

PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for the Maribyrnong River, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Strathcona Girls Grammar, persons and vessels involved in the 2023 Strathcona Rowing Regatta "The Strathy Regatta" are exempt from the following requirements:

State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988*

1. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel
2. Clause 3(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the water's edge
3. Clause 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010 / Marine Act 1988*

4. Clause 4.1 of Schedule 4 – 5 knot speed restriction on waters of the Maribyrnong River

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of event official and rescue vessels are only exempt from items 1 to 4 when undertaking a rescue operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs and deliver them to a place of safety on shore.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 1 to 4 when competing in the event.
- Occupants of powered vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event.
- The event is operating under the auspices of Rowing Victoria, including the Rowing Victoria Safety Management Plan, which meets the criteria of Clause 3 of Exemption Notice 1 made under the Marine Regulations 1999 in respect of the exemption for rowing vessels to not carry or wear a lifejacket.
- The exemptions apply from 8:30am to 2:00pm on Saturday 9 December 2023 within the event waters of the Maribyrnong River between Holmes Road and Maribyrnong Road.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

By Order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 1/11/2023