

Club Policy – Boat Storage

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Purpose

To provide policy and procedure details on the allocation, availability, use and management of the storage of personal boat(s) at the River Canoe Clubhouse.

Broad aims

1. To facilitate and promote the running of club paddling activities and trips.
2. To facilitate the storage of personal paddling gear, for ease of access, **where such gear will be regularly used for participation in club activities/trips.**
3. For members to recognise that access to the clubhouse and equipment storage is a privilege and not a right. The club focus is to provide maximum benefit for the overall broader club community and to recognise the commitment and volunteer hours of active committee members in leading Club trips or contributing to Club activities.

Policy and procedure

1. **Active participation in club paddling trips/activities** – Boat storage in the clubhouse does not have unlimited capacity. Priority shall be given to those who are actively contributing to the club community and participating in club activities/trips on a semi-regular basis (eg at least every 3-4 months).
2. **All requests for boat storage are to be emailed to the Club Secretary and approved by the Club Executive. Approval/non-approval will be returned via email specifying if fee due or not, in recognition of volunteer service.**
3. **Payment of fee** – A fee shall be payable for boat storage, currently \$150, via EFT and referenced as “Your Initials_BoatStore” (e.g *John Smith, JS_BoatStore*). Committee members, as a privilege, may store 1 kayak at the clubhouse without cost and are still required to follow procedure for requests so that storage spots may be allocated accordingly.
4. **Storage** - there are limited spaces in the clubhouse for boat storage and as such any allocation of boat storage is for a spot only and no specific storage location specified, guaranteed or promised. Boats may be moved from time to time to ease/simplify logistical activities in the club.
5. **Fixed period** – Boat storage (where approved), shall be per year. Users will need to submit a new storage request to the Club Secretary with said request being considered in line with the club policy at that time. Automatic renewal should not be assumed.
6. **Assumption of risk** – Any equipment stored at the clubhouse is at the owner’s risks. RCC shall not be held responsible for any theft or damage.
7. **Paddling conduct/safety** – Storage of a boat in the clubhouse shall not represent acceptance of any risks associated with usage of the craft on the water – it is storage only. It does remain, for example, highly recommended that people do not paddle alone – rather with suitably skilled and experienced fellow paddlers.
8. **Management:** Renewal of the boat storage space is not automatic. The table below outlines steps and actions to be considered and adopted by RCC Executive Committee, as necessary. An email when nearing completion of your expiry and ending of storage space will be issued by Club Secretary to advise collection of your boat is required and timeframe nominated for that to occur.

Scenarios	Action by Club
Expired Memberships (<u>Inactive</u> members)	Notification of storage ending and collection of boat is required, detailing next steps should boat(s) not be collected
Expired Membership (<u>Active</u> Member)	Prompt renewal of membership and request of boat storage to Club Secretary for Executive Review.
Valid and current membership but NO boat payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive assesses ongoing storage allocation based on volunteer contribution. • Notification to RCC member of outcomes of Executive Review and next steps.
Valid and current membership AND boat storage paid	Storage allocated until expiration date. One month prior, notification of expiration of storage to be sent by Club Secretary.

This policy may be reviewed, updated and enforced from time to time and was endorsed at the Committee Meeting of 3 July 2024.