

About Us

Footscray Canoe Club (FCC) is a volunteer run, non-profit organisation.

FCC shares the Boat Club building with Footscray City Rowing Club, Victoria University and a private caterer (level 1).

The caged canoe area is for FCC members only.

FCC members may also use the gym and toilet/shower facilities maintained by the Boat Club.



Club Rules (In Brief)

Use of Facilities

Sign in and out each visit.

Lock doors and switch off lights when exiting.

No valuables left unattended.

Lending or giving club keys to anyone else strictly not permitted.

No smoking within club premises.

Club Equipment

Club boats are categorised according to skill required. Members may use any club boats suitable to their skill level, as allocated by the Commodore.

Club equipment is clearly labelled. Items not labelled are privately owned and must not be used without owners' permission.

With exception of the C4, K4s, the tinnie and the club K4 trailer¹, Club equipment may be transported off-site for up to three days without notification, subject to:

- a. Signing out the equipment in the booking form,
- b. Having adequate knowledge of how to secure a canoe to a vehicle (if applicable), as assessed by the Commodore, and
- c. For the K4 trailer – ability to tow a trailer of that length.

Rinse club equipment with fresh water following use.

Report damage on equipment board. Repair costs from reasonable wear and tear are covered by club.

Repair costs from neglect or intent shall be payable by the person responsible.

Guests

Guests of members are welcome to use club equipment, up to 3 times per year, under the supervision of a member.

¹ Special conditions apply for using and transporting the C4, K4s, tinnie and K4 trailer – see Commodore

Guests with little or no paddling experience must attend via an organised club 'Come and Try' session only.

Guests who are not members of Australian Canoeing (through another club) must complete a guests' declaration form every visit.

Safety on the Water

Always verify the serviceability of paddling equipment before using it.

A PFD (type I, II or III) must be worn at all times (Victorian Law).

Between sunset and sunrise, one solid and one flashing white light must be fixed to the front and rear of the canoe respectively. (Victorian Law)

Stay to the right side of the river (Victorian Law).

No paddling downstream of Footscray Rd unless capable of performing an open water re-entry.

Paddlers must assess the river and weather conditions each visit. If member considers it dangerous, or uncertain, don't go paddling.

Private Equipment

Members may store their own equipment at the club subject to payment of a storage levy. Rack allocation is directed by the club Commodore.

Private equipment stored at the Club must display the member's name.

Private equipment must be removed by 30 September if membership is not renewed at July AGM otherwise it may be sold or disposed of.

Juniors

Members who have direct oversight of a junior (U18) must have a valid Working with Children Check. (Victorian Law)

Junior members (U18) must be under the supervision of a parent, guardian or another adult authorised by a parent or guardian.

Junior members are not permitted to hold club keys.

Membership

Paddling members must be able to swim 50m unaided.

Any person with a medical condition that could render themselves incapable of paddling, retaining balance and/or inhibit their ability to save themselves is not permitted to be a paddling member unless:

- a. The individual consults a registered medical practitioner stating they are fit to paddle, and
- b. Appropriate controls are put in place by that member to cope with the medical condition.

Upon joining novice paddlers are to attend initial training to improve skills and learn safe paddling practices.

Members must contribute 6+ hours over the membership year to assist in club operations otherwise a 'non-helper' levy is payable.