SAFE TRANSPORT VICTORIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION
***Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic)**

Safe Transport Victoria makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Rowing Victoria on the Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to Goulburn Weir including Lake Nagambie, persons and vessels involved in the 2026 Foot of the Goulburn Rowing 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(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*
3. Clause 91.4(a) of Schedule 91 – 5 knot speed restriction - Kirwans Bridge to Hughes Creek
4. Clause 91.10 of Schedule 91 – 5 knot speed restriction – Lake Nagambie
5. Clause 91.14 of Schedule 91 – exclusive use and special purpose area for unpowered vessels (rowing course area)

Subject to the conditions detailed below:
- Masters of vessels providing rescue services must ensure they comply with the gazetted waterway rules and *Marine Safety Act 2010* in respect to minimum speed and distance requirements, unless otherwise 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 rescue and support vessels are exempt from item 5 for the duration of the event
- 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 always wear a lifejacket during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment, including rescue vessels
- 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 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 24 October 2026 to the persons and vessels registered to participate in the Foot of the Goulburn Rowing Regatta within the exclusion zone waters of the Goulburn River – between Chinaman's Bridge and Teddy Bear Island and Lake Nagambie – entire Lake
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to

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