

Storage Containers located on land owned or managed by Council - Policy



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Adopted by	Chief Executive Officer
Responsible General Manager	General Manager Community
Responsible officer	Manager Recreation, Health & Culture
Date adopted	This Policy was approved at the Corporate Management Team meeting held on 8 June 2021.
Scheduled for review	This policy will be reviewed four years from the date of adoption, or sooner if required.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to sustainably manage the number of storage sheds and containers on land owned or managed by Council, and outline criteria by which any application for additional storage will be considered.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all requests for site storage (external to existing buildings) on all freehold land owned, or crown land managed by Council. This includes but is not limited to, Recreation Reserves, Showgrounds, Halls and Historical Precincts.

DEFINITIONS

Storage	Large units of varying sizes that are used or are capable of storage including but not limited to shipping containers and sheds.
Land owned or managed by Council	Council freehold land or crown land whereby the Council is the appointed land manager.

POLICY

Moirá Shire Council recognises that storage sheds and containers (“storage”) are often desired by community groups, however, Council must consider the visual and operating amenity of public spaces in line with any proposed benefits of additional storage.

Council will not consider a request for additional storage if a user group already has a storage unit on site. The total number of units to be placed on a site is at the discretion of Council.

User groups are encouraged to investigate any opportunity for building alterations, use of other existing storage options available on site (sharing facilities) or work with other site occupants to determine if a shared facility is practical.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE

Council will consider an application for additional storage provided the requesting group has considered the following:

- Investigated any opportunity for building alterations, use of other existing storage options available on site (sharing facilities) or consulted with other site occupants to determine if a shared facility is relevant.

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- Rationalised existing contents in storage (noting that valid reasons for increasing storage requirements relate to expansion of membership, increased service and not simply the accumulation of more equipment).
- The visual impacts of the storage container/s.
- The types and quantities of materials to be stored are demonstrated as being better suited to storage in a container rather than stored elsewhere and transported.
- The size of the container in comparison to the volume of materials to be stored.
- The frequency and duration for which the storage container is intended to be used.
- The cumulative effects of more than one storage container.

COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

Existing and new storage that does not comply with this policy will not be permitted to remain or be installed on site and Council has the right to order removal at the cost of the owner.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO INSTALL A STORAGE UNIT

Council permission is required in-principle prior to any application for a Building or Planning permit. A **My Community Project** web form must be completed in order for any application to be considered.

Application forms can be found on the Moira Shire website
(<https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Community/My-Community-Project>)

Council retains the right to approve or decline applications based on the information provided in the **My Community Project** web form and considerations within this policy.

Completion of this form does not supersede requirements to obtain Planning or Building permits as relevant; nor does principle permission granted under this policy pre-suppose favourable outcomes of applicable permit requirements.

Any required permits must be obtained by the applicant. The applicant will be responsible for meeting any requirements of the Building and Planning permit process.

Non Statutory permit fees may be waived at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, Moira Shire Council.

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2020

Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006

Building Act 1993

Building regulations 2018

Planning and Environment Act 1987

