

Williamstown Newport Anglers' Club and Fish Protection Society



Advisory Presentation

Overview of Club, Rules and By-Laws

Please refer to WNAC Rules and By-Laws in reviewing this presentation

(Available in the Members' section of the webpage)



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This advisory covers the following topics:

- History
- Rules and By-laws
- Sponsors
- Events / Activities
- Business Plan
- Initiatives / Projects
- Expectations
- Conclusion



History



- Formed 18 January 1933 – 1st President P. Hill
- First AGM 20th December 1933
- Initial premises 221 Nelson Place Williamstown
- Association with Ballarat Anglers Club – 1934
- 30 July 1941 – Current Clubrooms opened
- Feb 1942 – Jetty and slipway opened
- 1961 Boathouse opened
- 1976 – Jetties and slipway replaced
- 2010 – Clubrooms / Boathouse re-clad



Rules



The Club is an incorporated association and its rules are registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria in conformity with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The rules cover the following topics:

- Objectives
- Fees and Subscriptions
- Membership
- Committee
- Meetings
- Disputes and Mediation



Club Objectives



- Encourage and promote recreational fishing
- Act on behalf of Members' interests
- Advance the Club in local community
- Promote fellowship
- Facilitate exchange of knowledge
- Undertake propagation and protection of fish
- Promote best interests of the sport
- Have regard for the public interest





Fees and Subscriptions

Schedule of Fees

Subscriptions Payable by 30 September each year

Non payment taken as resignation

2019-2020	Fees
Membership Fees	
Metropolitan	\$175
Junior	\$55
Country	\$55
Country Junior	\$30
Concession	\$120
Family Metro	\$230
Boats, Storage and Access	
Boat Slippage	\$165
Annual Boat Hire	\$160
Access Card	\$20
Kayak Storage	\$135
Locker	
Competition Fees	
Boat Owners	\$3
Non Boat Owners	\$5
Juniors	\$3
Late Nomination (Extra)	\$5
Away Competitions	\$3



Membership



- Metropolitan
 - *Adult Resident Melbourne Metropolitan*
 - *Family membership Melbourne Metropolitan*
- Country
 - *Resident outside Melbourne Metropolitan*
- Junior
 - *less than 18 years at the date of the AGM*
- Life members – (7)
 - *recognition of contribution and participation in Club*
- Honorary Members
 - *–long association / non active / supportive of Club*



Committee



- **Committee (*elected at AGM*)**
 - Executive
 - ✦ President
 - ✦ Vice President
 - ✦ Secretary
 - ✦ Treasurer
 - ✦ Assistant Secretary
 - ✦ Assistant Treasurer
 - Members (5)

- **Responsibilities**
 - Control and manage the Club business and affairs
 - Make By-Laws

- **Sub- Committees (*Volunteers*)**
 - Angling Sub Committee drawn from Committee and general members

- **Non Committee Appointments (*Appointed at AGM*)**
 - Fish recorder (responsibilities listed in competition folder)



Meetings



- **Annual General Meeting**
 - Timings / Notices / Agenda
 - No later than 8 August each year
 - Election of Committee
 - Determination of Fees and subscriptions
 - Presentation night
- **Weekly Meetings**
 - 1st Wednesday – Communication from Committee meeting
 - 2nd Wednesday – information night, guest speakers
 - 3rd Wednesday – maintenance night
 - 4th/5th Wednesday – social and draw for comp
- **Committee Meetings**
 - Usually 1st Monday month
 - Raise items prior to meeting in writing / email



Disputes and Mediation



- **Communication**
 - Between parties
 - With Committee
- **Grievance Procedure contained in the Rules**
- **Graduated approach**
 - Resolve at lowest level



By-Laws



- Changes and Amendments
 - Proposed by members
 - Consultation with members
 - Enacted by Committee
- General
- Competition
- Building
- Categorization of Boat Owners and Annual Storage Fees
- Rules for Hire of Club Boats



General By-Laws



- Visitors to comply with all Club Rules
- Club Boats restricted to Club members
- Loan of Club equipment approved by Committee
- Angling not permitted during Club meetings / working bees
- Compulsory to weigh in and record fish caught
- 12 months membership before applying storage / slippage / boat captain
- No boat launched while Bay Comp in progress unless participating
- Smoking is prohibited inside buildings
- Members nominating for outing where fee involved are liable for fee
- Visitors using facilities on 5 occasions must join club before using facilities again
- Renewable Liquor Licence



Competition By-Laws



- Members must be Financial with current fishing license
- Competitions listed on Syllabus
- Judge & Stewards for each Competition appointed by Members
- Competition Folder outlines responsibilities of Judge / Stewards
- Judge / Stewards have full control / authority
- Timings & type of Comp set at Wed meeting prior to Comp
- Crews for boats drawn by ballot
- Late fees apply to nominations on the day
- Competitors report & sign on ½ hr prior to Comp start
- Competitors sign off before Comp finish time
- Cannot fish prior in nominated waters on the day of the Comp



Competition By-Laws (2)



- Equip:
 - Rod & line only (no handlines)
 - Max 3 rods with Max total of 3 hooks
 - State regulations take precedence
- Only fish listed on Club Schedule able to be weighed in
- Fish for weighing presented in a container with tag of Name and Competitor number but free of other items / excess water
- Protests lodged with Secretary within 7 days
- Disqualification for season for presenting undersized fish
- One visitor per member per season can be invited to compete
- Visitors (max 2 per comp) nominated Wed nights



Competition By-Laws (3)



- Boats used in Competitions launching from alternate mooring / ramps
 - Size Min length 3.962m x 1.600m Beam
 - Fitted with spray hood where necessary
 - Inspected by Committee



Trophies / Awards



- Season Champion – T.G. Marr Memorial Trophy
- Junior Champion
- Non-Boat Owner Champion (Boat Captains ineligible)
- Club Member of the Year – F.J. Martin Memorial Trophy
- Dennis Memorial Trophy (1st Freshwater, 1st Bay, 1st bay Snapper)
- Jim De Rose Trophy – (heaviest bag caught)
- Simon Waters Trophy – (largest snapper in competition)
- Martin Bowyer Presidents Day Trophy – (secret weight)
- Ballarat / WNAC Trophy
- George Chamings Trophy (largest Snapper in Ballarat visit)



Building By-Laws



- Boat Owners / Boat Captains take an active and personal interest
- Boat Owner produce annually registration, public liability insurance (\$10M)
- Committee can request floors be fitted in boats
- Cleaning of fish prohibited on slipway
- Walking behind boats on slipway prohibited
- Boats must meet Dept of Safety & Transport regs incl. safety equip
- Boats measured by Committee for Storage or Slippage
- Lockers
 - No paints or flammables kept in lockers
 - Solo hire or shared (2 person maximum)
 - Subject to annual locker fee



Building By-Laws (2)



- **Boat Storage – space allocated within Boathouse**
 - Size Max 4.7m length x 2.150m beam (incl. trailer width)
 - Fixed canopy and cabins that allow access to anchor well
 - Committee determines storage locations
 - No engine running in boatshed
 - Bungs must be fitted or Club container used when in Boat House
 - Three (3) months to occupy space from allocation
- **Slippage – trailer boat to and from Club**
 - Max length 5.029m x 2.224m beam
 - Must have windscreen that allows access to anchor well
 - Fitted spray hood where necessary



Kayaks (1)



- Kayaks for slippage or storage must comply with State regulations and include:
- Length min. 2m
- Manufactured to AN/NZS 4766:2006 or similar standard
- Bouyancy material inside hull
- Designed for angling
- All round white light (after dusk/before dawn)
- Waterproof/buoyant torch (after dusk/before dawn)
- Anchor and chain/rope



Kayaks (2)



- Sponge (car)
- Safety whip flag
- Hand held paddle
- Bucket/bailer w lanyard
- Electric or manual bilge pumping system (if kayak has covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments other than airtight void space).



Categorization of Boat Owners and Annual Storage Fees By-Laws

- Active Boat Owners
 - Boat participated in 3 or more syllabus bay competitions
 - Noncommercial storage fee for subsequent season
- Non-Active Boat Owner
 - Boat participated in less than 3 syllabus bay competitions
 - Commercial storage fee for subsequent season
- Participation by Boat Owner or Boat Captain
- Seasonal Categorization by Committee in June
- Boat Owner can apply for categorization / special consideration
- Compliance with all rules / by-laws despite categorization



Rules for Hire of Club Boats By-Laws



- Record booking on hire sheets
- Payment at time of booking with money in office mail slot
- No weekly bookings
- Bookings for Sunday only after Wednesday meeting
- Apply for solo hire after 3 months active boating
- Limits to designated area for fishing
- Clean boat on return including flush motor
- Record amount of fuel left in tank
- Any loss or damage to be reported to Secretary



SPONSORS



- Hooked Bait & Tackle - Hoppers Crossing
- The Bottle-O-Kingsville
- Acute Accounting - Williamstown
- J & M Merlino Fruit Supplies
- Tip Top Butchers
- Stagshead brand architects (printing)



EVENTS / ACTIVITIES



- Annual General Meeting
 - 1st Wed in Aug
- Working Bees
 - 1st weekend in Aug
 - Early weekend Feb (see Syllabus)
- Visits to/from Ballarat Anglers Club
- Visits to/from Undera Anglers Club
- Social Trips – Lake Purrumbete / Tuna Fishing



Business Plan



- **Vision**

- *To be the Angling Club of choice within the Hobsons Bay Community that provides excellence in fishing opportunities, facilities and membership and is well engaged and respected by the community and Government organisations*

- **Focus Areas**

- Membership
- Facilities
- Community / Stakeholders
- Finance / Governance

- **Involvement**



Initiatives / Projects



- Business Plan posted on Notice Board / Website
- Fundraising – Reverse Raffle, Bunnings BBQ, Raffles
- Jetty redevelopment
- Angling options
 - Lead – Angling Sub-Committee
 - Review By-Laws, format, conduct of Competitions
 - Involvement of larger boats / kayaks
- Clubhouse redevelopment
 - Long term plan
- New Ideas / Input



Expectations



- **By the Club**

- Participation by you
- Working Bees
- Competitions
- Financial
- Communication
- Participate in the spirit of the club

- **By You**

- Angling Opportunities
- Education
- Friendship
- Common Interest
- Input welcomed
- Code of conduct
- Enjoyment



Conclusion



- **Communication**
 - Encourage communication with Committee
 - New ideas and input welcome
 - Website (note members only section)
- **Enjoyment**
 - Aim is to have FUN, enjoy fishing
- **Involvement**
 - Maximum benefit is gained through maximum participation
 - Participation in the right spirit of the club.

