Classic Australian Wooden Power Boat Association Inc

Membership Application Form

Your Details			
Last Name:	Given Name(s):		
Address:			
Town/Suburb:	State:	Postcode:	
Telephone: ( )	Mobile:	E-mail:	

Boat Details	
Builder/Make:	Type:
Length:	Construction:
Boat Name:	Year Built:
Engine Make:	Engine Capacity:
Boat Reg. No:	

I agree to be bound by, and abide by, the rules and regulations of the Classic Australian Wooden Power Boat Association in the interests of safety of all participants, and acknowledge that I understand and agree to the conditions of entry.	Signed:

Annual membership costs only $70.00, which covers until the next June 30th. The subscription fee of $70.00 is renewable on July 1st each year.

Please forward your completed application form along with a Cheque or Money Order made out to "CAWPBA" to the address below or direct deposit and post or email the form. Banking details are: Bendigo Bank, Account Name: Classic Australian Wooden Power Boat Association, BSB: 633-108, A/C No: 132989179

Postal Address: CAWPBA, 12 Carlogie Pl, Bacchus Marsh, Vic, 3340

Please refer overleaf for details of the local Chapter nearest to you

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WHAT IS THE CLASSIC WOODEN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION?

The association has been set up specifically for classic and wooden speedboats/raceboats/ hydro-planes and similar craft. This group of boats was not included in any other group, so we decided to try and do something about it ourselves. Many boats were being destroyed and through our presence, we hoped to make an awareness in the community that these old boats meant something and should be retained.

We set the association up as a loose group, purposely not over managed. There were quite a few of us out there, spread far and wide (mainly Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney) who appreciated these old woodies and their place in Australia.

Most of us have an old ski boat that is still in regular use. Many are race boat enthusiasts and have old raceboats. Nearly all boats that have been restored (to whatever degree) are used - there are very few boats that are “show ponies” and only sit on the trailer. But, if that is what the owner chooses, we are happy with that, too.

We try to get together as often as possible, but do not manage to do it as often as we'd like. These meetings usually take the form of a BBQ lunch, then a run in the boats on a river or lake. Things have been a little difficult of late with the drought, particularly in Victoria where most lakes within a reasonable distance from Melbourne have virtually dried up. The NSW group usually get out onto the Hawkesbury in the Windsor area and Mannum is popular in South Australia. We hold an annual National Regatta in Narrandera, NSW, in October each year that attracts people and boats from far and wide. The “get togethers” are an opportunity for everyone to look at each others boats, talk about problems they may be having, restoration tips, mechanical tips - anything. It's the old story, a group of like minded people getting together and talking about their passion/hobby/interest. We try to make it a family affair, with wives/partners and kids coming along.

We have a loose set of rules/guidelines for membership. One of these is that you don't have to own an old woody to become a member, you only need to appreciate them. These members are just as welcome to come along to our get togethers and if someone has room in his boat, they will most likely get a ride. One thing to note is that although you don't have to own a wooden speedboat to be a member, if you own a modern GRP or similar or non-speedboat type of craft, it will not be registered with the association and will not be welcome at our official outings. We are not trying to be exclusive or such, just trying to keep the group to what we set it up to be.

We have a website, Bulletin Board and a Facebook page to keep everyone informed on what’s happening on the wooden power boat scene.

Membership fees are there to cover the cost of insurance as well as maintaining the club’s Website and Bulletin Board.

Members are hungry for any information about these old boats, whether it be history on a boat, a restoration project, or just a new discovery. We would be most interested to hear about any boats/projects etc. that you may have going. These could appear in the newsletter or on the site or both if you wish. You are also most welcome to ask advice of any of the members.

One good way of getting started in the area of seeking advice is to log onto the website’s Bulletin Board and ask there. You have to register on the Board to make a posting, but there is no cost involved. Mind you, while there are few "experts" among us, most people take restoration seriously and are not interested in "bodgey" jobs. There are a few of us who are quite experienced, having carried out several restorations, and are a great resource.

We look forward to hearing from you.