

Karapiro Waterski Club Profile

History



The KWSC began as a dream of a group of avid water skiers, many of whom did not have their own boat or equipment and often couldn't always get the skiing buddies they needed. In 1957 they decided to do something about it. The solution was to form a club. Several months of backbreaking work later the clubhouse was ready for use. A club boat was purchased for the use of the members, bringing the joy of skiing to many. Since that time the KWSC has continued to improve the site.

Our membership averages just over 100 per year with over half being Family memberships and the other half made up of Senior, Junior and Life members.

Club Grounds and Club House



The KWSC is located near the dam wall of Lake Karapiro, one of the 8 man made hydro electric lakes along the Waikato River.

Junior Skiing Program

For several years the KWSC has been actively seeking and coaching keen young skiers to ensure that the sport of water skiing will be enjoyed by the entire family for many years to come.

Our junior skiing programme involves coaching between 18 and 24 junior skiers for 10 Saturdays during the summer months with some of the juniors progressing rapidly to take part in Interclub, Regional and National Tournaments. Some of our juniors have made the national team to represent New Zealand.



We have been very fortunate in attracting some world class coaches for our junior skiing program. KWSC recognises that this is a very important part of promoting the sport and therefore subsidises some of the costs of the programme.

Membership subscriptions are the only source of income that the club has. Membership attraction and retention is therefore a vital aspect to keep up activities such as the Junior skiing programme.

The Slalom Course



Our Slalom course is nestled in the most secluded area in the Southern Hemisphere to provide optimum ski conditions for all grades of skiers ranging from our junior skiers to the top world ranked skiers that come to train in our waters during the northern hemisphere winters.



Due to the protected nature of the slalom course it is an ideal venue for tournaments with almost perfect conditions from dawn to dusk.

The Social aspect of the KWSC

The majority of our members are social family skiers that enjoy the facilities that the clubhouse has to offer. Our BBQ area has been at the heart of the clubs social atmosphere. The BBQ area is a place that brings all the skiers, ranging from social to competitive skiers together and many a good time has been had around the old BBQ. However, to ensure that the club continues its strong membership base into the future the KWSC has decided to upgrade the BBQ including a new Deck to improve the indoor – outdoor flow, a seating area around a new Fireplace to warm up after the activity in the water, and a brick structure to house two gas BBQs. A drawing that shows the layout of the new area is attached.



Old BBQ area



A moment of silence for the old BBQ



Excavations for new BBQ started



Excavations for new BBQ complete