

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

Notice Issued 20 August 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
Monday 17 – Sunday 23 August 2026 Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 August 2026	All hours	Now or Never Laser and Light show Pending Approval	Partially closed	Yarra River – Exclusion Zone in place on southern bank upstream of VRA Landing, extending approx. 30m into river channel. *Vessel traffic past Exclusion Zone will be managed by contractors onsite. Vessels may be held for up to 7 minutes during light show before being allowed to transit through area. Please adhere to onsite instructions.
Sunday 23 August 2026	08:30 – 16:30	SES training activity – Burnley Harbour to Dight's Falls	Open	Yarra River – SES vessels undertaking training activity. No river closure or changes to navigation in place.
2–5 September 2026 (setup) 14–15 September 2026 (de-rig)	All Hours	LA Rams Fan Experience – pontoon setup/de-rig at Cray's Landing Pending Approval	Partially closed	Yarra River – Exclusion Zone in place on southern bank at Cray's Landing.
5–14 September 2026	All Hours	LA Rams Fan Experience Event – pontoon installation at Crown Casino Pending Approval	Partially closed	Yarra River – Exclusion Zone in place on southern bank between Queens Bridge and Kings Bridge, extending approx. 30m into channel.
Monday 21 September 2026	15:30 – 19:00	Production filming at Southbank Landing	Open	Yarra River – Commercial Southbank Floating Landing will be closed to allow for filming. No impact on river navigation.
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 Pending Approval	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.

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Friday 20 November 2025	14:00 – 18:00	Melbourne Head Regatta Pending Approval	Closed	Yarra River – MacRobertson Bridge to VRA Landing *Proposed event to extend over Friday and Saturday
Saturday 21 November 2026	07:00 – 18:00			
Saturday 28 November 2026	08:00 – 15:00	Head of the Yarra Pending Approval	Closed	Yarra River – VRA Landing to Hawthorn Bridge

Victoria Harbour

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Sunday 20 September 2026	09:00 – 16:00	Docklands Yacht Club – Short Course Series	Open	Victoria Harbour – Short course will be marked by buoys and operating under COLREGs. Spotter vessels will be operating on water.

Maribyrnong River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Location
Saturday 5 September 2026	07:00 – 18:30	Saltwater Challenge Regatta	#Open	Maribyrnong River - Raleigh Rd Bridge to Canning St Bridge
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.
Saturday 14 November 2026	08:00 – 16:00	Dragon Boats Victoria Australian Corporate Games Regatta –	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Lynchs Bridge to Footscray Rowing Club

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.

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 temporary pontoon construction – City of Melbourne	Partially Closed	Yarra River – 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
17 August – 20 August 2026	07:00 – 17:00	Hawthorn Bridge roped inspection	Partially closed	Yarra River – Closure of Eastern half of the bridge span followed by the Western. Minimum 18m available for transit at all times. Gazette notice below
20 August 2026 – 30 June 2028 New	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
27 August 2026	06:00-17:00	Heyington Bridge inspection works	Open	Yarra River – No restriction. Inspection to be done by drone.

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
07 October 2026 – 15 February 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.
Works delayed – new date TBC	06:00-17:00	Kensington Rail Bridge inspection works	Open	Maribyrnong River - No closure.

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 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 closed. A temporary floating pontoon is in place for small (<12m) commercial vessel access only.

*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
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 Southern Divers Pty Ltd for roped inspection works on the Hawthorn Bridge, Yarra River all vessels and persons are prohibited from entering or remaining in the waters for the dates and times as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works.

Table 1: Hawthorn Bridge Inspection Works

Date	Prohibited Waters Waters of the Yarra River at Hawthorn Bridge	Open for transit
Monday 17 August 2026 7:00am – 4:00pm Eastern Closure	Eastern span of bridge approx. 30m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 18m into the river from the eastern bank, as marked by buoys.	Approx. 18m navigable width available on the Western side of the river.
Tuesday 18 August 2026 7:00am – 4:00pm Eastern Closure	Eastern span of bridge approx. 30m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 18m into the river from the eastern bank, as marked by buoys.	Approx. 18m navigable width available on the Western side of the river.
Wednesday 19 August 2026 7:00am – 4:00pm Western Closure	Western span of bridge approx. 30m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 18m into the river from the western bank, as marked by buoys.	Approx. 18m navigable width available on the Eastern side of the river.
Thursday 20 August 2026 7:00am – 4:00pm Western Closure	Western span of bridge approx. 30m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 18m into the river from the western bank, as marked by buoys.	Approx. 18m navigable width available on the Eastern side of the river.

This notice has effect from 7:00am Monday 17 August to 5:00pm Thursday 20 August 2026

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 11/08/2026

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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 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)
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 cable replacement works on the 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	Prohibited Waters Maribyrnong River at Afton Street Pedestrian Bridge	Open for transit
Stage 1 – Southern Exclusion Zone Wednesday 7 October – Wednesday 18 November 2026	Southern section of the bridge closed to river traffic, approx. 20m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 33m into the river from the Southern Bank, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.	Northern Section: Approx. 32m of river width available for transit. <i>Vessels transiting past the works area must reduce speed to minimise wash and ensure sufficient time to safely identify and navigate past the works</i>
Stage 2 – Northern Exclusion Zone Wednesday 18 November 2026 – Monday 15 February 2027	Northern section of the bridge closed to river traffic, approx. 23m upstream and downstream of the bridge, extending approx. 33m into the river from the Northern Bank, as marked by yellow Exclusion Zone buoys.	Southern Section Approx. 36m of river width available for transit <i>Vessels transiting past the works area must reduce speed to minimise wash and ensure sufficient time to safely identify and navigate past the works</i>

This notice has effect from 6:30am Monday 5 October 2026 to 5:00pm Monday 15 February 2027.

By order of Parks Victoria

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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.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 13/11/2025

