



## BY-LAWS of CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB (the 'Club')

I, Lawrie Brunello, Secretary, hereby certify that this and the following pages are a true and correct copy of the By-Laws (Rules) of Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club as created by Resolution passed at Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club's Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2025

Signed by Lawrie Brunello \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

### INTRODUCTION

These By-Laws (Rules) may be amended in accordance with provisions of the Club's Constitution. The By-Laws establish a set of rules for the conduct of the Fishing Club's business and affairs.

### Section 1: TROPHIES

- 1.1 Perpetual Trophies listed in Annexure I shall be available each Financial Year to Members.
- 1.2 Trophy winners shall have their name engraved on the Trophy and will be permitted to retain the Trophy until two (2) months before the commencement of the following Financial Year and be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- 1.3 Any Trophies where winners elect not to hold the Trophy(ies) or, where a Trophy is not awarded shall be displayed in the Castle Hill RSL Club's trophy cabinet.

Trophies shall be awarded as soon as practical after the end of the Financial Year, ideally at a presentation event held at the RSL.

### Section 2: POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

#### Objectives:

- 2.1 Ease of use, i.e. easy for Members to understand, use and report results; and easy for Divisional Trip Captains and Recorder to report results in a timely fashion;
- 2.2 Being respectful of the marine environment and to support the practice of 'catch and release' where possible;
- 2.3 Enhancing the fishing experience for all members by making events interesting and supporting new members;
- 2.4 Enticing all Members to participate in events.

#### 2.5 How Points are Awarded:

- For all Divisions, Members may earn points for scheduled Club Fishing Trips as follows:
- Attendance Points: One (1) point per Trip; and
- Fish Caught: One (1) point per 'Eligible Fish' (as provided for in the By-Laws (Rules) up to a maximum of five (5) fish for each 'Eligible Species'. However, In the case of the Freshwater Division, a maximum of ten (10) of each 'Eligible Species' may count; and
- Target Species: One (1) bonus point per "Eligible Fish" nominated as a "Target Species" (as provided for in the By-Laws (Rules); and
- Largest of Species: One (1) bonus point for the largest 'Eligible Fish' by length for each "Eligible Species' per Trip'.



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### 2.6 General Scoring Rules:

- Regarding awarding the Club Champion Trophy and Junior Champion Trophy, a member's best ten (10) trips will be counted with a maximum of five (5) trips from any single Division.
- For Divisional Trophies relating to 'most points', a Member's best five (5) trips in that Division will count.
- For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, the minimum number of Members required to attend and fish in each Division is specified in Annexure II.
- There must be at least three (3) 'official' Trips in a Division in the relevant fishing year for applicable Trophies to be awarded.



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### Section 3: FISHING RULES

- 3.1 Members must always abide by the relevant laws and regulations, and authorised directions of State and Local authorities such as the NSW Government's Department of Primary Industries (DPI/NSW Fisheries). **Note:** Fishing techniques, legal fish size, bag limits and restrictions on number of fish in possession may vary with location.
- 3.2 **Eligible Fish:** Comprise bony finfish, caught by hook and fishing line and are legally able to be kept as determined by DPI/Fisheries subject to complying with criteria set out in these By-Laws (Rules). A fish which is not legally able to be kept because of DPI maximum size restrictions is deemed to be an Eligible Fish based on catch and release.
- 3.3 **Ineligible Species:** Sharks, Rays, Eels, Carp, Saltwater Catfish, Rock Cod, Kelpfish, Frog Fish, Toad Fish, Puffer Fish, Sun Fish, Box Fish, Black Spinefoot, Wirrah Cod (Boots), Wrasse and other Parrot Fish, Long Tom, Snook/Pike, Sergeant Baker, Sweep, Cowan Young, Yellow Tail (Yakkas), and any protected species as determined by DPI/NSW Fisheries
- 3.4 **Target Species**  
The Divisional Captain or their delegate may nominate one or more Target Species for a particular Trip which would be eligible for the award of bonus points based on the following criteria:
- a) Target Species are to be fish species which are less commonly caught and require a targeted approach to fishing
  - b) Target Species are to be nominated at least one (1) week in advance of a Trip to allow sufficient notice for participants to prepare their gear
- 3.4.1 Suggested Target Species relevant to each Division are as follows (Trip Captain may vary target species as deemed fit):
- a) Charter Boat Division – Nil
  - b) Small Boats Offshore Division: Kingfish, Snapper, Mahi Mahi (Dolphin Fish) Teraglin.
  - c) River and Estuary Division: Bream, Mulloway (Jewfish), Hairtail.
  - d) Freshwater Division: Murray Cod, Trout (depending on venue)
  - e) Kayak Division: Kingfish, Whiting, Bream.
  - f) Rock and Beach Division: Luderick, Rock Blackfish, Whiting.
- 3.5 **Counting, Measuring & Verifying Fish Captures**
- 3.5.1 Any fish to be measured, including of fish of marginal size or 'Fish-of-Significance' or 'trophy' fish, shall be measured by length from the tip of mouth (with mouth closed as much as practical) to furthest tip of the tail and to be rounded down to the nearest centimetre (cm)
- 3.5.2 For 'Fish-of-Significance' to be counted, the 'Photo System' must be used, and the Trip Captain and Recorder are to be provided with corroborative photographs. 'Fish-of-Significance' include largest species from a Trip and 'trophy' fish (including largest fish of a species for the year or a Club record)



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For 'regular' fish captures to count towards Club Trophies (i.e. other than 'Fish-of-Significance'), evidence of fish caught may be via the Photo System or via the Buddy System

### 3.5.3 **The 'Photo System' incorporates the following:**

- a) the use of a photographic device (i.e. camera, mobile phone, Go-pro etc.) to record and clearly identify the fish species; and
- b) the use of a brag-mat to clearly identify the length of a fish species; and
- c) photographs are to be made available to the Trip Captain (and Division Captain if requested) and the Recorder within a one (1) week period after the relevant Trip
- d) for Small Boats, a 'trip code' (assigned in advance by the trip captain) is required to be displayed on the brag-mat, along with the boat number.

The 'Buddy System' involves a Member following the below process.

- a) witnessing the capture of the relevant fish,
- b) verifying the fish captured as an Eligible fish species,
- c) verifying fish length (rounded down to the nearest centimetre) and,
- d) ensuring fish capture details are correctly reported.

### 3.5.4 **Recording and Reporting Fish Capture Results:**

#### Who

- a) Individual Members are responsible for reporting their results in an acceptable form to the Trip Captain
- b) The Trip Captain is responsible for reporting the Trip results in an acceptable form to the Recorder. This shall ordinarily be via the relevant Trip Sheet downloadable from the Club's website.

#### What

- a) A list of eligible fish species caught
- b) Quantity of each fish species
- c) Length of largest fish of each species (rounded down to the nearest centimetre).
- d) Highlight any possible contenders for Club records on the scoresheet

#### How

- a) The Recorder and Trip Captain are to advise (preferably in advance) what media options they require to receive fish capture results, such as WhatsApp or SMS.
- b) The 'default' medium for the Recorder to receive fishing Trip results will be via WhatsApp Committee Group or via email to: ***recorder@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au***

### 3.5.5 **Claiming Club Records**

- a) Club records may be claimed for any fish species caught on any Club outing providing the fish species can be positively identified and there is compliance with the Club's Constitution including these By-Laws (Rules)
- b) To claim the largest fish of the species for Club Trips and Club Records, the 'Photo System' as mentioned above is a mandatory requirement.



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### 3.5.6 **Fishing Techniques and Catching of Fish**

**Hooks and Fishing Line:** No more than two (2) fishing lines (only one (1) for Charter Boat) may be used at any one time

**Hook Configuration:** Each line shall have no more than two (2) hooks or have a 'flight of hooks' attached. (A flight of hooks is defined as 'a number of hooks which are ganged or individually fastened to a line for the purpose of securing a single bait')

**Lure Fishing:** Commercially available lures may be used with their original hook configuration or upgraded hooks of similar style. Stinger or assist hooks may be attached.

**Landing or Boating Fish:** Only fish landed or boated with a hook and line attached are eligible unless the fish is detached in the process of netting or gaffing

## Section 4 TRIP NOTICES & NOTICES TO ATTEND

- 4.1 **General Communication of Trip Notices:** The Club's Google Calendar shall be the official Calendar for general communication of all events including fishing Trips. A link to the Club's Calendar shall ordinarily be available via the Club's website. Divisional Captains (and Trip Captains) are expected to ensure the Club Calendar is updated with Trips planned or cancelled as soon as practical. Additional media may be used for club communications i.e. WhatsApp, Facebook, and Email.
- 4.2 **Targeted Communication of Trip Notices:** Trip notices shall ordinarily be provided to all Members who have expressed interest in the relevant fishing Division. This shall ordinarily be via interested Members' nominated email addresses primarily, and/or via SMS and/or via any other generally accepted method of communication for the relevant Division, such as a dedicated WhatsApp Group.
- 4.3 **Timing of Trip Notices:** Trip notices shall ordinarily be available to all Members at least fourteen (14) days in advance. In exceptional circumstances, Trip Notices may be provided at shorter notice, provided the Club Calendar is updated and most Members who are known to fish in the relevant Division are advised at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance via a targeted communication method noted above.
- 4.4 **Notices to Attend:** Members intending to attend fishing Trips are to advise the relevant Trip Captain with advance notice and communication medium suitable to the Trip Captain.

## Section 5 SOCIAL MEDIA / CONDUCT

- 5.1 **Introduction:** Social media is recognised as a very important role in the promotion, engagement and sharing of information in the fishing club. It should be noted that if not used in a respectful and productive way, social media can be harmful, misleading, and damaging to the club, and its members.
- As a member-based organisation, the fishing club recognises the benefits of social media and encourages its members to positively engage with its available platforms by welcoming comments, suggestions, feedback, and insights related to fishing from its community.

These by-laws apply to the use of social media relating to the fishing club and the platforms it chooses to use such as, Facebook and Facebook messenger, WhatsApp, Instagram etc.



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- 5.2 **Conduct:** It is recognised that personal conduct on social media platforms that relate to the fishing club (i.e. commenting on pictures/posts), can have serious consequences. Negative commentary, inappropriate and non-fishing club related content, images, bullying, discrimination, harassment, and poor behaviour on the club's social media platforms will not be tolerated. If any member is found to have acted inappropriately in relation breaching the by-laws, the member may be subject to disciplinary action such as suspension from the platforms and deregistration by the fishing club.

Should any member be unclear or require guidance on how to engage in social media or acceptable conduct please refer to CHRSL Group member guidelines.

### Section 6 COMPLAINTS, CHALLENGES & NON-COMPLIANCE

- 6.1 Any complaint or challenge relating to the interpretation or application of these fishing By-laws (Rules) and points scoring allocated for a particular fishing Trip shall be made as soon as practical and within seven (7) days of a fishing Trip to the Trip Captain (otherwise Divisional Captain). The Trip Captain (otherwise Divisional Captain) shall obtain all relevant information including liaising with all parties lodging the complaint and advise a determination as soon as practical and within a further fourteen (14) days from receipt of the complaint. For extenuating circumstances (such as the Trip Captain or Divisional Captain being a party related to the complainant), parties to a complaint may brief the Club Captain and request their involvement in the determination.

Serious complaints, challenges and appeals relating to the interpretation or administration of these By-Laws (Rules) may be made in writing to the Committee.

- 6.2 **Breach of By-Laws (Rules):** Any Member found to be in breach of these By-Laws (Rules) will not be eligible for any points for the relevant Trip and further penalties may be imposed by the Committee such as suspension from future events.

### Section 7 SOCIAL MATTERS

- 7.1 The Social Secretary will advise of a final booking and payment deadline on the invitation for any Social Event.
- 7.2 Fishing Club Members and Guests are to confirm their attendance and make full payment for the contribution towards the event by the advised booking and payment deadline.
- 7.3 The booking is not final until payment has been received by the Club. If payment is not received by the booking and payment deadline the booking is deemed cancelled. There will be no refund for any cancellation made after booking and payment deadline unless a replacement attendee is found. The onus is on the cancelling party to find their own replacement.



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### Section 8 SAFETY POLICY

#### 8.1 Purpose

The purpose of this safety policy is to establish guidelines and procedures that ensure the safety and well-being of all CHRSL fishing club members while participating in fishing activities organised by the club. Fishing as a sport has some hazards, and adherence to these guidelines is aimed help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience while participating in Fishing Club activities.

#### 8.2 Scope

This policy applies to all members, and organisers of the Fishing Club during any official club events or activities.

#### 8.3 General Safety Guidelines

- Health and Fitness: Ensure you are in good health and physically able to participate in fishing activities. Consult a medical professional if you have any health concerns.
- Weather Conditions: Always Check weather forecasts before heading out. Avoid fishing during severe weather conditions such as large seas, thunderstorms, high winds, or extreme temperatures.
- Emergency Contacts: For small boat skippers, have a VHF Marine Radio and all members need to carry a fully charged mobile phone and ensure you have emergency contact numbers readily available.

#### 8.4. Personal Safety Equipment

8.4.1 Life Jackets/ PFD: Wear life jackets when fishing from boats, whilst rock fishing, or as required such as crossing a bar. Life jackets must be properly fitted, checked regularly and be fully compliant with NSW Government regulations. Gas cartridges for auto inflating life jackets must be checked annually and be replaced by the expiry date in accordance with manufactures instructions.

8.4.2 First Aid Kits: Most fishing injuries are due to cutting, gutting fish or falls. Fishing hooks and tackle can be dangerous if not handled with care. Hence all boats and fishing trips must carry a fully stocked first aid kit that is suitable for boating and general fishing activities. Members should be familiar with basic first aid procedures.

8.4.3 Protective Clothing: Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, including sun protection (hats, sunglasses, sunscreen) and waterproof gear if necessary.

#### 8.5. Equipment Safety

8.5.1 Inspection: Regularly inspect fishing equipment, boats, all safety gear and EPRIBS, to ensure they are in good working condition and compliant. Repair and replace any damaged or faulty equipment immediately.



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- 8.5.2 **Safe Handling:** Use fishing equipment, knives, and tools properly and with great care. Avoid using equipment that is damaged or malfunctioning.
- 8.5.3 **Boat Safety:** If using a boat, ensure it is equipped with all required safety equipment, including life jackets, EPRIRB, flares, and a fire extinguisher. Adhere to all boating regulations and safety guidelines.
- 8.6 **Environmental and Water Safety**
- **Swimming Safety:** Avoid swimming in unfamiliar or hazardous waters. If swimming is necessary, do so in designated safe areas and ensure there is adequate supervision.
  - **Hydration and Nutrition:** Stay hydrated and bring sufficient food and water for the duration of the fishing trip.
  - **Wildlife Awareness:** Be aware of local wildlife and their behaviours, such as whales. Avoid disturbing wildlife and follow guidelines for safe interaction with animals.
- 8.7 **Safety During Club Events**
- **Briefings:** Attend any club run pre-event briefings where safety guidelines and emergency procedures may be reviewed.
  - **Buddy System:** Use a buddy system or group approach to ensure no one is fishing alone, especially in remote, offshore, or rock fishing locations.
  - **Emergency Procedures:** Familiarise yourself with emergency procedures including marine VHF emergency radio communication protocols and the location of nearest medical facilities. Follow instructions from event organizers in case of an emergency.
  - **Boat Skippers** are expected to Log on/ off with Marine Rescue when going fishing offshore.
- 8.8 **Reporting Incidents**
- **Accidents:** Report any accidents, injuries, or near-miss incidents to the club's committee or event organiser as soon as possible.
  - **Safety Concerns:** Immediately report any safety concerns or hazards to the club's committee or event organiser.
- 8.9 **Training and Awareness**
- **Safety Training:** Members are encouraged to participate in their own safety training sessions including first aid and emergency response training.
  - **Updates:** Stay informed about safety updates and changes to the policy through club communications and meetings.
- 8.10. **Compliance and Enforcement**
- **Policy Adherence:** All members are expected to adhere to this safety policy.
  - **Review:** This safety policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure ongoing effectiveness and relevance.





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Disclaimer: All members participating in club events are fully responsible for their own safety, compliance, and wellbeing. The club committee and/or directors are not accountable or responsible for the safety, wellbeing or compliance of any member or guest participating in club fishing events.

### Section 9 MEMBERSHIP FEES

9.1 Membership fees are as follows:

	Category	Annual Fee
<b>SENIOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	Life Member	Nil
	Ordinary Member	\$5.00
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	Junior Member	Nil
<b>HONORARY MEMBERSHIP</b>	Honorary Member	Nil

### Section 10 FORMS

- 10.1 Applications for new membership shall be via the attached Membership Form
- 10.2 Nominations for Office-Bearers shall be via the attached Nomination Form for Office-Bearers
- 10.3 All vessel owners fishing from a boat, kayak or PWC are required to provide details of their vessel through the Vessel Registration Form.

Note that the latest versions of these forms are to be found on the Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club website under "Forms and Docs".

### Section 11 DOCUMENT VERSION HISTORY

- December 2021** The first separate By-Laws Document was created by Special Resolution passed by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on 18 December 2021
- June 2022** Points Scoring System amended to award points per fish (superseding points per cm)
- April 2023** Various amendments made to remove outdated by-laws and to clarify rules for booking charters. Passed by resolution at the Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2023
- April 2024** Social Media Conduct added. Annexure I relating to Perpetual Trophies has been rewritten. Minor amendments throughout the By-Laws. Changes passed by resolution 8 April 2024
- August 2024** Trophy names and descriptions updated
- November 2024** Safety Policy added. Changes passed by resolution 4 November 2024
- February 2025** Membership fees confirmed



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### Section 12 ANNEXURES

ANNEXURES included in the By-Laws are as follows:

**Annexure I** – *Perpetual Trophies*

**Annexure II** – *By-Laws of Fishing Divisions*

**Annexure III** – *Membership Form*

**Annexure IV** – *Nomination for Office-Bearers Form*

**Annexure V** – *Vessel Registration Form*



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### ANNEXURE I – PERPETUAL TROPHIES

#### CLUB CHAMPIONS (ACROSS ALL DIVISIONS)

##### *SENIOR TROPHIES*

**Robbie Duncan Trophy****Most Points Over All Divisions (Club Champion)**

Awarded to the Senior Member who scores the most points during the competition year. The total scored in each division is accumulated. The 10 best trips are counted with no more than 5 trips from any division.

**Wally Hemmers Memorial Trophy****Greatest number of Edible fish**

Awarded to the Senior Member who catches the greatest number of eligible fish. The total in each division is accumulated.

**Charles Smart Memorial Trophy****Biggest Fish of the Year**

Awarded to the Senior Member who catches the biggest fish (cm) of the year across all divisions, excluding Hairtail.

**Bill Grech Trophy****Biggest Hairtail of the Year**

Awarded to the Senior or Junior Member who catches the biggest Hairtail (cm) of the year across all divisions.

**The Bert Fellows Trophy****The Persevering Fisherman**

Awarded to the Senior Member who attended the most trips during the year, without winning any other trophy.

**Rocky Hudson Trophy****The New Member Encouragement Award**

Awarded to a new Senior Member who has shown the greatest interest in participating in the activities of the Fishing Club across several divisions.

**George Ford Memorial Trophy****Spirit of the Club**

Awarded to the Senior Member who has made the greatest contribution towards furthering the aims and objectives of the Fishing Club.

##### *JUNIOR TROPHIES*

**Peter Lynch Memorial Trophy****Junior Champion**

Awarded to the Junior Member who scores the most points during the competition year. The total scored in each division is accumulated. The 10 best trips are counted with no more than 5 trips from any division.



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### **Fishing Club Junior Trophy**

Awarded to the Junior Member who catches the biggest fish (cm's) during the competition year, excluding Hairtail.

### **Best Junior**

### **Paul and Dianne Isaac Trophy**

Awarded to the Junior Member who attended the most trips during the year, without winning any other trophy.

### **Keenest Junior Fisho**

## **CHARTER BOAT TROPHIES**

### **Jack Hando Memorial Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted.

### ***Most Points Charter Boat***

### **Arthur Muir Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points on any one trip in this division.

### ***Biggest Score on a Single Trip***

### **Rick Mathews Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Schnapper (cm) on any trip in this division.

### ***Biggest Schnapper***

### **Steelmark Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Morwong (cm) on any trip in this division.

### ***Biggest Morwong***

### **"Rags" Franklin Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Flathead (cm) on any trip in this division.

### ***the Best Flathead***

## **SMALL BOATS OFFSHORE DIVISION TROPHIES**

### **Robin Phair Trophy**

Awarded to the best boat owner or best boat captain based on the total number of points scored by all fishos on the boat over the calendar year. The points awarded for each trip shall be the average of points scored by all fisherman on board. The total scored for the calendar year is accumulated.

### **Champion Boat – Small Boats Offshore**

### **Middle Harbour Marine Annual Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted.

### ***Most Points - Small Boats Offshore***

### **Dardy Munro Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points on any one trip in this division.

### ***Biggest Score on a Single Trip***

### **Jack Goldsworthy Trophy**

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Morwong (cm) on any trip in this division.

### ***Biggest Morwong***



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### **Ted Gant Trophy**

### ***Biggest Snapper***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Snapper (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **Bob Partlett Trophy**

### ***Biggest Flathead***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Flathead (cm) on any trip in this division.

## **RIVER AND ESTUARY DIVISION TROPHIES**

### **Colin (Grumpy) Robbie Trophy**

### **Champion Boat – River and Estuary**

Awarded to the best boat owner or best boat captain based on the total number of points scored by all fishos on the boat over the calendar year. The points awarded for each trip shall be the average of points scored by all fisherman on board. The total scored for the calendar year is accumulated.

### **Jacko Gillson Trophy**

### ***Most Points River and Estuary***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted.

### **Ray Smart Memorial Trophy**

### ***Biggest Score on a Single Trip***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points on any one trip in this division.

### **Jim Isaacs Memorial Trophy**

### ***Biggest Jewfish***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Jewfish (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **Jim Lewry Memorial Trophy**

### ***Biggest Bream***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Bream (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **Warren Randle Trophy**

### ***Biggest Flathead***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Bream (cm) on any trip in this division.

## **ROCK AND BEACH DIVISION TROPHIES**

### **The George Ford Trophy**

### ***Most Points Rock and Beach***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted.

### **Leno Andoloro Trophy**

### ***Most Points on a Single Trip***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points on any one trip in this division.

### **Tom Garrick Trophy**

### ***Biggest Tailor caught off the Rocks or Beach***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Tailor (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **David Franklin Trophy**

### ***Biggest Whiting***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Whiting (cm) on any trip in this division.



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### **Bob Phair Trophy**

### ***Biggest Fish (other) off the Rocks or Beach***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest fish (cm), other than Tailor or Whiting on any trip in this division.

## **FRESHWATER DIVISION TROPHIES**

### **Barry Edmondson Trophy**

### **Champion Boat – Freshwater**

Awarded to the best boat owner or best boat captain based on the total number of points scored by all fishos on the boat over the calendar year. The points awarded for each trip shall be the average of points scored by all fisherman on board. The total scored for the calendar year is accumulated.

### **Ron Micallef Trophy**

### ***Freshwater Most Points***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted

### **Richard Blagrove Trophy**

### ***Most Points on a Single Trip***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points on any one trip in this division.

### **Rick Cumming Trophy**

### ***Biggest Trout (any species)***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Trout (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **Craig Randle Trophy**

### ***Biggest Bass***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest Bass (cm) on any trip in this division.

### **Kevin Smart Trophy**

### ***Biggest Fish (Other)***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest fish (cm), other than Trout or Bass, on any trip in this division.

### **Geoff Sexton Encouragement Trophy**

### ***Encouragement***

Awarded to a new Member who has shown the greatest interest in participating in the activities of the Freshwater Division

## **KAYAK DIVISION TROPHIES**

### **Rob & Julie Cooper Perpetual Trophy**

### ***Kayak Division Champion***

Awarded to the Member who scores the most points in this division. The 5 best trips are counted.

### **David Spencer Trophy**

### ***Keep Chasing your new PB***

Awarded to the Member who catches the biggest fish (cm), on any trip in this division.



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### ANNEXURE II – BY-LAWS (RULES) of FISHING DIVISIONS

#### Section 1 CHARTER BOAT DIVISION

##### 1.1 Charter Trip Notices

1.1.1 Further to the aforementioned section relating to 'Trip Notices & Notices to Attend', charter trip notices shall include time, place and cost.

##### 1.2 Charter Trip Fees

1.2.1 The Club is liable for full charter fees once the charter booking has been confirmed with the Charter Operator, whether or not the charter is fully subscribed unless of course, the Charter Operator cancels.

1.2.2 Trip Fees are to be set by the Charter Captain in consultation with the Committee and within Club guidelines and policies.

1.2.3 Trip Fees are generally for the charter boat hire only.

1.2.4 Unless otherwise stated, trip fees do not include fishing gear, bait, food, drinks, clothing nor transport to or from the charter.

1.2.5 Trip fees shall ordinarily be paid direct to the Club's bank account with your name and charter description in the reference. Please note, that the risk of not being able to attend is born by the payee at the time of payment.

##### 1.3 Charter Bookings & Confirmations

1.3.1 Interested persons shall express their interest to the Charter Captain (or delegated Trip Captain) who shall keep an 'Interested List'.

1.3.2 Those on the 'Interested List' will be transferred to the 'Confirmed Crew List' as soon as payments are received. Once a charter is fully subscribed, names on the 'Interested List' will be considered as Reserves who may be contacted to fill last minute or unavoidable vacancies.

1.3.3 The 'Confirmed Crew List' shall generally be in the order of trip captain after which, priority as 'Confirmed Crew' will be given to members in the order of receipt of payment by the Fishing Club. However, the Charter Captain may amend with the aim of being fair and reasonable in considering recent attendances, cancellations (e.g. due to weather) and unforeseen circumstances. Reserves (Members) who are unable to be placed on a Trip, shall ordinarily be considered for priority for the next scheduled trip, otherwise the one after.

1.3.4 If a charter is over-subscribed by payees on the 'Confirmed Crew List', it shall ordinarily be a case of 'first-in best-dressed', and if that is not obvious a ballot shall be held to decide the attendees. The Charter Captain (or delegated Trip Captain) shall conduct any ballot and their decision shall be final.

##### 1.4 Charter Cancellations & Non-Attendance

1.4.1 If the Charter Operator cancels, for example due to adverse weather, applicable refunds shall be made to payees or, if the payee prefers, held over for a future charter trip of their choosing subject to availability. The Charter/Trip Captain shall ordinarily communicate any such cancellations via the Club's electronic calendar and any other practical means.



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- 1.4.2 If a Confirmed Crew member cancels, then they shall not be entitled to a refund unless a replacement can be found. Whilst every effort will be made to assist with contacting reserves or finding a replacement, if a replacement cannot be found, the Member/Guest shall remain liable for the full Trip Fee. In being commercially responsible and with the broader membership in mind, there shall be no expectations of exceptions for personal circumstances (including ill-health). Any disputes can be put to the Committee.
- 1.4.3 Note however, a Confirmed Crew may transfer their position to another person, with the approval of the Charter/Trip Captain, in which case, they shall liaise with the new position holder for any payment.
- 1.4.4 Any Confirmed Crew literally 'missing the boat' will be liable for the full Trip Fee.

### 1.5 Charter Trip Operations and Participation

- 1.5.1 The Boat Captain (commonly the Charter Operator) is responsible and therefore in overarching control of the boat and operations within.
- 1.5.2 The Club's nominated Trip Captain shall otherwise be in control from a Club perspective and attendees shall abide by all reasonable directions.
- 1.5.3 Juniors:
- a) Juniors must be at least ten (10) years of age.
  - b) Juniors must be supervised by a parent or guardian who is responsible for their safety and good conduct.
  - c) No more than two (2) Juniors are normally allowed to attend a Charter; However, the Charter Captain may vary the number of Juniors attending a Trip under special circumstances.
- 1.5.4 Attendees are to take their own precautions against sea sickness as trips will not be prematurely ended for this reason alone.

### 1.6 Charter Boat Protocols

- 1.6.1 Fishing Positions on the Charter Boat shall be worked out between the attendees or, if necessary, shall be assigned by the Charter/Trip Captain.
- 1.6.2 Disabled persons may approach the Charter/Trip Captain for a particular position on a Charter boat.
- 1.6.3 Guests and Juniors shall ordinarily be positioned next to the Member inviting them or the parent or guardian supervising them.
- 1.6.4 Once Fishing Positions are determined, attendees are to ordinarily fish the whole trip in the position they were allocated or move by agreement.

### 1.7 Charter Fishing Rules

- 1.7.1 Unless advised otherwise by the Boat Captain, all attendees must fish with the same rig of leader, hooks and weight as nominated by the Boat Captain.
- 1.7.2 Attendees are not permitted to fish with more than one (1) fishing line at a time rigged with no more than two (2) hooks only.
- 1.7.3 Attendees are not to leave their line unattended whilst it is in the water. When not in use, all fishing tackle is to be safely secured.
- 1.7.4 Fish caught while trolling are ordinarily not eligible for points, however the Charter/Trip Captain may allow for special trips or occasions.





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- 1.7.5 If a line goes 'light' or 'slack', the attendee is required to wind their line in because slack line potentially tangles other lines.
- 1.7.6 Wire traces, three-way metal swivels and fish oil are not permitted, however the Charter/Trip Captain may allow for special trips or occasions.
- 1.7.7 Fishing lines may only be cast or lowered when okayed by the Boat Captain.

### **Section 2 SMALL BOATS OFFSHORE DIVISION**

- 2.1 For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, at least two (2) vessels must attend and fish with Members.
- 2.2 There must be a minimum of two (2) persons per boat during Offshore Trips.
- 2.3 A PWC may have only one person on board. At least two boats or PWC's must fish in the same area on any outing and remain in radio contact.
- 2.4 Members participating in an event are required to advise the Trip Captain of the following:
  - 2.3.1 Confirmation of attendance before each Trip;
  - 2.3.2 Time of entering and leaving the water;
- 2.5 The names of all non-members attending a Trip must be given to the Trip Captain prior to entering the water.
- 2.6 It is the members' responsibility to ensure that their vessel is fully compliant with NSW Government Maritime rules and regulations.

### **2.7 The Member boat owner/ skipper is totally responsible for their own safety and the safety of their crew during any club event. Section 3 FRESHWATER DIVISION**

- 3.1 For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, the minimum number of Members required to attend and fish is two (2).
- 3.2 Members must adhere to local rules and regulations, for example, when in alpine waters suitable life jackets to be worn.

### **Section 4 KAYAK DIVISION**

- 4.1 For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, the minimum number of Members required to attend and fish is two (2)

### **Section 5 RIVER & ESTUARY DIVISION**

- 5.1 For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, the minimum number of Members required to attend and fish is two (2)
- 5.2 The Safety Rules from Offshore Division mentioned above also apply to River and Estuary.

### **Section 6 ROCK & BEACH DIVISION**

- 6.1 For a Trip to be considered an 'official' Trip, the minimum number of Members required to attend and fish is two (2)



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ANNEXURE III – MEMBERSHIP FORM

CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30th June 20 \_\_



Member Type: [ ] Senior (Ordinary) \$5 [ ] Junior \$0 Please tick... [ ] New, [ ] Prior, [ ] Update

Form with fields: Preferred Name (Known As), Legal First Name(s), Surname (Family Name), Mobile Phone, Other Phone, Email Address, Emergency Contact (not likely to be fishing with you), Emergency Phone, RSL Badge Number, Do you have a fishing licence?, Please tick your FISHING INTERESTS..., Do you wish to register as a boat/vessel owner?, How did you find out about the Fishing Club?, Please explain..., Who was the first fishing club member that influenced you to become a member?, Have you ever been denied membership or had your membership of another club cancelled? If so, please provide details

In applying for membership (or renewing or updating my membership) of Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club (CHRSLFC / Fishing Club), I agree to be bound by the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Fishing Club (available from the Fishing Club's website www.castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au) along with regulations duly made by the CHRSLFC Committee from time to time. Accordingly, I shall be a financial member of Castle Hill R.S.L. Club Ltd / Castle Hill RSL Group whilst ever a member of the Fishing Club. I further acknowledge and agree that participation in any Fishing Club activities is at my own risk and that the Fishing Club, it's parent RSL Club, and their officers, representatives and members can in no way be held responsible for any injuries or loss to myself or my property sustained in any way or manner due to the course of participating in, or traveling to or from, such activity. I also confirm that I wish to receive Club notifications (including emails).

Payment Method: [ ] In Person, or [ ] via Bank Deposit to St George Bank BSB 112879 Acc 416800298

Seniors \$5. IMPORTANT! In the REFERENCE, be sure to enter your 'SURNAME' then 'FIRST NAME'.

Form Lodged: [ ] In Person, or [ ] Via Email to membership@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT / MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE: Payment Method / Receipt \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Received / Acknowledged by: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ANNEXURE IV – NOMINATION FORM**

**CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB  
NOMINATION FORM  
for OFFICE BEARERS  
FOR THE TERM COMMENCING IN 20 \_\_**



The Proposer and Seconder set out below, hereby nominate: -

Nominee [name] \_\_\_\_\_

Castle Hill RSL Group Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

For election to the position/s of \_\_\_\_\_

of Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club ("CHRSLFC", "Club")

Proposer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee's Consent:**

I consent to the above nomination and declare that: I will at all times seek to abide by the Club's Constitution and any Rules made pursuant thereto; and know of no legal impediment to my becoming an Office Bearer of the Club.

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How is/was this form to be lodged?

In Person to the Secretary .....

Email to [secretary@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au)

Nominations shall be in accordance with the Constitution. Unless updated, that includes:

- A 'Nomination in Advance' must be lodged with the Secretary between two (2) weeks and two (2) months before the Annual General Meeting.
- For any committee position where a 'Nomination in Advance' has not been duly provided, nominations may with the consent of the nominee and nominees be made for those positions at the Annual General Meeting and are subject to the approval of the Returning Officer or Secretary.

For more information and a list of the various Office Bearer Positions, please refer the Constitution of CHRSLFC (e.g. via [www.castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au](http://www.castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au)) or contact the Secretary.



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## ANNEXURE V – VESSEL REGISTRATION FORM

### CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB Vessel Registration Form



**A colour photograph of the vessel must accompany this form**

I request that my vessel be registered for events with Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club (the Club).

I understand that for my vessel registration to be valid, I need to be a member of both the Fishing Club and Castle Hill RSL Club (or Castle Hill RSL Group) and am bound by the Club's Constitution and any By-Laws and Regulations introduced by the Committee.

I further acknowledge and agree that participation in any Club activities is at my own risk and that the Club, it's Parent RSL Club, and their officers, representatives and members can in no way be held responsible for any injuries or loss to myself or my property sustained in any way or manner due to the course of participating in, or traveling to or from, such activity.

I acknowledge that my vessel must be suitably equipped and compliant with all requirements of Roads and Maritime Services and relevant government bodies and authorities.

Given Name(s)		Surname (Family Name)
Phone		Email Address
Boat Licence Number		MMSI (if applicable)
Given Name of Vessel		Vessel Registration Number
Vessel Brand		Vessel Model
Construction	Length	Motor Make & Capacity
Hull Colour		Superstructure / Bimini Colour
Usual Towing Vehicle Description		Vehicle Rego Plate
Usual Trailer Brand / Description		Trailer Rego Plate

Please tick all your safety and communication devices:

VHF Radio    27Mhz Radio    GPS    Depth Sounder    EPIRB No. \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to the Club Captain or Membership Officer. Please include colour photos of your vessel preferably in the water and on trailer if applicable. Have another vessel? Please submit another form.

Form Lodged:  In Person with ..... or  Via Email to [membership@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au](mailto:membership@castlehillrslfishingclub.org.au)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT / MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Office Use</b> Date Received:	Date Entered:
Photograph on File: Yes / No	Entered By:
Allocated Vessel Number:	