

Notice to River Users - river closures, works, and events

Notice Issued 8 October 2026

As Waterway Manager under the *Marine Safety Act 2010*, Parks Victoria wishes to advise the following waterway closures and activities on the Yarra River, Maribyrnong River and Victoria Harbour.

Events

Yarra River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Sunday 25 October 2026	07:00 – 14:00	Paddle Victoria Marathon Yarra Doubles Race	#Open	Yarra River – MacRobertson Bridge to Hawthorn Bridge/Bridge Rd. #Flag system in place
Saturday 31 October 2026	20:30 – 23:00	Diwali Festival – Fireworks show	Closed	Yarra River – River closure from Princes Bridge to a point 50m upstream of Birrarung Marr Landing, as marked by lit buoys. *VRA Landing will be closed to access between 21:00-22:00 for the fireworks show.
Friday 20 November 2025	14:00 – 18:00	Melbourne Head Regatta	Closed	Yarra River – VRA Landing to MacRobertson Bridge *Proposed event to extend over Friday and Saturday
Saturday 21 November 2026	07:00 – 18:00	Pending Approval		
Saturday 28 November 2026	07:00 – 17:00 NEW TIMES	Head of the Yarra Pending Approval	Closed	Yarra River – VRA Landing to Hawthorn Bridge
Friday 27 November – Monday 28 December 2026	All Hours	City of Melbourne - Christmas River Show 2026 Pending Approval	Partially Closed	Yarra River – Waters in front of Crown Casino between Kings Bridge and Queens Bridge, extending approximately 30m into the river and running 60m along the bank.

Victoria Harbour

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Thursday 31 December 2026	21:15 – 21:45 23:45 - 00:15	New Years Eve Fireworks – Victoria Harbour Pending approval	Closed	Victoria Harbour – Exclusion Zone in central section of Victoria Harbour. No access or egress from Victoria Harbour during Exclusion Zone periods, including from marinas. Exclusion zone in place around fireworks pontoon at all times.

Maribyrnong River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Sunday 25 October 2026	10:00 – 12:00	Maribyrnong River Flotilla event – flotilla of vessels travelling downstream along the river	Open	Maribyrnong River – Farnsworth Avenue Bridge to Lynchs Bridge. No river closure. Operate through area with caution.
Sunday 8 November	07:00 – 14:30	Salty Tk and Rec challenge 2026	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Pipemakers Footbridge to the Kensington Rail Bridge
Saturday 14 November 2026	08:00 – 16:00	Dragon Boats Victoria Australian Corporate Games Regatta –	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Lynchs Bridge to Footscray Rowing Club #Flag system in place

Event operates under a Flag System. A flag marshal will be positioned at the starting and finishing points of the course to indicate when vessels can proceed through.

Works

Yarra River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
24 November 2025 – 18 December 2026	All hours	North Wharf seawall and wharf construction works	Partially closed	Yarra River – Exclusion zone in place along northern bank of river channel. Stay clear of works area. See appended gazette notice
13 August – 30 November 2026	07:00 – 16:30	Bolte Bridge pontoon installation and pile works construction – City of Melbourne	Partially Closed	Yarra River – Exclusion Zone on southern bank of Yarra River, extending up to 50m into the river and running 150m upstream from the Western dripline of the Bolte Bridge. Gazette notice below
20 August 2026 – 30 June 2028	07:00 – 17:00	Eastern Freeway SUP Bridge development.	Partially closed	Yarra River (<i>waters above Dights Falls</i>) – Partial closure of the river beginning at the prolongation of Fairlea Rd, Fairfield. Approximately 20m in the centre of the river channel available for transit at all times. Gazette notice below
28 August – 10 November 2026	All Hours	Temporary pontoon against wharf near Tower 9 development.	Partially Closed	Yarra River – Area marked by buoys against bank, Tower 9 development.

Victoria Harbour

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
13 January 2026 – 15 December 2026	All hours	North Wharf seawall construction works	Partially closed	Victoria Harbour, Yarra River – Exclusion zone in place on southern side of harbour. No impact on river channel.

Maribyrnong River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
19 October 2026 – 01 March 2027	06:30 – 17:00	Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge – Stay Cable Replacement	Partially Closed	Maribyrnong River – 2 stage exclusion zone. Minimum 32m river width available for transit at all times. Vessels must reduce speed to minimise wash when navigating past works. Updated Gazette below

Please note:

- Shallow Waters - The footprint of the former Central Pier in Victoria Harbour remains closed to all vessels due to shallow water. The area will remain marked by Exclusion Zone buoyage until further notice.
 - Footscray Park Floating Landing is closed to berthing and pedestrian access due to flood damage.
 - Shallow Waters - Herring Island meander has sediment build up creating shallow waters around the island, please proceed with caution or avoid entering if unfamiliar with area.
 - Shallow waters – The central river channel immediately downstream of Charles Grimes Bridge, in the vicinity of Yarra's Edge Marina, has reduced water depth as a result of sediment build up. Minimum depth at low tide may be less than 1.5m. Large vessels should navigate the area with caution and stay to the southern side of the channel where possible.
 - Banana Alley timber wharf is closed to all berthing due to deterioration in the structure
 - Leonda Landing is permanently closed. A temporary floating pontoon is in place for small (<12m) commercial vessel access only.
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*All closed river events will be conditional upon publishing of an Activity Exclusion Zone Notice in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 208(2) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010*. For the purposes of planning and/or operations, river users may assume the river is closed unless otherwise notified, in writing, by Parks Victoria.

Event operates under a Flag System. A flag marshal will be positioned at the starting and finishing points of the course to indicate when vessels can proceed through. See Flag System Procedure at bottom of document.

** Event operates with a Parks Victoria managed transit lane in conjunction with an approved contractor.

All vessels in the area of activities are advised to travel with caution and to follow any directions given by Parks Victoria Officers. River traffic along these sections of river during event times may encounter delays due to congestion and are urged to maintain a courteous manner toward other river users.

For further information, contact Parks Victoria on **13 1963** or visit Parks Victoria website www.parks.vic.gov.au

Marine Safety Act 2010

Section 211(1)(b)

NOTICE CONTROLLING NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF WORKS

Parks Victoria, as the declared waterway manager for the waters of the Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne makes the following notice under section 211(1)(b)(i) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic) (the Act).

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by NELP Eastern Freeway Upgrades for construction of the Yarra Shared Use Path Bridge on the Yarra River, all vessels and persons are prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters detailed in Table 1 below, excluding vessels involved in the works.

Table 1: Silt curtain installation and exclusion zone, Yarra River, Kew

Date	Prohibited Waters	Open for transit
20 August 2026 – 30 June 2028	Waters of the Yarra River beginning at the prolongation of Fairlea Rd, Fairfield continuing downstream to the Eastern Freeway bridge along both banks and extending approximately 10m into the river channel from each side, as marked by floating string line and yellow exclusion-zone buoys.	Approximately 20m in the centre of the river channel.

This notice has effect from 7:00am Thursday 20 August 2026 – 5:00pm Wednesday 30 June 2028.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 18/08/2026

Marine Safety Act 2010
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For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Tas Marine Construction for installation of a new pontoon with retaining piles on the Yarra River, all vessels and persons are prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters detailed below, excluding vessels involved in the works.

Table 1: Bolte Bridge pontoon and pile works

Dates	Prohibited Waters Waters of the Yarra River at Bolte Bridge	Open for transit
Thursday 13 August – Monday 30 November 2026	Waters beginning at the Bolte Bridge extending upstream along the southern bank for approximately 150m and approximately 50 into the river channel, as marked by floating string line and yellow exclusion-zone buoys.	Approximately 100m of river channel on the northern side of river.

This notice has effect from 7:00am Thursday 13 August to 4:30pm Monday 30 November 2026.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 5/08/2026

Marine Safety Act 2010

Section 211(1)(b)

CORRIGENDUM

NOTICE CONTROLLING NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF WORKS

This Notice corrects an error contained in a Notice published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. G 27 p.1639 Thursday 2 July 2026.

Date of works on the Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge works on the Maribyrnong River are amended to read:

Stage 1 – Southern Exclusion Zone: Wednesday 21 October – Wednesday 2 December 2026

Stage 2 – Northern Exclusion Zone: Wednesday 2 December 2026 – Monday 1 March 2027

The notice has effect from 6:30am Monday 19 October 2026 to 5:00pm Monday 1 March 2027.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 21/09/2026

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For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Fitzgerald Constructions Australia Pty Ltd for seawall and wharf construction works on the Yarra River, all vessels and persons are prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters detailed below, excluding vessels involved in the works and Parks Victoria vessels.

Table 1: North Wharf and Victoria Harbour seawall and wharf construction works

<u>Date</u>	<u>Work Site</u>	<u>Prohibited Waters</u>	<u>Open for transit</u>
18 November 2025 – 1 June 2026	Yarra River (North Wharf) – Stage 1	<i>Waters of the Yarra River extending approx. 400m downstream along North Wharf from 941 Collins St and approx. 51m into the river channel from the northern bank, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.</i>	<i>Approx. 110m of river channel on the southern side of Exclusion Zone</i>
1 June – 15 December 2026	Yarra River (North Wharf) – Stage 2	<i>Waters of the Yarra River extending approx. 600m downstream along North Wharf from Tom Thumb Lane and approx. 51m into the river channel from the northern bank, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.</i>	<i>Approx. 110m of river channel on the southern side of Exclusion Zone</i>
13 January 2026 – 15 December 2026	Victoria Harbour (North Wharf)	<i>Waters of Victoria Harbour, Yarra River extending approx. 340 west along North Wharf from the Docklands Yacht Club jetty/dock, extending approx. 75m into the river channel, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.</i>	<i>River channel open to vessel traffic</i>

This notice has effect from 7:00am Tuesday 18 November 2025 to 5:00pm Tuesday 15 December 2026.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 13/11/2025