

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

Notice Issued 17 January 2024

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.

January 2024 Events

Monday 15 th January to Thursday 4 th April	Throughout this period	Floating Screen @ Petanque Social	Closed	Yarra River - upstream approximately 66 metres from King Street Bridge extending 35 metres in length along the Southern bank into the river approximately 22 metres, as marked by buoys.
Wednesday 24 th January	07:00-09:00	The Christian O'Connell Show – Longest Serve	Closed	Yarra River – 50m, both upstream and downstream, from a straight line directly between Boathouse Drive and 'Angel by Deborah Halpern'.

February 2024 Events

Saturday 3 rd February	11:00 – 18:00	Inflatable Regatta	Closed	Yarra River – Upstream End of Richmond Landing to Monash Freeway Bridge.
Friday 4 th February	08:30 – 15:30	Footscray Canoe Club – Saltwater Classic	Open	Maribyrnong - Footscray Rd Bridge to Raleigh Rd Bridge
Thursday 8 th February to Tuesday 13 th February	Throughout this period	The Wharf Hotel Pepsi Superbowl Barge	Open	Yarra River - Waters of Yarra River – Adjoining to the World Trade Centre Wharf, extending out approximately 10 metres for a length of 15 metres.
Friday 9 th , Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th February	20:00-21:00 each night	Water Dragons - A Blanck Canvas Pty Ltd	Closed	Yarra River – a straight line across the river from the upstream end of King Street Bridge to Queens Bridge
Sunday 18 th February	06:00 – 17:00	Lunar New Year Dragon Boat Regatta <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Open	Victoria Harbour – Located on the Northern side of the Harbour operating out of the boating hub. <i>Note infrastructure in place for event.</i>
Sunday 25 th February	07:30 – 17:00	Australian Henley Regatta <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Closed	Yarra River – River closure is from Richmond Rowing Club (VRA Landing) across to the upstream edge of Federation Wharf through to the upstream edge of Church St Bridge.
Thursday 22 nd February till Thursday 29 th February	TBC	Moomba Festival: Set-up <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	TBC	Yarra River – Upstream edge of VRA landing to Swan Street Bridge

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March 2024 Events

Friday 1 st March	Closed: Times TBC	Moomba Festival: Set-up <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Closed	Yarra River – Upstream edge of VRA landing to Swan Street Bridge
Saturday 2 nd March	10:00 – 13:00 Please note, there will be waterway infrastructure in place on the river.	Paddle Victoria Winter Series Marathon (Essendon)	Open#	Maribyrnong River – Pipemakers Park to Afton St Bridge
Monday 4 th Match till Wednesday 6 March	Closed: Times TBC	Moomba Festival: Set-up <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Closed	Yarra River – Upstream edge of VRA landing to Swan Street Bridge
Thursday 7 th March till Monday 11 th March	Closed: Times TBC	Moomba Festival: Race days <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Closed	Yarra River – Upstream edge of VRA landing to Morell Bridge
Tuesday 12 th March till Monday 18 th March	TBC	Moomba Festival: Bump out <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	TBC	Yarra River – Upstream edge of VRA landing to Swan Street Bridge
Saturday 23 rd March	08:00 – 18:00	Footscray Rowing Club – Saltwater Regatta	Open	Maribyrnong River – Between Lynch's Bridge and Footscray Rowing Club

April 2024 Events

Sunday 21 st April	10:00 – 13:00 Please note, there will be waterway infrastructure in place on the river.	Paddle Victoria Winter Series Marathon (Tay Creggan)	Open#	Yarra River – Hawthorn Railway bridge to Power Street Landing.
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May 2024 Events

Currently no events scheduled

June 2024 Events

Saturday 15 th June	8:00 – 11:00	Victorian Sculling Association – John Whiting Round the Island Race <i>Note: Pending approval, details may change</i>	Closed	Yarra River – VRA landing to Herring Island
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Sunday 16 th June	10:00 – 13:00 Please note, there will be waterway infrastructure in place on the river.	Paddle Victoria Winter Series Marathon (Essendon)	Open#	Maribyrnong River – Pipemakers Park to Afton St Bridge
Saturday 22 th June	8:00 – 11:00	Victorian Sculling Association – Handicap Series Round 1 Note: Pending approval, details may change	#Open	Yarra River – Cremorne Rail Bridge to VRA Landing
Saturday 29 st July	8:00 – 11:00	Victorian Sculling Association – Handicap Series Round 2 Note: Pending approval, details may change	#Open	Yarra River – Cremorne Rail Bridge to VRA Landing

Works

5 February - 9 February 2024	Cone Penetration Testing	Open	Yarra River Waters adjacent to Shed 21 at 206 Lorimer Street Docklands; upstream of Bolte Bridge (See appended Gazette notice)
1 December 2023– 31 July 2024	Wesley College Landing relocation	Open	Yarra River Construction of new landing and decommissioning of existing landing (See appended Gazette notice)
5 September 2023 – 29 May 2026	Central Pier demolition	Open	Yarra River - Victoria Harbour, Docklands. (See appended Gazette notice)
11 July – June 2024	Cremorne Bridge works	Open	Yarra River – All arches open for transit (See appended Gazette notice – dates extended)
17 July 2023 – 1 February 2024	Wharf demolition & construction	Open	Yarra River – 2 & 3 Collins Wharf and 907 – 913 Collins Street, Docklands (See appended Gazette notice)
25 July 2022 – August 2024	Maribyrnong River closures, West Gate Tunnel Project - Port of Melbourne waters	Closed	Maribyrnong River – Intermittent full closures between the hours of 7:00 – 17:00. If river access is required, please contact the East Zone team at 1800 105 105, or via email at info@wgta.vic.gov.au

Please note:

- Angler's Tavern Jetty is closed to berthing and pedestrian access due to flood damage.
- Footscray Park Floating Landing is closed to berthing and pedestrian access due to flood damage.
- Arbory Afloat is in place upstream of Evan Walker bridge.
- Yarra Botanica is in place alongside Sandridge Wharf.
- 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 the area.
- Shallow Waters - The 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 2m. Large vessels should navigate the area with caution.

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- 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 5m span of the landing.
- Banana Alley Timber Wharf is closed to all berthing due to deterioration in the structure.

Proposed Waterway Rule Changes:

Have your say on the proposed waterway rule changes for the waters of the Yarra River upstream of the port waters of The Port of Melbourne and for the Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherd Bridge on Footscray Road. Your feedback will be considered and will help inform a recommendation to the Safety Director (Safe Transport Victoria).

Public consultation will be open from 4 January to 11 February 2024.

All details can be located here: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/melbourne-region/yarra-river-rule-changes>

You can have your say via email at engage@parks.vic.gov.au.

*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 Rivers 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 193(3)(b)(ii)

ADVICE IN RELATION TO A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REQUEST A WATERWAY RULE

I, Kate Maheras, Director Maritime Safety (as delegate of Safe Transport Victoria), hereby advise under section 193(3)(b)(ii) of the Marine Safety Act 2010 that the proposed waterway rules for Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne, and the Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherd Bridge on Footscray Road as submitted by Parks Victoria on 14 November 2023 are of a material nature and that Parks Victoria must comply with section 196 of the Marine Safety Act 2010 before making a request for the making of the rules under section 194 of the Marine Safety Act 2010.

Section 196 of the Marine Safety Act 2010 requires Parks Victoria to invite submissions and comments in relation to the proposed requests from the public.

Ref: 1407-2023-WR

Dated 27 November 2023

KATE MAHERAS Director Maritime Safety (Delegate of Safe Transport 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 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 GHD Pty Ltd to undertake Cone Penetration Testing 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 Cone Penetration Testing

Dates	Prohibited Waters	Works Activity	Open for transit
7:00am Monday 5 February 2024 to 5:30pm Friday 9 February 2024	Waters adjacent to Shed 21 at 206 Lorimer Street Docklands; upstream of Bolte Bridge extending approx. 122 metres along the southern bank and approx. 25 metres into the river as marked by exclusion zone buoys and unlit stringline buoys.	Cone Penetration Testing	Approx. 130 metres width of the Yarra River is open for vessel movement, on the north side of the marked Works Area.

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 5 February 2024 to 5:30pm Friday 9 February 2024.

BY ORDER OF PARKS VICTORIA

Dated: 27/12/2023

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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) **(the Act)**.

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd for the Wesley College Landing Relocation, 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: Wesley Landing Construction and Decommissioning Works

Dates	Prohibited Waters	Works Activity	Open for transit
7:00am Friday 1 December 2023 to 5:30pm Wednesday 31 July 2024.	Construction Site - 100m downstream of Powerhouse Landing approx. extending 70 metres along the southern bank and extending approx. 15 metres into the river as marked by unlit stringline buoys and signage.	Construction Works	Open - Downstream river traffic has right of way
	Old Wesley College Landing (25m from the upstream entrance to the Herring Island Meander) approximately 70 metres long along the eastern bank of the landing, extending approx.15 metres into the river as marked by unlit stringline buoys and signage.	Decommissioning Works	Open - Herring Island Meander 15-metre transit lane from the western bank

The exclusion zones 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.

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This notice is in effect from 7:00am on Friday 1 December 2023 to 5:30pm on Wednesday 31 July 2024.

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Section 211(1)(b)

NOTICE CONTROLLING NAVIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF WORKS

I, David Tilsley, Deputy Harbour Master – port of Melbourne, as authorised delegate of Ports Victoria, the port management body for the port waters of the Port of Melbourne, make the following notice under section 211(1)(b)(i) of the **Marine Safety Act 2010** for the purposes of the works activity proposed by West Gate Tunnel Project to undertake bridge construction works.

The navigation and movement of vessels is restricted and/or prohibited from waters of the Maribyrnong River as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works and emergency response vessels.

Table 1: West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP) Maribyrnong River closures, Port of Melbourne waters

Dates	Prohibited Waters	River traffic
Partial closures Intermittently from 31 August 2023 to 31 August 2024 Exact dates of partial closures to be notified 1 week in advance, visit: https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/ west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city	Partial closures Waters extending halfway from the Western or Eastern bank, downstream of Shepherd Bridge to the extension of Youell Street as marked by buoys.	A transit lane through the middle of the river is available only. WGTP standby boats to guide river traffic through transit lane as required. River traffic to contact WGTP standby boats for information as per Ports Victoria Notice to Mariners details.
Full closures Intermittently from 31 August 2023 to 31 August 2024 Exact dates of full closures to be notified 2 weeks in advance, visit: https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/ west-gate-tunnel-project/works-notifications/port-to-city	Full closure All waters downstream of Shepherd Bridge to the extension of Youell Street as marked by buoys.	Closed to all river traffic.
Open 4 November to 12 November 2023 22 December 2023 to 10 January 2024 28 March to 2 April 2024	No closure.	Open to river traffic.

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This notice has effect from 7:00am on 1 September 2023 to 5:00pm on 31 August 2024.

Date: 23 August 2023

BY ORDER OF PORTS VICTORIA

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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 Geoff Brereton Engineering to undertake bridge repairs to Cremorne Rail Bridge, Yarra River.

The navigation and movement of vessels is prohibited on the waters of the Yarra River as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works and Parks Victoria vessels.

Stage	Dates	Prohibited Waters	Open for transit
Scaffold installation and deinstallation on bridge piers 7:30am to 6:00pm on listed dates	11 July 2023 to 13 July 2023 17 July 2023 to 20 July 2023 19 October 2023 to 25 October 2023	Southern and northern spans closed to river traffic, extending 20 m upstream and downstream of the bridge to the banks	Centre span
Scaffold installation central arch – River closure 10:00pm to 6:00am	14 July 2023 to 15 July 2023	Full river closure extending 50 metres upstream and 50 metres downstream of Cremorne Rail Bridge.	Full river closure
Exclusion zone during period of works	20 July 2023 to 19 October 2023	Southern span closed to river traffic.	Centre and northern span to remain open.

The exclusion zones will be marked by eight (8) lit yellow communication buoys and unlit stringline buoys.

The river closure will be marked by two (2) lit yellow communication buoys, unlit stringline buoys and a VMS unit. The river closure will be managed by Parks Victoria staffed vessels.

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 7:30am on 11 July 2023 to 6:00pm on 25 October 2023.

BY ORDER OF PARKS VICTORIA

Date: 07/07/2023

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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) (the Act).

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by Fitzgerald Constructions Australia Pty Ltd for the demolition and construction of wharves at 907-913 Collins Street and 2-3 Collins Wharf, Docklands.

This notice replaces the previous notice published in the Victorian Government Gazette No. S 383 on Thursday 13 July 2023.

The navigation and movement of vessels is prohibited on the waters of the Yarra River as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works and Parks Victoria vessels.

Table 1: Yarra River, Collins Wharf Works

Works Location	Dates	Prohibited Waters	Open for transit
Waters adjacent to 2 and 3 Collins Wharf to 907-913 Collins Street	18 October 2023 to 12 April 2024	From the northern bank at end of Tom Thumb Lane, extending downstream for approximately 500 metres and extending 40 metres into the river channel.	Approximately 75 metres width of the Yarra River is open for vessel movement, on the south side of the marked Works Area

The exclusion zones will each be marked by eight (8) lit yellow communication buoys, unlit stringline buoys and lit floating signage.

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 18 October 2023 to 5:00pm on 12 April 2024.

BY ORDER OF PARKS VICTORIA
Date: 18/10/23

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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) (the Act), for the purposes of the works activity proposed by Fitzgerald Constructions Australia Pty Ltd to undertake demolition of Central Pier, Victoria Harbour, Yarra River.

The navigation and movement of vessels is prohibited on the waters of Victoria Harbour, Yarra River, as detailed below in Table 1, excluding vessels involved in the works and Parks Victoria vessels.

Table 1: Victoria Harbour prohibited waters - 5 September 2023 to 29 May 2026

Work site	Prohibited Waters	River traffic
Central Pier Demolition of Pier	Extend approximately 400 metres from the eastern bank along both sides of the Central Pier footprint into Victoria Harbour, approximately 170 metres wide at the eastern end, and tapering to approximately 100 metres wide at the western end, as marked by yellow buoys.	Five-knot speed restriction. Ferry terminal and marina access available
505 Docklands Drive Storage of demolition materials	Extend approximately 70 metres from the northern bank adjacent to 505 Docklands Drive into Victoria Harbour and approximately 100 metres wide, as marked by yellow buoys.	Five knot speed restriction. Access available to New Quay West Marina berth holders

The exclusion zones will be marked by lit water communication buoys fitted with 1-2nm marine lanterns and lit warning signage on approach.

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 5 September 2023 to 6:00pm on 29 May 2026.

BY ORDER OF PARKS VICTORIA

Date: 4 September 2023