

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

Notice Issued 15 January 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
Saturday 21 February 2026	07:00 – 18:00	Rowing Victoria – Australian Henley Regatta Note: Pending approval, dates and times to be confirmed	Closed	Yarra River – VRA landing to Cremorne Railway Bridge

Victoria Harbour

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location

Maribyrnong River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Sunday 1 February 2026	07:00 – 15:00	Footscray Canoe Club – Saltwater Classic 2026	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Smithfield Road to Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge
Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 February 2026	07:00 – 16:00	Paddle Victoria – 2026 National Canoe Polo Summer Series Event #4 Note: Pending approval, dates to be confirmed	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Two Pitches will be allocated on the river outside of the Essendon Canoe Club
Saturday 21 March 2026	07:00 – 18:00	Footscray City Rowing Club – Footscray Saltwater Regatta Note: Pending approval, dates to be confirmed	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Smithfield Road to Fisher Parade

Works

Yarra River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
19 December 2025 – 15 April 2026	All hours	Princes Bridge renewal works – Stage 3	Partially closed	<p>Yarra River – Partial closure of northern arch – reduced clearance and channel width. Signage in place.</p> <p>Change to navigation Large commercial vessels should avoid using northern arch during this period.</p> <p>Vessels with air draft exceeding 3.5m should not use northern arch at any time.</p> <p>Berth 1 Federation Wharf will remain closed during this time. Berth 6 may be used for loading passengers.</p> <p>See appended gazette notice</p>
15 April – 5 May 2026	All hours	Princes Bridge renewal works – Stage 3	Partially closed	<p>Yarra River – Full closure of northern arch. Central and southern arches are available for transit.</p> <p><i>Berth 1 Federation Wharf will be closed. Berth 6 may be used for loading passengers.</i></p> <p>See appended gazette notice</p>
5 May – 12 August 2026	All hours	Princes Bridge renewal works – Stage 3	Partially closed	<p>Yarra River – Full closure of centre arch. Southern and northern arches available for transit.</p> <p>See appended gazette notice</p>
24 November 2025 – 18 December 2026	All hours	North Wharf seawall and wharf construction works	Partially closed	<p>Yarra River – Exclusion zone in place along northern bank of river channel. Stay clear of works area.</p> <p>See appended gazette notice</p>

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	<p>Victoria Harbour, Yarra River – Exclusion zone in place on southern side of harbour. No impact on river channel.</p> <p>See appended gazette notice – revised version forthcoming</p>

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19 January – 24 January 2026	All hours	Central Pier buoyage art installation	Open	Victoria Harbour, Yarra River – Exclusion zone in place around Central Pier footprint. Gazette notice attached
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Maribyrnong River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
2 February – 30 April 2026	All hours	Afton St Footbridge inspections and testing	Partially closed	Maribyrnong River – Exclusion zone in place. Half the channel will be closed during works period. Gazette notice below

Please note:

- 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.
- 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.
- There is crowd load and berthing restrictions currently in place at Leonda Landing, with 10 person crowd load limit and no berthing on the upstream 10m span of the landing.
- Banana Alley Timber Wharf is closed to all berthing due to deterioration in the structure

*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.

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

See *Notice to River Users*

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 Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherd Bridge on Footscray Road 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 Freyssinet Australia Pty Ltd for inspection and load testing works to Afton Street Footbridge over the Maribyrnong River, all vessels and persons are prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters detailed below, excluding vessels involved in the works.

Table 1: Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge works

Date	Work Site	Prohibited Waters	Open for transit
2 February – 2 March 2026	Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge North side	Waters extending approximately 44m upstream and downstream of Afton St Pedestrian Bridge, and 27m into the river channel from the northern bank, as marked by yellow exclusion zone buoys.	<i>Approximately 27m on the southern half of the river channel.</i> <i>Vessels transiting past works area must produce no wash.</i>
2 March – 30 April 2026	Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge South Side	Waters extending approximately 42m upstream and downstream of Afton St Pedestrian Bridge, and 27m into the river channel from the southern bank, as marked by yellow exclusion zone buoys	<i>Approximately 27m on the northern half of the river channel.</i> <i>Vessels transiting past works area must produce no wash.</i>

This notice has effect from 6:30am Monday 2 February 2026 to 5:00pm Thursday 30 April 2026.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 8/01/2026

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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 Development Victoria for buoyage installation works in Victoria Harbour, 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: Central Pier footprint buoyage installation works

Date	Work Site	Prohibited Waters	Open for transit
Monday 19 January – Saturday 24 January 2026	Victoria Harbour (Central Pier site)	Waters of Victoria Harbour, Yarra River extending approximately 235 m from the eastern bank along both sides of the former Central Pier footprint into Victoria Harbour, with a width of approximately 92 m, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.	Normal river channel open to vessel traffic

This notice has effect from 7.00 am Monday 19 January 2026 to 5.00 pm Saturday 24 January 2026.

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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 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.

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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 the port waters of the Port of Melbourne makes the following notice under section 211(1)(b)(i) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)*.

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Stokes Rousseau Pty Ltd on behalf of the City of Melbourne to undertake Stage 3 renewal works of the Princes Bridge on the Yarra River, the navigation and movement of vessels is prohibited from the waters detailed in Table 1 below, excluding vessels involved in the works.

Table 1: Princes Bridge Stage 3 Renewal Works

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prohibited Waters</u>	<u>Works</u>	<u>Open for transit</u>
Monday 7 July 2025 to Friday 12 December 2025	Northern Arch of Princes Bridge closed. Waters of the Yarra River extending approx. 10m upstream and 20m downstream of Princes Bridge, beginning at the northern bank and extending up to 8m into the Centre bridge arch, as marked by lit exclusion zone buoys and unlit stringline buoys.	Bluestone replacement & repair, repointing and painting of the Northern span of Princes bridge	Southern arch – open. Vessels transiting upstream only. Centre arch – partially open, 21m available for transit Change to navigation All vessels are to adhere to the temporary river navigation arrangements as signed, should commercial vessels on occasion be required to use a different arch due to reduced manoeuvrability they must give way to all vessels and initiate appropriate warning sounds
Friday 12 December 2025 to Wednesday 15 April 2026	Northern arch of Princes bridge to have reduced width and reduced height. Centre arch of Princes Bridge to have reduced width of 21m. Waters of the Yarra River extending from the northern bridge pier approx. 5m into the northern arch and 8m into centre arch, extending 10m upstream and downstream, as marked by lit exclusion zone buoys and unlit stringline buoys.	Bluestone replacement & repair, repointing and painting of the bridge.	Southern arch – open. Vessels transiting upstream only. Northern arch – partially open, approx. 12m available for transit with reduced height. Centre arch – partially open, 21m available for transit Change to navigation Large commercial vessels should avoid using northern arch during this period. Vessels with air draft exceeding 3.5m should avoid using the northern arch during periods of high river level.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Prohibited Waters</u>	<u>Works</u>	<u>Open for transit</u>
Wednesday 15 April 2026 to Tuesday 5 May 2026	<p>Northern Arch of Princes Bridge closed.</p> <p>Waters of the Yarra River extending approx. 10m upstream and 20m downstream of Princes Bridge, beginning at the northern bank and extending up to 8m into the Centre bridge arch, as marked by lit exclusion zone buoys and unlit stringline buoys.</p>	Bluestone replacement & repair, repointing and painting of the Northern span of Princes bridge	<p>Southern arch – open. Vessels transiting upstream only.</p> <p>Centre arch – partially open, 21m available for transit</p> <p>Change to navigation All vessels are to adhere to the temporary river navigation arrangements as signed. Should commercial vessels on occasion be required to use a different arch due to reduced manoeuvrability or tidal restrictions they must give way to all vessels and initiate appropriate warning sounds</p>
Tuesday 5 May 2026 to Wednesday 12 August 2026	<p>Centre Arch of Princes Bridge closed.</p> <p>Waters of the Yarra River between the two bridge piers and extending 15m upstream and downstream of Princes Bridge, as marked by lit exclusion zone buoys and unlit stringline buoys.</p>	Painting of the Centre span of Princes bridge	<p>Southern arch – open. Vessels transiting upstream only.</p> <p>Northern arch – open. Vessels transiting downstream only.</p> <p>Change to navigation All vessels are to adhere to the temporary river navigation arrangements as signed. Should commercial vessels on occasion be required to use a different arch due to reduced manoeuvrability or tidal restrictions they must give way to all vessels and initiate appropriate warning sounds</p>

The exclusion zone will be marked by unlit stringline buoys, lit water communication buoys fitted with 1-2nm marine lanterns and lit warning signage on approach from both directions.

This notice has effect from 7:00am Monday 7 July 2025 to 5:00pm Wednesday 12 August 2026.

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