



Allocation of Council Moorings Policy

<i>Responsible Officer/s</i>	Manager Environmental Services Environmental Services
<i>Relevant Legislation / Documents</i>	Local Government Act
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A. Purpose

Council manages moorings on Crown Land in Kingston on Murray, Loxton and Waikerie. This policy sets the framework for allocation of Council operated moorings.

B. Objective

This policy provides a transparent and consistent manner to allocate Council administered moorings.

C. Policy

Registers

Council maintains registers of

1. permit holders
2. permit holders who have an interest in moving within a particular mooring location
3. permit holders who have an interest in moving between mooring locations
4. interested members of the public who wish to become mooring permit holders.

Expressions of Interest Register for members of the public

Expressions of interest from the public for a permit to enter a Council operated mooring will be given preference in the following order:

1. Owners of houseboats or river vessels operated for commercial use, with a current certificate of survey in accordance with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority *Marine Order 503 (Certificate of Survey – national law) 2018* in relation to the vessel, which is river worthy, registered and insured.
2. Owners of existing houseboats or river vessels that have an out of water survey certificate issued within the last five (5) years, showing the boat is river worthy, registered and insured.

Evidence of the Marine Order 503 or out of water survey certificate must be provided at the time the expression of interest is received.

Note: Expressions of interest from people who do not currently own a registered, insured and in survey / current out of water survey river vessel will not be accepted.

Mooring vacancies

Upon a vacancy occurring in a Council administered mooring location, allocation of moorings will be made in the following manner:

1. offered to houseboats or river vessels operated for commercial use
2. offered to other permit holders within the same marina, in accordance with the waiting list maintained by Council. The rotation of berths is ongoing until all licensees have been offered a relocation, or until the vacancy remains unfilled, unless a specific mooring has been identified as suitable for houseboats used for commercial operations
3. offered to permit holders at other Council administered mooring locations, in accordance with the waiting list maintained by Council
4. offered to non-commercial members of the public based on the register, in accordance with the preference set by the Council.

Should a licensee or member of the public be offered a mooring which is in turn rejected by them, they will maintain their place on the register, but be placed at the bottom. However, Council will not accept expressions of interest for particular moorings.

Note: The Council is under no obligation to fill a vacant Council operated mooring and may leave the moorings vacant.

Permits

Permits may be offered on an annual term or less. Permit fees are set by the Council at the time that Fees and Charges are considered by the Council during its budget deliberations.

Permit holders and members of the public should be aware that there are few vacancies in Council administered moorings. Waiting periods for a relocation or new berth may be lengthy.

Definitions

Commercial Use means a river vessel or houseboat that is certified in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Marine Safety Authority for use as a commercial vessel. The primary use of the boat is to derive income for financial gain or monetary reward, either directly or indirectly.

Permit Holder means a person or company issued a licence to occupy a mooring in a Council administered mooring.

Register means a register maintained by Council of interested existing permit holders or members of the public for a mooring in a Council administered marina.

Policy delegations

Delegation to issue permits in accordance with this policy is provided to the Chief Executive Officer, who may in turn sub-delegate to staff.

D. Availability

This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Loxton or Waikerie during ordinary business hours at no charge.

Copies of this Policy will also be available from Councils website: www.lwdc.sa.gov.au or postal copies may be obtained from the Council Office free of charge.

E. Document history and version control

Date	Version	Authorisation	Amendment Details
	1	MES	Original
11/2/2019	2	DCCS	Review
4/3/2019	3	MES	For adoption by Council
15/3/2019	4	Council	Adopted
May 2023	5	Council	Review following adoption of Houseboat Management Plan
December 2023	6	Council	Amendment to make intent of policy clear for inclusion of river vessels. Amendment to title, previously Allocation of Houseboat Moorings Policy