



I, Lawrie Brunello, Secretary, hereby certify that this and the following ... pages are a true and correct copy of the Constitution of Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club as created by Special Resolution passed at Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club's Annual General Meeting held on 18th Dec., 2021.

Signed by Lawrie Brunello Lawrie Brunello on Date 18 December 2021

CONSTITUTION of CASTLE HILL RSL FISHING CLUB

1 NAME & INCORPORATION

- 1.1 The Club shall be known as "Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club" (the 'Club').
- 1.2 The Club is incorporated as a Sub-Club of Castle Hill RSL Club Ltd (the 'Parent Club').

2 DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith:

"Committee" means the Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club Committee constituted in accordance with this Constitution and its collective office-bearers / committee members.

"By-Law" means Rule of the Club and includes regulations.

"Club" means Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club.

"Club Notice Board" means a board or boards designated as such within the Parent Club's premises on which notices for the information of members are posted.

"Constitution" means and includes By-Laws (Rules).

"General Meeting" means a meeting open to all members that are entitled to vote and includes Annual General Meeting.

"Grant Account" refers to the Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club trust account held in the financial accounts of the Parent Club out of which subsidies and other payments are made.

"In writing" and "written" includes printing, typing, lithography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in visible form in the English language.

"Member" means a person who has been admitted to and satisfies any category of membership of the Club as provided for in this constitution.

"Month" means calendar month.

"Officer" and "Office Bearer" means a duly elected person responsible for ensuring that the job gets done.

"Ordinary Member" means a paid-up senior member (over the age of 18 years).

"Ordinary Resolution" has the same meaning as in the N.S.W Fair Trading Act.

"Parent Club" means Castle Hill RSL Club Ltd.

"Patron" means a person honored as a special guardian, protector, or supporter.

"RSL" means the Castle Hill RSL Club Ltd.

"Sports Council" means the sub-committee of the Parent Club appointed to oversee sporting sub-clubs.

"Special Resolution" has the same meaning as in the N.S.W Fair Trading Act.

3 OBJECTS

- 3.1 The object of Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club is to promote and encourage the participation in Fishing and other social activities as seen fit and proper by the Board of Directors of the Castle Hill RSL Club Ltd.
- 3.2 The mission of the Club is to promote fishing as a sustainable sporting activity and to make organised fishing activities available to the greatest number of members at the lowest possible cost.

4 INTERPRETATION

- 4.1 A decision of the Committee on the construction or interpretation of this Constitution or any By-Laws made pursuant to this Constitution or on any matter arising there from, is conclusive and binding on all



members, subject to such construction or interpretation being varied or revised by the members in General Meeting, or by the Parent Club or by the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

- 4.2 Words indicating the singular number include the plural number and vice versa, and words indicating the masculine gender include the feminine gender and vice versa.

5 CONSIDERATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENT CLUB

- 5.1 The Club and its members shall abide by directions of the Parent Club.
- 5.2 A record of all members shall be retained and made available to the Parent Club (and members of the Committee) upon reasonable request.
- 5.3 The Club acknowledges that as a sporting sub-club it must be self-supporting and not rely solely on the Parent Club's grant.
- 5.4 The Club shall be wholly responsible for its own financial arrangements and shall indemnify the Parent Club from any such responsibility whatsoever.
- 5.5 The Club's President shall maintain liaison with the Sports Council (sub-committee of the Parent Club) and attend related meetings together with another committee member.
- 5.6 A list of Office Bearers of the Club is to be provided to the Sports Council by 15th September each year and whenever a change occurs.
- 5.7 The grant received from the Parent Club may be used within Castle Hill RSL Group as each sporting club committee sees fit as long as it is in the best interests of their Club. The grant may also be used for the direct costs of outside sports, such as the hiring costs of fishing boats, fishing club merchandise such as hats and shirts, fishing tackle, bait and accommodation, etcetera, meetings & associated refreshments, but not entertainment.
- 5.8 The RSL encourages sporting bodies to prepare their own By-Laws appertaining to their individual sporting activity. A copy is to be forwarded to the Sports Council. Such By-Laws shall not include or conflict with items and subjects listed in this document or the Constitution of the Parent Club.
- 5.9 At some time, it may be the requirement of the Parent Club to call on sporting sub-clubs to carry out some duties for the benefit of the sporting clubs generally and each Club is expected to fully cooperate.
- 5.10 Where open days are held, that could necessitate in financial assistance being provided by the Parent Club, the General Manager's approval shall be first obtained and then ratified by the Board of Directors. Failure to do so will mean all costs will be borne by the Club and the Parent Club will accept no responsibility whatsoever.
- 5.11 Where equipment is purchased or maintained by the Parent Club for a specific sporting activity, it shall not be locked away but shall be always available to patrons of the Parent Club, for use on the Club premises when not being used.
- 5.12 Cash prizes for competitions are not permitted, although vouchers for use in the Parent Club or shopping vouchers are.

6 MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 Membership categories and fees are as follows:

	Category	ANNUAL FEES
SENIOR MEMBERSHIP	Life Member	Nil
	Ordinary Member	\$5.00
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP	Junior Member	Nil
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP	Honorary Member	Nil

- 6.2 Membership Years shall align with the Club's Financial Year.



- 6.3 New membership applications received within 2 months prior to the commencement of a new membership year shall be deemed to be applicable for the remainder of the current membership year and the upcoming membership year.
- 6.4 Membership fees shall include iCare sporting injuries Insurance. iCare is the brand of Insurance & Care NSW and provides services (including staff and facilities) to the Sporting Injuries Compensation Authority

7 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 A person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years may only be admitted as a Junior Member and not any other class of membership.
- 7.2 If at the commencement of a new membership year, a person is under the age of eighteen (18) years, they may compete for the remainder of the membership year as a Junior Member.

8 ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR MEMBERSHIP (ORDINARY & LIFE)

- 8.1 Senior Members (Ordinary and Life) must agree to be bound by the Club's Constitution along with regulations duly made by the Committee from time to time.
- 8.2 Ordinary Members must be paid-up financial members of both the Club and Parent Club.
- 8.3 Ordinary Members & Life Members must agree that participation in any Club activities is at their own risk and that the Club, the Parent Club, and their officers and representatives cannot be held responsible for any injuries or loss to the member or their property sustained due to the course of participating in, or traveling to or from, such activity.
- 8.4 Upon applying for Ordinary Membership, the approved Membership Form must be completed including advice of membership number of the Parent Club, nominated contact phone number and email address.
- 8.5 Senior Members are to accept that the Club's official mode of correspondence is via email but a contact phone number may also be relied upon and members shall advise any update to their nominated email address or contact phone number to the Secretary and Membership Officer.

9 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- 9.1 Senior Members (Ordinary and Life) shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting.
- 9.2 Each member who is entitled to vote has one vote but cannot vote by proxy.
- 9.3 A Life Member shall have all the rights and privileges of an Ordinary Member.
- 9.4 A Junior Member is not entitled to attend or vote at any General Meeting, nominate persons for membership, introduce guests to the Club, or participate in the management of the Club.

10 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 10.1 Life Membership of the Club may be awarded at an Annual General Meeting, subject to the following:
 - 10.1.1 The member must have achieved at least 2 of the following
 - 10.1.1.1 has been a member for at least 20 years,
 - 10.1.1.2 served as a committee member for at least 10 years, &/or
 - 10.1.1.3 has made an extraordinary contribution other than being a committee member.
 - 10.1.2 Life Membership nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Committee via the Secretary by the month of May ahead of the upcoming AGM and include: details of Nominee; details of nominator and seconder, details of at least 2 supporting Life Members; and as much of the following information about the nominee as possible to the best of the joint nominators' knowledge and belief including year nominee joined as a member, number of years of membership, year joined the Committee, periods and total time served on the Committee, periods and total times served in various positions on the Committee, and any other significant contributions or considerations;
 - 10.1.3 Support from at least two-thirds of the Committee.



- 10.2 In the event of more than one nomination for Life Membership being supported by the Committee at any one time, the Committee shall stipulate the order that such nominations are to be considered by the Members otherwise the default order shall be seniority by age.
- 10.3 Members shall be notified of any Notice of Motion for the Nominations for Life Membership with proper notices of AGM and include all related information for a well-considered vote.
- 10.4 At least two-thirds of senior members in attendance at the AGM are to be in favour determined by secret ballot by the Returning Officer or Patron; and
- 10.5 Consideration for new life members shall be subject to the number of living life members being capped at 7% of senior membership being the greater of current membership or nearest end of membership year.

11 HONORARY MEMBERS

- 11.1 The following persons may be admitted as Honorary Members of the Club in accordance with procedures established by the Committee and may include:
 - 11.1.1 a Patron of the Parent Club.
 - 11.1.2 any prominent citizen or local dignitary.
- 11.2 Honorary members may be relieved by the Club of any obligation or liability with respect to the payment of entrance fees and subscriptions.
- 11.3 Honorary members are entitled only to those facilities and amenities of the Club as determined by the Committee but are not entitled to vote at any General Meeting, to be nominated for or elected to the Committee or any office of the Club or participate in the management, business, and affairs of the Club in any way, unless they are an Ordinary or Life Member.
- 11.4 When Honorary Membership is conferred on any person, the following particulars must be entered in the Club's Register of Honorary Members:
 - 11.4.1 the name in full, or the surname and initials, of the Honorary Member.
 - 11.4.2 the date on which Honorary Membership is conferred.
 - 11.4.3 the date on which Honorary Membership is to cease.
- 11.5 The Club has the power to cancel an Honorary Membership without notice and without being required to give reason.

12 ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- 12.1 A person must not be admitted as a member of the Club unless that person is elected to membership at a meeting of the Committee or a duly appointed election committee of the Club by a majority of the Committee Members or election committee members present and voting, the names of those members present and voting at that meeting being recorded by the Secretary.
- 12.2 In respect of every application for membership made pursuant to this Constitution there must be completed a nomination form which must be in a form and containing such particulars as are from time to time prescribed by the Committee, including the full name of the applicant and a statement that the applicant, if admitted, will be bound by the Constitution of the Club.
- 12.3 The nomination form must be signed by the candidate.
- 12.4 The appropriate entrance fee (if any) and subscription must be lodged with the nomination form.
- 12.5 The Committee may reject any application for membership without assigning any reason for such rejection. The Secretary will as soon as practicable return to a rejected candidate the amount of the entrance fee (if any) and subscription lodged with the application.
- 12.6 The Committee has the power to make By-laws regulating all matters in connection with the election of a member not otherwise provided by this Constitution.
- 12.7 When a person has been elected to membership, the Secretary must cause notice of such election to be given personally or promptly forwarded to that person. The member so elected is deemed to have agreed to be bound by this Constitution and the By-laws from time to time in force.



13 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 13.1 Membership subscriptions must be paid annually in advance. The time and manner of payment thereof and all other matters pertaining thereto not especially provided for by this Constitution are as prescribed by the Committee from time to time.
- 13.2 If a member has not paid the subscription or any other money due to the Club on or before the due date for payment, the member ceases to be a financial member and the Secretary may cause a written notice of default to be sent to that member. The member may also be disqualified from all Club competitions and promotions in which that member may be participating.
- 13.3 If the member pays any such subscription or other money within one month after the due date for payment, that member will again be a financial member.
- 13.4 If any such subscription or other money remains unpaid after one month from the due date for payment, the defaulting member will be debarred from all privileges of membership and will cease to be a member of the Club. The Secretary shall cause a notation to this effect to be made against that person's name in the Register of members.

14 PATRON/S

- 14.1 The members in General Meeting may appoint one or more Patrons from time to time upon a recommendation being made by the Committee to the meeting.

15 CONTACT DETAILS OF MEMBERS

- 15.1 A member must advise the Secretary of any change in their nominated contact phone number, email address and emergency contact details.

16 REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS

- 16.1 The Club shall keep a register of all members. This register must set forth the name in full, nominated contact phone number and email address, emergency contact details and if the member is an Ordinary Member the date on which that member last paid the fee for membership of the Club.

17 RESIGNATION AND CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 17.1 A member may at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary resign from membership of the Club and such resignation shall take effect from the date on which it is received by the Secretary.
- 17.2 Every person ceasing to be a member of the Club (whether by resignation, expulsion, being removed from the Register of members, neglecting to pay the entrance fee or subscription or otherwise) upon and by reason of such cessation of membership forfeits all rights as a member of the Club, provided that such person remains liable for any subscription and all arrears thereof due and unpaid at the date of cessation of that person's membership and any other money due by that person at the date of cessation of that person's membership or for which that person is or may become liable under this Constitution.

18 THE COMMITTEE

- 18.1 The Committee shall consist of the following office-bearer positions:

President	Charter Boat Captain
Club Captain (Vice President)	Deep Sea Captain
Secretary	Freshwater Captain
Treasurer	Kayak Captain



Membership Officer	River and Estuary Captain
Media Officer	Rock & Beach Captain
Social Secretary	Recorder

- 18.2 The members of the Committee shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting from when they were elected until the Returning Officer declares all positions vacant.

19 COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROCEEDINGS

- 19.1 Committee meetings shall be held at the premises of the Parent Club or, if this is not practical, a nearby location, otherwise via electronic means such as phone or video conferencing.
- 19.2 Committee meetings shall be held once each quarter and when circumstances necessitate. Additional meetings may also be convened by any two of the President, Club Captain, Secretary & Treasurer or three (3) committee members.
- 19.3 The President is entitled to preside as the Chairperson at any meeting of the Committee. If the President is not present or being present is unwilling or unable to act, then a Vice-President will be the Chairperson of the meeting. If a Vice-President is not present or being present is unwilling or unable to act, then the members of the Committee present may elect their own Chairperson of the meeting.
- 19.4 The quorum for a committee meeting is half of the elected committee members.
- 19.5 Subject to this Constitution, questions and motions arising at any committee meeting must be decided by majority of votes and a determination by majority of the committee members will for all purposes be deemed to be a resolution of the Committee.
- 19.6 The Committee may pass a resolution without a committee meeting being held if a proposed resolution is circulated to all committee members in the first instance and then two-thirds of all committee members entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document. Such a resolution is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a committee meeting duly convened and held.
- 19.7 Committee members shall be entitled to a single vote regardless of how many positions they hold. The Chairperson is entitled to a deliberative vote provided they are a committee member.
- 19.8 The Secretary shall ordinarily be responsible for preparing and circulating the agenda in line with any standing orders or directions of the Committee and then in particular consideration of suggestions from the President and general consideration of suggestions from other committee members.
- 19.9 When it is not practical for a committee member to physically attend a meeting in person, they may do so remotely via audio or video means upon the approval of the chairperson or majority of the Committee.

20 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- 20.1 Ordinary Members & Life Members (who have attained the age of 18 years) are entitled to vote at the election of the Committee.
- 20.2 Nominations for election of Committee Members shall be in writing via the approved Nomination Form for Office Bearers and signed by two (2) senior members and by the nominee who must signify his or her consent to the nomination.
- 20.3 A 'Nomination in Advance' must be lodged with the Secretary between two (2) weeks and two (2) months before the Annual General Meeting.
- 20.4 The Secretary will as soon as practicable after the closing of 'Nominations in Advance' cause the names of the candidates to be posted on the noticeboard and communicated to members via their nominated email address.



- 20.5 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.
- 20.6 If more than the required nominations are received for any committee position, an election by ballot of those members in attendance at the meeting will be held, and such election will be under the control of the Returning Officer appointed for the election.
- 20.7 No member shall issue to members by circular or letter or otherwise distribute within the premises or the surrounding precincts of the Club any 'how to vote ticket' or any written material advocating either for or against the election of any candidate or candidates for the Committee of the Club.

21 POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 21.1 The Committee is empowered to run the Club in accordance with this Constitution and the Constitution and By-laws of the Parent Club.
- 21.2 The management of the Club and custody of its funds and property shall be vested in the Committee.
- 21.3 To repay out-of-pocket expenses that are of a kind authorised by a current resolution of the Committee and are reasonably incurred by any member of the Committee or any other person in the course of carrying out their duties in relation to the Club.

22 VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

- 22.1 If a position on the Committee is vacated, the Committee may appoint another Member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

23 BY-LAWS

- 23.1 The Committee has power to make such By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution as in the opinion of the Committee are necessary or desirable for the proper control, administration and management of the Club's finances, affairs, interests, effects and property and for the convenience, comfort and well-being of the members of the Club and to amend or rescind from time to time any such By-laws.
- 23.2 The Members may make and amend By-Laws via a Special Resolution at a general meeting.
- 23.3 The Board of Directors of the Parent Club may make and amend By-Laws.

24 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 24.1 Matters relating to General Meetings shall ordinarily be in line with provisions and practices of the Parent Club where practical unless this Constitution reasonably provides otherwise.
- 24.2 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held within two (2) months of the end of the financial year at a time determined by the Committee or by the Secretary and President.
- 24.3 The Committee may whenever it thinks fit convene a General Meeting and it must, on the request of not less than 5% of the members of the Club having at the date of the deposit of the request with the Secretary a right to vote at the General Meeting of the Club, within twenty-one (21) days proceed to convene a General Meeting to be held as soon as practicable, but in any case not later than two (2) months after the deposit of the request. Other related provisions shall ordinarily be in line with the Parent Club's Constitution.
- 24.4 General Meetings shall ordinarily be held at the premises of the Parent Club or one of its group of clubs as determined by the Committee or otherwise determined by the Secretary and President.
- 24.5 The Committee may deem a physical general meeting is not practical and determine that a General Meeting be held using technology such as video conferencing otherwise phone or messaging technology, whereby members will be able to participate remotely.
- 24.6 Notice of a General Meeting shall be given to members twenty-one (21) days in advance and include:
- 24.6.1 Information about how members will be able to participate in the General Meeting;



- 24.6.2 Information explaining how members can vote and ask questions;
- 24.6.3 Any other information members need to know to participate using any prescribed technology.

25 QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

- 25.1 No business is to be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum shall be the lesser of fifteen (15) members or 10% of members who are entitled to vote.
- 25.2 If within fifteen (15) minutes from the time appointed for any General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the request of members will be dissolved. In any other case it will stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day, time and place as the Committee may determine but such period must be less than one month. If at such adjourned General Meeting a quorum is not present, the members who are present and entitled to vote will be a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

26 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 26.1 The business of any Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - 26.1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meeting since;
 - 26.1.2 Receipt and consideration of reports of the President, Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer & Auditor;
 - 26.1.3 Consideration of any Notices of Motion regarding Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions;
 - 26.1.4 Appointment of Patron/s;
 - 26.1.5 Election of the members of the Committee; and
 - 26.1.6 Any business of which due notice has been given.
- 26.2 Voting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded, except for voting for Life Members which shall be via secret ballot. A poll may be demanded by the Chairperson or by not less than five (5) members. The Chairperson is entitled to a deliberative vote provided they are a member.
- 26.3 Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at General Meetings must be circulated to all new committee members by the Minutes Secretary within one month of the meeting and entered in a book for that purpose. Any such minutes must be signed by the Chairperson of the meeting to which it relates or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding meeting, and the Minutes Secretary, if purporting to be so signed is prima facie evidence of the proceedings to which it relates.
- 26.4 Election of Committee members shall be in the order of President, Club Captain (Vice-President), Secretary, Treasurer, Division Captains in alphabetical order of division name, Membership Officer, Recorder, Media Officer and then Social Secretary, with the Returning Officer having discretion in extraordinary circumstances.

27 ACCOUNTS & AUDIT

- 27.1 The financial year of the Club shall coincide with that of the Parent Club which is 1st July – 30th June.
- 27.2 All moneys received shall be receipted.
- 27.3 The Treasurer shall arrange for the deposit of all moneys received in a bank account opened in the name of the Club with an approved bank or credit union with a branch at Castle Hill or nearest location.
- 27.4 The Treasurer may arrange for proceeds from raffles and functions held on the Parent Club's premises to be deposited into the Parent Club's cash deposit machine and credited to the Club's grant (trust) account held with the Parent Club.
- 27.5 All payments shall be made by cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).
- 27.6 Payments, including from the Club's bank account and grant account, are to be authorised by any two authorised account signatories which shall ordinarily include the President, Club Captain, Treasurer and Secretary, plus any other such person authorised by the Committee or Parent Club.
- 27.7 Account books, Audit Sheets and Register of Members shall be audited by a senior member or other person nominated by the Committee (but not the Treasurer) and submitted to the Sports Council no later than 31st August each financial year to qualify for any grant approved by the Parent Club.



28 NOTICES

- 28.1 A notice may be given by the Club to any member either:
- 28.1.1 personally, or
 - 28.1.2 by sending the notice by pre-paid post to the address of the member recorded for that member in the Register of Members kept pursuant to this Constitution; or
 - 28.1.3 by sending the notice to the electronic address (if any) nominated by the member; or
 - 28.1.4 by sending the notice to the member by other electronic means (if any) nominated by the member; or
 - 28.1.5 by notifying the member that the notice is available and how it may be accessed, if the member nominates electronic means by which the member may be notified that the notice is available and an electronic means by which the member may access the notices.
- 28.2 Notice considerations:
- 28.2.1 Where the Club gives a notice personally, the notice is taken to have been given to the member on the day of receipt by that member.
 - 28.2.2 Where a notice is sent by other electronic means, the notice is taken to have been given on the day following that on which the notice was sent.

29 INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS

- 29.1 Any indemnity of Officer-Bearers of the Club shall generally be in line with provisions of the Parent Club and its Constitution.
- 29.2 Officer-Bearers of the Club shall be entitled to support in line with the afore-mentioned point 29.1.

30 COPY OF CONSTITUTION

- 30.1 A copy of this Constitution shall be made available to members via the Club's website otherwise shall be supplied to a member upon reasonable request being made to the Secretary.

31 READING OF CONSTITUTION

- 31.1 This Constitution must be read and construed subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act and the Registered Clubs Act, and to the extent that any of the provisions in this Constitution are inconsistent therewith and might prevent the Parent Club being registered under the said Acts, those provisions will be inoperative and have no effect.

32 AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 32.1 Unless otherwise provided for in the Parent Club's Constitution, this Constitution may be amended only by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of members eligible to vote who are present and voting at a General Meeting, being a meeting of which at least twenty-one (21) days written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been given in accordance with the Act.

33 HISTORICAL PROVISIONS

Castle Hill RSL Fishing Club was officially formed during the last quarter of 1958. In the years prior, many fishing events were organised from the Parent Club and the Fishing Club enjoys their self-declared title of Oldest Sporting Club of Castle Hill RSL Club (unofficially). The founding Committee Members were: 'Spanner' Bourke (Vale 1986), Les Fishburn (Vale 1985), Geoff Hyland (Overseas), Ray Booth (Vale 1987), Harold Booth (Vale), 'Poppy' Riley, with 'Jacko' Gillson (Vale 1991) going out on the first Charter Boat Trip.

In The "Sixties," club activities were mainly Deep-Sea Charter Boat and River Trips. With the 'Seventies' and early 'Eighties' seeing a gradual decline of the River Trips and cessation of the 'Rock and Beach' Division.



In the late 'Seventies' a Small Boats Deep Sea Division was formed and was very active for a number of years and then it too ceased in the 'Eighties', to be reactivated in 1994.

Since the 'Nineties' the Club has been active in many divisions commonly involving (in alphabetic order) Charter, Freshwater, Kayak, Rock and Beach, Small Boats (Deep Sea), Small Boats (River & Estuary).

After a move away from weighing in fish for points and to recording lengths instead, the Wally Hemmers Trophy for 'Most Weight of Edible Fish' was retired in 2012.

The Club has been particularly interested in members prepared to organise and promote fishing of all types.

Juniors have been openly welcomed with the expectation of supervision a senior member, parent or guardian.

Social events have traditionally been frequent and included dinners, picnics, barbecues, river cruises and social bowls.

The Fishing Club has traditionally received an annual grant from the RSL Club based on the number of financial members of the Fishing Club.

Friday Night Raffles have traditionally been a substantial part of the Club's social fabric. Any net proceeds help subsidise activities and junior involvement.

LIFE MEMBERS: Pre 1997: Robbie Duncan, George Ford (Dec'd 2019), Arthur Franklin (Dec'd), Kevin Smart.

Post 1997: Richard Blagrove, Robert Cooper, Paul Isaac, Warren Randle, Don Tait, David Thorn.

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34 DOCUMENT VERSION HISTORY

1958: Club formed, original constitution.

1982: Members Handbook.

29/10/1997: Members Handbook.

1/1/1998: Constitution, Rules and General Hints.

5/8/2014: Complete Rewrite of Constitution and Rules Document, accepted at AGM.

June 2015 – Removed Minimum age for Juniors. Previously this was set at 12 years of age. 22/6/2015: Committee resolved to add Kayak Captain as a Committee position.

August 2019: Changed bag and size limits on Flathead.

June 2020: Replaced Eligible Species List with revised version. A large number of changes to reflect changes in DPI Size and Bag Limits.

December 2021: Major revision of Constitution including moving Fishing Rules into a new By-Laws document.


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