



Mildura Rural City Council

Mooring Policy

Policy – CP004

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1. The purpose

To define the conditions and management requirements for mooring sites, including the identification and mitigation of hazardous trees on Council managed land adjacent to mooring sites, in alignment with the Mooring Management Guidelines.

2. Policy Statement

Mildura Rural City Council is responsible for managing sections of the Murray River Permanent Reserve adjacent to mooring sites. Council is committed to ensuring the Reserve is managed for its intended purpose including protecting environmental values and maintaining recreational opportunities for all community members.

3. Principles

General Conditions for Mooring Sites

Mooring licences issued by Maritime NSW apply to designated areas on navigable waters. Land adjacent to moorings is not part of any licence area, and licensees hold no rights over this land. Licensees must ensure that interactions with adjacent land protect the environmental, recreational and public access values of the Murray River Permanent Reserve. Licensees acknowledge that the use of these areas is at their own risk and are responsible for ensuring the safety of persons and property. To uphold these values, all licensees must comply with the following conditions:

- Living permanently on a vessel at a mooring site is prohibited.
- All mooring ropes must be secured to safe, visible anchor pegs or posts, and must not be attached to native vegetation.
- Anchor pegs/posts must not encroach onto existing shared paths.
- No native vegetation may be removed from the Murray River Permanent Reserve.
- Planting of non-indigenous species at the site is prohibited.
- Materials, rubbish and equipment must not be stored on the frontage.

- Development of any private structures/improvements/fixtures such as roads, car parks, fuel tanks, buildings, power lines is prohibited on the Murray River Permanent Reserve.
- 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 temporary or permanent electricity is to be connected from the land to the vessel.
- 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).
- Long term parking of vehicles, for 7 days or more, on the Murray River Permanent Reserve is prohibited.

Land Manager Consent is required for all new mooring licenses adjoining Council managed land, and for the installation of any new or replacement anchor pegs/posts or commercial signage on Council managed land.

These conditions are issued in writing to applicants upon approval of any new mooring site licence.

Hazardous Tree Management

Council will manage hazardous trees within Council managed mooring areas to ensure public safety, environmental protection and compliance with regulatory requirements. Council will undertake an inspection and maintenance program for trees located on Council managed sections of the Murray River Permanent Reserve adjacent to mooring sites.

Mooring licensees are responsible for the cost of any tree inspections, arborist assessments, maintenance or remedial works required outside Council's program. For new mooring licences, Council may require the applicant, at their own cost, to obtain a suitably qualified arborist inspection of adjacent trees and complete any required remedial works before the licence is approved.

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.

4. Implementation

Manager Facilities & Assets
 Manager Community Partnerships
 Manager Civic Compliance
 Manager Parks & Recreation

5. Definitions

Existing tracks	Established vehicle tracks for public access.
Designated facilities	Includes sewerage pump out stations and dry dock facilities.
Long term parking	Parking of vehicle in the same location for a period of seven days or more.
Murray River Permanent Reserve	Crown Land along the Victorian bank of the Murray River permanently reserved for public purposes. Typically, the area 60 meters (three chains) from the water's edge.
Servicing requirements	Maintenance and servicing including emptying of sewerage reservoirs, filling of gas tanks and general repairs.

6. Legislation and other references

6.1 Legislation

For further information related to this policy see:

- Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 (Victoria)
- Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Victoria)
- Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Victoria) - Mildura Planning Scheme
- Native Vegetation Removal Regulations (Victoria)

6.2 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Land Manager Consent
- Mooring Management Guidelines
- Native Vegetation and Pest Management Plan 2024-2028

6.3 Risk Assessment Reference

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

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