



First Australian Chapter No.72 Inc.

Information Guide

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A personal invitation from the President....

This booklet will introduce you to one of Australia's foremost clock and watch collecting clubs. It is a social hobby club and accommodates all levels of interest, from the novice to the experienced professional. The club is known as the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC), First Australian Chapter No. 72 Inc.

You are cordially invited to attend our meetings where you will be welcomed and introduced to our friendly, enthusiastic members who are all ready to share their passion for clocks, watches, horological tools and associated subjects with you.

We offer many services and attractions including a bi-monthly newsletter, an extensive specialist library, mart, lectures on a diverse range of horological topics, workshops for skill and knowledge development, and assistance for those new to clock and watch repair and restoration or those wishing to improve their skills.

Our "Meet & Greet" program will get you off to a great start. It costs nothing to come and get a taste of what we do at our club meetings. Just roll up and ask anyone for directions to the "Meet & Greet" person who will be waiting for you. Come more than once to get a better idea and then, if you like what you have found, you can join the Chapter for the **Time of your life.**

We look forward to welcoming you.

Lindsay Bramall
President

Structure of the Organisation

Founded in 1942, the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) has its headquarters in Columbia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. This provides the infrastructure for approximately 180 associated local and special purpose Chapters (or branches) worldwide, with a membership of over 20,000

Membership of the National body is a co-requisite to joining and maintaining membership in Chapter 72, however each Chapter is autonomous and has its own separate fee structure and membership requirements. Membership privileges, with the exception of voting rights, are extended to member partners and children under the age of 18 years.

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This is the name by which the Sydney Chapter is known. Founded in 1975, it has a diverse membership of approximately 170 people who range from active professionals to those with a

general interest in collecting, repairing or restoring watches, clocks and associated items. Skill and knowledge levels within the Chapter vary considerably between members and activities are carefully chosen to recognise this.

Bi-monthly meetings are held in the Uniting Church Hall, near the corner of McKern Street and Station Street, Wentworthville (*see map on last page*). Meetings commence at 1.30pm on the first Sunday of every even month. If that Sunday is in a long weekend, then the meeting is deferred to the following Sunday. Check our website for the most up-to-date meeting schedule: www.aussieclocks.com

Business meetings are held in committee member's homes, on a rotational basis, on the first Friday evening of alternate months and commence at 7.30 pm. Being advertised in advance, input and participation by members is encouraged.

A great deal of thought goes into selecting subjects for presentation at our meetings to ensure we cater for all areas of collecting.

Every member has something to contribute and all are encouraged to participate in some way. We learn from one another by recognising the skills of others and sharing our own experiences and knowledge.

The Management Committee

President: leads the Chapter, co-ordinates all activities and chairs the meetings.

Vice Presidents: support the President as well as leading special portfolios.

Secretary and Public Officer: cares for all official correspondence, maintains the register of members and carries out all secretarial functions as required by the Chapter's Constitution.

Treasurer: ensures that all money due is collected and authorised payments are made. The Treasurer is also responsible for the correct keeping of detailed accounts showing the financial affairs of the Chapter and reporting annually to members.

Ordinary Committee Members

The Chapter has a "New Blood" policy that is aimed at enhancing the skills of the Committee of Management as well as ensuring that new ideas and skills are promoted throughout the Chapter. At each biennial election of the Committee of Management, two members who have not previously served on the Committee, are encouraged to seek election on this preferred basis.

Committees Portfolios

Administration & Membership: includes the co-ordination and management of the Chapter, the secretarial and treasury functions, membership and membership records, new member procurement, and the "Meet and Greet" program.

Communications: is responsible for the Newsletter, the web site, advertising, promotion, publicity and publications.

Education: looks after the library, the lecture program, workshops and the Short Course Program.

Events: is responsible for public displays, regional conventions, auction day, social outings and business inspections.

Meeting Venue: ensures that all aspects of the Sunday afternoon meeting venue are prepared for the day's activities. This includes asset management, hall set up, "show and tell" display, mart set up, catering, competitions, security, etc.

Benefits of Membership

Newsletter: Includes reports on local Chapter news together with feature articles of first-hand experiences or researched topics written by Chapter members. It also includes interesting snippets of information. It is produced 6 times per year.

Meetings: All meetings feature one or more keynote speakers, a "Show and Tell" segment, a mart, library access, afternoon tea and plenty of opportunity to fraternise with other members.

Library: A large collection of specialist books, magazines and videos that is regularly added to and updated. Members are encouraged to utilise this facility by borrowing on a meeting-to-meeting basis. It is a ready source of knowledge and provides the means for members to increase their expertise in specifically selected areas and aid in problem solving.

Workshops: These are conducted on a regular basis and provide the opportunity for members to learn practical skills from the experts over a wide range of topics.

Auction: These are special events, held once or twice a year, where members can buy and sell almost anything horological. Attendance is limited to Chapter and associated members.

Internet Services: Log on to our website www.aussieclocks.com to find all the services and highlights of past meetings. Submit your email address to the Chapter and you will be on the list to receive regular updates on just what is happening in this vibrant club.

Activity Calendar: A reminder of coming activities and meetings.

Exhibitions: Educating the public and attracting new members.

Interstate meetings: Meeting with our three sister Chapters in the other states are held regularly. These are fantastic opportunities to network with clock and watch enthusiasts from all over Australia.

International Conventions: These are on a grand scale, held in the capital cities with invited guests and speakers from other NAWCC Chapters world wide. Such conventions are the single biggest event on the Chapter's calendar. Due to the scale of such an event, the responsibility for organising it rotates between the Australian Chapters with support from all the other Chapters.

(B) The National Association

Six bi-monthly Bulletin and Mart publications are issued each year to members. The Bulletin is a very high quality magazine which, as well providing news of the organisation, contains well-written and researched articles on the historical, artistic and technical aspects of timekeeping. The accompanying Mart magazine is primarily concerned with buy, sell and service advertisements, although this is being supplanted, over time, by an electronic format.

At the NAWCC Headquarters in Columbia, Pennsylvania, USA, there is the Library and research Centre, where a large, most extensive reference collection is available for use by all who are interested in researching horological topics. Staffed permanently, it offers excellent research assistance to members through the mail and via the internet.

Also at the Headquarters is a wonderful world-class museum with permanent, as well as ever-changing, displays covering the entire spectrum of our hobby, horology. A number of world famous collections have been donated to the museum which, together with other acquisitions, are professionally displayed and managed.

More information can be gained from the web site: www.nawcc.org

Invitation to Join

A cordial invitation is extended to you to join our organisation to participate in the many benefits we have to offer and to extend your knowledge of horology. You can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

Membership Application

To participate in the benefits of membership, please complete this form and forward it, together with your remittance of \$150.00 (this includes NAWCC membership) (cheque or money order payable to NAWCC Chapter 72) directly to our Secretary:

The Secretary, NAWCC Chapter 72, 132 Great Western Highway, WOODFORD NSW 2778

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr (Last Name): _____

Given Names: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Email: _____

Are you a member of NAWCC? Yes No

IF YES: NAWCC Membership No.: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Horological Interests: _____

Introduced by:- _____

Our Chapter is a self-supporting group and, from time to time, members are called upon (if available) to assist with and support Chapter activities run for the benefit of all members.

Might you be willing to volunteer some time (if convenient) every now and then? Yes Occassionally

*Join the Chapter
and have the TIME of your life!*
