



2024 MURRAY COD YEAR-ROUND FISHERIES SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

Over a one-week period from 21 February 2024 to 28 February 2024, recreational fishers were asked to share which waterways they want to see become year-round Murray cod fisheries.

A total of 1036 respondents participated in the survey. The survey was distributed via three key methods: (1) email invitation sent to VRFish members, subscribers and recreational fishing licence holders; (2) survey link distributed via social media; (3) survey link on the VRFish website.

The lakes listed in the survey were identified as being stocked with Murray cod by the Victorian Fisheries Authority through the Vic Fish Stock plan.

VRFish will be able to take the feedback to the Victorian Fisheries Authority and advocate for the most popular stocked waterways to be considered as year-round Murray cod fisheries where appropriate, like we successfully advocated for with the Wimmera and Millicent basins (excluding the Wimmera River).

SURVEY QUESTIONS

The survey consisted of three questions:

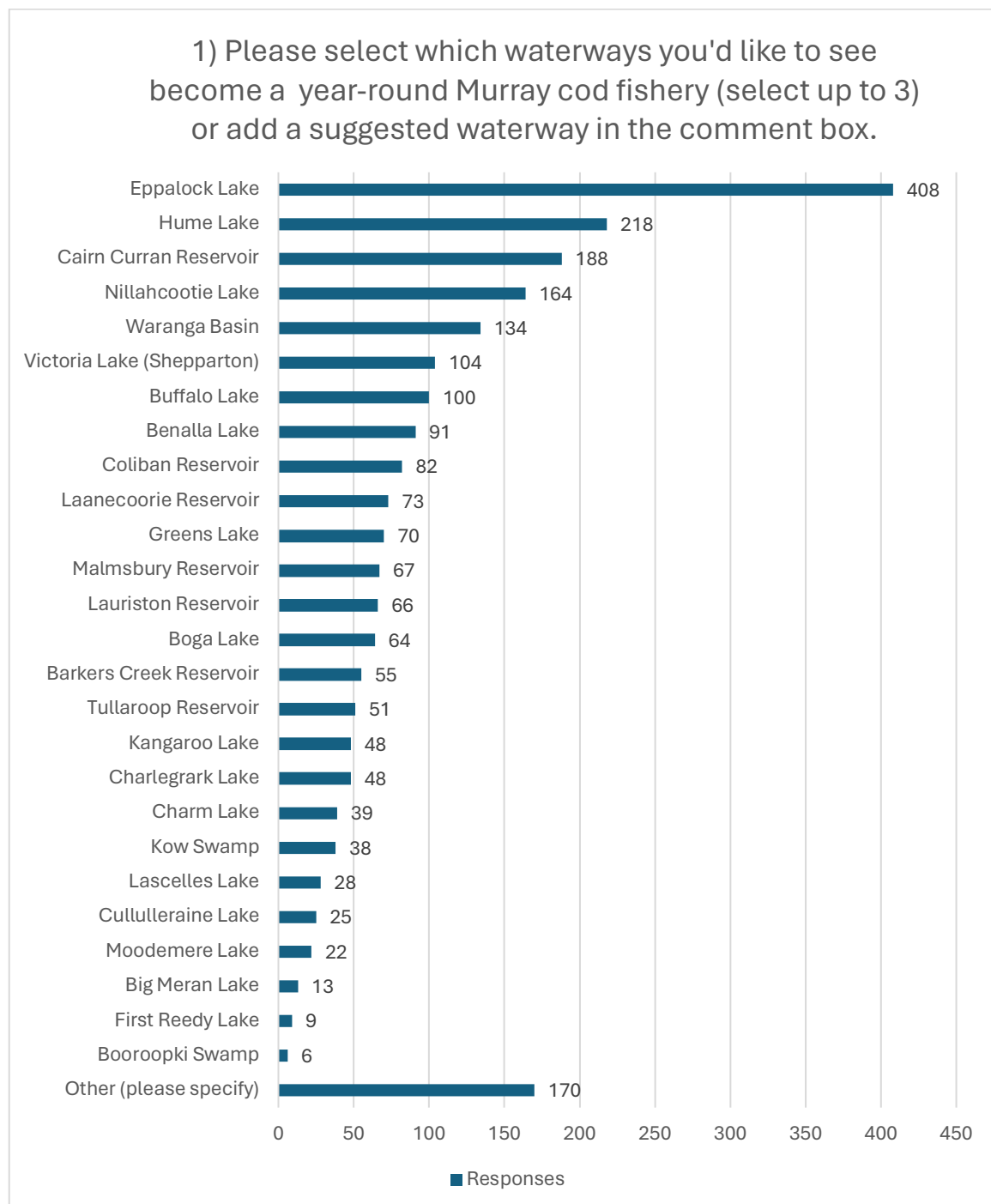
- 1) Please select which waterways you'd like to see become a year-round Murray cod fishery (select up to 3) or add a suggested waterway in the comment box.
- 2) What is your residential post code?
- 3) To go in the running to the prize, please enter your details below.

SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the survey can be viewed below.

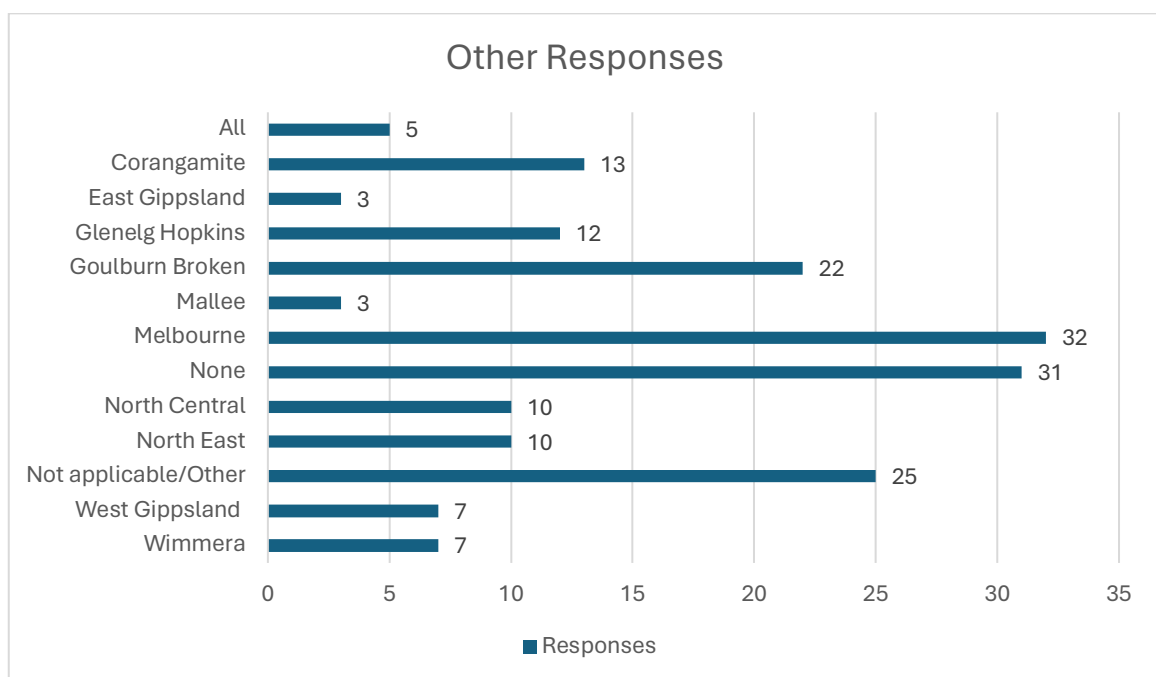
Question 1: Please select which waterways you'd like to see become a year-round Murray cod fishery (select up to 3) or add a suggested waterway in the comment box.

Respondents were asked to select up to 3 options from the listed stocked Murray cod waterways or select 'other' to suggest another, unlisted waterway.



In Question 1, respondents were also given the option to add a comment when selecting the 'other' option. To assess the 'other' comments, they were tagged in one or more of the following categories:

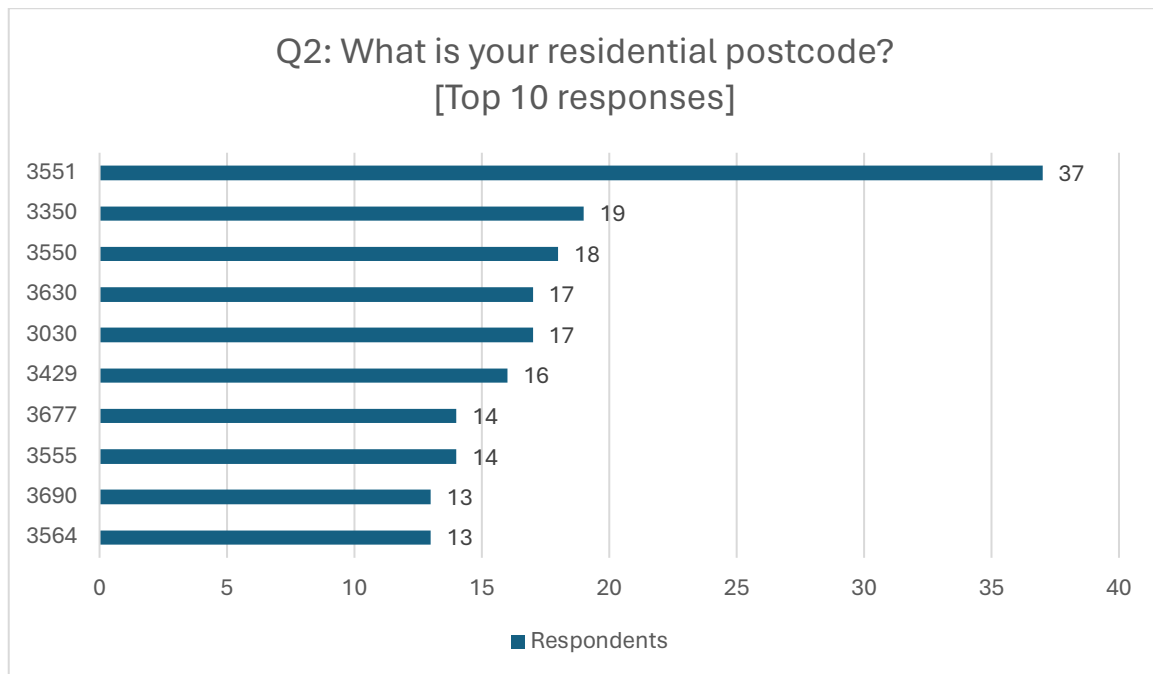
- The comments with suggested waterways were tagged by their appropriate Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs).
- The comments where the respondent did not support a change to open any further year-round Murray cod waterways were tagged as 'None'.
- The comments that said they'd like to see it across all lakes/impoundments, all stocked waterways, or all where it is supported by science, were tagged as 'All'.
- The comments that were not suggesting a waterway or named New South Wales waters were tagged 'Not applicable/Other'.



Question 2: What is your residential post code?

Respondents provided 355 different residential post codes.

The top 10 postcodes provided were:



Of the postcodes listed above, three are from the Bendigo region (3551, 3550, 3555), two in the Melbourne region (3030, 3429), and one from each of the following areas Ballarat region (3350), Shepparton region (3630), Wangaratta region (3677), Echuca region (3564), and Wodonga region (3690).