

It's spring! As the weather warms up and the days get longer, what better place to enjoy it than by the banks of the Wimmera River or cruising along in your canoe or boat? Even better with a fishing rod in hand.



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Wet lines Wimmera wide

The Wimmera... a flowing fish tale

Angling identity Rex Hunt is the voice of a new film touting the angling virtues of the Wimmera River.

"It's no secret my two passions are footy and fishing, and the Wimmera is the perfect breeding ground for both. Footy legends like Tim Watson and Adam Goodes grew up near the banks of the Wimmera River, one of my favourite inland rivers to fish. Just like country footy and netball clubs, the Wimmera River connects communities and towns, helps them prosper and makes them great places to visit and live."

Local angling expert Chris Spence and Jeparit Angling Club's Brett Ireland also lend their voices to the film, and their message is loud and clear – environmental flows help ensure anglers have a great day out on the water.

Chris caught his first fish in the Wimmera River when he was four years old, and it got him 'hooked for life'. He says he's proud to spruik that it's one of the best rivers in Victoria to fish, with one of the state's best golden perch fisheries and a unique catfish fishery as well.

"Now that we've seen firsthand what these environmental flows do when timed right, they're an absolute bonus to anglers. When flows are on we see a spark in activity and anglers can explore more water."

Watch the film via wcma.vic.gov.au

Planned Spring Flows

Baseflows and freshes:

Wimmera River
MacKenzie River
Upper Burnt Creek
Lower Mt William Creek

Water for wetlands supplied by pipeline:

Carapugna
Wal Wal Swamp
Tarkedia
Challambra Swamp
Sawpit Swamp
Crow Swamp

Environmental releases aim to mimic natural flow events, and complement natural flows.

Fish are more likely to be on the bite in the warmer months when small pulses flow down the river.

If there is heavy rain and natural flows are occurring, environmental flows are ceased.



Want to know when the fish are biting?

To coincide with the film release, Wimmera CMA is launching a new webpage that provides up-to-date information on flows and water quality for the creeks and rivers that receive environmental flows.

The map adds to other information sources such as Wimmera CMA's Facebook page and the SMS service that updates subscribers on the latest environmental flows.

Access the map via wcma.vic.gov.au