

WARANGA BOAT CLUB Inc.

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Club By-Laws



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2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 *The Waranga Boat Club Inc By-Laws must be read in conjunction with the following documents:*

- 2.1.1 Waranga Boat Club Inc Rules
- 2.1.2 Goulburn Murray Water Regulations
- 2.1.3 Goulburn Murray Water Club Development Standards
- 2.1.4 Waranga Boat Club Emergency Management Plan
- 2.1.5 Waranga Boat Club Code of Conduct

3 INDEMNITY

3.1 *Indemnity*

- 3.1.1 Every member of the Committee and every other Member of the Club, or other person acting with the authority or on the instructions of the Committee, shall be indemnified by the Club against and it shall be the duty of the Committee out of the funds of the Club to pay all cost, losses and expenses which any Persons aforementioned in this Rule may incur or become Liable to by reason of any contract entered into, or act, or thing done by him in discharge or purported discharge of his duties.
- 3.1.2 The Waranga Boat Club and the Committee accepts no responsibility regarding accidents or damage to or caused by Members, their representatives or their boats, or vehicles. Members waive all rights of action against the Club, its Officials or Members.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 *Membership Categories*

- 4.1.1 Local Membership: Shall consist of day access (6am – 11.59pm) to gated club and facilities including boat ramps, BBQ facilities, car and trailer parking, boat wash bay, toilet, showers, play grounds and member events.
- 4.1.2 Premium Membership: Shall consist of 24 hour access to gated club and facilities including boat ramps, BBQ facilities, car and trailer parking, boat wash bay, toilet, showers, play grounds, clubhouse, boat storage, free entry to club watercraft events and activities, member and premium member events. Premium member stays at the Club must not exceed 59 consecutive days.

4.2 *Types of Members*

- 4.2.1 Family Membership: Shall consist of a Nuclear, Step or Grandparent family unit comprising of one or two parents/guardians, and their dependent children up to the age of 18 years.
- 4.2.2 Single Membership: Shall consist of a person over the age of 23 years.
- 4.2.3 Intermediate Membership: Shall consist of any person over the age of 18 years and under the age of 23 years. The Intermediate joining fee for members transitioning from existing membership is 20% of joining fee.

- 4.2.4 Senior Couple: Shall consist of any partnered couple where one person is over the age of 65 years. Proof of age required with senior application form.
- 4.2.5 Senior Single: Shall consist of any person over the age of 65 years. Proof of age required with senior application form.

4.2.6 Life Member: Is subject to the below:

4.2.6.1 Any Member of the Club may nominate a Member of the Club to the Secretary to be considered for Life membership, subject to the below conditions:

- 4.2.6.1.1 There shall not be more than 8 living Life members of the Club; and
- 4.2.6.1.2 The nominee must have been a Member of the Club for no less than 10 years; and
- 4.2.6.1.3 The nominee must have given outstanding service to the Club; and
- 4.2.6.1.4 The nature of the service contributed must be seen to have been significant to the development and betterment of the Club; and
- 4.2.6.1.5 The nominee is to be of overall merit favourably comparable with that of present and/or previous Life members.

4.2.6.2 The Committee must review and approve via motion the nomination in accordance with the conditions to put forward the nomination to Members. A motion that election of a Life Member by the Committee to be ratified shall require a three/fourths majority for it to be carried.

4.2.6.3 The Members at a General Meeting are to vote on the Life member nomination. If the vote by Members at the General Meeting is passed, the nominee shall be awarded Life Membership.

4.2.6.4 Life Members receive the membership fee and other discounts per Schedule 1 membership fees schedule.

4.2.7 Leave of Absence Membership:

4.2.7.1 A Member can apply to for a leave of absence from the Club for no longer than 3 years. The Member needs to apply for a leave of absence via the category change form on the Waranga Boat Club website which needs to be emailed to the Secretary. The leave of absence needs to be approved by the Committee. The joining fee will be waived if the member rejoins the Club within 3 years.

4.3 **Membership Period:**

4.3.1 The Club Membership and fees cover the period 1st October to 30th September the following year.

4.3.2 New Members joining the Club after January and before October in year shall be charged a pro-rata local membership fee.

4.4 **Unfinancial Members:**

4.4.1 Any Member whose annual subscription is not paid as at the 31st day of October is deemed to be unfinancial.

4.4.2 Members who are deemed unfinancial will have their gate FOB access disabled.

- 4.4.3 The Committee will motion terminate the Membership of any Member who has been unfinancial for 12 months.
- 4.4.4 The name of any person whose membership is so terminated shall forthwith be struck off the Register of Members, and the date of the motion be recorded therein.
- 4.4.5 Members whose membership is terminated due to being unfinancial shall pay a rejoining fee of \$100, if they wish to rejoin the Club.

4.5 **Resignation of Membership:**

- 4.5.1 The resigning Member is to complete the category change/resignation form available from the Club website and email to the Secretary, secretary@warangaboatclub.com.au or mail to PO box 45 Tatura 3616.
- 4.5.2 The resigning Member is required to return all gate keys and FOBs in person to the Property Manager or mail to the Secretary at PO box 45 Tatura 3616.
- 4.5.3 No Membership refund will be issued to the resigning Member.

4.6 **Application for Membership**

- 4.6.1 Potential new members are to complete the membership application form available from the Waranga Boat Club website and email to the Secretary.

4.7 **Other Membership Matters**

- 4.7.1 Local and Premium Members guests are the responsibility of the Member to ensure that their guests follow the Club Rules, By-Laws and Code of Conduct. Members' guests are not permitted to be at the Club without being accompanied by the Member.
- 4.7.2 Local and Premium Members guests are limited to four visits per year. Premium Members guests are also limited to a total maximum stay of 10 days. Premium Members can host Local members without a limitation of stays.
- 4.7.3 All Members and guests are prohibited from having animals on Club grounds unless it is a sanctioned club event/weekend.

5 **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

5.1 **Membership Fees Schedule – Schedule 1**

6 **BOATING**

6.1 **Safety**

- 6.1.1 All recreational boaters and their vessels are required to comply with the relevant marine safety laws in the State. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 6.1.1.1 *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)* (MSA)*

- 6.1.1.2 *Marine Safety Regulations 2012 (Vic)* (MSR)*

- 6.1.1.3 *Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules (VOZR) for Victorian Waters*

6.2 **Jetty/s**

- 6.2.1 Other than the Club rescue boats, no mooring either side of the jetty/s for more than 5 minutes

6.3 **Boating Other**

- 6.3.1 Watercraft engines must only be started and run within 100 meters of boat ramps.

6.4 **Boat Storage**

- 6.4.1 Boat storage is only permitted in the Club grounds in the allocated Boat storage areas and only consists of the storage of watercraft and water equipment storage trailers. Anything outside of this is not permitted to be stored on the Club grounds.
- 6.4.2 Boat storage is included in Premium Membership. Boat storage is available to Local Members for an extra fee.
- 6.4.3 All watercraft stored on club grounds must be seaworthy, registered (as applicable for the type of watercraft) and covered by the owners own insurance policy.
- 6.4.4 All members must apply in writing to the Secretary for boat storage at the Club, using the approved form available from Waranga Boat Club website. From time to time there is a waiting list for undercover boat storage which is allocated by order of entry to the list once becoming a Premium Member. The undercover boat storage waiting list is published on Waranga Boat Club website. Local Members can apply for undercover boat storage, however preference will be given to all waiting Premium Members.
- 6.4.5 The club takes no responsibility for damage of private boats or property on club grounds.
- 6.4.6 Boat storage allocations are not transferable Premium Member to Premium Member, but must be processed via the Committee. Any Member wishing to terminate his or her boat storage must advise the Committee in writing and nominate the date of termination.
- 6.4.7 Boat storage allocation will be reviewed by the Committee annually. If in the opinion of the Committee, allocated boat storage is not being used for significant periods or is not being used, the Committee may review the allocation of such storage. Such review may include the reallocation of storage rights

7 **TRAFFIC MOVEMENT**

- 7.1 ***10km per hour speed limit applies throughout the Club.***

- 7.2 ***Members may only drive registered vehicles on Club grounds.***

- 7.2.1 The only exceptions to registered vehicles are:

7.2.1.1 Quad and Tri Bikes, provided they are insured for public liability and a copy of the current insurance certificate is lodged with the Secretary. They can only be driven between 9.00am and dusk. As of November 2018, no more new or used Quad or Tri bikes will be allowed on club grounds. Existing Quad and Tri bikes will be allowed to remain until there end of life.

7.2.1.2 *Golf carts, can only be driven between 9.00am and dusk, unless they installed with operating head and tail lights. These are permitted to be stored at the Club.*

7.3 **Other Requirements**

7.3.1 Yachts shall not be trailered through Club grounds with masts erected, with the exception of the boat ramps and storage sheds.

7.3.2 No pushbikes to be ridden within the Club after dark.

7.3.3 As at November 2018 no more new or used Quad bikes will be allowed on club grounds. Existing Quad Bikes will be allowed to remain until their end of life.

7.3.4 Pursuant to Vic Roads licence requirements all drivers must have a probationary license or higher to drive motor vehicle, Quad bike Tri bike or golf cart on Club grounds.

8 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

8.1 **The Clubs Safety and Environment Regulations:**

8.1.1 Water provided at the Club and in Waranga Basin is not suitable for human consumption. Members are required to provide their own suitable drinking water.

8.1.2 The club is closed to all Members on CFA declared code red days.

8.1.3 All caravans at the Club must have functioning smoke detectors, compliant fire extinguishers and fire blankets. These items are also subject to audit by the Club.

8.1.4 Members are responsible to rake and remove all refuse including bark, leaves and sticks around their boat storage and caravan areas.

8.1.5 Members are responsible for the appropriate disposal of all rubbish in the skips provided by the Club. This includes Premium Members rubbish at the clubrooms. Members must take hard rubbish and large items to the Rushworth tip for disposal.

8.1.6 Premium Members caravan sullage is to be collected in a container and disposed at the Clubs toilets to enable processing through the Clubs sewerage system.

8.1.7 Members must secure all outdoor personal items in adverse weather and prior to leaving the Club grounds.

8.1.8 Only heavy duty 15amp power leads can be connected to a power pole. These power leads cannot be underground or across roads or tracks. Premium members are permitted a maximum of 2 heavy duty 15amp power leads.

8.1.9 No equipment, lights or personal items can be attached to trees.

8.1.10 Hot water systems are to be switched off before leaving the Club grounds.

- 8.1.11 From 2020 only instant gas hot water and inverter air conditioners with a total maximum size limit of 5.5 kw output are permitted to be installed.
- 8.1.12 Country Fire Authority regulations must be adhered to. Fires are permitted in a Committee approved fire place from 1st March to 30th November
- 8.1.13 Fires in Committee approved fire boxes must not be left unattended and are to be extinguished before leaving Club grounds.
- 8.1.14 The Club or Property manager will only refill compliant gas bottles.
- 8.1.15 All Member property stored at the Club must be adequately insured by the Member.

9 COMMUNITY

9.1 *Non-Members and Community*

- 9.1.1 The Club welcomes non-members from the community for specific watercraft activities and events. It also welcomes non-members from other associations, schools and community groups to participate and use the Club facilities with the approval of the Committee. The appropriate daily fee will be determined by the Committee.

10 CLUB AND PREMIUM MEMBER DEVELOPMENT WORKS

10.1 *Submissions Required for Development Works*

- 10.1.1 All development works (including gardens and fire boxes/pits) or structural improvement works proposed to be carried out by the Committee and/or a Premium Member on the GMW Leased Land require submission to and approval by the Committee and GMW prior to commencement of the works. Premium Members must complete permit to works form available from the Waranga Boat Club website and submit to the Club Asset and Environment manager.

11 SALE OF CARAVAN

11.1 *Requirements of Premium Members Selling Caravan:*

- 11.1.1 The Committee must be notified via email to the Secretary of the proposed sale of any caravan on Club grounds.
- 11.1.2 Premium Membership must be granted, via the Membership application process, prior to the completion of any sale of a caravan on Club grounds. Upon completion of the sale transfer of ownership form on the Waranga Boat Club website must be completed by the seller and purchaser and emailed to the Secretary.

12 CLUB WORKING BEES

12.1 *Members Working Bee Requirements*

- 12.1.1 All Premium Members, other than Senior Premium Members, must complete at least one working bee per year. The Asset and Environment manager will email a working bee roster by 1st October to Members. If a Premium Member cannot make the nominated date, they can switch dates with another Premium Member or have another Premium Member complete their working as well as their own on separate dates. The Premium Member needs to notify the Asset and Environment manager of the changes. All Local Members will be invited to attend a working bee and will need to notify attendance to the Asset and Environment manager.
- 12.1.2 If a Premium Member fails to complete a working bee, they will be charged the working bee levy per the Fees Schedule, on the next Club invoice.

13 SECURITY CAMERAS

13.1 *Security Cameras in the Club*

- 13.1.1 Club owned CCTV footage will only be reviewed if an incident has occurred and only with Committee members of the Club present and/or any Members directly involved in the incident.
- 13.1.2 Further action may be taken in accordance with Section 19-25 of the Model Rules.
- 13.1.3 Non-Club owned CCTV cameras are not permitted.

14 RESTRICTION ON POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

14.1 *Committee Restrictions:*

- 14.1.1 The Committee shall not except with the sanction of a Resolution passed at a General Meeting of Members of the Club:
- 14.1.1.1** *Undertake any single project or purchase the total cost of which may be expected to exceed \$6000. (This amount can be altered at a General Meeting or via a circular resolution to Members)*

SCHEDULE 1: MEMBERSHIP FEES SCHEDULE

Membership Fees	Joining Fee	Local Membership fee	Premium Membership fee
Family	250	400	1900
Single	250	200	1700
Intermediate*	50	100	1600
Senior - couple	250	256	1756
Senior - single	250	128	1628

Club Boat Storage

Boat Storage outside		400#	Included
Boat storage under club house		400#	Included
Boat storage in boat sheds		1000#	Included
Water equipment storage trailer		400	Included
Club Room Hire		200	Included

Boat Club Levies

Working bee non-attendance fee (each required working bee)		None	200
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Local Member Boat Storage is capped at \$1,200

Membership discounts	Local Membership Discounts	Premium Membership Discounts
Honorary		
Commodore	100%	1000
Secretary	100%	1000
Treasurer	100%	1000
Asset and Environment Manager	100%	1000
Life Membership		
Family	100%	400
Single	100%	200
Intermediate	100%	100
Senior - couple	100%	256
Senior - single	100%	128
Club Boat Storage	400	None

* Intermediate joining fee from existing membership is 20% of joining fee

Membership fees are due and payable on the 1st of October in each membership year.