



Mildura Rural City Council

Mooring Policy

Policy – CP004

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1. The purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to define the conditions and hazardous tree management responsibilities on Council managed land adjacent to mooring sites along the Murray River. The policy aligns with conditions outlined in the Mooring Management Guidelines to ensure consistency.

2. Policy Statement

Mildura Rural City Council is responsible for the management of parts of the Murray River Permanent Reserve adjacent to mooring sites. Council is committed to managing the Murray River Permanent Reserve for the purpose intended including ensuring that environmental values are protected and recreational opportunities for all community members are maintained.

3. Principles

General Conditions

The following conditions apply to all mooring licencees:

- Living permanently on the vessel is prohibited.
- All mooring ropes must be tied to anchor pegs/posts and not to native vegetation.
- Anchor pegs/posts must not encroach onto existing walking/cycling paths.
- No native vegetation is to be removed from the Murray River Permanent Reserve.
- Materials, rubbish and equipment must not be stored on the frontage.
- No development of any private structures/improvements/fixtures such as roads, car parks, fuel tanks, buildings, power lines are permitted on the Murray River Permanent Reserve.
- Planting of non-indigenous species at the site is prohibited.
- The mooring site must adhere to the standards set for moorings under the District Mooring Management Plan.
- The creation of earthen steps or any other earthworks are prohibited, including bringing in of any material (sand, road base, loam etc.).

- Public access to the land adjoining the mooring site must not be restricted in any way.
- No private signage is to be erected on the land (mooring site number sign only).
- No electricity is to be connected to the site.
- All regular maintenance and servicing requirements associated with the vessel shall be carried out at the appropriate designated facilities.
- Vehicle parking and access to the site is to be restricted to vehicles using the existing tracks (vehicle access to all sites may not be possible).
- No long term parking of vehicles is permitted on the Murray River Permanent Reserve.

These conditions are specified in writing to the applicant when Council approves any new mooring site licencee.

Hazardous Tree Management

Council will undertake an annual inspection and maintenance program on trees within designated mooring areas adjacent to the Murray River Permanent Reserve where Council is committee of management. The cost of any additional tree inspection and maintenance works is the responsibility of the mooring licencee, including an arborist inspection and any necessary remedial works. Where a new mooring licence is issued, Council may require the applicant to undertake at their cost, an inspection of all trees adjacent to the mooring by a qualified arborist and any remedial works before the licence is issued.

Council must be consulted before any remedial works or removal of native vegetation is undertaken. Only those trees assessed by a suitably qualified arborist as hazardous can be treated. Native Vegetation Regulations must be adhered to (only up to one third of the tree canopy can be trimmed without a permit).

4. Implementation

Manager Asset Services, Manager Community Futures, Manager Development Services, Manager Parks and Waste Services

5. Definitions

Murray River Permanent Reserve	Land along the Victorian banks of the River Murray permanently reserved as Crown land for public purposes. This is typically an area approximately 60 meters (three chains) from the water's edge.
Existing tracks	Established vehicle tracks for public access.
Designated facilities	Including sewerage pump out stations, dry dock facilities and areas where access to the boat is permitted.
Servicing requirements	Maintenance and servicing including emptying of sewerage reservoirs, filling of gas tanks and general repairs.

Long term parking Parking of vehicle in the same location for a period of seven days or more.

6. Legislation and other references

6.1 Legislation

For further information related to this policy see:

- Mildura Planning Scheme
- Native Vegetation Removal Regulations (Victoria)

6.2 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Land Managers Consent (applications for new mooring site licences)
- District Mooring Management Plan (1998)
- Mooring Management Guidelines

6.3 Risk Assessment Reference

Please tick the corporate governance risk(s) that this policy is addressing.

Risk Category		Risk Category	
Asset Management Committees	✓	Financial Sustainability	✓
Compliance – Legal & Regulatory	✓	Human Resource Management	
Contract Management		Leadership & Organisational Culture	
Contract Tendering & Procurement		Occupational Health & Safety	
Corporate Governance		Organisational Risk Management	✓
Environmental Sustainability	✓	Project Management	
		Public Image and Reputation	