

Event Fact Sheet

Holding an Event

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority can assist with advice on any permits or requirements needed by the authority to hold your event along the Barwon River through Geelong.

To ensure there is enough time to obtain necessary information or permits, the following timeframes should be used as a minimum before your event takes place:

- small (20–500 people) – 3 months in advance
- medium (500–1,000 people) – 4 to 6 months in advance
- large (1,000–4,000 people) – 7 to 10 months in advance
- very large (4,000 or more people) – 12 months in advance.

Event Application Form

To start the process, an Event Application form is to be completed and submitted, go to ccma.vic.gov.au Barwon River through Geelong Event Bookings.

NOTE: Applying for an event does not give the Event Organiser immediate approval to market or advertise the event.

Your event details will be circulated to relevant agencies and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority departments for comment:

- **City of Greater Geelong** – event management, environmental health, planning, building, and local laws
- **Governance** – Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, Victoria Police, CFA, Transport Safety Victoria, Vic Roads, Barwon Water and Ambulance Victoria
- **Corangamite CMA:** Waterway Infrastructure and Business support

Within 10 working days of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority receiving the Event Application Form, a list of requirements and/or permits will be emailed to the event organiser.

Event Venues

Barwon River Rowing Mile

- 1500 mark to Fyans Park, Newtown

Barwon River Reserves

- Richardson Reserve
- Bob Morell Reserve
- Marnockvale Reserve

- Queens park (Weddings only)

Barwon River Zones

Zone 1 Stan Lewis Walk (Queens Park Bridge to Shannon Ave (West bank)

Zone 2 Fyans Park / Newtown Park (Queens Park Bridge to Shannon Ave (East Bank)

Zone 3 Rowing Mile North Bank (Shannon Ave to Swanston St (Landy Field)

Zone 4 Rowing Mile South Bank (Shannon Ave to Belmont Common Boat Ramp (South Bank)

Zone 5 Belmont Common (Boat ramp to Gundog Lane (South Bank)

Zone 6 Wal Whiteside Walk Swanston St (Landy Field) to Gundog Lane (East bank)

Events to be held on Corangamite CMA managed land are subject to the Water (Recreational) Area Regulations 2023 for the Barwon River made under the provisions of the Water Act 1989.

We look forward to assisting with your event. To discuss your event further, please contact the Barwon through Geelong team on 1800 002 262 or Email info@ccma.vic.gov.au

FAQ's

What size vessels are permitted on the Barwon River? Vessels that exceed six (6) meters in length And two and a half (2.5) meters in beam are not allowed on the waterway, while other vessels that do not exceed these measurements are permitted.

What is an Exclusion zone? The CCMA may grant 'exclusive use' of an area of waterway to an applicant by establishing an exclusion zone under section 208 of the Marine Safety Act. An exclusion zone is used to prohibit persons, vessels and all other activities from a specific area of water to create the exclusive area where an activity/event can take place. Exclusion zones can only be created in conjunction with an exemption.

How do I apply for an Exclusion zone for my water sports event?

If you wish to apply for a temporary waterway rule change, exemption or an exclusion zone for an on-water event, boating activity or works, you must apply to the CCMA. [Event Bookings](#)

We recommend that you lodge your application a minimum of three weeks (ideally six weeks) before an event.

Can I still access the river on 'Special water ski days' in the river calendar? Do exemptions and an exclusion zone apply on these days? You can access the river on 'Special water ski days' [State Waterway rules](#) apply. Schedule 7: The Barwon River between the Lower Breakwater and Orana Road . There are no exemptions or exclusion zones that apply during this time.