

# ECC Membership for 2014-15

The membership year runs from 1st July until 30th June. Membership fees for 2014-15 have been adjusted. Please read this page carefully to ensure you select the appropriate membership category.

Pro Rata membership is available for **new members** but please be aware that full membership is required on 1<sup>st</sup> July of each year.

**Australian Canoeing (AC)/ Canoeing Victoria (CV) membership:** The membership fee includes both ECC membership and membership of AC/CV and are managed through the AC online registration system. Please note that **Full** membership is required to participate in races organised by CV or AC. If you have already joined AC/CV through another club please contact the Membership Secretary to arrange a refund of the AC/CV portion of the fee.

**Full or Recreational/ Full** membership with CV entitles the person to participate in club, state and national competition. All membership categories have an option to join as Full or recreational. Specifically:

- Full members can compete at all levels of competition
- Recreational members cannot compete in any event organised by Canoeing Victoria (including the Winter and Summer Series)

**Under 18?** The cut-off date for under age membership categories is December 31. That is to say, if you are 17 or younger on that date, you can join / renew in either of the under 18 membership categories described below.

**Youth U18 - limited competition** members can compete in club and school level races, but cannot compete at State or National level.

**Family membership:** Couples with children are encouraged to join as a family, there is no limit on the number of children under 18 and full time students under 24 covered by a family membership.

Each family member needs to join/renew separately. If joining as a family, the first family member pays the **Family** paying adult membership fee. Each member needs to fill out a membership form please.

**IMPORTANT REQUEST:** To assist the club administrators, we ask that the paying family member email the Membership secretary, [essendoncanoecub@gmail.com](mailto:essendoncanoecub@gmail.com) with the names of all non-paying family members.

**Social membership:** The social membership category is provided for those who wish to participate in non-paddling club activities and use club facilities (other than boats) or who wish to remain affiliated with the club. This also provides social membership of AC/CV.

**Existing members** pay a single amount for the year regardless of the date of renewal. If you have been a member of AC/CV in the last two years then you must join as an existing member (this is an AC/CV requirement).

**Payment of Fees:** Membership payment is not currently available on line due to complications with the AC website upgrade.

Please make payment into the ECC bank account and email [essendoncanoecubmembership@gmail.com](mailto:essendoncanoecubmembership@gmail.com) with details of payment. Payment can also be made via EFTPOS at the Club by prior arrangement. Please outline your name, what type of membership you have paid for including payment of the Non Helper Levy and purchase of keys. Please also note if you have purchased boat or paddle storage.

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Hopefully this will be streamlined by the time of annual membership renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015

**Boat / Paddle storage fees:** When paying for boat and paddle storage fees, please do not pay for new boats until a rack has been assigned to you. Payment of storage fees does not guarantee a rack. Contact the club Commodore to arrange for new storage. Once you have paid for your boat / paddle storage, please send an email to [essendoncanoecub@gmail.com](mailto:essendoncanoecub@gmail.com) confirming which craft is yours and which paddle rack is yours. If you have a boat and / or paddle stored at the club and have not renewed your membership by 31<sup>st</sup> August, your boat / paddle will be either merged into the club fleet or sold with proceeds going to the club to cover costs.

**Non Helper Levy:** To limit the impact on club administrators, this year we will be charging the Non Helper Levy up front. This levy will then be refunded once you have assisted at either a club run event, working bee, as an instructor (if qualified) or taken up a position on committee. The fee is \$75.00 and **must** be paid with your membership. **Membership will not be accepted without this fee.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ARE A NEW MEMBER OR HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT US ON [essendoncanoecub@gmail.com](mailto:essendoncanoecub@gmail.com)