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ON WATER ACCESS IN CENTRAL VICTORIA A WINNER FOR ANGLERS AND REGIONAL ECONOMY

VRFish, the peak body representing Victoria's 838,000 recreational fishers, commends the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) on its successful ongoing implementation of phase two of the Target One Million program to create a clear path of better access to our waterways, by opening Tullaroop and Barkers Creek Reservoir to kayaks, canoes and electric powered boats.

"Since its opening in late May, Tullaroop Reservoir has been alive with activity, bringing in anglers from all over the state to go head-to-head with some of the huge trophy Brown Trout and Redfin that the reservoir is now renowned for," said VRFish Acting Office Manager Kris Leckie.

"It's not uncommon to see 30+ boats out on the reservoir at a time over the weekends, with excellent reports of fish being caught by most anglers who hit the water," stated Mr Leckie.

"Anglers have been sending through photos of some cracking fish to our social media pages on an almost daily basis, and with so many anglers visiting the area, local businesses would be very happy with the extra tourism dollar that this opportunity is bringing in."

"Recreational fishing contributes \$7.1b to Victoria's economy and supports 34,000 jobs across the state. And we now know that fishing from kayaks and canoes is the fastest growth area of the sport, with people of all ages taking part." said Mr Leckie.

"With the success of the Tullaroop and Barkers Creek fisheries, there is now a clear path to better fishing on the Kyneton Lakes. Malmsbury, Lauriston and Upper Coliban Reservoir will soon also be open for passive recreational on water access, and will be complimented with the stocking of Murray Cod and Yellowbelly."

"The opening of the Kyneton Lakes will be a welcome bonus for local towns and the regional economy, attracting anglers from Melbourne and across the state."

For more information, visit [Better access for canoes and kayaks](#)



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