



PUBLIC NOTICE DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Hindmarsh Shire Council as the declared waterway manager for the waters of the Wimmera River (within the Shire of Hindmarsh), makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Dimboola Rowing Club, persons and vessels involved in the Dimboola Annual Rowing Regatta and the Head of the Wimmera Regatta on 10 and 11 November 2018 on the Wimmera River at Dimboola, are exempt from the following requirements:

State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988*

1. Clause 2(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a person in the water – applies to rescue vessels;
2. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel – applies to competing vessels and rescue vessels;
3. Clause 3(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the waters' edge – applies to competing vessels and rescue vessels.

Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988*

4. Clause 68.2(c) of Schedule 68 – 5 knot speed restriction zone on the Wimmera River – applies to competing vessels and rescue vessels.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of 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 2 to 4 when competing in the events.
- 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 the Exemption notice made under the *Marine Regulations 1999* in respect of the exemption for rowing vessels to not carry or wear a personal flotation device.
- Occupants of powered vessels involved with the event must wear a personal flotation device at all times during the event.
- Should vessels or persons not involved in the event enter the competition exclusion zone, the event must be stopped until the unauthorised vessel or person has moved outside of the zone.
- The above exemptions apply between 8:00am and 6:00pm on 10 November 2018 and between 8:00am and 2:00pm on 11 November 2018, to the persons and vessels participating in the Dimboola Annual Rowing Regatta and the Head of the Wimmera Regatta on the Wimmera River at Dimboola, within the exclusion zone waters, provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

BY ORDER OF HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

Dated: 2/11/2018

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Hindmarsh Shire Website

