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# MOORING GUIDELINES FOR LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN



*The National Capital Authority (NCA) approves, issues, and manages moorings in Lake Burley Griffin (the Lake) in accordance with the National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022.*

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## 1. Background

The National Capital Authority (the NCA) manages Lake Burley Griffin (the Lake) on behalf of the Commonwealth in accordance with the *National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022* (the Ordinance).

The NCA administers the management and maintenance of the Lake and its foreshore areas, as well as the assets and structures within the Lake.

Under the Ordinance, the NCA may issue permits which allows the mooring of vessels on the Lake (Section 18). Permits may be granted for a twelve-month period.

## 2. Purpose

The Mooring Guidelines for Lake Burley Griffin (the Guidelines) outline the procedures and requirement of mooring permits for Lake Burley Griffin, including:

- the conditions which apply to mooring permits
- application requirements
- renewal of permits
- responsibilities of the mooring owners
- the powers of the NCA
- the requirement for insurance
- inspections and maintenance of the moorings.

Failure to comply with these Guidelines may result in mooring permits being cancelled and owners being instructed to remove any vessel off the Lake at the owner's cost.

## 3. How to apply for a new mooring permit

1. Visit [Mooring | National Capital Authority \(nca.gov.au\)](https://www.nca.gov.au/mooring)
2. Read the Guidelines (this document) and Mooring Permit Application form (found on the website)
3. Complete the Mooring Permit Application form and send to [lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au](mailto:lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au) for consideration
4. For further information please call (02) 6271 2888 or email [lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au](mailto:lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au)

### Fees and Charges:

There is no charge for a mooring permit, however the mooring owner will be required to fund the supply and installation of a new mooring in accordance with NCA advice. The specification for general moorings is included at **Attachment A**. Please note the specification may vary depending on the size and weight of the vessel. Please contact the NCA to confirm the requirement. Mooring owners may elect to use the NCA Lake Maintenance Contractor to supply and install a new mooring or may elect to use alternate contractors subject to necessary NCA approvals to operate on the Lake. Mooring owners are required to provide evidence of installation to NCA and confirmation of installation to the specification.

## 4. How to renew a mooring permit

All current mooring permits expire on 30 June each year. Mooring owners who have a mooring permit at this time will be contacted by the NCA to apply for a mooring permit renewal, provided the mooring owner has satisfactorily complied with the conditions and requirements of these Guidelines. All renewal applications will be considered by the Lake Delegate for approval.

### Fees and Charges:

There is no charge for mooring permit renewals, however all costs associated with repairs or



maintenance will be charged to the mooring owner. The NCA will undertake an annual inspection of all moorings and provide mooring owners with a report detailing any maintenance or repairs required. It is the responsibility of the mooring owner to affect all reported maintenance required. Mooring owners may elect to use the NCA Lake Maintenance Contractor to undertake repairs or may elect to use alternate contractors subject to necessary NCA approvals to operate on the Lake. Mooring owners are required to provide evidence of repair to NCA and confirmation of repair to the specification. Failure to undertake required maintenance may result in mooring permits being cancelled.

## 5. Mooring Locations

Mooring permits can be issued for three locations within Lake Burley Griffin. These are Orana Bay, Yarralumla Bay and Lotus Bay.



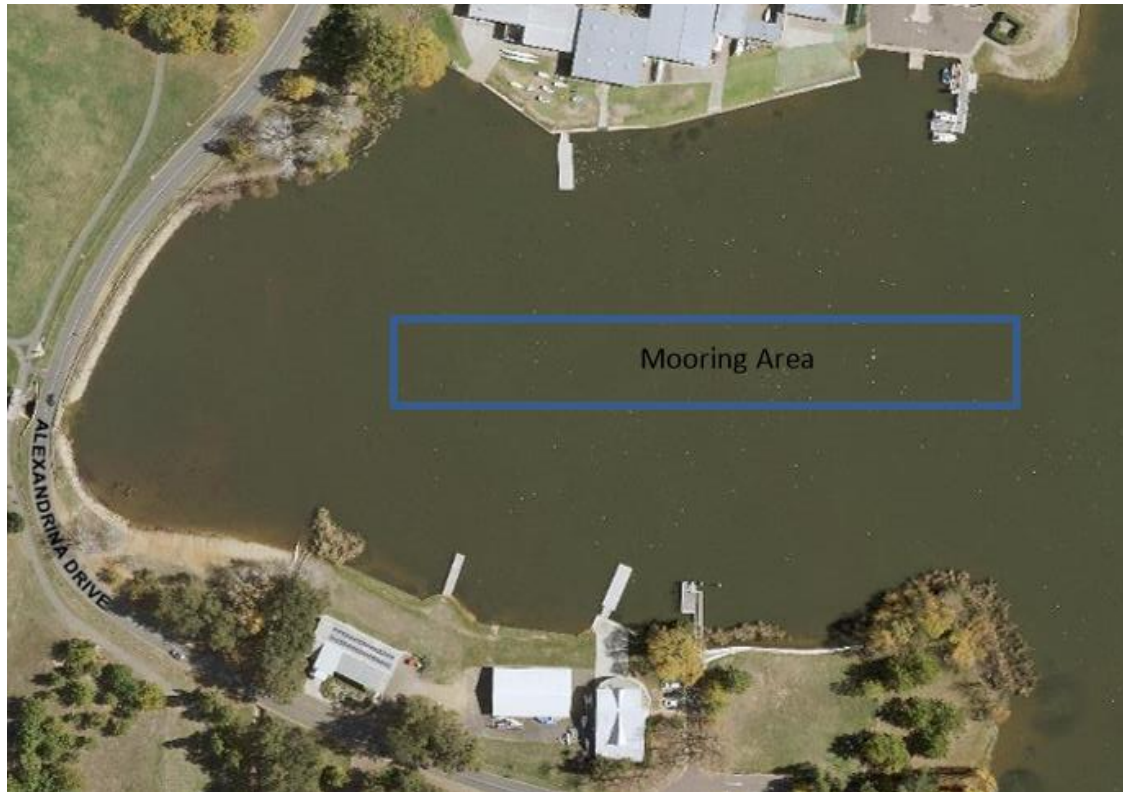
### Lotus Bay:

Lotus Bay is a busy launching zone for yachts and other recreational craft. The activities of the Canberra Yacht Club, Sailability and the MV Southern Cross make this a busy area, restricting the available space at this location.



### Yarralumla Bay:

Yarralumla Bay is a busy recreational hub with limited space and has moorings for the YMCA Sailing Club and AFP Water Police.



### Orana Bay:

Situated in the south of Tarcoola Reach, Orana Bay provides a location which causes the least disruption to recreational users in the area.



## 6. Mooring Permit Conditions

All mooring permits granted under section 18 of the Ordinance shall be subject to the conditions as outlined on the Mooring Permit Application. These conditions include:

- Mooring owners are fully responsible for the mooring and the vessels attached to those moorings
- Mooring owners are to provide evidence that the vessel is covered by adequate third-party property insurance
- Mooring owners are fully responsible for any damage caused by their vessel
- All repairs and maintenance required will be undertaken at the cost of the mooring owner
- Mooring permits are valid for no more than 12 months
- Mooring owners are to provide the NCA with current contact details and details of the vessel attached to the mooring
- Moorings shall not be vacant (i.e: the specified vessel not at the mooring) for a period longer than four months during the permit period
- Mooring permits are not transferable.

The full Mooring Permit Conditions are set out on the Mooring Permit Application form found at [Mooring | National Capital Authority \(nca.gov.au\)](https://www.nca.gov.au/moorings).

## 7. Mooring specification and correct use

Each mooring must be installed by an NCA approved contractor, using a vessel which has the appropriate AMSA certifications, NCA boat permits and sufficient current insurances.

Moorings must be installed and maintained to ensure that they are capable of holding the vessel for which it has been installed under extreme adverse weather conditions which may be expected for Lake Burley Griffin.

Each mooring is to be identified with a single yellow buoy which has the mooring number clearly marked. This buoy will be supplied by the NCA and remains the property of the NCA.

While a vessel is placed on its mooring the vessel is not to be directly linked to the buoy. The vessel is to be linked directly to the chain on which the buoy is attached using the shackle at the top of the buoy.

## 8. Mooring inspections and maintenance

Approved moorings will be inspected annually by an NCA approved contractor. Moorings will be inspected to ensure:

- The weight of the anchor is sufficient for the vessel
- The fixture from the anchor is in sound condition
- The chain from the anchor to the mooring buoy is in sound condition
- All swivels and shackles are in sound condition
- There is sufficient length in the chain for the vessel
- Mooring buoys are sound and correctly numbered.

The NCA covers the cost for this inspection which is undertaken around August each year.

A report of the inspection will be provided to the mooring owner detailing any repairs required. All repairs are the responsibility of the mooring owner. Subject to the urgency of the required repairs, the NCA may instruct the owner of the mooring to remove any vessel which may be currently on that mooring until the required repairs are completed. The NCA will advise if an emergency mooring is

available for this purpose. If the required repairs are not undertaken by an agreed date, the NCA may cancel the mooring permit and the mooring owner will be instructed to remove the vessel from the Lake.

All costs incurred for the rectification of any fixtures to make sound, will be borne by the owner of the mooring.

## 9. Information required by the NCA

The NCA requires up to date information about the owners of mooring and the vessels to be attached to those moorings. This information may be disclosed to relevant external service providers, the ACT Water Police or Comcover, should the NCA deem it necessary. Information is collected, held, used and disclosed in accordance with the NCA Privacy Policy located on the NCA [website](#).

Upon request, mooring owners are to provide to the NCA a copy of the current Certificate of Currency, providing evidence that the vessel is adequately insured against third party property damage.

If any information regarding the mooring, vessel or the owner contact details needs to be updated, email the information to [lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au](mailto:lakeburleygriffin@nca.gov.au). Mooring owners will receive a confirmation that their details have been updated.

## 10. Removal of vessels from the Lake

Section 100 (1) of the Ordinance provides Inspectors (certain NCA staff and Police Officers) with such powers to instruct a boat to be removed or to have a boat removed from the Lake. Section 100 (1) states that:

*(1) If, in the opinion of an inspector, a vehicle or boat in a lake area:*

- (a) is obstructing or is likely to obstruct the free passage of any person, vehicle or boat in the lake area; or*
- (b) is moored other than in accordance with a mooring permit; or*
- (c) should, in the interests of safety or of the public, be moved;*  
*the inspector may direct the owner or person in charge of the vehicle or boat to move it to another place in, or to remove it from, the lake area.*

In accordance with the NCA Authority Accountable Instruction (AAI) 6 – Managing Property, the NCA has the power to have abandoned vessels removed and disposed of if unable to contact or locate the owner of a vessel and is believed to be abandoned. AAI 6 states that:

- property not claimed by its owner within three months may be disposed of if all reasonable attempts have been made to contact the owner have not been successful
- property may be disposed of at any time if it is believed to be dangerous
- property will be disposed of in an economical manner, either by sale, gifting or by disposal to waste

## 11. Contact

For further information about these Guidelines or mooring on Lake Burley Griffin, please contact the National Capital Authority (NCA):

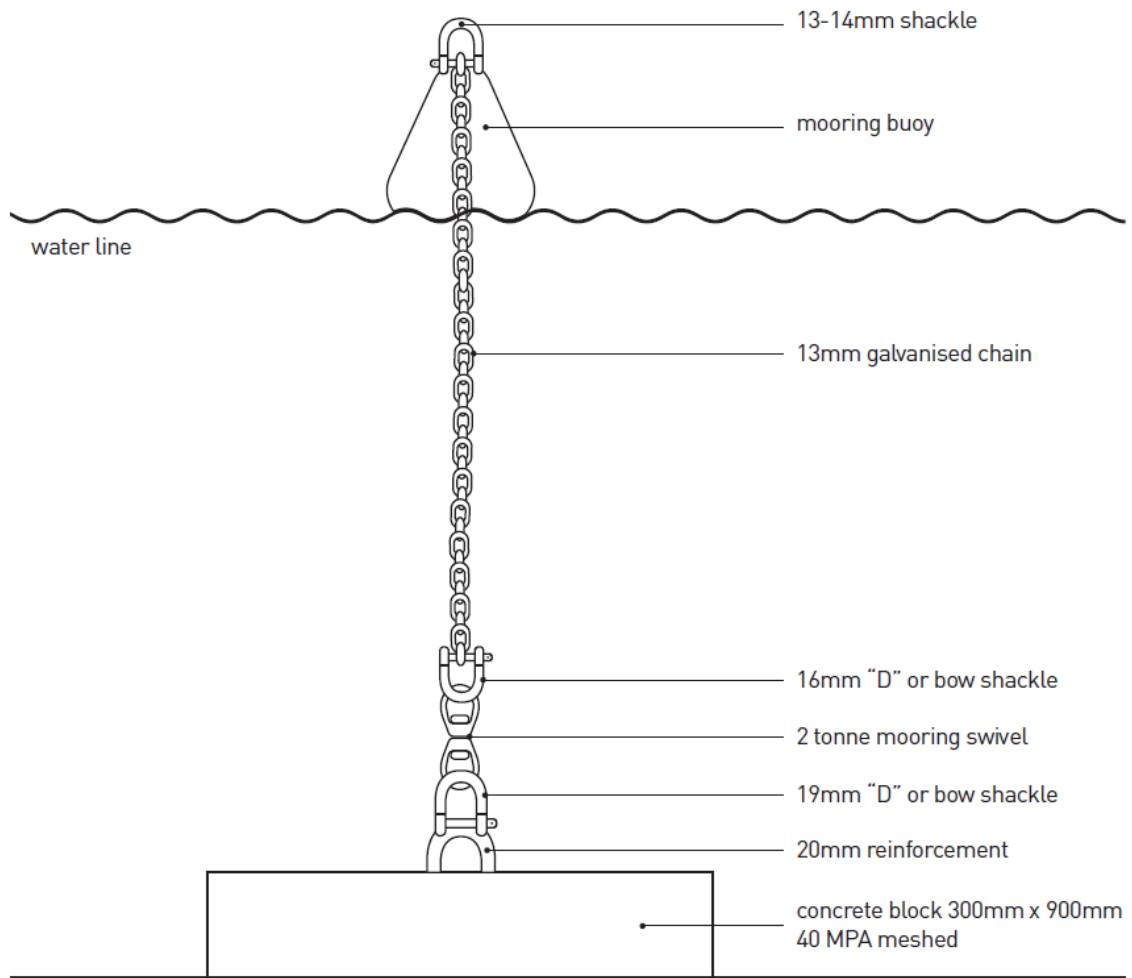
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P: 02 6271 2888



**Attachment A:**

**Mooring Diagram**



*General Mooring Specification*

Note: the mooring specification may vary depending on the length and weight of the vessel.