



MACKAY WATER SKI CLUB INCOPORATED

273 Newmans Road,
Devereux Creek QLD 4753

CLUB BYLAWS 2023

The Mackay Water Ski Club Inc is bound by the regulations that are set by the Department of Water Resources. Also, the rules that we are bound by under the lease of the property, and the Club Constitution.

1. No Jet Skis are permitted.
No animals or pets are permitted on the grounds [Service animals are the only exception]
2. No camping allowed in the clubhouse.
3. Members and their guests must keep the grounds and clubhouse free of litter and to clean the clubhouse, toilets and showers as necessary. Members must remove litter from the area when leaving and place in bins provided.
4. Gate at top of the boat ramp is to be locked at all times.
5. **Alcohol** – Club members and their guests will abide by Maritime Laws, Rules and Regulations regarding alcohol in boats and on the water including the maximum Blood Alcohol Content (0.05) for operation of a boat.
6. All boats are to take off and travel in an anti-clockwise direction.
*No turning is to take place in front of the pickup and drop off areas. Turns are to be made past the boat ramp upriver and beyond the takeoff area down river, or around the marker buoys when in place. No surfing /trawling past the club house causing excess wash.
7. Any complaint by a member regarding the activities of another member or group of members whilst engaged in boating and skiing must abide by the following rules:
 - a) Complaints in writing with all relevant facts to the Club President.
 - b) Complaints to be signed by person or persons making same.
 - c) To avoid any unnecessary personal confrontation the Club President will withhold the
 - d) Complainant's name from any inquiry if the member so desires.
 - e) All complaints to be dealt with as set out in the constitution and MWSC Inc bylaws.On competition or club organised event days, the water adjacent to the clubhouse may be closed to general skiing, but general skiing is permitted upper and lower to the designated event area.
8. Members are to strictly abide by the Landowner's request that the last person /campsite to leave the club grounds are to make sure the main gate is locked.

9. Members must not lend security keys to NON-members. [Refer the following exception]
 - a) For a 1 off visit to the Mackay Waterski Club, as a financial member of another club from out of the Mackay Region. This visit is at the discretion of a committee member. This visit can only occur after current registration and insurance documents are sighted.
10. Members who lose their key forfeit their deposit and are required to pay an extra deposit for a new key.
11. No life memberships will be approved.
12. All parking must be above the top bank. For the courtesy of all, during busy periods please refrain from parking boat trailers and vehicles in the camping area. Adequate space is provided out of the camping area for parking. There is to be no parking on the river side of the clubhouse or boat ramp side of the club house as this is the location of the underground septic tank.
13. Boat ramp must be kept clear of cars and trailers. Ramp is not a loading and unloading area.
14. Skiing downstream on Sundays before 7.00am is not permitted.
15. **POWER** – Is on a user pay basis. Cost is \$10.00 per campsite / per night payable to-
 - a) **DIRECT DEPOSIT MWSC BANK ACCOUNT**- BSB 084-789 ACCOUNT 174085112
 - b) **CASH** – Placed in an envelope with notification of family name and dates of camping, then deposited in the honesty box located on the wall near the male toilets for the Treasurer to collect.
16. **GAS HOT WATER** – No one is to interfere with the Gas Hot Water System should there be a problem, advise a committee member.
17. Member information must be kept updated and current at all times. Current registration and insurance papers must be sighted. Please email details to the Membership Officer at the above address. (Change of address, sale of boat, changes of Insurance Company or renewal of insurance and registration).
18. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** will be conducted as per dates set by the Membership Officer (general guideline as per below):
 - January: *Saturday before the fourth Tuesday, at the nominated venue, 9 am to 12 pm.*
 - January: *OPTIONAL Fourth Tuesday night, at nominated venue, from 7.30pm. (Renewals only - not a meeting!)*
 - February: *Saturday before the monthly club meetings - By appointment only! To be determined by the Membership Officer.*
 - February: *Fourth Tuesday night, at nominated venue, from 7.30 pm.*
 - Necessary paperwork, payment and key are to accompany membership forms.
 - Only 1 key is to be issued to each financial boat registered.

A. New Boat Memberships:

Intending All New Boat Members must attend 3 meetings in a 12-month period before they can join as a “boat member”. Boat owner must attend at least one meeting; a representative can attend the balance if unable to attend. New Boat Membership includes new boat members, Members from another ski club, Associate members becoming a Boat Member and Past members who have not been a financial boat member in over 2 *consecutive* years.

B. Renewal for Past Members: i.e. Membership has lapsed after March 31st of the following year, or current year. Boat Members that have been financial within the past two consecutive years may re-join at any of the dates as set out above or any monthly meeting but will be required to pay the full Boat Membership Fee.

C. Associates: Third parties can pay a fee to become an “Associate” of the club at any of the above dates and at any monthly meeting.

An Associate will not be given a key and may only use club grounds in the company of their affiliated Boat Member who will be noted on the Associate application form. An Associate is not permitted to bring other non-members to the club grounds.

D. Existing boat members: have the option of paying for an Associate Family Fee to cover an existing member bringing extended family and friends to use the club facilities. If a boat member has persons that visit or camp, then the expectation is those persons pay and become an associate, or the alternative is that they pay a donation upon each visit. Donation box is in the clubhouse near the toilets.
Existing boat members may be held accountable for any inappropriate behaviour or damage by their guests who are not members or an associate of the club, and risk their own membership being cancelled.

19. Meetings are held monthly from February to November, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Annual General Meeting is on the fourth Tuesday in February each year. Venue is as nominated from 7.30pm, check website.

The locks will be changed at the end of February. Memberships received after March 31st will be considered new members and full New Boat Nomination Fee and Boat Owner Member Fee will apply.

20. Any extracurricular use of the Mackay Waterski club grounds is to be approved at a meeting and a cost to be set. No School groups are permitted to camp (motioned at AGM meeting in February 2013).

21. Other use of the grounds is to be discussed at a monthly meeting. E.g. Sporting, disability and community groups.

22. No immediate family member must be on the Executive Committee with another.

23. Members of the Mackay Waterski Club Inc must have attended 3 (three) or more meetings in a 12-month period before being able to vote on a motion, or at an Annual General Meeting.

24. **WATER PUMP:** Should there be any water pump problems, please contact a committee member. [Details on sign at club grounds entry]

25. **CARAVANS and CAMPS:** No storing of caravans is permitted at the Ski Club grounds. No person or persons are to be set up a seemingly permanent residency status at the Mackay Waterski Club grounds. With consideration, PLEASE use your discretion on placement of caravans and campsites. Particularly, unoccupied caravans and camps, with the exception to the “front row” during school and public holidays where caravans and camps must not be vacant for more than three nights. All vans must display ownership details. Also, consideration is requested concerning camp fires. Fires are to be contained in drum or similar. NO fire is to be left unsupervised. The fire is to be extinguished and cleaned up before leaving the grounds.
26. There will be NO night skiing by any members.
27. Placement of the current financial year sticker on the *stern of the boat is compulsory.*
28. The Mackay Waterski Club Inc is not registered with an Australian Business Number.
29. The club has an exemption certificate that is used during any business transactions. The Mackay Waterski Club Inc is audited each year.
30. That works and materials for repairs, maintenance or improvement up to the value of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) can be carried out without previous approval at a meeting, *only* after all Executive Committee members have been contacted and an overall majority are in agreeance. Otherwise, the matter will have to be bought up at the next meeting for discussion and approval or disapproval.
31. Should boat owners wish to invite along a visitor to a club organised event. Rule applies as set in Bylaw 18. And a cost will be set at a general meeting prior to the event. That payment will be payable by each visitor to a committee member, or appointed person.