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Northern Aquatic Club Inc.

The Northern Aquatic Club was established in 1962 at its current site at the Trevallyn State Recreation Area. The area was leased from Mr. G.W. Finney for a nominal fee on lands previously used for farming. Skiing was originally restricted to club members due to private access to the site for the first 20 years of the club history. In the early years of the club, several major projects were undertaken to establish a club house, a boat shed, a boat ramp and construct the club boat

In 1982, the land on which our club is located was acquired by the Department of Parks, Wildlife and Heritage (formerly the Lands Department). At this stage the Trevallyn State Recreational Area was created with the result that several changes occurred affecting the future of the club. These included the establishment of a buoyed off area for windsurfers and swimmers, barbecue and public toilet facilities and a sealed road. However the biggest affect on the club was the opening of the site to the general public with the result that people were able to ski on the lake and river without being members of the club.

With the establishment of the Blackstone Heights Residential Development we faced potential problems with other users of the river. In 1989 due to a technical problem with the legislation that governs the use of inland waters, the lake was closed for a period of 5 months. Following public meetings and negotiations with the relevant authorities a satisfactory result was achieved on 23rd December 1989, with legislation being drafted to allow the continuance of skiing on the lake and river.

Over the club's years of operation we have been fortunate to run the Australian Titles on two occasions. At these times the cream of Australian skiers attended the site to compete in jump, slalom and tricks. We have also held pro-jump fiestas. However, problems in securing sponsorship have led to these being non-viable. At the time, these fiestas were the second richest pro-jump tournament in Australia, second only to Moomba.

The club was an affiliated member of the Tasmanian Water Ski Association that was in turn affiliated with the Australian Water Ski Association. Previously the club annually coordinated and ran 2-3 TWSA events in tournament skiing (tricks, slalom and jump) as well as hosting the State titles every 3 years.

Currently the Club has around 80 members with some really talented young skiers coming through.



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