



## DINGHY STORAGE ON FORESHORE & PUBLIC LANDS POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to regulate and control the storage of dinghies and water crafts on foreshore and public land areas within the Council's area, and to provide for a system of permits and authorised stickers as part of that control system.

### APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to any person who stores or seeks storage of a dinghy at a dinghy storage facility provided by the Council on the foreshore and public land areas of the municipality.

### SCOPE

The policy applies to all dinghies and water crafts stored at a Council dinghy storage facility.

### DEFINITIONS

Dinghy – Shall mean and includes and single hull water craft no longer than 3.5m in length.

Dinghy storage facilities – Facilities specifically constructed to facilitate the orderly storage of dinghies.

Bay – Means an allocated storage space at a dinghy storage facility or designated dinghy storage area.

Designated dinghy (water craft) storage areas- These are defined areas where dinghies (water craft) are permitted to be stored. Designated areas may, or may not be provided with a constructed storage facility.

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### BACKGROUND

The foreshore public open space areas around Sydney Harbour are limited and under high demand for a wide variety of passive and active recreational pastimes. Informal, ad-hoc and unauthorized water craft storage can be unsightly, potentially dangerous, and alienate and restrict public access to, and enjoyment of, public foreshore areas.

In some locations Council will install and maintain purpose built dinghy storage facilities to aid the management of water craft.

#### OBJECTIVES:

The Council will manage the storage of dinghies on public land for the benefit of water craft owners and for the convenience and enjoyment of the broader community accessing Council foreshore park areas and public lands.

The objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure that all dinghy storage facilities operate in an efficient manner and are maintained correctly.
- To provide for the orderly storage of dinghies in Council's designated storage areas.



- To ensure that all users adhere to the terms and conditions for the use of dinghy storage facilities.
- To provide that abandoned, derelict or illegally stored dinghies be removed from the foreshore areas where they constitute a hazard, cause damage to the environment, are a nuisance to foreshore areas and that do not comply with the conditions of use for Council's dinghy storage.
- To stipulate that dinghies without current permit stickers will be removed under the Impounding Act 1993.

## POLICY GUIDELINES

### 1. DERELICT, ABANDONED OR ILLEGALLY STORED DINGHIES.

Dinghies stored on the foreshore in an uncontrolled manner, shall be removed from reserves where there is significant adverse recreational or environmental impact or where suitable storage facilities have been provided.

Dinghies that have been abandoned, derelict or have been placed on a Council reserve illegally are to be removed and impounded by Council's authorised officers. These boats will be held at Council's impound and maybe disposed of in accordance with the Impounding Act 1993.

Proof of ownership is required for release of any impounded dinghy. Payment of a release fee and fine will be required.

### 2. DINGHY STORAGE FACILITIES

At appropriate locations Council will make available facilities suitable for the storage of dinghies, which members of the public may lease for a fee as set by the Council from time to time.

The dinghy storage facilities and designated dingy storage areas are located at

1. Alexandra Street
2. Angelo Street
3. Bedlam Bay
4. Betts Park
5. Collingwood Street
6. De Milhau Street
7. Ferdinand Street
8. Ferry Street
9. Gale street
10. Henley Baths
11. Herberton Ave
12. Lyndhurst Crescent
13. Margaret Street
14. Mornington Reserve
15. Mount Street
16. Murray Prior Reserve
17. Onion Point
18. The Point Road
19. Valentia Street
20. Viret Street
21. Wallumatta Bay

### 3. CONDITIONS OF USE OF DINGHY STORAGE FACILITIES

Council accepts no liability or responsibility for loss, damage or theft of the dinghies stored at the dinghy storage facility.

The maximum permissible length for dinghies stored at a dinghy storage facility is 3.5m and this maximum may not be exceeded.

Council must be notified within seven (7) days of disposal of dinghy, or no longer required usage of the dinghy storage facility to allow the next person on the waiting list a position on that facility.



The rental agreement permits one dinghy only being stored per allocated bay at a dinghy storage facility.

The lessee must notify Council promptly of change of address or contact phone numbers.

Council reserves the right to terminate the rental agreement if any of the relevant conditions are breached or if the lessee misuses the dinghy storage facility in anyway.

The dinghy permit sticker must be displayed in a prominent position.

Dinghies are to be stored on the formal racks at a dinghy storage facility as installed by the Council. Racks will be allocated by the method described below.

#### 4. ISSUE OF ANNUAL PERMIT STICKERS

An invoice will be forwarded to current permit holders and shall be issued each year to the owner of the dinghy to be stored at a dinghy storage facility. If the invoice is not paid within the allocated time, the storage bay may be allocated to the next person on the waiting list.

#### 5. DINGHY PERMIT STICKERS

Annual permit stickers for dinghy storage shall be made available to both residents and non-residents for storing of dinghies, which they personally own, at a designated dinghy storage facility on the following basis:

- a) Permits shall be in the form of stickers for attachment to the dinghy in a clearly visible location.
- b) Permits once attached to a dinghy will allow the owner to store the vessel for the current year.

#### 6. WAITING LISTS FOR STORAGE OF DINGHIES

The procedure for obtaining a position on Council's dinghy storage facilities is as follows:

- a) An application form is to be completed and returned to Council for placement on the waiting list for dinghy storage.
- b) An applicant may be placed on as many waiting lists as they require.
- c) When a position becomes available Council will notify the applicant and raise an invoice for the facility.

#### 7. DINGHIES WITHOUT CURRENT PERMIT STICKER OR OVERSIZED

Dinghies that do not display a current permit sticker in a clearly visible position or a dinghy that is over the length/height restriction for the facility may be impounded under the impounding Act 1993. Following advice from Council, owners of dinghies must place the current permit sticker on their dinghy, or remove the oversized dinghy from the facility.

#### 8. FEES & CHARGES - DINGHIES

The yearly rental of a dinghy storage bay commences 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Fees and charges are charged on a pro rata basis and are as follows:

- a) If allocation takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> July full, year payment
- b) If allocation takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> October,  $\frac{3}{4}$  year payment
- c) If allocation takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> January,  $\frac{1}{2}$  year payment
- d) If allocation takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> April,  $\frac{1}{4}$  year payment



The surrender of a dinghy storage bay attracts the following rebate for the portion not used:

- a) If surrender takes place before 1<sup>st</sup> October,  $\frac{3}{4}$  year payment
- b) If surrender takes place before 1<sup>st</sup> January,  $\frac{1}{2}$  year payment
- c) If surrender takes place before 1<sup>st</sup> April,  $\frac{1}{4}$  year payment
- d) If surrender takes place before 1<sup>st</sup> July, no rebate is provided.

## POLICY OWNER

The policy authority is the Group Manager Works and Services.

## AUTHORISATION AND REVIEW

This policy is to be reviewed in 2020 or with any changes to relevant legislation or Council policy.

### Version Control Table

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