

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

Notice Issued 23 July 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
Multiple dates: Saturday 25 July 2026	08:00 – 10:30	Winter Sculling Sprint Series 2026	Open	Yarra River – Cremorne Railway Bridge to VRA Judges Box
Saturday 15 August 2026	07:30 – 10:30	Scullers Head of the Yarra	Closed	Yarra River – Hawthorn Bridge to VRA Landing
Monday 17 August – Tuesday 1 September 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.
Friday 21 August – 22 September 2026	All Hours	LA Rams Fan Experience Event – pontoon installation Pending Approval	Partially closed	Yarra River – Exclusion Zone in place on southern bank between Queens Bridge and Kings Bridge, extending approx. 30m into channel.
Sunday 25 October 2026	07:00 – 14:00	Paddle Victoria Marathon Yarra Doubles Race Pending Approval	#Open	Yarra River – MacRobertson Bridge to Hawthorn Bridge/ Bridge Rd. Flag system in place
Saturday 31 October 2026	TO BE CONFIRMED	Diwali Festival – Fireworks show Pending Approval – details to be confirmed	Closed	Yarra River - Birrarung Marr to Princes Bridge. Temporary river closure for fireworks show. Times to be confirmed.
Friday 20 November 2025 Saturday 21 November 2026	14:00 – 18:00 07:00 – 18:00	Melbourne Head Regatta Pending Approval	Closed	Yarra River – MacRobertson Bridge to VRA Landing *Proposed event to extend over Friday and Saturday
Saturday 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 16 August 2026 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
Sunday 26 July 2026	06:00 – 16:00	Dragon Boat Victoria Footscray Regatta	Open	Maribyrnong River – Lynchs Bridge to Footscray Rowing Club
Saturday 1 August 2026	08:30 – 11:00	Head of the Maribyrnong Regatta	#Open	Maribyrnong River - Maribyrnong Road Bridge to Smithfield Road Bridge Flag system in place
Sunday 2 August 2026	07:00 – 15:00	Salty Single Blader Canoe Races – Footscray Canoe Club	#Open	Maribyrnong River - Smithfield Road (Lynchs Bridge) to Raleigh Rd Bridge Flag system in place
Saturday 5 September 2026	07:00 – 18:30	Saltwater Challenge Regatta <i>Pending approval</i>	#Open	Maribyrnong River - Raleigh Rd Bridge to Canning St Bridge Flag system in place
Saturday 14 November 2026	08:00 – 16:00	Dragon Boats Victoria Australian Corporate Games Regatta – <i>Pending approval</i>	#Open	Maribyrnong River – Lynchs Bridge to Footscray Rowing Club Flag system in place

Works

Yarra River

Date	Time	Details	River Status	Restriction to navigation
14 May – 12 August 2026	All hours	Princes Bridge renewal works – Stage 3	Partially closed	Yarra River – Full closure of centre arch. Southern and northern arches available for transit. Berth 1 Federation Wharf to be left vacant (subject to Parks Victoria Approval)
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
Thursday 27 August 2026	06:00-17:00	Heyington Rail Bridge inspection works Pending Approval	Open	Yarra River – No restriction. Inspection to be done by drone.
August – October 2026	07:00 – 16:30	Bolte Bridge temporary pontoon construction – City of Melbourne Pending Approval	Partially Closed	Yarra River – Southern bank of Yarra River, extending up to 50m into the river and running 100m upstream from the Western dripline of the Bolte Bridge.

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 to all vessel and pedestrian access due to structural damage until further notice. 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.

** 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 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

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.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 13/11/2025

OFFICIAL// Publicly Accessible

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 Rosseau 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 <u>Change to navigation</u> 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
<u>Date</u>	<u>Prohibited waters with reduced clearance</u>	<u>Works</u>	<u>Open for transit</u>
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 <u>Change to navigation</u> 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prohibited Waters</u>	<u>Works</u>	<u>Open for transit</u>
Wednesday 15 April 2026 to Tuesday 5 May 2026	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 <u>Change to navigation</u> 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
Tuesday 5 May 2026 to Wednesday 12 August 2026	Centre Arch of Princes Bridge closed. 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.	Painting of the Centre span of Princes bridge	Southern arch – open. Vessels transiting upstream only. Northern arch – open. Vessels transiting downstream only. <u>Change to navigation</u> 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

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.

By order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 3/07/2025