



PRIVATE ROWING EQUIPMENT POLICY

RATIONALE AND PURPOSE

This policy aims to provide guidance on how private boat storage requests are assessed in a fair and equitable manner, whilst balancing the needs of the club and equipment for all members.

POLICY GUIDELINES

1. The Committee of Bunbury Rowing Club have delegated responsibility for allocation of private boat and equipment storage to the Club Captain.
2. Life and ordinary members of the Bunbury Rowing Club may apply to store rowing equipment at the club. Where two or more people own a boat, all members must be fully financial.
3. Members who make an application to store a private boat or oars are not assured storage. Separate applications must be submitted for each boat to be considered for storage. Each application will be assessed separately.
4. In the event the equipment owner is no longer a member of the Bunbury Rowing Club, the Club Captain reserves the right to evict the boat, providing four weeks' notice is given.
5. After a period of 2 years with no communication or contact in relation to a stored boat or oars, the Bunbury Rowing Club may sell/dispose of the equipment. Every effort will be made to contact the individual owner of the boat beforehand.
6. A request for the storage of a private boat and/or equipment is to be made in writing to the Club Captain. A description of the equipment, manufacturer, identifying marks and serial numbers is to be included.
7. The request is to detail the reason for storage at the BRC boat shed and the duration of storage (e.g. off season, ongoing etc.).
8. The Club Captain will assess and approve each application on a case-by-case basis, based on (but not limited to) the following criteria:
 - 8.1. Use requirements
 - 8.2. Willingness of members to share their private equipment with nominated and agreed club members for training and competition requirements

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- 8.3. Member's significant contribution to the Club
9. Management of equipment storage is the responsibility of the Club Captain, or relevant delegate as nominated by the Club Captain.
 10. Any boat stored in the Bunbury Rowing Club without formal permission can be removed at the Club Captain's discretion.
 11. A storage fee shall be set by the Committee and may be varied by the Committee when Annual Fees are decided.
 12. Storage fees must be paid with annual membership fees.
 13. In the event the Club has insufficient space for priority equipment, the Club Captain reserves the right to reappropriate space rented for private equipment. In all instances, priority is given to Club boats and equipment.
 14. Fees for storage commenced during the membership year will be assessed on the same basis as for membership fees in accordance with the constitution.
 15. The Committee reserves the right to waive the storage fee based on the applicant's contribution to the club (e.g. Life Membership).
 16. The Bunbury Rowing Club will take all reasonable care when transporting privately-owned equipment, however will not accept liability for damage when reasonable care is taken.
 17. Privately-owned equipment that is loaned by the owner to another member with permission is done so at the owner's risk.
 18. Privately-owned equipment is not to be used by anyone other than the owner without explicit permission being granted. Any breach will be taken very seriously.
 19. Damage caused in instances where privately-owned equipment is being used without permission is the responsibility of the user.
 20. Private equipment transported on Club trailers must be made available for use by all members at competitions, without exception.
 21. If the affected member disagrees with the decision made by the Club Captain, a written appeal may be lodged with the Committee within 14 days.