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WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE

I, Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture and I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, make the following Notice:

Dated 12 May 2020

Dated 11 May 2020

JACLYN SYMES MP
Minister for Agriculture

LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) and otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying of indigenous game birds (waterfowl), which would otherwise be permitted during the modified 2020 open season.

2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86A of the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

3. Notice prevails

Under section 86A(3) of the **Wildlife Act 1975** this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made under the **Wildlife Act 1975** or any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any particular kind of taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

4. Definitions

In this Notice:

modified 2020 open season means the open season in 2020 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice published in Government Gazette No. S 128 on 13 March 2020 under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, being from the beginning of Saturday 2 May 2020 to 30 minutes after sunset on Monday 8 June 2020.

indigenous game bird (waterfowl) means any of the following, being the kinds or taxa of game set out in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012:

- Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*);
- Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*);
- Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*);
- Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*);
- Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*);
- Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*); and
- Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*);

5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 13 May 2020 and continues to have effect for 7 days after publication.

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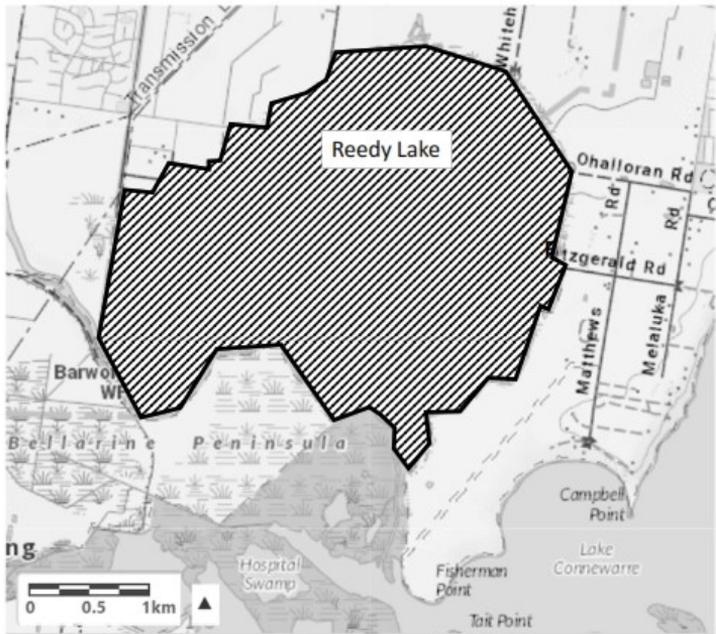
6. Changes to start times

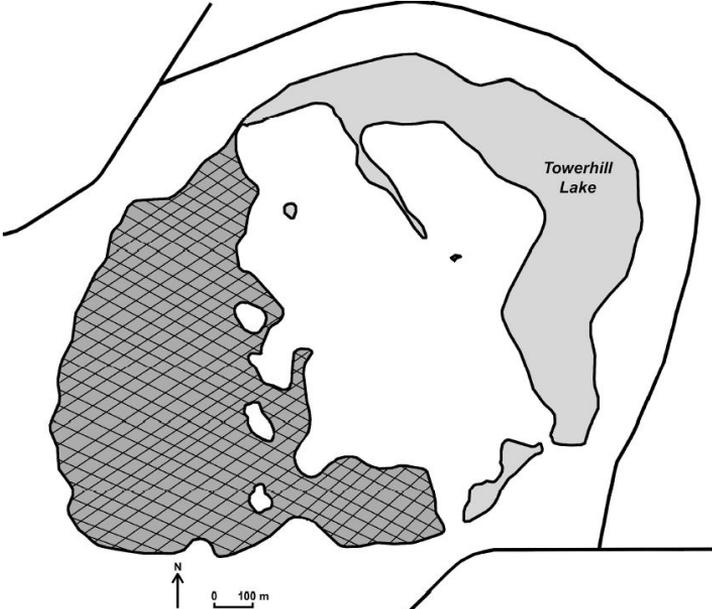
The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited anywhere in Victoria during the times specified in this clause:

- (i). the beginning of Wednesday 13 May until 8.00 am on that day;
- (ii). half an hour after sunset each day until 8.00 am the following day for the period Wednesday 13 May 2020 to Saturday 16 May 2020 (inclusive); and
- (iii). half an hour after sunset on Saturday 16 May 2020 until 8.00 am on Sunday 17 May 2020.

7. Prohibition on hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl)

The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited during the period that this Notice has effect, in any area described in the table below:

<i>Area Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lake Lonsdale	The whole of Lake Lonsdale, 9 km north-west of Stawell, located in the Northern Grampians Shire Council.
Reedy Lake, part of Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve	<p>The whole of Reedy Lake, part of Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve located south-east of the Township of Geelong in the municipality of Greater Geelong/Surf Coast Shire. Within the reserve, Reedy Lake is located north of the Barwon River. Where the Barwon River starts to run south towards Hospital Swamp – the southern boundary of Reedy Lake is the south edge of the cleared area on the edge of the reserve, coordinates 144°25'14"N, 38°13'34"S.</p> 

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Tower Hill State Game Reserve – West lake	<p>The western lake of Tower Hill State Game Reserve, 13 km north-west of Warrnambool, located in the Warrnambool City Council, as shown by the hatching below. The northern point of closure is between 38°18'29.17"S, 142°21'14.38"E and 38°18'38.92"S, 142°21'14.38"E.</p> 

8. Prohibition on hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) by boat

The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) from a boat is prohibited during the period that this Notice has effect, in any area described in the table below:

<i>Area Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Lake Bolac	The whole of Lake Bolac, south-east of the township of Lake Bolac, located in Ararat Rural City.

Nothing in this clause 8 prevents a person from using a boat to recover a downed indigenous game bird in accordance with Regulation 51A of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012.

9. Taking, hunting or destroying downed indigenous game birds from a boat

The prohibition in clause 8 does not apply where a person has downed an indigenous game bird (waterfowl) and that bird remains alive immediately after being downed. In these circumstances, a person may take, hunt or destroy that downed indigenous game bird, including by shooting, from a boat.

10. Contravention of Notice

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

Note: Unless modified by this Notice, the matters specified in the Wildlife (Prohibition of Game Hunting) Notice published in Government Gazette No. S 128 on 13 March 2020 continue to apply in respect of the modified 2020 open season, including the prohibition of the taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchos*) specified in clause 6 of that Notice and the modification of the default bag limit specified in clause 7 of that Notice.

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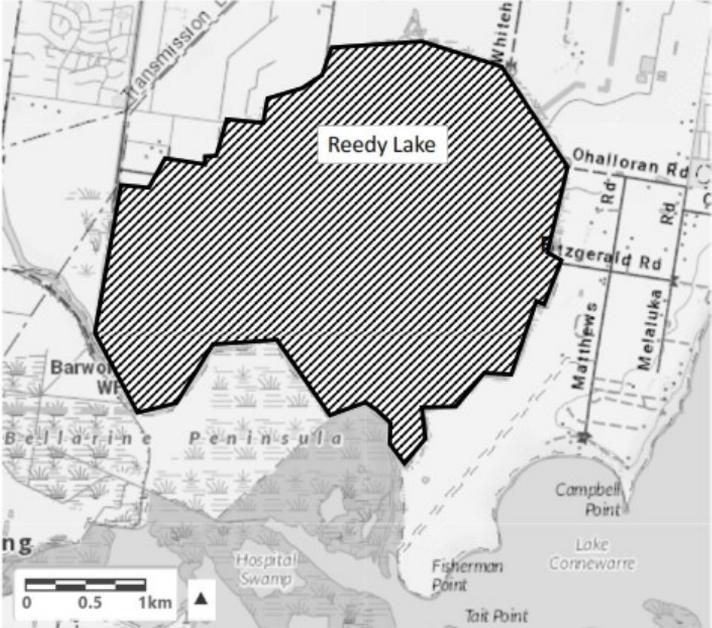
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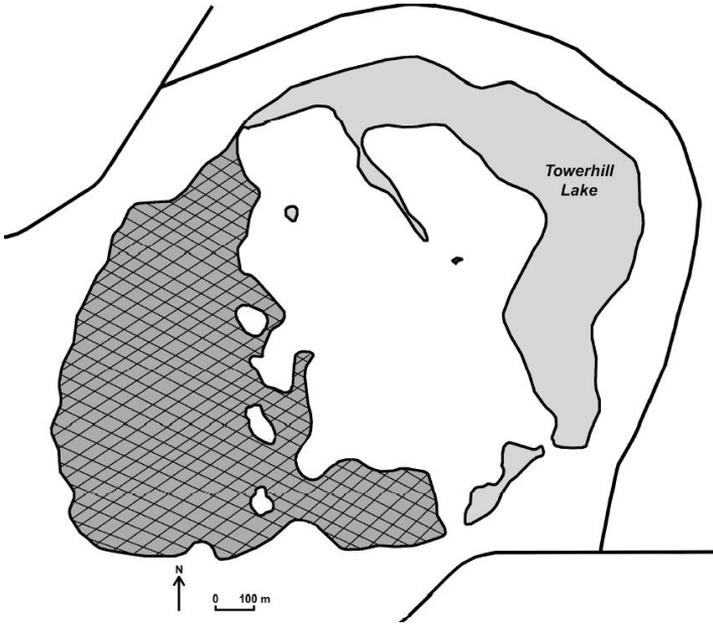
5. Commencement and period notice has effect

This Notice takes effect on 20 May 2020 and continues to have effect until the end of the modified 2020 open season.

6. Prohibition on hunting of indigenous game birds (waterfowl)

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<i>Area Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Kow Swamp	Located in the Campaspe Shire Council, near Gunbower. The area includes all of Kow Swamp up to the Taylors Creek outflow regulator (144°19'01"E, 35°57'05"S), the Box Bridge regulator (144°15'50"E, 35°55'52"S), and south to the bridge on the Picanniny Creek (144°16'44"E, 35°59'34"S).
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Reedy Lakes	Located in the Gannawarra Shire Council, near Kerang. The area includes all of First, Second (Middle) and Third Reedy Lakes. The western boundary is defined by Flood Lane (starting from 143°51'41"E, 35°37'59"S) south to the Murray Valley Highway (143°51'20"E, 35°39'32"S) and the Murray Valley Highway to the intersection of Apex Park Road (143°52'39"E, 35°41'22"S). The southern boundary being Apex Road.

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