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Speed limit and zoning review to be undertaken at Lake Nagambie and Goulburn River

Users of the Lake Nagambie and Goulburn River will have the opportunity to have input into the upcoming speed limit and zoning review of the waterways.

Strathbogie Shire Council, in conjunction with Goulburn Murray Water and Maritime Safety Victoria, has made the decision to undertake a review and is currently advertising to get a consultant on board to manage the project.

The review will include the opportunity for community to have their say, with consultation anticipated to take place around December 2019.

Nagambie Lakes Ward Councillor, Debra Bower said the speed limit and zoning review is greatly needed to ensure the ongoing safety of users.

“We have seen a significant boom in tourism and development in Nagambie in the last decade and our waterways have come under ever increasing pressure from the number of vessels, both powered and non-powered sharing the waterways, causing a number of serious safety concerns for our community and visitors,” Cr Bower explained.

“The increasing number of people using the waterways means that we are facing new challenges regarding how we manage safety for users, meet demand for access to the water, share the use of waterways responsibly and plan for sustainable growth.”

“It is now timely to consider the current challenges and opportunities for recreational use of the waterways and have a conversation about what needs to be done to address them.”

The information and results of the investigations will be submitted to Marine Safety Victoria and any request to change the current waterway rules will be gazetted in the Victorian Government Gazette and in the Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules for Victorian waters.

Strathbogie Shire Council is the delegated Waterways Manager for Lake Nagambie and Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to the Goulburn Weir and the review is being jointly funded by Council and Maritime Safety Victoria.

“Council is currently on the lookout for a suitable consultant to undertake the review and we want to reassure the community there will be opportunity for their input in due course,” Cr Bower said.

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