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Council encourages safe practices on the water this summer

Strathbogie Shire Council is urging users of its waterways to play it safe this summer.

With so many fantastic water sports taking place at Lake Nagambie over the summer, including rowing regattas, stand-up paddle boarding, canoe polo and more, it has never been a better time to take extra care when using the lake.

Council will work closely with Transport Safety Victoria (MSV) and Water Police to address any anti-social behaviour on the waterway.

There has been a significant influx in boat users in Victoria over the last 15 years and there is no doubt that many of them have utilised the pristine Lake Nagambie.

The increased use can also mean congestion of waterways and facilities, an increased safety risk, potential negative environmental impacts and frustration of waterway users.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said Lake Nagambie is a fantastic asset to Nagambie and encourages visitors and locals to utilise it for their recreation and enjoyment.

“However, we urge everyone using the lake to be vigilant about water safety and show consideration for other waterway users,” Cr McClaren said.

Maritime rules apply to all forms of recreational use on Lake Nagambie including boating, jet-skis, swimming, canoeing and fishing.

Council encourages those planning to use the lake over the summer period to revisit the waterways laws and those who are new to Lake Nagambie should familiarise themselves with it before use.

For more information about the rules and guidelines around water safety, you can visit Transport Safety Victoria’s website: <http://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety>, or call Transport Safety Victoria on 1800 223 022 and follow the prompts for maritime safety.

Nagambie Waterways are patrolled by Council Officers, Transport Safety Victoria and Water Police and significant fines can be issued for users who fail to comply with safety regulations.

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