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

## Notice Issued 19 November 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 |
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| Friday 20 November 2026<br><br>Saturday 21 November 2026 | 14:00 – 18:00<br><br>08:00 – 18:00 | Melbourne Head Regatta | Closed | **Yarra River –** VRA Landing to MacRobertson Bridge<br>*Event to extend over Friday and Saturday |
| Saturday 28 November 2026 | 07:00 – 17:00 | Head of the Yarra Regatta | Closed | **Yarra River –** VRA Landing to Hawthorn Bridge |
| Thursday 26 November – Friday 27 November 2026<br>**NEW** | All hours | Setup for Christmas River Show at Henley Landing | Open | **Yarra River –** Infrastructure in place at downstream end of Henley Landing for setup of Christmas River Show. Buoyage in place to alert river users. |
| Friday 27 November – Monday 28 December 2026 | All Hours | Christmas River Show 2026<br>**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<br><br>23:45 - 00:15 | New Years Eve Fireworks – Victoria Harbour<br>**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.<br>Exclusion zone in place around fireworks pontoon at all times. |

## Maribyrnong River

| Date | Time | Details | River Status | Location |
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| Saturday 21 November 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.<br>No river closure. Operate through area with caution. |
| Sunday 7 February 2027 | 07:00 – 15:00 | Salty Canoe Classic 2027<br>**Pending approval** | #Open | **Maribyrnong River –** Lynchs Bridge to point 300m upstream of Afton St Footbridge<br>#Flag system in place |
| Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February 2027 | 10:00 – 17:00 | Canoe Polo Summer Series<br>**Pending approval** | Partially closed | **Maribyrnong River –** Exclusion Zone in place on southern bank in front of Essendon Canoe Club, extending approx. 20m into river channel. |

*# 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 |
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| 12 November – 26 November 2026<br>**DATES CHANGED** | 0700 – 1700 | Dredging - Burnley Harbour | **Partially closed** | **Yarra River -** Exclusion zone moving along Northern Bank of river opposite Wesley College Rowing Club landing as works progress. Minimum 15m of southern channel available for transit at all times. Downstream traffic has right of way.<br>**Note: Commercial vessels are advised to turn around downstream of Herring Island during this period.**<br>**Note: The Herring Island meander and the full width of the river will be made available for Melbourne Head Regatta from 2pm 20th Nov – 21 November.**<br>Gazette notice below |
| 23 November – 8 December 2026<br>**DATES CHANGED**<br>(contingency days included, actual period is likely to be shorter) | 0700 - 1700 | Dredging – Herring Island Meander | **Partially closed** | **Yarra River -** Entire Herring Island Meander closed to navigation during dredging works. Closure will be marked by lit yellow exclusion-zone and string-line buoys at downstream entrance to meander.<br>**Yarra River -** Exclusion zone extending 300 m along the southern bank upstream of Church Street Bridge, with minimum 25m channel available for transit at all times. Downstream traffic has right of way.<br>**Note: The full width of the river will be made available for Head of the Yarra Regatta 28 November.**<br>Gazette notice below |
| 30 November – 15 December 2026<br>**DATES CHANGED**<br>(contingency days included, actual period is likely to be shorter) | 0700 – 1700 | Dredging – Main Yarra Trail | **Partially closed** | **Yarra River –** Exclusion zone extending 300m along the northern bank downstream of Cremorne Rail Bridge, with 30m channel available for transit at all times.<br>Gazette notice below |
| 19 October – 15 December 2026 | 0700 – 1700 | Yarra Grove landscaping and bank works | **Partially closed** | Waters of the Yarra River, on the northern bank, approximately 160m upstream of the Wallen Road Bridge, extending 25m upstream and 10m downstream of the work zone, as marked by yellow exclusion-zone buoys.<br>Gazette notice below |

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| 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.<br>Gazette notice below |
| 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.<br>**See appended gazette notice** |
| 28 August – 25 November 2026<br>**DATES EXTENDED** | All Hours | Temporary pontoon against wharf near Tower 9 development. | **Partially Closed** | **Yarra River –** Area marked by buoys against bank, Tower 9 development. |
| 20 August 2026 – 30 June 2028 | 07:00 – 17:00 | Eastern Freeway SUP Bridge development. | **Partially closed** | **Yarra River *(waters above Dights Falls)* –** 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.<br>Gazette notice below |

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 December 2026 – 01 March 2027<br>***DELAYED – NEW DATES*** | 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. |

**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.
- The lower landing of Lynchs Bridge Jetty on the Maribyrnong River is closed to all vessel and pedestrian access until further notice.

*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 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) **(the Act)**.

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Victorian Marine Services Pty Ltd on behalf of Parks Victoria to undertake maintenance dredging in 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: Lower Yarra River Maintenance Dredging Works**

| Dates | Prohibited Waters | River traffic |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday 27 October – Friday 6 November 2026 | Waters of the Yarra River:<br>immediately upstream of Burnley Harbour, extending approximately 150m along the Northern bank and 15m into the river.<br>The exclusion zone will be around a pontoon, moving progressively downstream within the area and marked by exclusion Zone buoys with 1-2nm solar flashing lights and a lit special mark on the pontoon itself. | A minimum of 15m will be available for transit on the Southern section of the river at all times.<br><br>Vessels that usually turn upstream of Herring Island are advised to complete their turn downstream of Herring Island during this period. |
| Wednesday 4 November – Thursday 26 November 2026 | Waters of the Yarra River:<br>Area 1: The Herring Island Meander will be closed at both ends to all traffic.<br>The exclusion zone will be marked by exclusion Zone buoys with 1-2nm solar flashing lights and floating buoy lines in the downstream entrance. | The main channel of the river will remain open for transit. |

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| | Area 2: Waters immediately upstream of the Church St Bridge, extending approximately 300m along the Southern bank and 25m into the river channel.<br><br>The exclusion zone will be around a pontoon, moving progressively downstream within the area and marked by exclusion Zone buoys with 1-2nm solar flashing lights and a lit special mark on the pontoon itself. | A minimum of 25m will be available for transit on the Northern section of the river at all times |
| Sunday 15 November – Tuesday 15 December 2026 | Waters of the Yarra River:<br>Waters immediately upstream of the Hoddle Bridge, extending approximately 300m along the Northern bank and 30m into the river channel.<br>The exclusion zone will be around a pontoon, moving progressively downstream within the area and marked by exclusion Zone buoys with 1-2nm solar flashing lights, floating buoy lines and a lit special mark on the pontoon itself. | A minimum of 30m will be available for transit on the Southern section of the river at all times |

Times and dates are subject to change. Changes to times, durations or days will be advertised on Parks Victoria's website and Notice to River Users.

This notice has effect from 7:00am on Tuesday 27 October 2026 to 6:00pm on Tuesday 15 December 2026.

**By order of Parks Victoria**
Dated: 22/10/2026

**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 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** (the Act).

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Melbourne Boat Hire for positioning of a modular barge adjacent to 18 Yarra Grove, Hawthorn, the navigation and movement of vessels is prohibited from the waters detailed in Table 1 below, excluding vessels involved in the works.

**Table 1:**

| Date | Prohibited Waters | Open for Transit |
|---|---|---|
| 19 October 2026 – 15 December 2026 | Waters of the Yarra River, on the northern bank, approximately 160 m upstream of the Wallen Road Bridge, extending 25 m upstream and 10 m downstream of the work zone, as marked by yellow exclusion-zone buoys. | Approximately 20 m of the river channel is open to transit at all times. |

This notice has effect from 7.00 am Monday 19 October to 5.00 pm Tuesday 15 December 2026. Dated 14 October 2026

**By order of Parks Victoria**
Dated: 14/10/2026

**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**
**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 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**<br>**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

**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

| **Date** | **Work Site** | **Prohibited Waters** | **Open for transit** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 November 2025 – 1 June 2026 | Yarra River (North Wharf) – Stage 1 | *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.* | *Approx. 110m of river channel on the southern side of Exclusion Zone* |
| 1 June – 15 December 2026 | Yarra River (North Wharf) – Stage 2 | *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.* | *Approx. 110m of river channel on the southern side of Exclusion Zone* |
| 13 January 2026 – 15 December 2026 | Victoria Harbour (North Wharf) | *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.* | *River channel open to vessel traffic* |

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