

Council Policy

Storage of Watercraft on Council Foreshores

Policy Statement

This policy is to enable the appropriate storage of watercraft on Council foreshores at the same time as maintaining safe public access and minimising environmental impact.

Principles

1. That Council maintain and update, where necessary, guidelines for the storage of watercraft on foreshore areas, limiting the size and location within approved formal facilities.
2. That Council will make available facilities suitable for the storage of watercraft at appropriate locations which members of the public may rent for a fee as set by the Council. In the case of areas where the land is owned by the Crown and Council appointed as Trust Managers, a temporary licence agreement will be administered and a fee charged as set by the Council.
3. That Council's Rangers police the procedures and provide due notice to owners of unauthorised, abandoned or derelict watercraft outside of approved storage facilities of their removal. Where owners details are unavailable, Council's Rangers shall attach stickers warning that the vessel is due to be impounded, and impound where no action is taken within the relevant timeframe.
4. That Council staff undertake regular inspections of the formal facilities and also dinghies, kayaks and other watercraft stored outside of approved formal facilities within the Northern Beaches Council Area and review Council policy accordingly.

Scope and application

This policy applies to all employees, agents and officers of Northern Beaches Council.

References and related documents

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Impounding Act 1993
- Storage of Watercraft on Council Foreshores Guidelines

Definitions

Abandoned Vessel: Any watercraft which appears to be abandoned.

Derelict Vessel: Any watercraft left on public land which appears to be unseaworthy by the evidence of damage to affect vessel flotation and/or user safety.

Public Land: Land in public ownership that is either owned by Council or administered by Council on behalf of the Crown.

Storage Facilities: Council owned and maintained racks suitable for the storage of permitted watercraft.

Watercraft: Recreational vessels, including (but not limited to) dinghies, kayaks, canoes, outrigger canoes and dragon boats.

Unauthorised Vessel: Any vessel that is not stored in an approved storage facility or which does not have attached current evidence of authorisation for use of an approved storage facility.

Responsible Officer

Executive Manager, Property

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Revision History

Revision	Date	Change	HPE CM Ref
1	May 2017	First draft Northern Beaches Council policy for exhibition	2017/136547
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