

Club Policy – Boat storage

Purpose

To provide guidance for everybody about how the storage of personal boats in the clubhouse shall be handled.

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/trip.**
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.
4. To provide flexibility for the club over time.

General policy provisions

1. **Active participation in club paddling trips/activities** – The 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 approved by the Club executive.**
3. **Payment of fee** – A fee shall be payable for boat storage (currently \$150). Committee members, as a privilege, may store 1 kayak at the clubhouse without cost.
4. **Fixed period** – boat storage (where approved), shall generally be through to 30 June each year, at which point it shall expire. A new storage request shall be made to the club secretary and be considered in line with the club policy at that time – automatic renewal should not be assumed.
5. **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.
6. **Paddling conduct/safety** – the 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.

Footnote: *This policy will may be regularly reviewed and may be amended over time.*