

Better Boat Storage, Narrabeen Lagoon – Community feedback and Council responses

From 24 January 2019 to 3 March 2019 community feedback was sought on the proposal to improve boat storage around Narrabeen Lagoon. It was proposed to build an additional 44 kayak spaces and 23 dinghy spaces, as well as new large boat storage at these locations:

- 16 kayak spaces and 15 vertical dinghy spaces at Jamieson Park
- 28 kayak spaces at Bilarong Reserve
- 8 horizontal dinghy spaces at Berry Reserve
- Outrigger and dragon boat storage (large) at Middle Creek Reserve

During the community engagement period 34 online submissions were received:

- 82% (28 submissions) supported some or all of the proposals
- 12% (4 submissions) did not support the proposals
- 6% (2 submissions) were unsure

A summary of the feedback received and Council's responses are outlined in table below.

Summary of feedback	Council's responses
<p>Reasons for supporting the proposed boat storage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aesthetics of formalised storage is much better than dumped boats along the foreshore • Reduces waiting lists • Supports boating activities on the lagoon • May reduce unregulated dumping of water craft around the lake and surrounding streets / reserves 	<p>New boat storage will be installed at three locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 kayak spaces and 15 vertical dinghy spaces at Jamieson Park • 28 kayak spaces at Bilarong Reserve • 8 horizontal dinghy spaces at Berry Reserve <p>Works will commence in May 2019.</p>
<p>Reasons for not supporting the proposed boat storage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential negative impact on amenity and sightlines • There may be more overcrowding on the foreshore due to more boat storage • Loss of open space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new boat storage will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve amenity by reducing dumping of watercraft around the lagoon - be located so as to minimise impact on sightlines (particularly of the water) - be designed with a minimal footprint • The open space used for the new boat storage will be offset by a reduction in open space used by dumped boats
<p>The Narrabeen Dragon Boat Club were not supportive of the proposed large boat storage at Middle Creek for these reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Creek has no formal, easy access to the water and the water depth is not ideal for launching dragon boats • Jamieson Park has two formal boat ramps which provide easier water access and the majority of members can walk to this park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal for outrigger and dragon boat storage (large) at Middle Creek Reserve will not proceed at this time. Further consultation with users will be undertaken and then this proposal will be reviewed.
<p>Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide eyelets/fittings on boat storage so that watercraft can be locked • More boat storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is agreed to investigate the possibility of adding fittings to boat storage around Narrabeen Lagoon so that watercraft can be locked and implement where feasible. • The need for more boat storage around Narrabeen Lagoon will be reviewed in 2019/20.

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