

Lake Tyers opening likely

The Lake Tyers estuary entrance is expected to open naturally over the next few days as a result of weekend and forecast rainfall for rest of the week.

East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority manager for water programs, Ken Judd, said if this event was to occur, it would be a great outcome.

"A natural opening increases the likelihood that the entrance will remain open longer than if we conducted a manual open-

ing," Mr Judd said.

The water level in the estuary is likely to drop rapidly if an opening occurs. The sand edges are particularly vulnerable to caving in and the water current can be rapid and turbulent. Members of the community are advised to keep a safe distance from the edges of the opening at all times.

Those with moored boats need to also monitor water levels as mooring ropes can tighten when the water levels drop

quickly.

There is no intention to attempt a manual opening at this time. Arrangements are in place with Parks Victoria, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and East Gippsland Shire Council should a manual opening need to occur in the future, the CMA said.

East Gippsland CMA said it would continue to monitor estuary conditions and provide further advice if circumstances change.