

Yarra & Maribyrnong Rivers including Victoria Harbour

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Ensure a consistent / coordinated approach and provide clarity to event organisers:

- Allow for a cross-section of events
- Ensure liaison between relevant land and water managers
- Ensure consistent application of the 'Criteria to be Demonstrated by Event Organisers'
- Apply Expression of Interest and Event Application Form consistently

OBJECTIVES AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF EVENTS

OBJECTIVES	CRITERIA TO BE DEMONSTRATED BY EVENT ORGANISERS
Mitigate risks to the safety of event participants and spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event proposals must identify all safety issues and propose appropriate management strategies, consistent with Australian Standards, to mitigate risks to the safety of participants and spectators.
Ensure protection of river values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed events must seek to protect identified values and beneficial uses (i.e. environmental, recreational, commercial, water supply, other commercial purposes) in line with the State Environment Protection Policy for the Waters of Victoria (including Schedule F7 - Waters of Yarra Catchment).
Promote quality tourism / recreation experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event proposals must be consistent with river tourism and recreation objectives. • Event proposals must be consistent with broader State Government tourism objectives, including Parks Victoria's Healthy Parks Healthy People.
Where possible, accommodate other river users, recognising their commercial interests, and reduce impacts on river neighbours. Recognise the constraints within the Port Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event proposals must demonstrate that they have made all reasonable efforts to accommodate other river users, particularly commercial operators. • Event proposals must not interfere with port-related activities in the Port Zone. • Event proposals must demonstrate how they plan to reduce adverse social impacts such as noise, odour, crowding, unsightly infrastructure, and vandalism.