

DINGHY MANAGEMENT

Previous policy number: 2.2.13

Policy Statement

This policy provides for the management of dinghies along the river foreshore areas of Mosman Park. This policy applies to all persons, organisations or others seeking to store or tether a dinghy, canoe, ski, board or tender type vessel on the river foreshore areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the Town of Mosman Park.

Policy Details

Objective

The aim of this Dinghy Management Policy is to outline the principles and processes which will be referred to by officers of the Town to effectively monitor and manage dinghies in the Town's foreshore areas.

Policy Principles

The policy espouses the following principles:

1. Fair and effective management of authorised and un-authorised storage of dinghies or tenders in public areas to approved locations;
2. Encouragement for patrons to store tenders and dinghies at their place of residence by limiting dinghy numbers and introducing a price mechanism;
3. Maintain and improve public safety, access and amenity at the river foreshore with regard to the management of dinghy storage by proposing locations with minimal impact on other users;
4. To further protect and enhance the amenity and ecological value of the foreshore by installing adequate infrastructure and requiring registered dinghy owners to tend to their vessel's upkeep;
5. Support the DBCA in the implementation of its dinghy management policy by implementing 'Dinghy Storage Management Procedures' for the Town.

Policy Guidance

The ad hoc storage of dinghies is not permitted in any area of the foreshore.

1. Storage of dinghies is only permitted in formal dinghy storage areas and only with the appropriate Dinghy Storage Registration as issued by the Town.
2. Storage will be limited by the available space, not by demand. The following allocations of storage bays are approved by the DBCA:

I.	Mosman Bay – North	Up to 18 Bays
II.	The Coombe Reserve	Up to 23 Bays
	Total Dinghy Bays	41 Bays

- Any dinghy found outside a designated dinghy storage area or any unregistered dinghies within a designated dinghy storage area may be subject to confiscation or impoundment by the DBCA or the Town of Mosman Park. While the Swan River is a State asset, dinghy storage is available to the public via the following order of priority:
 - Priority 1 - Long Term Mooring Holders who are Mosman Park Residents
 - Priority 2 - Long Term Mooring Holders who are NOT Mosman Park Residents
 - Priority 3- Small water craft owners who are Mosman Park Residents
 - Priority 4 - Small water craft owners who are NOT Mosman Park Residents.
3. Private dinghies, and other small approved watercraft, can be stored for a 12 month period once registered with the Town and expires June 30 each year.
 4. The Town will retain a 'Dinghy Registration Waiting List' for an available bay should demand exceed permitted storage areas.
 5. Incumbents with Long term Moorings (Priority 1 and 2) will have their registrations automatically renewed, subject to adhering to registration conditions. New and existing applicants who meet the criteria for priorities 3 and 4 will be reconsidered each year.
 6. Priority 1 and 2 applicants must be the registered owner of a vessel with a corresponding legal mooring within the Swan River of the Mosman Park area, and upon application provide adequate documentation to demonstrate this requirement to the satisfaction of the Town. These allocated dinghy storage bay is solely for the use of tenders to the associated vessel which is moored. Inadequate supporting documentation will result in consideration as a lower priority application.
 7. The 'on-selling' or gifting of storage bays to third parties or family members will result in the immediate forfeit of the storage bay and any remaining fees.
 8. An annual registration fee will apply as set in the annual fees and charges schedule. The registration is a flat fee and will not be varied on a pro-rata basis, irrespective of when the application is received. Expiry of the annual fee will fall on 30 June each year regardless of when storage was issued. The Town accepts no responsibility for any damage, theft or vandalism to property in or around the storage facility.
 9. The Town reserves the right to terminate any dinghy registration at any time.
 10. If the storage renewal is not paid within the due date, the Town will work with the applicant as to why the renewal is not paid and work out a payment plan if required. If no contact is made to the Town the storage plot will be considered "abandoned" by the Town, the dinghy will be impounded and the storage plot re-let to another applicant on the wait list.
 11. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.45 (a) (b) the Town will perform the required functions to issue Dinghy Storage registrations.

Definitions

DBCA: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Dinghy: A single hull watercraft no longer than 3.5m in length.

Dinghy storage area: Defined area where water craft are permitted to be stored. Dinghy storage areas may, or may not, be provided with a constructed storage facility.

Management system: A management system is a system for the provision of dinghies for access to vessels moored offshore, or for other purposes, that minimises the impact of dinghy usage on the shoreline. Management systems are likely to be particular to each location and may encompass storage facilities or shared usage. Management systems require approval by the Swan River Trust and are administered by the Town.

Riverpark: The Swan Canning Riverpark is defined by the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Regulations 2007. The Riverpark includes the waters of the Swan and Canning rivers and all public land adjoining these rivers.

Riverpark shoreline: The area of Crown land in the Riverpark extending from two metres below the high water mark to two metres above the high water mark, measured horizontally above the surface of the land and including the surface of any structure built to retain the land.

Town: Town of Mosman Park

Governance References

Statutory Compliance	Corporate Policy Statement No. 45 – Planning for Miscellaneous Structures and Facilities in the Swan Canning Development Control Area. Swan and Canning Rivers Management Regulations 2007 - Regulation 22A (Vessels unattended, and moorings, on land, restrictions on) Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.45 (2)(a) (b) “acting through” provisions to approve applications
Organisational Compliance	Town of Mosman Park Fees and Charges

Policy Administration

Directorate:		Officer title:
Operations		Director of Planning and Operations
Next Review		Review Cycle
2024		4 years
Version	Date	Ref
1	25 March 2014	OCM-047-2014
2	28 November 2017	OCM-195-2017
3	25 August 2020	OCM-132-2020