



Vision

The purpose of the onsite kayak storage facility as stated in the government grant received:

"Having boats available on site increases accessibility to the sport and is particularly important to young people and new participants in the sport, who in the early stages of their interest, may not have either the means to buy a boat, or the capacity to carry a boat to training. An on-site storage facility will enable regular participation from existing club members and attract new members, thus increasing participation in the sport. On site boat storage will also enable LCRK to purchase some additional "club" kayaks which can be made available to both general public for "try before you join" programs. This will enable initiation of a long term goal of the club to provide a Junior participation program, whereby interested youth may try out kayaking and receive instruction and coaching. This will encourage sustained participation in the sport of paddling in a safe, competitive and efficient manner – whether for fun, fitness or competition".

Intended Use of Boat Shed

The intention for this shed is to be for storage of **'boats in use'**. Given the limited number of storage positions available it is important that boats are used regularly i.e. weekly or fortnightly. This will be a driving force behind club boat selection and retention and for the allocation of storage rack positions.

Storage Priorities

The committee has decided that the basis of storage will be as follows:

- Firstly club owned boats (approx. 1/3 of spaces available)
- Member boats, with a waiting list for those members wishing to store when no space is available. (approx. 2/3 of spaces available). Criteria is described later.

Boat Shed Manager

The Boat Shed Manager role is carried out by the LCRK Committee who have oversight of the rack allocation, review of applications and day to day management of the shed. The Boat Shed Manager may reallocate/rearrange actual boat rack locations at their discretion to achieve the best fit for boats in the shed.

Applying for Storage Rack Position

A full time member may apply via email to the Boat Shed Manager via committee@lcrk.org.au. The Boat Shed Manager will give due consideration based on the criteria defined in this document.

If successful and there is a rack position available then it will be allocated. This will be the only rack position to be used by the successful applicant. That rack is for personal use only and may not be sublet to anyone else.

If successful and there is no rack position available then the applicant will be advised and place on a waiting list.

Storage Rack Position Allocation Criteria

Space will be allocated at the committee's discretion based on criteria in the following order of priority:

- a. Intended usage for the coming year
- b. Current Rack Holders - rack usage over the last year; ongoing members that are not current rack holders - paddling activity that would have benefited from rack usage over the last year
- c. Reason for on-site storage
- d. Physical restrictions/difficulty in transporting and carrying a kayak
- e. Contribution to LCRK
- f. Representation of LCRK at races and paddling events

6.3 Waiting List for Storage

If your application for a storage rack position has been successful and there is no rack position available then the applicant will be advised and place on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained by the Boat Shed Manager.

6.4 Storage Rack Position Fees

For successful applicants, boat storage fees are \$180 per annum for single craft and \$300 for double craft, reviewed from time to time and pro rata for mid-year take up. Fees will be payable via Bank Transfer within a week of being allocated a storage rack position. Bank Account details will be provided upon successful application. Records regarding the storage of members' boats will be maintained in the Boat Management spreadsheet. You will have 7 days to pay for the boat rack position. Failure to pay will mean your rack position will be forfeited and will be allocated to next on the waiting list.

6.6 Storage Rack Position Annual Renewal

Annual renewal of a storage rack position is not automatic. All current holders of rack storage positions at the end of the club year will be required to re-apply for their rack position. The Boat Shed Manager will apply the same selection criteria as the initial approval process. The intention here is to share this facility amongst full time members who qualify for a storage rack position.

6.7 Non-Use of Boats

As we have a 'boats in use' policy, the Boat Shed Manager will require a member to remove their boat from the shed should it be deemed to be unused and there are other members on the waiting list. The boat shed fee for the remainder of the year will be refunded.

Shed Etiquette

Access

Access will be provided by use of a number code for the door which will be changed every two years or as required. The number code should not be shared – it is up to the Committee to issue access details. Access to the grounds and car park is generally from daylight to dusk.

Security

The boatshed has been fitted with a CCTV system to ensure security for the shed and its contents. The last person to leave the shed, whether going for a paddle or leaving the park, is responsible for locking the shed. Even if you are expecting someone to return to the shed in 5 mins then it is still your responsibility to lock the shed if you are the last to leave.

Insurance

There is no insurance on the building or contents which means boats are stored at your own risk. You may wish to take up the boat insurance option with paddle NSW.

Boat Shed Etiquette – Water Free

The boat shed is a water free zone. After using a boat from the shed, whether it is a club owned boat or member owned boat, it must be **washed and dried** before returning it to its storage location. We need to keep the shed dry as we want to minimise the maintenance required on the racks which would be badly affected by salt water.

Policy Changes

Recommended changes to this policy should be submitted to the committee for consideration. The LCRK committee are to review /approve any changes.