

# Media Release

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## VICFISHKIDS FREE CLINICS THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Andrews Labor Government is excited to relaunch VicFishKids just in time for the Easter school holidays.

Three free VicFishKids events will be held across the state this school holidays, giving youngsters the knowledge they need to turn their curiosity for fishing into a lifelong passion.

These fun and free events will be held in Tooradin, Torquay and Shepparton. The Shepparton event will coincide with Murray Codference, which is also being held that weekend.

Victorian Fisheries Officers will be on hand to chat to participants, and children who attend the events will receive a free fishing rod to take home.

The events are run in collaboration with local fishing clubs giving budding juniors a chance to learn from experienced fishers about how to catch a new hobby and reel in their first fish.

The events provide a great opportunity for kids who are interested in fishing to give it a go in a safe, supportive and fun environment.

There will be 21 clinics run over the three events, each an hour long, to allow children across the state to learn more about fishing.

Tooradin is the first event on Sunday April 11, with Torquay on Tuesday April 13 and Shepparton on Saturday April 17 with clinics running from 10am to 4pm.

To register, head online to [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/vicfishkids)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne

*"VicFishKids is a fantastic way for young people to get involved in fishing and learn the basics in a fun environment."*

*"The free clinics provide a great opportunity for families to get into Victoria's great outdoors and spend quality time together."*

### Quote attributable to Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman

*"Enjoying time with the kids exploring a new hobby has never been easier with the VicFishKids free clinic available to our community during the school holidays."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett

*"With experienced fishing instructors to guide youngsters on knots, rigs and casting, these VicFishKids events are a wonderful opportunity to try something new."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp

*"Parents are always looking for an engaging and fun activity for the kids during the school holidays and VicFishKids ticks all the boxes: free, local, fun and safe."*

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