

Nagambie Waterways Review

Fact Sheet

A review of the current waterway rules in Nagambie is required to better meet the increasing demand for water access. The aim of the review is to improve safety for waterway users and sustainably plan for growth to the area.

It has been over a decade since there was a review of the speed limits and zoning in Lake Nagambie and the Goulburn River.

Management of Nagambie waterways:

Strathbogie Shire Council is the appointed manager for Nagambie waterways that include the Goulburn River between Hughes Creek and the Goulburn Weir including Lake Nagambie.

Maritime Safety Victoria (MSV) staff provide support, audits and advice for local waterway manager to ensure consistency across Victorian waterways.

The following agencies contribute to the overall management of the waterway:

- Victoria Police
- Better Boating Victoria
- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
- Goulburn Murray Water
- Aboriginal Affairs Victoria
- Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
- Department of Land Environment Water and Planning
- Victorian Fisheries Authority

Issues to be resolved:

- Providing clear, consistent, safe and intuitive speed zones
- The need to reduce Unrestricted Speed on Lake Nagambie and sections of the Goulburn River
- A lack of understanding and compliance with speed and distance rules
- Improving compliance with the 'direction of travel' on Lake Nagambie
- Effective and functional Aids to Navigation (AtoNs) to shape safer waterway behaviours

- Managing the impacts of large wakes on other waterway users
- Improving and diversifying additional towed-sports areas
- Integration of major events with other waterway users
- Managing riverbank erosion

Rules review process:

Strathbogie Shire Council has begun formally engaging with MSV regarding the Nagambie waterways rules review.

Council will conduct public consultation for a minimum of four weeks, inviting comments from public and key stakeholders, peak bodies and relevant agencies.

The Share Strathbogie website will feature a survey and opportunity to provide feedback.

The purpose of the consultation is to find the best and safest solutions; it is not a popular vote process. All submissions will be considered, and a summary will be provided.

Council will then submit a 'Request to make a waterway rule' and the Safety Director for Transport Safety will endorse or reject the submission. If endorsed, new rules are written and published in the Victorian Government Gazette. MSV will publish the rules on its website, show them in online waterway maps and on the 'Boating Vic' app.

How can I have my say?

There are lots of ways to have your say. You can:

- Visit our engagement platform www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au. Here you can read a briefing document, find out some more information and have your say.
- Write to us at Nagambie Waterways Review, Director Corporate Operations, Strathbogie Shire Council, PO Box 177 Euroa 3666, or
- Email info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

When does the feedback period close?

Submissions close on January 17, 2022