



FITZROY MOTOR BOAT CLUB INCORPORATED

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FORM 6 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for inquiring in regard to membership of the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club Incorporated (FMBC).

The FMBC is managed and run entirely by volunteers. As the volunteers must earn a living and have busy lives, we appreciate your patience when attempting to contact the FMBC with your inquiries.

The FMBC is ideally located at 375 Quay Street, Rockhampton adjacent to the public boat ramp and Rockhampton VMR base. The clubhouse and grounds are conveniently situated on the outskirts of the CBD and situated in the town reach of the Fitzroy River.

The FMBC is a private boat club, with an unlimited number of memberships.

The FMBC takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and has in place strict rules and procedures under an approved Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Prior to joining the FMBC, you may request a copy of the FMBC Rules, By-laws and or Environmental Management Plan to ascertain if the restrictions on the use of FMBC facilities are suited to your intended use or needs.

The FMBC is committed to reducing landfill and a reduction in environmental pollution. This is achieved by having a dedicated recycling area for aluminium cans, cardboard & paper, scrap metal, engine oils and lead acid batteries.

- The purpose of the FMBC is to:
- Promote the interest of boating.
- Provide member facilities for the overhauling and repair of boats.
- Provide member landing facilities and suitable storage for boats and boating equipment.
- To enable boat owners and others interested in boating to join and participate socially.
- To coach, assist, promote and provide training in the field of boating,

Facilities

The FMBC's facilities are ideally suited to our membership and include:

- A private pontoon for member use only
- A boat ramp,
- Boat & trailer wash down area
- Gated fenced vehicle and trailer parking (whilst you're on the water)
- Outdoor recreation area
- Male/Female toilet and shower facilities
- Licensed Bar
- Fully equipped club hall (available for members/public hire), and a
- Fully equipped commercial kitchen (Club use only)

Friday – club nights

To further our member's social interests, the FMBC is open on the Friday nights most weeks (unless a private function is in progress), from 5.00pm till 12.00am.

However, the bar/kitchen is **not open** on Friday nights **from the Friday before Christmas and reopens on the first Friday in February** subject to local flooding.

A full range of drinks and limited meals are available. Members, their guests and visitors are most welcome. (Sign in conditions apply to guests and visitors.)

Gated restricted access vehicle and trailer parking

Restricted access to the FMBC's fenced grounds for vehicle and trailer boat access is by an electronic gate control system – there are no clunky keys or padlocks! (access not available to social members.)

Types of Membership

Membership rights for all types of membership are assigned to you as an individual and are not transferable.

Members

- Boat Membership
- Trailer Boat Membership
- Canoe Membership and
- Social Membership

Temporary Members

- Visiting Membership
- Quarterly Membership

An initial one off joining fee applies to Boat, Trailer boat and Canoe membership.

After the initial year, you are only required to pay the relevant annual membership subscription which is due and payable 1st July each year. Annual subscription is subject to change at the AGM each year.

Membership Categories

Boat Membership

Boat Membership is for a person who owns a **vessel over 4.5metres**, or a vessel that would normally be moored or **a vessel that has accommodation, bunks, a galley or overnight facilities**.

Boat Membership provides full access and usage rights to all of the FMBC's facilities (fees may apply).

Boat Members have full voting rights at general meetings including the AGM.

Trailer Boat Membership

Trailer Boat Membership is for persons who own a vessel of **less than 4.5 metres**, which is normally stored on a trailer and capable of being legally towed by a standard 4WD vehicle.

A Trailer Boat Member shall be entitled to vote only in the election of Office Bearers and Committee other than Flag Officers at the Annual General Meeting.

Note: if vessel is over 4.5 metres and is an open boat, the applicant must provide written information / details preferable with photographs of the vessel and a written request if desiring to apply as trailer boat member.

Canoe Membership

Canoe Membership is for persons who own a vessel which has no form of mechanised propulsion other than oars, such as a canoe, kayak, rowboat or sailing skiff.

Social Membership

Social Membership is available to persons **who are not currently a boat owner** but are interested in being a boat owner, boating in general or have previously been a boat owner.

Social membership provides you with the right to enter the **club house**, during its opening times, without having to sign in as guest or visitor and to be on the FMBC grounds.

Note: Social members are not entitled to be issued access to the grounds via the electronic security gate.

The Application Process for Membership other than temporary membership

Fully complete an application form in clear legible writing. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be processed.

Every applicant for any class of membership of the FMBC shall be proposed by one (1) member of the FMBC and seconded by another member. The application for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and the proposer and the seconder and shall be in such form as the Management Committee prescribes from time to time.

When you lodge your application form, if you do not know any current members, club officers or other members from the FMBC **may** be able to propose and second your application.

Once your application form is lodged, proposed and seconded, you have four (4) Fee Payment Options - cash, cheque, EFT or direct deposit into the FMBC's bank account.

Note: Your application will not be processed until payment is received.

Your completed application will be placed on the FMBC's notice board.

Applications are required to be displayed for a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to consideration.

The application shall be processed by the FMBC's Management Committee at its next meeting after the expiry of the aforementioned fourteen (14) days. (Meetings usually held on the last Sunday of every month.)

Applications shall be considered by the Management Committee, who shall determine the admission or rejection of the applicant.

However, that the Management Committee shall have the right to hold over such application until a subsequent meeting, when the Management Committee requires further information in relation to the application before considering the applicant for membership.

The FMBC's Secretary will contact you in writing to advise as to if your membership application was accepted or rejected.

Need Further Information?

We have taken every effort to provide you as much information as we think necessary.

If you would prefer to speak to an Officer of the FMBC prior to completing an application for membership, you can email the Club at fitzroymbc@gmail.com or phone 0412 237826 and leave a message.

A volunteer will reply to your inquiry as soon as possible.

Temporary Membership Application Process

Quarterly Membership

Quarterly Membership is for a period of thirteen (13) weeks for vessel owners not staying or residing permanently in the region. Quarterly members have access to all FMBC's facilities **except yard stand (storage) or maintenance yard.**

Consecutive Quarterly Membership may be granted following payment of another Quarterly Membership fee.

Quarterly Membership may be extended to persons wishing to launch or retrieve their vessels to or from the river on short notice and not living or going to stay in the region.

This includes launching or retrieval in the yard stand or maintenance yard provided that compliance of all sections of the EMP is met, and the vessel is not placed in the yard stand or maintenance yard.

Upon receipt of a completed application and the payment of the relevant fee , and signatures of any two (2) members of the Management Committee **the applicant is accepted as a Quarterly member immediately.**

The Management committee will ratify all accepted Quarterly Membership applicants at the next Management Committee Meeting

The front page of the application form will be displayed on the FMBC's notice board at all times during the Quarterly Member's stay.

All FMBC charges will apply as for a Boat Member (other than annual subscription and joining fee).

Quarterly Members are temporary members and have no voting rights

Visiting (Boat) Membership

Visiting Membership is for one (1) week and is available to an itinerant person usually residing on their vessel and desiring to utilise the facilities of the FMBC (other than slipways, yard storage, hard stand or maintenance yard) for a short duration.

Consecutive Visiting Membership may be granted following payment of additional Visiting membership fees.

Upon receipt of a completed application and the payment of the relevant fee, and signatures of any two (2) members of the Management Committee **the applicant is accepted as a Visiting Member immediately.**

The Management Committee will ratify all accepted Visiting Membership applicants at the next Management Committee meeting.

The front page of the application form is to be displayed on the FMBC's notice board at all times during their stay.

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