

Foreshore Occupation Licencing Information

If you have an existing jetty or slipway licence with Goulburn-Murray Water you may be eligible for a new Foreshore Occupation Licence

Your existing licence

We wrote to you last year advising that your jetty or slipway licence on the foreshore land adjoining your property expired on 30 June 2017. However while Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) was reviewing its foreshore licencing, your licence remained valid until our review was complete.

The review process consolidated our information and included consultation with new and existing customers and local advisory committees. The review is now complete and new Foreshore Occupation Licences are being introduced.

What are the benefits of the new licences?

The new Foreshore Occupation Licences will provide you with greater security of tenure with a longer licence term. The new licences are valid for 10 years (previously 5 years).

The licences allow you to enjoy authorised private recreational structures on GMW foreshore land.

The updated licencing system is fairer for all users as it is based on a user-pays approach. This means the cost of your licence may depend on the type of foreshore structure/s you have.

What does the licence authorise?

A Foreshore Occupation Licence authorises the licensee to occupy the licenced area with an approved structure(s) for recreational purposes and in accordance with the licence conditions.

Previously GMW only licenced jetties and slipways (boat ramps). In some areas, we may now allow other structures to be approved.

The licence does not provide the licensee with exclusive use of the licenced area. The licence does not allow the licensee to take or use water.

New licence offer

GMW staff inspected all licenced areas in 2017 and assessed existing structures such as jetties and slipways.

If your structure(s) were assessed as being suitable to remain on the foreshore area, you may be offered a new licence. This will list the structures that are approved in the licence.

Conditional Licence Offer

If a structure was in disrepair, you may be offered a conditional licence which will give you some time to complete repair works. You should contact our staff to discuss the nature of the repairs and arrange a works approval notice.

Removal of foreshore structure

If you have a structure on the foreshore area which is not suitable to remain you will be required to remove it. This may be because the structure is unsafe or is not an approved type of structure. You should contact our staff to discuss the next steps.

Fees

The Foreshore Occupation Licence has annual licence fees which are calculated on the number and type of approved structures and size of the foreshore land area. You will be advised of the fees that apply to your situation.

While the total fees vary due to these factors, a schedule of common fees is included with this letter which may assist you to consider your licence needs.