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Rowing SA has been advised by the City of Charles Sturt that the Aquatic Activity Permit issued in April 2026 (PAA0006/25) contained incorrect wording under the condition "Use of Voice Amplification Devices". The Council has now reissued the permit with the correct wording, and we have updated the West Lakes Permit Conditions document to match.

What has changed

The requirement for coxbox and in-boat voice amplification systems now reads:

"To minimise noise disturbance to nearby residents, sound levels must be set at the lowest effective level."

This replaces the previous wording, which required systems to be set at a level intended to be heard within the boat only.

What has not changed

- Coxbox and in-boat amplification may only be used between 0600 and 2000 hours Monday to Saturday, and 0700 and 2000 hours on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- Voice amplification devices (megaphones, amplified speakers, PA systems) are still prohibited for general coaching. They may only be used for major sanctioned events such as regattas, after 0900 hours.
- All other West Lakes permit conditions, including the shared path, high-visibility vest and coach identification requirements, still apply.

Action required

Please share the attached updated document (version 1.1, with the change highlighted) with your coaches, coxswains and members. Please also remind crews to keep coxbox volumes as low as possible, especially early in the morning and near homes.

Keeping our impact on local residents to a minimum is essential to protecting our continued access to West Lakes.

If you have any questions regarding the course or this update, please contact the Rowing SA office.

Warm regards,

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