) over the past two years. The new boat ramps will provide easier launching for small boats at these lakes.

At Upper Coliban Reservoir, the existing track leading into the water has been converted to a 40-metre-long boat ramp made of crushed rock which will enable launching down to 60 per cent water storage capacity. At Barkers Creek Reservoir a new boat ramp has also been built, along with additional car parking with defined bays and a new entry point from the road.

Boaters planning to use the new ramps should be aware of the restriction regarding the use of petrol motors on the reservoir. Only paddle power or electric motors are permitted on Barkers Creek Reservoir, however, to assist boaters and fishers at Barkers Creek Reservoir, petrol powered outboard engines can remain on boats, but cannot be used. At Upper Coliban Reservoir, boaters can use electric motors or paddle power only and must remove outboard engines altogether from small boats.



Camping on Crown Land

Access to Crown water frontage for various recreational users (fishers, bird watchers, hikers, etc) has been limited by poor infrastructure and confusing information regarding access points. For many of these sites, the issue is perception of private ownership by the licensee or adjoining private landholder.

The State Government has a commitment to guarantee access to fishing and camping on Crown Land that has grazing licences and river frontage. Section 401A of the Land Act 1958 enables a person to enter and remain for recreational purposes on a water frontage which has been licensed under provisions of that Act but prohibits a person from camping on the licensed land.

To enable camping on licensed water frontages, the Land Act 1958 is being amended to remove the prohibition on camping on licensed Crown land with water frontage. This legislation has successfully passed through both the lower and upper house of Parliament and has been returned to the lower house for amendments. The VFA is working in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning to develop suitable regulations to support camping at these locations.

An extensive consultation process will take place before the changes take effect in September 2021.

In the interim, the VFA has identified several high value recreational fishing sites with access issues and the VFA has been installing access gates and signage at the entry points to Crown land as part of the project. A map will be created on the VFA website/app that specifies each access point and allows people to know if they are on Crown land. Directional road signs, directing the recreational user from the main road to the access point will also be installed.

So far access has been improved for fishers at 19 sites on the Goulburn River, in and around Murchison and the Goulburn Weir. For information on where, go to

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/targetonemillion2/crownland/improved-access-sites>



WIRF 2020

Created in 2017, the Women in Recreational Fishing Network (WIRF) is a community that encourages knowledge sharing and fishing activities among women via a Facebook community.

2020 was another fantastic year for the WIRF network!

The Facebook community has grown to over 2,300 members and is growing daily and is a wonderful space for women of all backgrounds to connect with other women who share a passion for fishing.

This year saw many successful (albeit virtual) events ran, and some brand-new experiences created, with more and more WIRF members becoming actively engaged in the group and sharing their knowledge with others!

2020 Leadership Program

Ten women participated in the 2020 WIRF Leadership Program, which was held virtually in August. The program featured a wide range of topics showcasing opportunities for women in the fishing industry.

The program also provided opportunity to connect with industry leaders and to discuss and share ideas regarding female participation in the sector.

The program empowers WIRF leaders to take the skills they learn back to their local clubs and communities to further support female participation throughout Victoria.



WIRF Leadership Sessions

The WIRF Leaders also had the opportunity to attend virtual sessions in 2020, held on a monthly basis. These sessions provided WIRF leaders an opportunity to connect and hear from industry leaders. Guest speakers included, Michael Moore and Mitch Birt from Pure Fishing, Eliza Ralph from Yeti, Michelle Wenner from the VFA and Al McGlashan- producer and photographer.

WIRFinars

WIRF Webinars, or *WIRFinars*, are online sessions that are open for all WIRF members to attend. WIRFinars aim to teach women about fishing and help them learn new skills in a comfortable, friendly environment- all WIRF members are encouraged to come along and hear from other women that are passionate about fishing.

2020 saw the first of these WIRFinars- which focused on the theme 'Freshwater Basics' and had guest speakers Shea Bloom and Karen Rees- both members of the WIRF Leadership group.

This WIRFinar session was an amazing success, with attendee feedback being that it was a very interesting, fun and insightful session that helped them to learn new skills in an easy, comfortable way. Looking to the future WIRF is excited to be hosting more WIRFinars in 2021 that will cover a range of topics and guest speakers!

If you are a woman looking for a group to connect and share your passion and knowledge of fishing with visit the 'Women in Recreational Fishing Network Facebook group and join now!

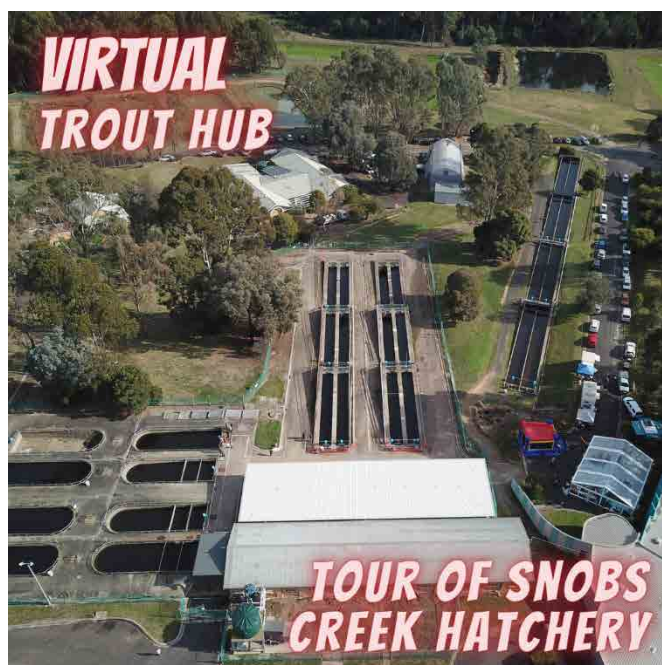
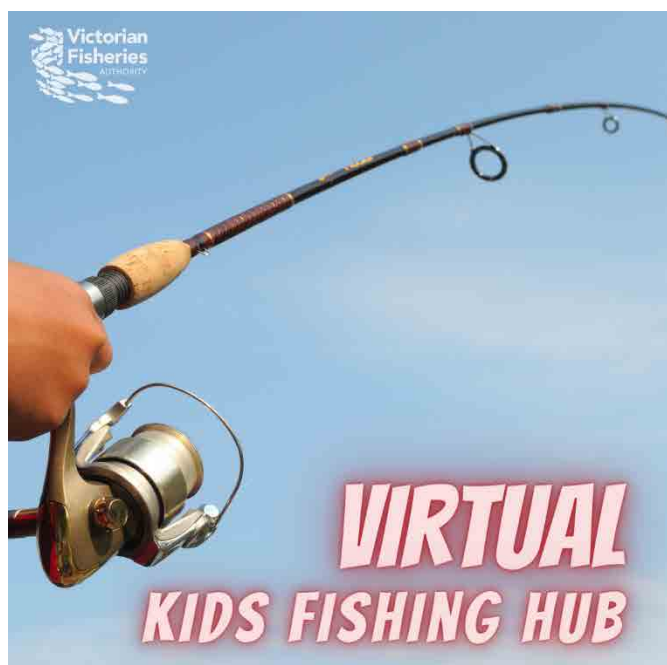


Virtual Fishing Hubs

In October 2020 the VFA invited people to connect and experience the joy of fishing through two virtual fishing hubs - Kids Fishing Hub and Virtual Trout Hub.

Housed on VFA's Facebook page these hubs included; Virtual tours from Snobs Creek fish hatchery providing viewers with a behind the scenes look at how we grow your trout ; How to build a career in fish production segment delivered by our Snobs Creek hatchery team ; Trout cooking demonstration, online education resources and a range of competitions.

The audience were highly engaged and enjoyed this new way of connecting during these times. The hubs achieved a reach of over 69,000.

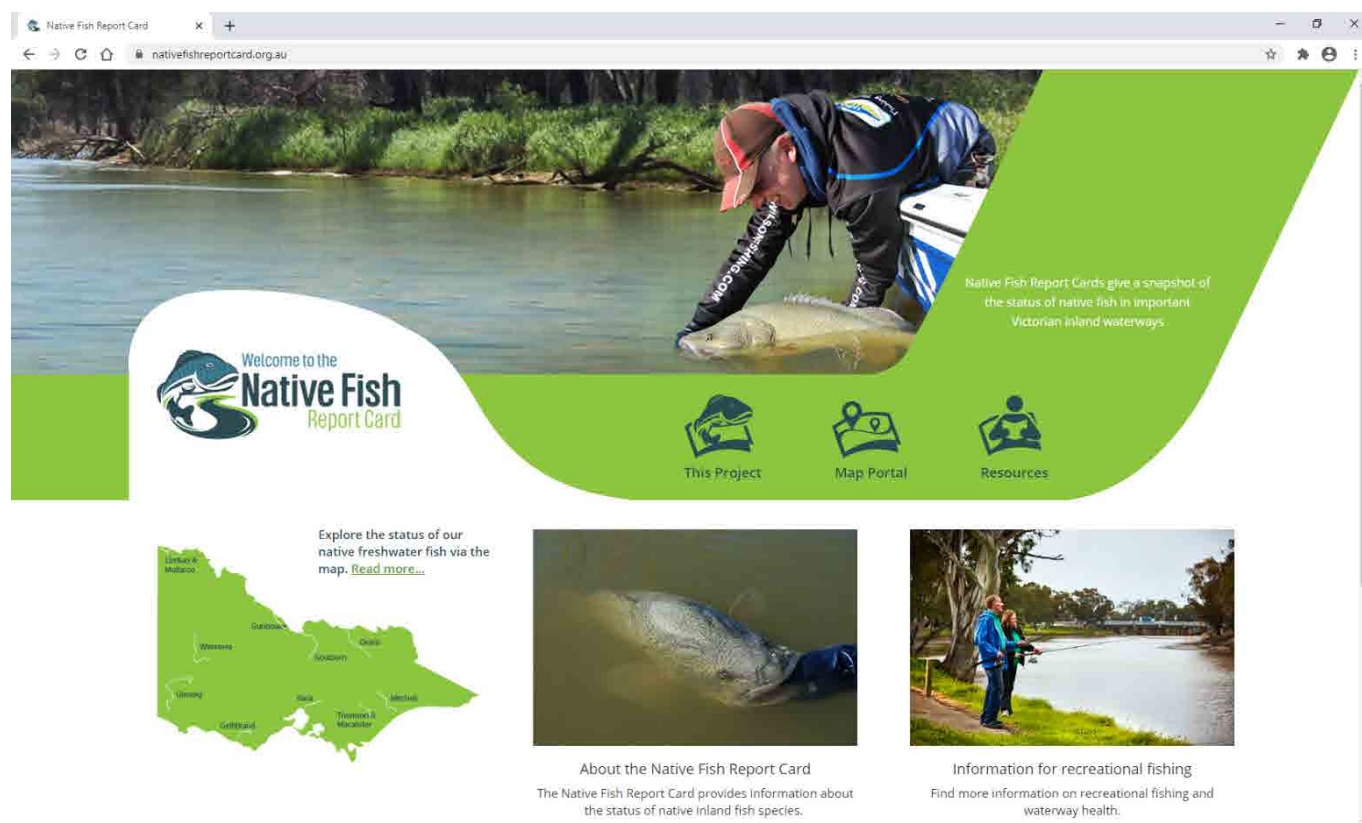


Native Fish Report Cards Funded for Two More Years by RFL

The Native Fish Report Card program was approved for an RFL Large Grant funding contribution of \$120,000, which will enable two more years of native fish monitoring.

The funding contributes to the collaborative program with anglers and Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to produce health report cards for nine of our most popular and valued native fish species across 10 priority Victorian rivers. Report cards are produced for populations of Murray cod, trout cod, Macquarie perch, silver perch, golden perch, southern blackfish, freshwater catfish, Australian bass and estuary perch. 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.nativefishreportcard.org.au/>



Wild Trout Strategy

The Victorian Government have invested heavily and worked closely with trout fishing organisations to better understand our wild trout fishery and what we can do to manage and improve wild trout fishing for all anglers.

This work was started under the Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program, which was funded by recreational fishing licence fees and the State Government between 2014 to 2019 and continues forward under the Wild Trout Strategy.

The Strategy, a partnership initiative between VFA, Australian Trout Foundation and trout anglers, is the culmination of six years of VFA Fisheries Managers working closely with the trout fishing sector through the Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program to engage anglers and collectively understand the trout fishery and ways to improve it.

The Wild Trout Strategy will focus further investment in maintaining wild trout fishing opportunities into the future. This strategy, drafted by a steering committee of the Australian Trout Foundation (ATF), Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), VRFish and other wild trout fisher partners will help guide the management of our precious wild trout fishery over the next 5 years.

The Strategy sets the investment priorities in the wild trout sector for the next five years and recognises the unprecedented work the Australian Trout Foundation are doing to restore fish habitat.

To read more about the Strategy and Wild Trout Fisheries Management Program check out our updated website : <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/wild-trout-fisheries-management-program>



Maribyrnong River Native Fish Revival Project – Update

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is leading a three-year (\$815,000) multi-tiered project called the **Maribyrnong River Native Fish Revival Project**, to improve the Maribyrnong River recreational fishery through a partnership with recreational fishers (RFL Grant), DELWP, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria and local councils. The project focusses on the estuarine reaches of the Maribyrnong River between Flemington Racecourse and Avondale Heights. The project includes; baseline fish population and fish habitat surveys, a new boat launching facility, estuary perch stocking, recreational users survey, installation of in-stream woody fish habitat, improving angling access and an historical review of Maribyrnong River fish habitat.

In its final year, the project has delivered on many outputs:

1. Planned fish habitat and population surveys
2. Large scale stocking of estuary perch fingerlings (200,000 so far!)
3. Recreational water users study
4. A review of existing recreational fishing access and riverside platforms

The delivery of a boat ramp will now be managed by Better Boating Victoria. A historical review of the river will also be completed in the coming months. We also planned for a final fish habitat and population survey (Oct 2021) and fish stocking (Dec 2020) to complete the project.

The next major step for the project is to install purpose-built habitat at eight key strategic locations. These in-water habitat deployments will help improve river health by providing suitable havens for fish aggregation and will complement the VFA's estuary perch stocking plan for the river.



Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery Progress Update

The State Governments \$7 million dollar commitment to build a native fish hatchery is taking shape. When completed this November, the hatchery will include the construction of 32 earthen ponds for holding broodfish and ongrowing native fish larvae. After full production capacity, the hatchery will produce 1.6 million native fish (Murray cod and golden perch) or, around three times the scale of native fish production at Snobs Creek.

The hatchery will also feature a large hatchery building fitted out with the very latest fish farming equipment, a dedicated staff office building, a water re-use wetland system, a fingerling intake and quarantine station, storage sheds and a deep water ground water bore with a 200 megalitre licence.

Finding the right property to build a hatchery was a challenge but, after inspecting 27 property's, in January last year, we purchased a 170 hectare property near Arcadia, South of Shepparton. The property is protected from floods, has excellent groundwater, a 60 megalitre dam, surface water pumping licence (from Castle Creek) and channel water supply options. Importantly and, unlike all other property's we looked at, our property has extensive clay which is key to pond construction.

The hatchery will help us stock millions of threatened native fish to rebuild fish populations and create exciting new recreational fisheries. This will boost fishing related regional tourism and fishers will contribute to the local communities as they buy bait, food, petrol and stay overnight.

By growing our own native fish, we are less reliant on private hatcheries in New South Wales who are already developing new food markets for ongrowing native fish. In simple terms the hatchery will 'future proof' our stocking program. Our massive investment in fish stocking is increasingly linked to river health restoration effort, as we reach out to work with water and land managers to improve river health and native fish outcomes.

We look forward to welcoming recreational fishers to visit the hatchery on its completion. In the interim, please feel free to check our regular progress reports on our website. [A new native fish hatchery - future-proofing your fishing - VFA](#)



New Mallee Fisheries in the Making

Water brings communities together and recreational lakes are important community assets and focal points, particularly in the drier parts of Victoria. The Wimmera Mallee pipeline has created water savings and allowed for the delivery of community water which has allowed for maintaining a series of lakes across the Wimmera-Mallee, that provide recreational opportunities for the locals and visitors alike.

The southern Mallee is now also gaining two new lakes with the help of community and an RFL grant. Decommissioned town reservoirs at Rainbow and Yaapeet are being reconnected to the Wimmera Mallee pipeline for delivery of community water. The special valves and associated connection works are being undertaken by Grampian Wimmera Mallee water who were successful in obtaining RFL funds for the project.

A gathering of the local community saw the initial turn on of the Yaapeet valve to begin filling and creating the Yaapeet lake. Work on the Rainbow lake is schedule for completion later in the year.

The support and work of the community in this project has been inspirational. On the back of the RFL grant, the community have successfully sought other grants to develop the infrastructure around the lake and have constructed a toilet block, camping facilities, a beach and additional tree planting.

Once established the lake will be an oasis in the hot Mallee summers, offering a valuable source of recreation for the community, provide a bonus for wildlife and help with tourism in this area which is on the doorstep of Wyperfield National Park and the Big Desert.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will stock the lake with golden and silver perch to further add to the recreational value of the lakes.



Changing Channels: Electro-fishing Partners Unite Again for the Mighty Murray Cod

The Goulbourn Murray Water (GMW) irrigation channels of northern Victoria support populations of native fish especially Murray cod and golden perch. The channels are very productive systems and many fish get trapped in the siphons and deeper pools when the channels are drained or pumped out for maintenance. This provides an opportunity to collect these fish and move them into more secure waters, or to boost recreational angling in local waters and to supply broodstock for VFA's native fish stocking program. Goulburn Murray Water control several thousand kilometres of irrigation channels so the potential for fish relocation is large.

Large native fish are difficult and often expensive to collect. The channels provide a cost-effective opportunity to collect broodstock and to provide a source of fish for relocation to create 'ready to go' fisheries at accessible angling locations. The joint exercises between GM Water and VFA has resulted in more than 3600 fish (mostly Murray cod) being translocated from the channels and release into angler accessible waters and some fish kept for broodstock for VFA's native fish stocking program.



Last year (2020) over 1600 fish, collected by electrofishing and from dewatered siphons, and were translocated into several waters both locally in the Shepparton district. The fish found new homes in Craigmuir lake, Kialla lakes, the Broken Creek, Broken River and the Goulburn River around Shepparton.



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 \$21 million, to help improve recreational fishing and facilities throughout Victoria. An annual Large Grants Program (for projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000) is open for applications between 1 October and 28 February. A Small Grants program is open year-round and provides funding of up to \$5,000 for fishing clubs and other organisations to run community fishing events and undertake small scale projects.

Information regarding the Small Grants program conditions and guidelines, as well as a link to the online application form can be obtained from the Victorian Fisheries Authority website at:

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

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

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

Each year funds from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Account are also disbursed to fund:

- Increased fish stocking into lakes and rivers;
- The deployment of thirteen Fisheries Officers to boost enforcement and education;
- Programs that fall under the Target One Million plan to grow recreational fishing;
- VRFish, to provide advice to the Victorian Government about the broad range of recreational fishers' views on the management of the State's fisheries resources;
- The Victorian Fishcare program, which delivers responsible fishing education and events to the community;
- Recreational Fishing Licence commissions paid to sellers; and
- The costs incurred in the administration of the Recreational Fishing Licence, Grants Program and the Recreational Fishing Grants Working Group.

Fishing Licence Fees Fund 12 Projects Worth \$1 Million

- Fishers in communities around the state will benefit from a dozen different recreational fishing projects thanks to a round of grants worth more than \$1 million.
- Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said the grants will fund fish habitat projects and important infrastructure work to make fishing safer and more accessible.
- The Gippsland Lakes will receive a major boost, with the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority granted \$110,000 to place woody habitat into lakes, which will provide more shelter and feeding sites for black bream, estuary perch and Australian bass.
- The Australian Trout Foundation will receive \$110,000 to deliver another year of the Victorian Trout Fisheries Management Program, which includes vital monitoring of river populations in the North East and Gippsland.
- A further \$163,000 will be used to monitor fishers' catches in Port Phillip, Western Port, Corner Inlet and the Gippsland Lakes.
- Report cards for 10 key native fisheries will continue for two more years thanks to a \$120,000 grant. This information is keenly digested by hundreds of people every year at the Murray Codference.
- Other grants awarded include:
- \$39,000 for the North East Catchment Management Authority to install fish habitat at Katie Peters Reserve, near Eskdale;
- \$23,000 to help OzFish Unlimited build shellfish reefs in the Tambo Bay area of the Gippsland Lakes;
- \$22,000 for solar lighting along the St Helens rock wall in Geelong;
- \$25,000 for the Hindmarsh Shire Council to create pedestrian and vehicle access to a new lake in Rainbow;
- \$15,000 to realign and secure instream logs through Rochester to enable safe and open passage for fishers in boats;
- \$60,000 for Fishcare school visits and fishing workshops;
- \$24,000 for the North Central Catchment Management Authority to build more native fish habitat in Box-Pyramid Creek.
- The funding will also go towards the Victorian Fisheries Authority's 2021 Recreational Fishing Guide, as well as fish length rulers and measures for rock lobsters and spiny crayfish.
- The grants are funded by recreational fishing licence fees, and more information on recipients and their projects can be found at vfa.vic.gov.au/feesatwork2020.

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For general enquiries:

Call the Customer Service Centre on 136 186

or visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au

**Report illegal fishing
call 13 FISH (☎13 3474)**

Helpful information includes:

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

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

Appendix 1 – Proposed Fish Stockings

Using the Tables

The following tables present a summary of five Vic Fish Stock consultation meetings held across regional Victoria in February 2021. They reflect the key outcomes from each meeting. Proposals for stockings were received prior to meetings. These proposals were discussed, and a final position determined by consensus. The proposals were then costed against budgets and fish production capabilities and modified to suit but maintaining the intention of the stocking. The outcomes represent the shared decision of the meeting attendees resulting from this assessment.

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

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

The 2021 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	2021	Comments
Alexandra Lake (Ararat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Aringa Reservoir (Port Fairy)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
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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	120000	100000 Geelong area, 20000 upstream of Buckleys Falls to Winchelsea area.
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Beaufort Lake (Beaufort)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1500	
Bellfield Reservoir (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
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 ~50 grams	30000	
Bolac Lake (Lake Bolac)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	6000	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2500	
Bostock Reservoir (Ballan)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	500	
Bullarto Reservoir (Bullarto)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	

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Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	Fry.
Bullen Merri Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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 ~50 grams	1500	
Cartcarrong Lake (Winslow)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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)			on grown 180 grams	10000	Stocking based on water levels and access
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.
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Cosgrave Reservoir (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	500	
Dean Reservoir (Dean)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Deep Lake (Derrinallum)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
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 ~50 grams	2000	
Elingamite Lake (Cobden)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1500	
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 ~50 grams	10000	

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Fyans Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Gilleard Lake (Allansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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 ~50 grams	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 ~50 grams	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	
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.
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Hamilton Lake (Hamilton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	4000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Hepburn Lagoon (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Hopkins River (Kent Ford Road Bridge to the Junction with the Mount Emu Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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 ~50 grams	2000	

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Konong Wootong Reservoir (Konong Wootong)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	3000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Lascelles Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
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 2nd 3rd term
Merri River (Grassmere to Dennington)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Miga Lake (Miga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
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 ~50 grams	20000	
Moorabool Reservoir (Bolwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	8000	
Mount Emu Creek (Skipton to Panmure)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Moyne River (Rosebrook to Toolong North)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Newlyn Reservoir (Newlyn)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams		
Nhill Lake (Nhill)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 3rd term school holidays. Check water level.
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.
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.
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 ~50 grams	10000	

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Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Cheetah trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2500	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Chinook salmon	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Purrumbete Lake (Camperdown)	Tiger trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2500	
Pykes Creek Reservoir (Ballan)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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 ~50 grams	10000	
Quarry Street Reserve Lake (Trentham)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Ratzcastle Lake (Kangawall)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Rocklands Reservoir (Balmoral)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
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 Dam	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	100 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
St Georges Lake (Creswick)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Taylors Lake (Horsham)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	

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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 ~50 grams	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Tooliorook Lake (Lismore)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Toolondo Reservoir (Toolondo)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	Stocking dependent on sufficient water levels to support fish for 2 years.
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Upper Stoney Creek Reservoir (Durdidwarrah)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	30000	
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 ~50 grams	2000	
Wallace Lake (Edenhope)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	4000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	15000	
Wartook Lake (Halls Gap)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	12000	Lake also receives an additional 6000 fish from Ballarat Trout Hatchery for a total of 18000 brown trout stocked annually.
Wendouree Lake (Ballarat)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
West Barwon Dam (Forrest)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Willow Lake (Hopetoun)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Wimmera River (Jeparit to Elmhurst)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	

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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 ~50 grams	1000	
Wombat Reservoir (Daylesford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	1000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Wurdiboluc Reservoir (Winchelsea)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	20000	
Yaaapeet	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Yaaapeet	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Yarriambiack Creek (Beulah to Warracknabeal)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	9000	3000 in each weir pool

Gippsland

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Avon River (Stratford to Valencia Creek)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Bemm River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	50000	
Blue Rock Lake (Willow Grove)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	50000	
Cann River	Australian Bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
Cowwarr Weir (Cowwarr)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Gippsland Lakes	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Glenmaggie Lake (Glenmaggie)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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.
Hyland Lake (Churchill)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
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.
Latrobe River	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (D/s of L. Glenmaggie)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2000	
Macalister River (Downstream of L. Glenmaggie)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Macalister River (U/s of L. Glenmaggie to Junction with the Wellington River)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Macalister River (upstream Cheynes Bridge)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	

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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	1600	Stocking dependant on water quality.
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Australian bass	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2500	
Narracan Lake (Moe)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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			fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
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 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	5000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	3000	
Banimboola Lake (Dartmouth Pondage)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	3000	
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	15000	
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	100000	
Broken Creek (Dip Bridge to Nathalia)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Broken River (Benalla --including Benalla Lake-- upstream to Nillahcootie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	

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Barwon Grampians	Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Broken River (Downstream Benalla to Shepparton)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Gippsland	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
	Buffalo Lake (Dandongadale)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	Buffalo River	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers dependant on production levels
	Corryong-Jerimal Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
	Craigmuir Lake (Mooroopna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
	Cudgewa Creek	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Hume	Dartmouth Lake	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers dependant on production levels
	Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	200000	
	Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
	Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
	Eildon Lake (Eildon)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	50000	
	Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Brown trout (ex brood)	Annual stocking			1000	
	Eildon Pondage Weir (Eildon)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking			14000	
	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	
Port Phillip	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.

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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 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Golf Course Dam (Longwood)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	600	300 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Nagambie)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	200000	50000 Mitchell shire, 150000 Strathbogie shire
Goulburn River (Above Goulburn Weir to Seymour, including Lake Nagambie)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	80000	40000 mitchell shire, 40000 strathbogie shire
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	60000	50000 Greater Shepparton, 10000 Moira shire
Goulburn River (Below Goulburn Weir to Yambuna)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	20000 Greater Shepparton, 5000 Moira shire
Goulburn River (below Seymour)	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers dependant on production levels
Goulburn River (Eildon to Molesworth)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Goulburn River (Trawool)	Trout cod	Annual stocking			10000	
Hume Lake (Tallangatta)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	200000	
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	
Kerferd Lake (Beechworth)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Kialla Lakes (Shepparton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Kiewa River	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers dependant on production levels
Kiewa River (Baranduda to Dederang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
King Lake (Rutherglen)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	Check water level and lake condition prior to stocking
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	

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Marysville Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1350	450 each stocking 1st, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Meriwa Park	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	400	200 each 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
Meriwa Park	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
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 ~50 grams	1000	
Mount Beauty Pondage (Mount Beauty)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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	
Nillahcootie Lake (Barjarg)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Ovens River	Macquarie perch			fingerlings ~1 gram		Numbers dependant on production levels
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	10000	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	
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	4000	
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.

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Upper Sandy Creek Dam (Upper Sandy Creek)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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.
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			fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
William Hovell Lake (Cheshunt South)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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	10000	
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	Stock with larger fish (60+ grams).
Barkers Creek Reservoir (Harcourt)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	30000	
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	Consider stocking after review of water security.
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Boga Lake (Lake Boga)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	10000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	150000	
Cairn Curran Reservoir (Maldon)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
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	50000	
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.

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Crusoe Reservoir (Bendigo)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Cullulleraine Lake (Cullulleraine)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	6000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
Eppalock Lake (Knowsley)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	500000	
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 ~50 grams	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	2000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Kangaroo Lake (Lake Charm)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	

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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 ~50 grams	30000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	55000	
Lauriston Reservoir (Lauriston)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
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	5000	
Little Murray	Murray cod			fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
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	60000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Loddon River (Kerang)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	
Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	

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Malmsbury Reservoir (Malmsbury)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
Neanger (Bendigo)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two 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	10000	
Ouyen Lake	Rainbow trout (adv)	One per year	Family Fishing	yearlings ~50 grams	500	500 2nd term school holidays
Ouyen Lake	silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Serpentine Creek (Duham Ox)	Murray cod	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	3000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2000	
Talbot Reservoir (Evansford)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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	5000	
Tchum Lake (Birchip)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	20000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	2000	
Teddington Reservoir Bottom (Stuart Mill)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	2000	
Tom Thumb Lake (Eaglehawk)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	200	200 once 2nd term school holidays.
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	50000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Tullaroop Reservoir (Carisbrook)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	50000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Brown trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	40000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	5000	

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	Upper Coliban Reservoir (Kyneton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	50000	
	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	
	Watchem Lake (Watchem)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
	Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Golden perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
Gippsland	Wooroonook Lake (Charlton)	Silver perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	350

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Albert Park Lake (Albert Park)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
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)	Silver perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
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.
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.
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.
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 ~50 grams	10000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	40000	
Devilbend Reservoir (Mooroduc)	Rainbow trout	Annual stocking		yearlings ~50 grams	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.
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.
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Australian bass	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Ferntree Gully Quarry	Brown trout	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	yearlings ~50 grams	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	

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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.
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.
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)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
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	
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
Lilydale Lake (Lilydale)	Estuary perch	Periodic stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	10000	
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	
Little River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	15000	
Maribyrnong River	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	100000	
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	
Mordialloc Creek/National Aquatic Centre	Estuary perch	Annual stocking		fingerlings ~1 gram	5000	
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	

Water	Species	Stocking schedule	Type	Fish size	2021	Comments
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.
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.
Rowville Lakes (Rowville) Hutton and Hill Lakes	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1100	400 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays in Sutton Lake. 150 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd terms school holidays in Hill.
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	
Spavan Lake (Sunbury)	Golden perch	Annual stocking	Family Fishing	fingerlings ~1 gram	1000	
Spavan Lake (Sunbury)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Two per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	1200	600 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays.
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	30000	
Yarrambat Lake (Yarrambat)	Rainbow trout (adv)	Three per year	Family Fishing	on grown 180 grams	2600	1000 each stocking, 2nd and 3rd term school holidays and 600 in October.

Appendix 2 – Stocking Submission Check List

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

Name of Water:	☐
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?	☐

