



Kalbarri Maritime Facility



Kalbarri is a small fishing and tourist centre located some 600 kilometres north of Perth, at the mouth of the Murchison River. Popular activities include fishing and whale-watching.

The boat harbour comprises 32 commercial boat pens, two jetties, maintenance and fuelling facilities, and a boat ramp operated by the Shire of Northampton. Public toilets and car and trailer parking are also available. The Murchison River ocean entrance provides access to the Indian Ocean for vessels.

Boating facility fees

Fees are payable for the use of maritime facilities throughout the State. Please refer to the schedule of maritime facilities fees and charges. <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/marine-fees-and-payments.asp>

All customers should contact Department of Transport's (DoT) Geraldton office, on email MidWest@transport.wa.gov.au or phone 9216 8170 prior to arrival to ensure suitable facilities are available and to receive all relevant documentation and facilitate payment.

It is a condition of use that all users comply with DoT's gas, electrical, insurance requirements and terms and conditions. These documents can be found at <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/use-of-boating-facilities.asp>

Waterway

Entrance channel

The ocean entrance of the Murchison River at Kalbarri requires annual maintenance dredging to ensure that the channel is navigable. Dredging usually takes place in between October and December and the quantity of material dredged varies between 15,000 and 50,000 metres³.

Latitude: -27.708 S
Longitude: 114.159 E

Boating facilities

Boat pens

Number of pens	There are 32 boat pens.
Lengths	4 x 12 metres 4 x 15 metres 20 x 18 metres 4 x alongside
Services	Lighting, single and three phase power and water.

Service jetty

Description	There is a service jetty at the facility, constructed of steel piles with timber decking and a concrete land back wharf.
Length	Head of jetty is 20.5 metres Overall width is 7.15 metres (including chafers).
Services	Lighting, single and three phase power, water and fuel.

Land Back Wharf

Description	Concrete bitumised land back wharf located between the service jetty and pens.
Length	
Services	Lighting, power and water.

Moorings

Kalbarri is a mooring controlled area. There are currently no moorings available.

Fueling facilities

Fuel is available from the Service jetty. This service is provided by Baileys Marine Fuels for Baileys Marine customer cardholders only.

Boat ramp

The main boat launching facility is located next to the Kalbarri Sea Search and Rescue building near the river mouth and is also owned and operated by the Shire.

Note: Recreational boat users and all vessels unfamiliar with local conditions should contact the local Sea Search and Rescue group before any boating trip.

Recreational boating jetty

Located next to the river mouth is the recreational boating jetty. The jetty was constructed in 1998 with joint funding from DoT and the Shire of Northampton. The shire now owns and operates the jetty.

Boat maintenance facilities

The construction of the new land back wharf facility located between the existing service jetty and adjacent mooring pens, was completed in June 2011.

Other facilities and services

Public toilets

There are public toilets located near the boat ramp, next to the Kalbarri Sea Search and Rescue building. There are no showers available.

Public car parks

There are 44 car park bays built by the Shire of Northampton at the site, behind the boat pens. Of these bays, 32 are reserved for commercial pen users.

There is another car park, with trailer parking, to the east of the boat ramp.

Using marine facilities

Please familiarise yourself with the following information sheets:

- Schedule of marine fees and charges – Coastal Infrastructure Fees
- Live onboard policy
- Electrical, gas and insurance requirements for DoT operated maritime facilities
- Coastal and marine facilities requirements
- Kalbarri – Port Gregory boating guide
- Code of conduct.

Marine rescue

All volunteer marine rescue groups monitor radio listening watches on marine radio 27.88 MHz and VHF Channel 16. Most groups also monitor other frequencies such as 27.90 MHz, 27.91 MHz and VHF channels 72 and 73, as well as their own channels.

Don't hesitate to call any volunteer marine rescue group on your marine radio.

Remember to log on before heading out and log off when you return with your local volunteer marine rescue group, for full radio procedure refer to Boat rules at a glance.

Kalbarri Volunteer Marine Rescue Group (VMR 673)

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Key contacts and links

Department of Transport

Marine Safety Hotline: 1300 863 308
Website: <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/marine-info>

Geraldton Office

Address: Level 1, 65 Chapman Road
Geraldton WA 6530

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Email: MidWest@transport.wa.gov.au

Police/Fire & Rescue

Emergency Telephone: 000

Kalbarri Police Station

Telephone: +61 8 9936 3000

Kalbarri Volunteer Fire Service

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