

Frequently Asked Questions: Foreshore Management

The foreshore is the space between the club site and the waterline of Lake Eppalock.

What is the 'Foreshore Licence Area'?

The 'Foreshore Licence Area' is the space between the club site and the waterline of the Lake. This land is a buffer protection zone between the club development and the lake. Drainage management, vegetation and erosion protection are important foreshore management requirements for protecting water quality in the lake and need to be managed accordingly.

What is Foreshore Licencing?

Under the new lease being proposed, clubs will have the opportunity to licence a portion of the foreshore adjacent to the club site.

While the current lease covers the land of the club site up to the waterline, until now there hasn't been a method for managing the use of and responsibility for this land.

The licence creates a clear distinction between club land and the foreshore, and will allow for better management of recreational structures such as fishing jetties, boat ramps etc., and works undertaken there.

How much will the licence cost?

There is no fee for a Foreshore Licence, but any new approved works and assets will require a licence and attract a separate fee.

GMW will be developing a draft foreshore licence for discussion that will be circulated with the draft lease prior to 30 June 2016 expiry of the current lease.

What can be done to stop unauthorised access to the foreshore by vehicles and motorbikes?

We understand that unauthorised vehicle access on the foreshore is a concern for clubs.

GMW has established a fencing program to try and prevent this.

If your club is experiencing problems with unauthorised vehicle access, you should discuss this with your GMW storage officer.

Is the foreshore open to the general public?

The general public have pedestrian and boating rights to the foreshore. Foreshore licencing doesn't provide clubs exclusive use of the foreshore.

Will GMW consider boat tethering using temporary mooring stakes?

As a result of our Lake Eppalock Workshop, GMW will investigate the initiative taken by some clubs to provide in-water tethering of boats and make a recommendation to clubs as to whether this will be allowed under the new lease.

Can clubs have swim platforms, pontoons or jetties?

As swim platforms aren't covered in the GMW Jetty and Moorings procedure, this will need to be investigated internally and the decision will be communicated back to clubs when the new lease and licence are circulated. Any jetties will be required to be licenced and meet safety standards.

Are clubs able to have self-regulated swimming areas?

Yes, but only when a swimming area is needed. It will be the club's responsibility to remove any signage each night. The area will be managed by the club and must not restrict vessel access. All current regulatory boating zones remain in place.

