

It's my pontoon – why do I have to pay Council to keep it in the canal?

Canals are owned by Council and classified as operational land. The annual pontoon licence fee is rent for your occupation of public space with a private pontoon.

Does the licence mean that the pontoon is my private property?

The licence grants you a non-exclusive right to construct (with development approval) your pontoon in the nominated location. The pontoon itself is private property.

Why do I have to have public liability insurance of \$20,000,000 and what does it mean to have Council shown on the insurance certificate of currency?

Because pontoons are located in a public area, they can be accessed by the public. If someone was to injure themselves on the pontoon, public liability insurance covers any claim against the pontoon owner. By having Council shown as an interested party on the certificate of currency, Council is also covered. To get Council added to the public liability insurance policy as an interested party, you will need to contact your insurance agency and request this.

How much is the licence fee?

The annual pontoon licence fee is \$255. There is a fee of \$196 to apply for a pontoon licence, and \$196 to transfer the licence upon the sale or change in ownership of a property.

What will revenue raised by the annual fee be used for?

Revenue raised by Council through collecting pontoon fees will be used for maintenance of canal infrastructure.

I already have a licence, why am I being issued with a new licence?

Every existing pontoon licence is being replaced with the new template. The new licence makes the rights and responsibilities of each party clearer. The new licence agreement will be more efficient for Council to administer.

What if I don't sign the licence and pay the fee?

Entering into a licence to have a pontoon in a Council canal is a condition of pontoon development approval. Failure to enter into a licence means that your pontoon does not comply with the development approval, and possibly subject to further compliance action by Council.