

4.2.2 Foreshore Dinghy Management

Type:	Operations – Parks & Reserves
Legislation:	Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 SRT Policy SRT/D26 – Dinghy Management along the Swan Canning Riverpark Shoreline (September 2010)
Delegation:	DA66 Authorisation to Approve the Storage of and Remove Dinghies from Foreshore
Other Related Document:	Town of East Fremantle Fees and Charges Dinghy Storage Criteria & Procedures

Introduction

The administration of dinghy storage in the Swan Canning Riverpark is the responsibility of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Parks and Wildlife Service or other agencies as identified.

While the informal storage of private dinghies on foreshore areas is a common practice it should be noted that there are no general rights to store dinghies on public lands.

The former Swan River Trust Swan and Canning Rivers Management Regulations states that a person must not leave a vessel unattended for 8 hours or more above the high water mark, unless the vessel is stored in a facility approved for that purpose. This Policy is developed in response to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Parks and Wildlife Service September 2010 policy SRT/D26, Dinghy Management along the Swan Canning Riverpark Shoreline which supports the development of dinghy storage facilities where:

- there are limited opportunities to provide launching facilities;
- they are not the predominant use on the foreshore; and
- they do not unacceptably restrict public access, have unmanageable ecological impacts or unreasonably affect the amenity of an area.

Objective

- To provide for the management and storage of dinghies along the foreshore within the Town of East Fremantle.
- To 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.
- 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.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all persons, organisations or others seeking to store or tether a dinghy, canoe, ski, board, tender type vessel, coracle or any waterborne craft on the river foreshore areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the Town of East Fremantle.

Storage bays for dinghies are available by application to the Town of East Fremantle and the payment of an annual fee to balance the costs of implementing, administering and maintaining the system and infrastructure. Preference will be given to licensed mooring holders in the East Fremantle area,

followed by East Fremantle residents, and then other members of the community/surrounding suburbs. A waitlist will be maintained where the Town is oversubscribed for storage facilities.

The Town will undertake ongoing monitoring of the facility area to ensure that the potential increase in pedestrian traffic and activity at the location does not adversely impact the foreshore area.

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 Act 2006. 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.

Policy

Council supports the implementation of a dinghy management policy by applying the following storage management criteria and procedures:

- The adhoc storage of dinghies is not permitted in any area of the foreshore except where there is a formal storage area (see attached location plan) and an authorised permit for the storage of a dinghy has been issued by the Town.
- Storage will be limited by the available space, not by demand, however it is proposed that the current 'historical' number (12) and location of dinghy storage bays be formalised so the dinghies can be managed effectively with minimal disruption.
- Any dinghy found outside a designated dinghy storage area or any unregistered dinghies within a dinghy storage area may be subject to confiscation or impoundment by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions or the Town of East Fremantle (under Delegation DA66 Authorisation to Remove Dinghies from Foreshore).
- While the Swan River is a State asset, the use of infrastructure to access and store dinghies is funded through municipal rates, and as such, a preference is given to Town of East Fremantle ratepayers.
- Allocation of dinghy storage positions is controlled by the Town and managed via dedicated dinghy storage locations. The order of priority for dinghy storage is as follows:
 - (1) Long Term Mooring Holders who are Town of East Fremantle residents
 - (2) Long Term Mooring Holders who are not Town of East Fremantle residents
 - (3) Small water craft owners who are Town of East Fremantle residents

(4) Small water craft owners who are not Town of East Fremantle residents

- Private dinghies, and other small approved watercraft, can be stored for a 12 monthly period once registered with the Town and expires June 30 each year.
- The Town will retain a 'Dinghy Registration Waiting List' for an available bay should demand exceed permitted storage areas.
- Previous registration holders can apply to renew their storage registration each year and will be given preference over new applicants.
- The 'on-selling' or gifting of stage bays to third parties or family members is not permitted and will result in the immediate forfeit of the storage bay and remaining fees.
- An annual registration fee applies to all registered storage allocations. This fee will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- The CEO and Executive Manager Corporate Services has delegation to approve and issue Dinghy Storage registrations in line with this policy.

Responsible Directorate:	Corporate Services
Reviewing Officer:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Decision making Authority:	Council
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