



## IMPORTANCE OF STOCKED FISHING LAKES TO VICTORIAN RECREATIONAL FISHERS

Over a two-week period from 30 June 2022 to 14 July 2022 Victorian recreational fishers were asked to share the top three most important urban lakes to them in their local area.

The lakes listed in the survey were the Victorian Fisheries Authority's stocked family fishing lakes across the state and were divided into nine different regions: Melbourne, Central Highlands, Barwon, South West, Western District/Mallee, Goulburn, Loddon-Campaspe, Gippsland and North East.

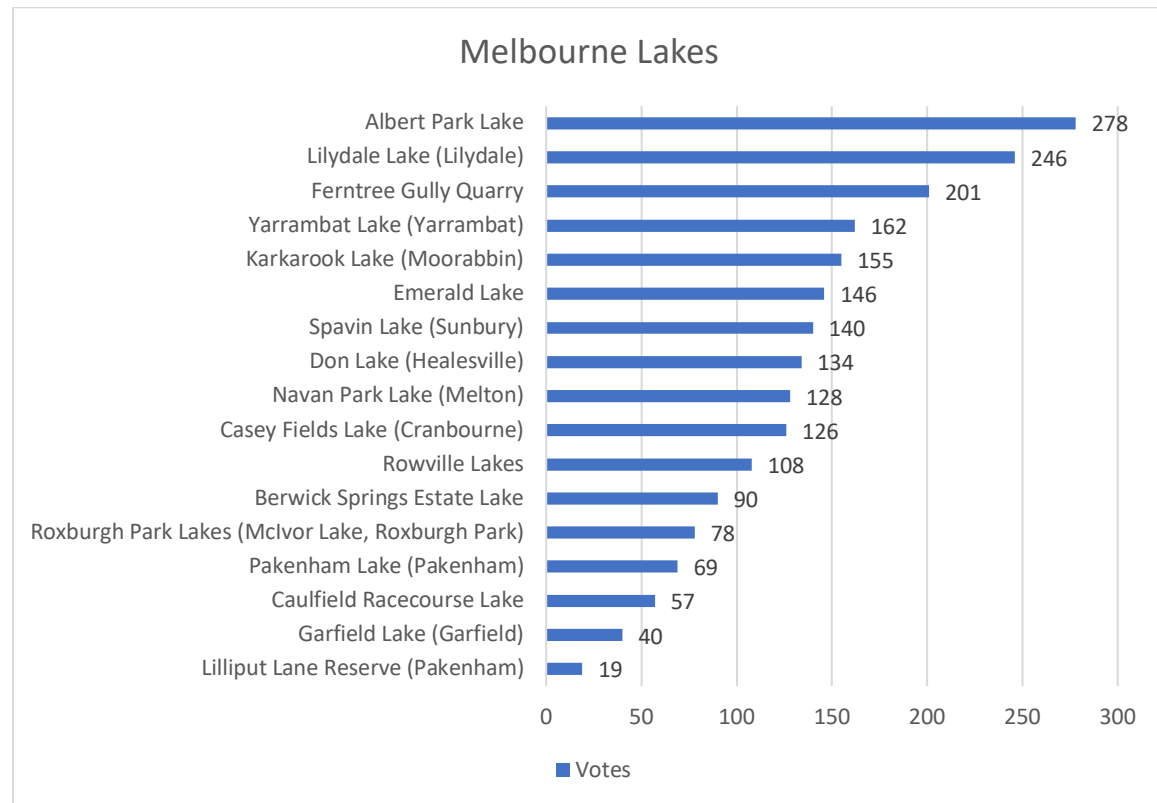
A total of 1122 respondents participated in the survey. The survey was distributed via three key methods: (1) email invitation sent to VRFish subscribers and recreational fishing licence holders; (2) survey link distributed via social media; (3) survey link on the VRFish website.

The results will be used to help us tell the Government just how important small lakes are to the local community. With your feedback, we're able to demonstrate the importance of stocking these lakes and show the value of access to community lakes. In some areas, there are local Governments that are *banning fishing* in community lakes - we can't see that happen.

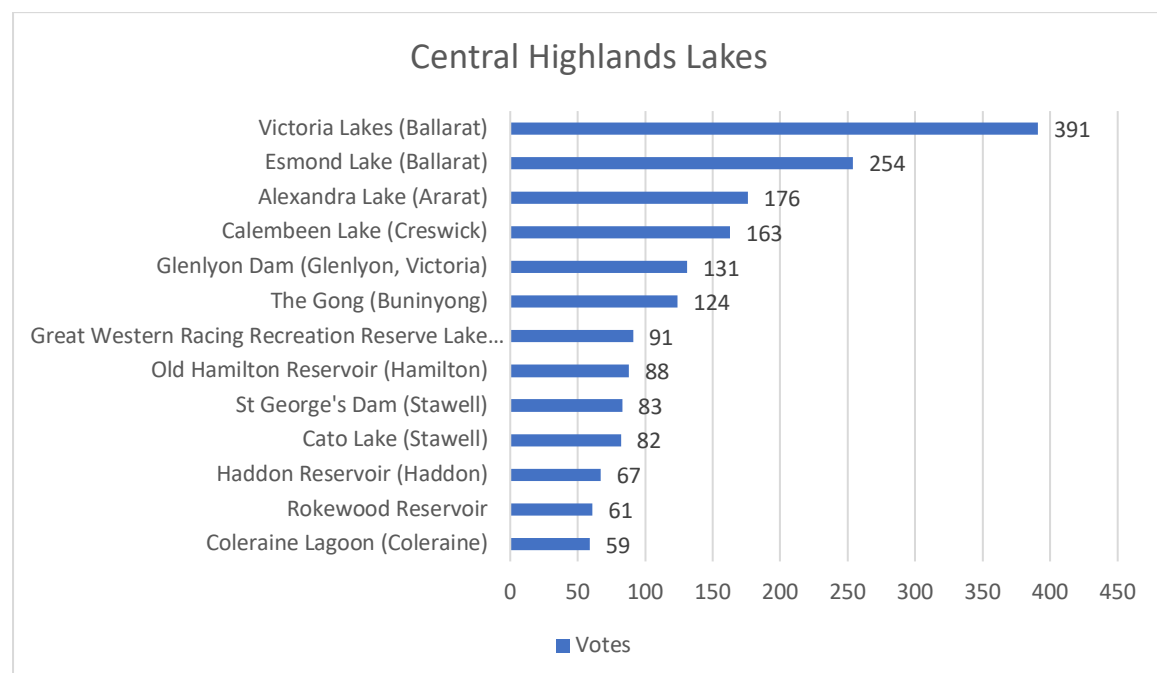
The results of the survey can be viewed below.

## RESULTS

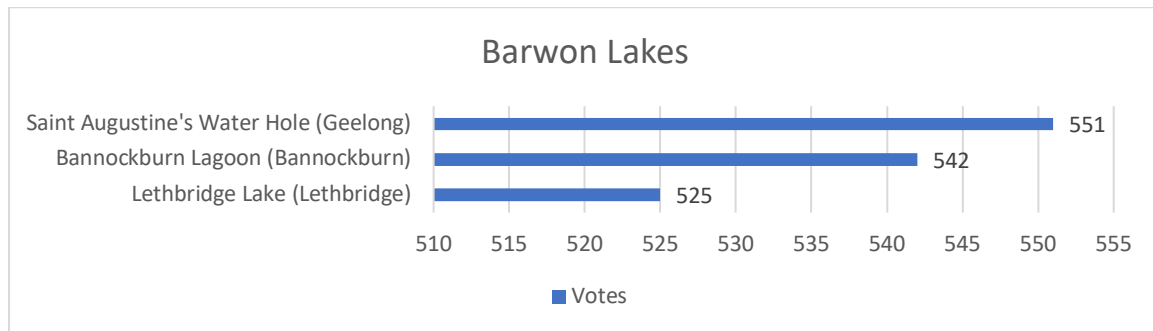
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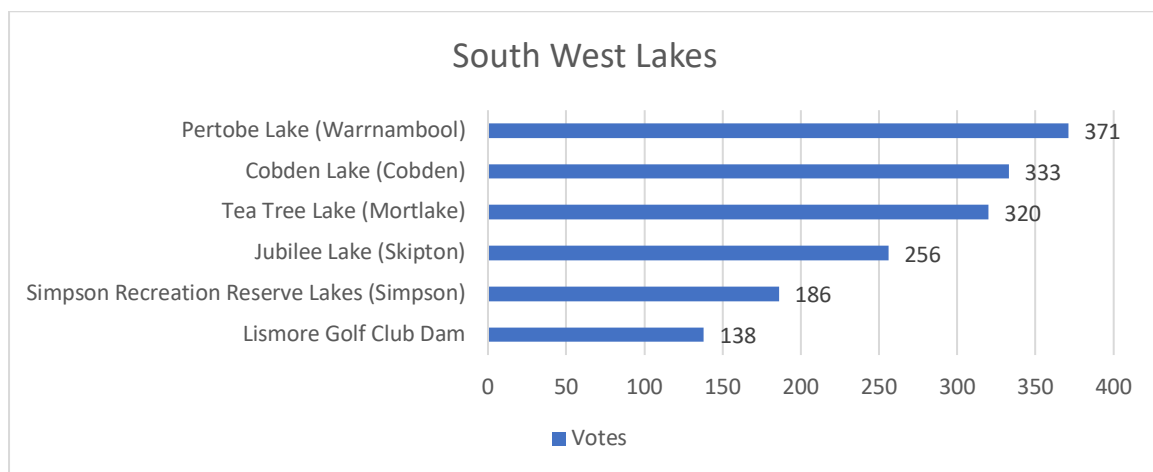
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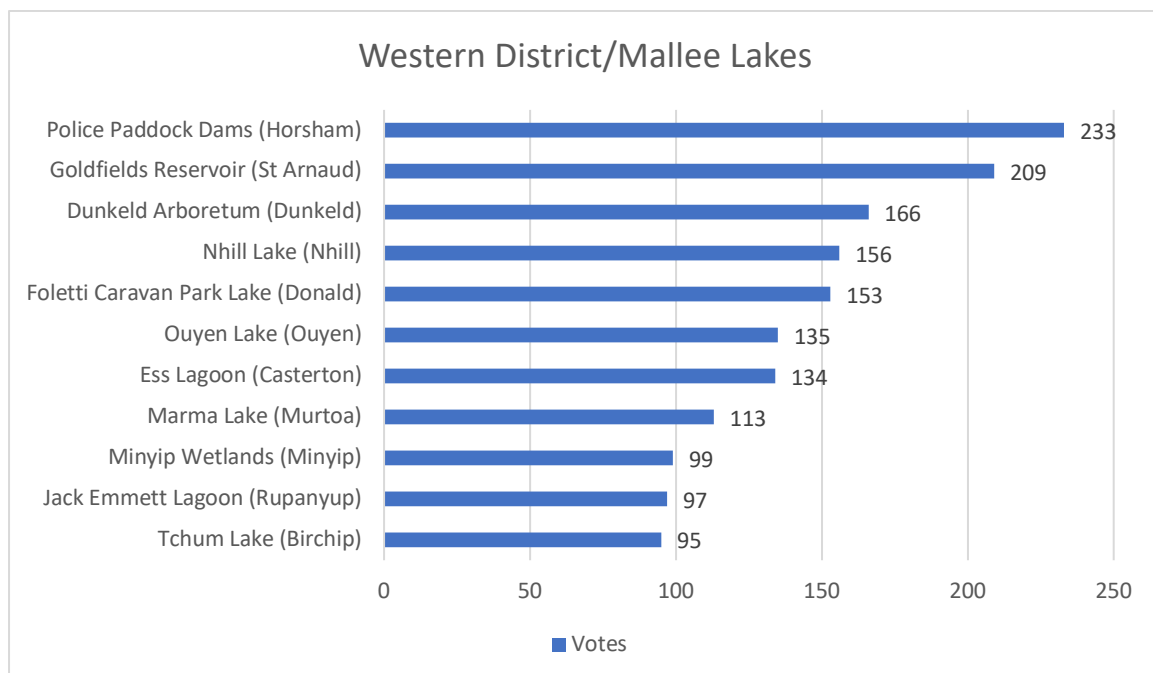
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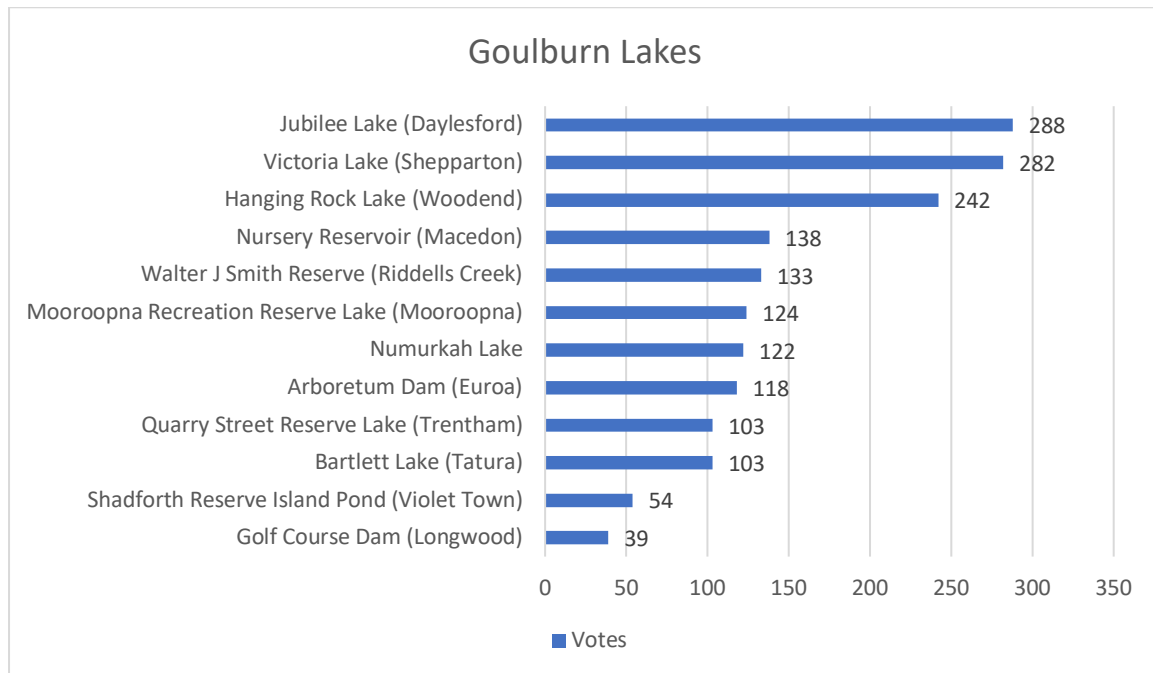
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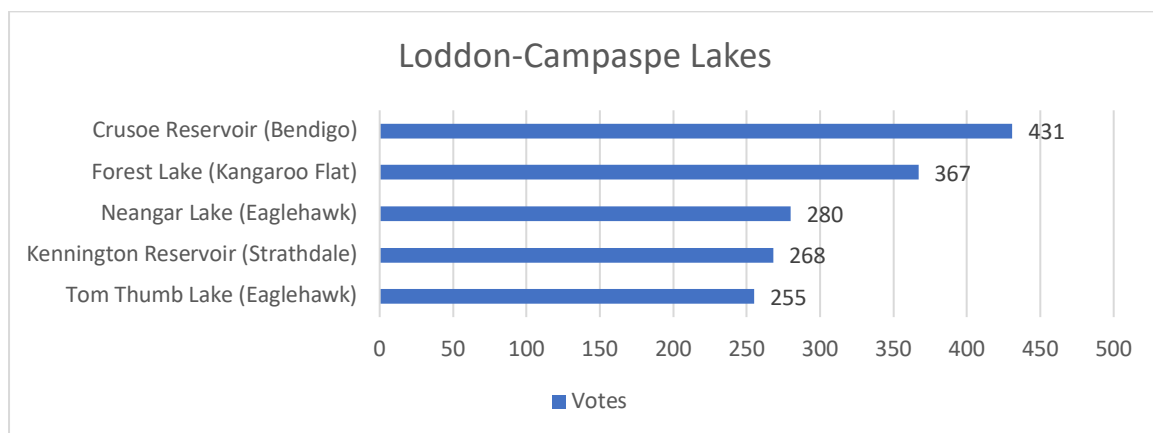
## WESTERN DISTRICT/MALLEE – STOCKED FISHING LAKES



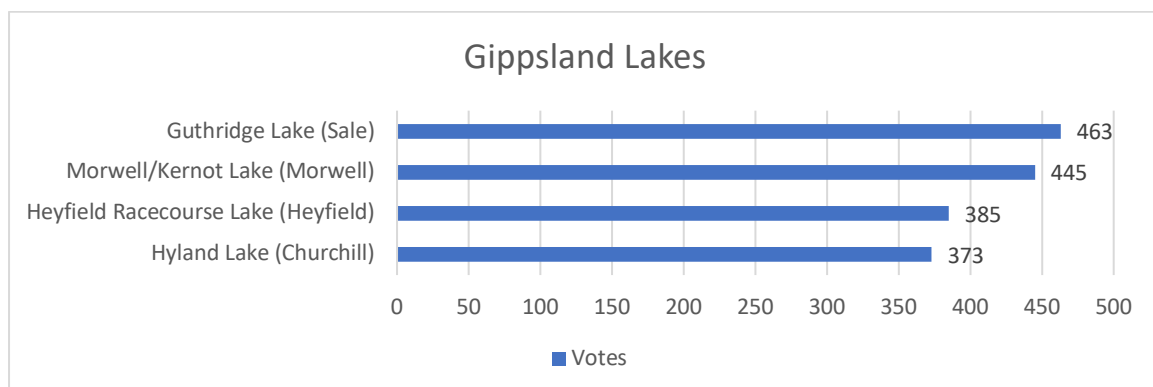
## GOULBURN – STOCKED FISHING LAKES



## LODDON-CAMPASPE – STOCKED FISHING LAKES



## GIPPSLAND – STOCKED FISHING LAKES



## NORTH EAST – STOCKED FISHING LAKES

