

Nagambie Water Ski Club

Bylaws

The Nagambie Water Ski Club (NWSC) is based at the club site at Wattlevale Road, Mitchellstown on the Goulburn River.

The Nagambie Water Ski Club holds six events per season, between October and April. Each event involves closing the river in the area of the ski club for exclusive use by members on the day.

At all other times Nagambie Water Ski Club members share the water with other water users and must abide by all maritime laws. Other prominent water users include fishing boats, rowing boats, kayaks, other water skiers and wakeboarders, jet skis and BBQ boats.

Life jackets are proven to save lives, with the majority of boating related drownings occurring when a life jacket was not in use. The NWSC encourages boaters to make sure that life jackets are within easy reach, and that people wear them at the first sign of any safety concerns, and always when boating alone.

Please read this document carefully and enjoy boating on the Goulburn River.

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Memberships

The Nagambie Water Ski Club has provision for 60 Full Members (single boat).

Memberships cannot be transferred or assigned to another person by any member without the written approval of the NWSC Committee.

Failure by any member to renew their membership and pay all relevant fees by October 15th each year will result in their membership being cancelled.

The Nagambie Water Ski Club has provision for an unlimited number of Life Members.
Life membership is non-transferrable.

Classes of memberships and fees

Full Membership (single boat)

The club has provision for 60 full members. A Full Membership includes one boat.
The Full Membership fee is \$450 per annum – to be paid by the 15th of October each year.
Full members are required to adhere to all insurance, registration and boat safety checks.
Full members are required to adhere to the code of conduct.
The Full Membership includes immediate family members, without additional fees.

Committee Membership

Full members who are elected to the NWSC committee are entitled to reduced membership fees.
Current committee members will pay an annual Full Membership fee of \$250.

Life Members

Life membership is awarded by the Nagambie Water Ski Club Committee in recognition of outstanding support and service to the club. To be considered for life membership a member must have completed 10+ years of committee service. Life memberships have the same rights as Full Members, without the need to pay any membership fees.

Current life members

- Wayne Wilson
- Tony Spiteri

Boat safety checks

All new Full Members and any Full Member who has purchased a replacement boat for use on the club site, must have an initial Club Marine [Condition Report](#) completed by a registered boat dealer or marine mechanic.

In addition, Full Members must self report and complete a [vessel safety assessment](#) annually and submit the report, with their insurance documentation at the time of membership renewal.

Thereafter, every 5th year members are required to provide a Club Marine [Condition Report](#) completed by a registered boat dealer or marine mechanic.

The Secretary will inform members 12 months in advance of their next due independently assessed Club Marine Condition Report.

Insurance

All members with a boat must hold a current insurance policy which includes skiers' liability cover for a minimum of \$5 million. Proof of insurance must be provided annually with membership payment.

Site access

After receipt of annual fees and all required documentation each member will be issued with an electronic fob for the club site gate, storage container, BBQ and BBQ switchboard.

Members' rights

As a member you have certain rights, entitlements and privileges.

- You have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting
- You have the right to attend and participate in club event days, functions and activities
- You are entitled to use the club amenities at the Goulburn River Site
- You have the right to nominate or be nominated to the club committee and stand for election at the Annual General Meeting
- If elected, you have the right to hold a committee position within the club

Members' responsibilities

- As a member you are responsible to familiarise yourself and your family/friends with the rules of the club and abide by them
- You are required to remain a financial member and ensure all fees are paid promptly and within the specified time
- You are required to have boat insurance, including skiers' liability cover for a minimum of \$5 million
- You are required to provide the club with self reported vessel safety assessment annually
- You are required to provide an independently assessed (by a marine mechanic or boat dealer) Club Marine condition report for your vessel every 5th year
- As a member you should represent the club in a manner not unbecoming and to actively promote and foster the sport of water skiing.

Waitlist and new members

In order to join the waitlist to become a new member, prospective members must pay the club \$50 per annum and provide the following information to the treasurer:

- Name
- Address
- Mobile phone number
- Email address

Members who pay their \$50 and provide their information will be added to the waitlist. While on the waitlist, prospective members are allowed to attend all events and the Annual General Meeting (but cannot vote).

Progression through the waitlist is not purely sequential. Attendance at events, the AGM and any working bees will be viewed favourably by the committee and may lead to expedited progress through the waitlist.

River use and club site

The Nagambie Water Ski Club is privileged to have a long-term lease agreement for the site with Goulburn Murray Water. Members and their guests are to respect and value the site and all equipment belonging to the club. Members must leave the site in a safe, clean and usable condition at all times.

Dogs and other pets are strictly prohibited from the club site.

Only NWSC members boats displaying the current year's membership decals are allowed to moor boats at the club site.

Decals must be displayed prominently on the bow of the vessel as near as practical to the registration number, and be current for the year of issue.

The Code of Conduct items listed below covers club rules. Please ensure you read and abide by them at all times.

Members' river privileges

Members and their immediate family have unlimited use of the club site. Members are allowed to invite friends to use the area with you, but friends must respect the fact that other members pay for the right to use the club.

Waterskiing (Victorian Waterways):

- All members must adhere to the guidelines and rules of Safe Transport Victoria and the Marine Safety Act 2010
- Any boat towing a water skier must have an observer who is at least 12 years of age
- A maximum of 3 water skiers at any one time
- Skiing only in the period one-hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset
- A person water skiing is required to wear an approved life jacket (approved PFD) at all times
- Any person under the age of 12 must wear a life jacket at all times when in a boat

Prohibition of the use of wake enhancements

As of the 1st of November 2025 in accordance with Schedule 91: The Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to Goulburn Weir, including Lake Nagambie section 91.12(b), the use of wake-enhancing devices on vessels is prohibited, this includes the operation of a vessel for the purpose of wake surfing or wakeboarding while such devices are in use.

Age limits for power boat operations

Refer to current Safe Transport Victoria regulations.

Code of Conduct

1. All skiing activities must be within the guidelines of the Marine Safety Act 2010 and in adherence to Schedule 91: The Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to Goulburn Weir, including Lake Nagambie
2. Boats are excluded from cause 3(a) (5 knots within 50 metres of the waters edge) - allowing boats to travel up to the signed speed limits within the Goulburn River
3. Boats engaged in water skiing may proceed at a speed of up to 30 knots within 50 metres of another boat also engaged in water skiing (this is an exclusion from 2(c) - 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel)
4. Boats engaged in water skiing must slow to 5 knots when within 50 metres of a transiting boat (no exclusion from 2(c) - 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel)
5. Boats may travel up to 35 knots within a 30 knot zone if they are towing a bare-foot waterskier (Schedule 91 rule 91.13(a)(iii))
6. Do not ski past the signs indicating the start and finish of the permitted area
7. Be extremely careful and do not spray passing boats and people on the bank. What may seem like a joke may result in loss of permit
8. The club advises that all members must maintain a zero blood alcohol limit whilst engaged in the operation of a boat and or water skiing, – i.e. Boat driver, skiers and observer. Any member or guest engaged in skiing whilst under the influence of alcohol or is operating in an unsafe manner will have their membership revoked
9. The use of wake enhancements for the purpose of wakesurfing or wakeboarding is prohibited on the waters of Schedule 91: The Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to Goulburn Weir, including Lake Nagambie section 91.12(b)
10. Only club boats are allowed to be launched and moored at the site
11. Ensure your boat is fitted with all the appropriate safety equipment and is seaworthy
12. Registration numbers must be clearly and prominently displayed in accordance with Safe Transport Victoria regulations
13. All boats leaving the club site should proceed upstream
14. All vessels not engaged in water-skiing in the Special Purpose Zone must travel as close as possible to the eastern riverbank (91.13(a)(i))
15. Be extremely careful and do not spray passing boats and people on the bank. What may seem like a joke may result in loss of permit
16. Jet Skis are banned from the site and are not to be launched from or moored at the club site
17. Dogs and other pets are strictly prohibited from the club site
18. Respect the privacy and property of all land owners within the club area
19. Respect the foreshore and the environment and remove all rubbish
20. Respect the property of the club and other members
21. Please make sure if using the BBQ that it is properly extinguished, cleaned and the lockable lid is replaced when leaving the site
22. Car and trailer parking is only permitted on the far north area of the site

23. Children using the trampoline and or swing are the responsibility of the parents/guardians/carers. Ensure children are properly supervised while using the equipment
24. Children swimming must be supervised at all times
25. The Club ski equipment is for the use and enjoyment of all members. Do not remove Club property from the site and ensure all gear is returned to the container at the end of each day
26. It is the responsibility of all members to put away all club equipment, and to ensure that the container, BBQ, BBQ switchbox and gate are locked when leaving the site

Any breach of the above Code of Conduct items can result in memberships being revoked.

Breach of Code of Conduct

In the event of a breach of the Code of Conduct that cannot be resolved amicably, details should be provided to the committee in writing, clearly stating details of the breach and the names of any witnesses.

The committee will establish a Disciplinary Subcommittee to hear the matter. The Disciplinary Subcommittee can consist of any members, as long as they are unbiased in the matter being heard. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Subcommittee will be final and enforced by the club committee.

Competitor assistance

The club will allocate \$500 annually to be made available to club members in assisting with these costs of competing in other disciplines of the sport, outside the scope of club events. A competitor can apply to the committee for financial assistance for travel costs, accommodation costs and or entry fees, with the committee empowered to approve support up to the \$500 limit.

Environmental Policy

NWSC recognises the need to properly manage the environment including but not limited to water quality, noise pollution and bank erosion.

NWSC will minimise and prevent adverse environmental impacts of our activities and comply with all relevant environmental legislation, standards, codes of practice and agreements.

Boats with over-transom exhaust pipes and or excessive noise levels are banned for use by NWSC members.

Refueling of boats in the river is strictly prohibited.

Respect the foreshore and the environment and remove all rubbish. Dangerous goods not to be stored in the NWSC container onsite.

Gas bottles for the NWSC barbecue to be stored, locked and secured outside the NWSC container onsite.

Waste management bin to be emptied on a regular basis.

Portable toilet to be emptied and cleaned on a regular basis.

Meetings

Committee meetings

General committee meetings are scheduled as required by the President. During the ski season (October to April) the meetings may occur monthly. In the off season meetings are held as required. General committee meetings are held online via Zoom. The committee must meet at least 3 times per year.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held on the second Saturday of October each year, at 10am, in person, at the club site, or at an alternative date as approved by the committee. If bad weather or other circumstances prevails the AGM may be moved either to another venue or another date.

The AGM will include a general update from the President, a financial update from the Treasurer, an update on the site status from the Site Manager and an update from the Events Manager. The Vice-President and Communications Manager will both have the option to speak.

After the updates on the prior year the members will vote on any vacant committee positions. All nominations for the committee must be made by one member (including one's self) and seconded by another member. If the member runs unopposed they are automatically elected. If more than one member is nominated then a vote will be held for the position, with the member with the most votes being appointed. If a tie occurs, the President will have the deciding vote. All members have the right to decline a nomination.

Quorum

Quorum establishes the minimum number of attendees required at a meeting for any decisions made to be legitimised.

To achieve quorum at a committee meeting requires over 50% of committee members to be present, including either the attendance of the President or the Vice-President acting on behalf of the President.

To achieve quorum at the Annual General Meeting 10% of club Full Members must be present (6 of 60 Full Members).

Working bees and fund raising activities

The club will arrange working bees and fund raising activities as required throughout the year. Working bees are critical to support the ongoing viability of the club, allowing the club to improve and maintain the site within budgetary restraints.

All Full Members are expected to make themselves available to assist with working bees and fund raising activities.

Club committee

To operate successfully every club needs active members to participate and take the responsibility of office.

The club committee is responsible for the day to day legal, physical and financial management of the club. All financial records of the club are to be made available to members on request. The club committee is empowered by its members to make amendments to the Nagambie Water Ski Club Constitution and Rules as required, with any changes being informed to members at the next Annual General Meeting.

As prominent members of the club, committee members are required to set an example of model behavior and attitude at the club and when representing the club.

Committee positions

Official officers of the Association

(as per Rules of the Association submitted with Consumer Affairs Victoria)

President

- 3 year term
- Act as the Liaison Officer with respect to the club site lease
- Schedule general committee meetings
- Chair meetings
- Hold Casting Vote
- Manage site lease arrangements
- Ensure all club licenses and accreditations are current
- Ensure all event days are approved and vetted by Safe Transport Victoria

- Chair Disciplinary Tribunal
- Provide support in finance management in the absence of the Treasurer

Vice President

- 3 year term
- Assist the president as required
- Chair meeting in the absence of the President (delegate minute taking responsibility)
- Take minutes at each committee meeting and the AGM

Treasurer

- 3 year term
- Maintain the club financial records
- Maintain the club bank accounts
- Pay and collect accounts
- Arrange appropriate insurance for the club

Secretary / Memberships

- 3 year term
- Prepare Annual Membership Renewals
- Maintain registrar of members
- Issue receipt, lock fobs and boat stickers
- Maintain insurance and registration logs
- Submit and pay all Consumer Affairs Victoria documentation

Additional committee positions

Site Manager

- 1 year term
- Maintain the club site
- Plan and book lawn mowing
- Plan and book toilet cleaning
- Plan and book bin emptying
- Arrange the filling of gas bottles as required
- Ensure the site is watered, with particular focus in November through March
- Generate lists of tasks to be completed at working bees
- Complete or arrange other site works as required

Communications Manager

- 1 year term
- Manage the club website
- Manage the club Facebook page
- Manage the clubs member only Facebook group
- Manage the clubs TeamApp

- Respond to any inquiries through the clubs media channels
- Foster good relations with key people and relevant organisations in Nagambie

Events Manager

- 1 year term
- Plan NWSC events for the upcoming season
- Assist the president in booking all events with Safe Transport Victoria, the Strathbogie Shire and Goulburn Murray Water
- Arrange for event day marshalls and first aid officer
- Arrange marshall boats, event boats (as required) and recovery boat
- Arrange event day coaches where applicable
- Arrange event day food order
- Facilitate payment first aid officer, marshalls, marshall boats, recovery boat, event boats and event coaches

Fixed Term Committee Position (ad hoc)

- Where required the incumbent committee may elect to create a fixed term committee position/s
- This position/s will be created for a specific, non-recurrent purpose, i.e. for lease negotiations, emergency disaster support and works (example: Floods)
- The position will be established for a fixed term, defined at the time of establishment

The above descriptions serve only as an indication of the main duties of each position. Other duties will arise from time to time and will be directed by the President.

Version control

Bylaws approved

Date: 11 October 2025

Location: Nagambie Water Ski Club

Members present:

Wayne Wilson
Darren Lyons
Bradley Smith
Tony Savage
Tony Spiteri
Ash Yapp / Michelle

Ben Ezard
Paul Naylor
Andrea Loft / Nigel Williams
Darren Griffiths
Rohan Spaulding
Luke Jaudzemis

Brent Kelly
Steve Donovan
Paul Naylor
Brett Johnson
Jordan Luff

Bylaws amendments

Amendments to the bylaws can be made by the committee where quorum is met at a meeting. Any amendments made to the bylaws will not come into effect until after the next AGM. Any amendments to the bylaws will be presented to all members at the AGM.

Date:

Committee approval: time, location, voting