



# Lake Butler Marina Fact Sheet: Short Term Moorings

## Background

- This Fact Sheet summarises Council's Short-Term Moorings Policy which was adopted at the 14 May 2025 Council meeting
- From 1 July 2025, general short-term berthing arrangements at Lake Butler Marina will cease.
- This position Council's strategic direction to transition the marina to a long-term leasing model
- In accordance with Clause 5.23.3 of the Headlease, at least 5% of total berths will be retained for short-term use

## Why the Change?

- To support the ongoing berth sales campaign by maintaining the integrity of long-term leasing.
- Legal advice affirms that Council can restrict short-term mooring use to eligible users and must apply consistent policy-based decisions.

## What is a Short-Term Mooring?

Short-term moorings are berths available for temporary use (minimum 24 hours) by transiting or cruising vessels. These are distinct from any former casual or repetitive local use arrangements.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be approved for a short-term mooring, applicants must demonstrate:

- The vessel is transiting through the region or on a temporary cruise
- It is not to be used for regular/repetitive local access
- The stay is a minimum of 24 hours and occupancy within the vessel is limited to 14 consecutive days
- Longer-term berthing without onboard accommodation (e.g. for maintenance or idle mooring) may be negotiated separately with Council
- The vessel meets marina safety and operational requirements, including proof of insurance

## Application Process

- All short-term mooring requests must be submitted prior to arrival
- Approval is at the discretion of the Marina Manager or their delegate
- Terms of stay will be issued with conditions of stay and charged the applicable short-term fee, as determined by Council in consultation with the Minister for Transport

## Policy Enforcement

- Short-term berth users must comply with:
  - All marina safety and navigation rules
  - Directions from the Marina Manager or their delegate
  - The approved terms of stay and full payment of fees

