



HOUSEBOAT INFORMATION SHEET

CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSEBOAT FOR OPERATION ON LAKE EILDON

GENERAL INFORMATION

Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority is responsible for the licensing of all houseboats for operation within the Lake Eildon Recreation Area. The number of houseboats permitted to operate on Lake Eildon is restricted to the number currently licensed by the Authority. Any new houseboat will require removal of an existing houseboat to allow transfer of the permit to the new boat.

Persons intending to replace their licensed houseboat with a newly constructed houseboat may apply for a construction permit by forwarding an application form, together with the proposed plans and appropriate fees to the Authority prior to commencing any construction of a houseboat.

The approval of these plans may commit the Authority to the issue of a Houseboat Licence subject to the boats construction in accordance with the following conditions and the prior payment of all relevant fees and charges.

The Size of a Houseboat:

- must not exceed 13.7 metres in length; and
- must not exceed two-fifths of the length of a houseboat in width, up to a maximum of 5.48 meters in width.

A walkway:

- may be hinged, bolted or welded as part of the structure of the houseboat;
- may be up to a maximum of 300 mm width;
- may be level with the houseboat deck; and
- will not be included in the overall width of the houseboat.

A bumper:

- may be a protecting appendage added to the structure of the houseboat;
- must be 75mm or less, in maximum width;
- may be added to the full circumference of the houseboat, without the extra width being included in the overall width of the houseboat;
- may be added to the fixed walkway and must be bolted/screwed/glued to the side of the walkway; and
- materials used must be timber, plastic or rubber.

A duckboard:

- must be a clear extension and not part of the structure of the houseboat;
- may be hinged, bolted or welded to the houseboat, with the exception of Category 1 licensed boats which must be hinged and therefore removable;
- may be fixed to the front or rear of the houseboat, (there is a limit of one duckboard per houseboat);
- must be no longer than 1.5 metres;
- must be equal to, or less than, the width of the houseboat, including the walkway; and
- (As defined), will not be included in the overall length of the houseboat.

A ski platform:

- may be fixed to either the port or starboard side of the houseboat, (there is a limit of one ski platform per houseboat);
- must be hinged and detachable so as not to be a permanent fixture to the houseboat;
- has a maximum width of 500 mm from the pontoon to the outer edge of the ski platform;
- has a maximum length of 6000 mm; and
- (As defined), will not be included in the overall width of the houseboat.

An oversized Houseboat:

- may only be replaced by a newly constructed houseboat conforming to the above policies;
- prior approval must be obtained from the Authority before any structural repairs or alterations are carried out; and
- structural repairs include cabin replacement or refurbishment, cleaning and painting of pontoons, alterations to the sewerage system, walkways or duckboards.

Approval of works will require submission of plans and agreement to the following for cabin replacement:

1. A statutory declaration from the owner will be required confirming that the original pontoons have been retained;
2. A photographic record must be provided showing the original boat, construction of the new cabin and the completed boat; and
3. Inspection by an authorised officer will be required prior to the boats launch.

Application to Replace a Licensed Houseboat

In the event that you currently have a licensed houseboat on Lake Eildon that you would like to remove and replace with a newly constructed houseboat, you may apply to the Authority for a houseboat construction permit by following this process:

1. Forward a written request to apply for a construction permit* to the Eildon Office with the items listed below:
 - 1.1. two copies of the proposed houseboat plans (See **Houseboat Plan Requirements**);
 - 1.2. payment of the appropriate fee[#] for the application/examination of plans, as follows:
 - 1.2.1. application and examination of plans \$175.00.
 - 1.3. an estimated completion date for the construction of the houseboat;
 - 1.4. confirmation of your intentions regarding the future of the houseboat to be replaced, noting that:
 - 1.4.1. the houseboat to be replaced must be removed from Lake Eildon prior to the completed houseboat being launched; and
 - 1.4.2. the removal of the houseboat must be confirmed by forwarding a Statutory Declaration to the Eildon Office.
2. Obtain a Vic Roads registration number and affix it to the houseboat.
3. Forward written confirmation from a competent person indicating that in his or her professional opinion the houseboat, on completion, will have adequate stability, buoyancy and manoeuvrability to operate safely under all conditions likely to be encountered on Lake Eildon.
4. Contact the Lake Eildon Office, to arrange a final inspection of your houseboat, to ensure that the boat has been constructed in accordance with your approved plan. The relevant inspection fee should be forwarded at this time and a minimum of two weeks notice be given to the Authority to arrange the inspection.

- 4.1. Inspection fee for both single and double deck houseboats at Eildon \$191
4.2. Inspection fee for both single and double deck houseboats at other locations \$331

5. Forward a completed 'Application for a licence to operate or leave a houseboat within the Lake Eildon Recreational Area' form to the Eildon Office in order to obtain your licence number and approval to launch your newly constructed houseboat.

* ***A construction permit to replace an existing houseboat will not be approved where the annual houseboat licence has lapsed due to non-payment.***

* ***A construction permit is not transferable.***

All fees are subject to an annual review

Houseboat Plan Requirements

When submitting your houseboat plans for approval please include the following items;

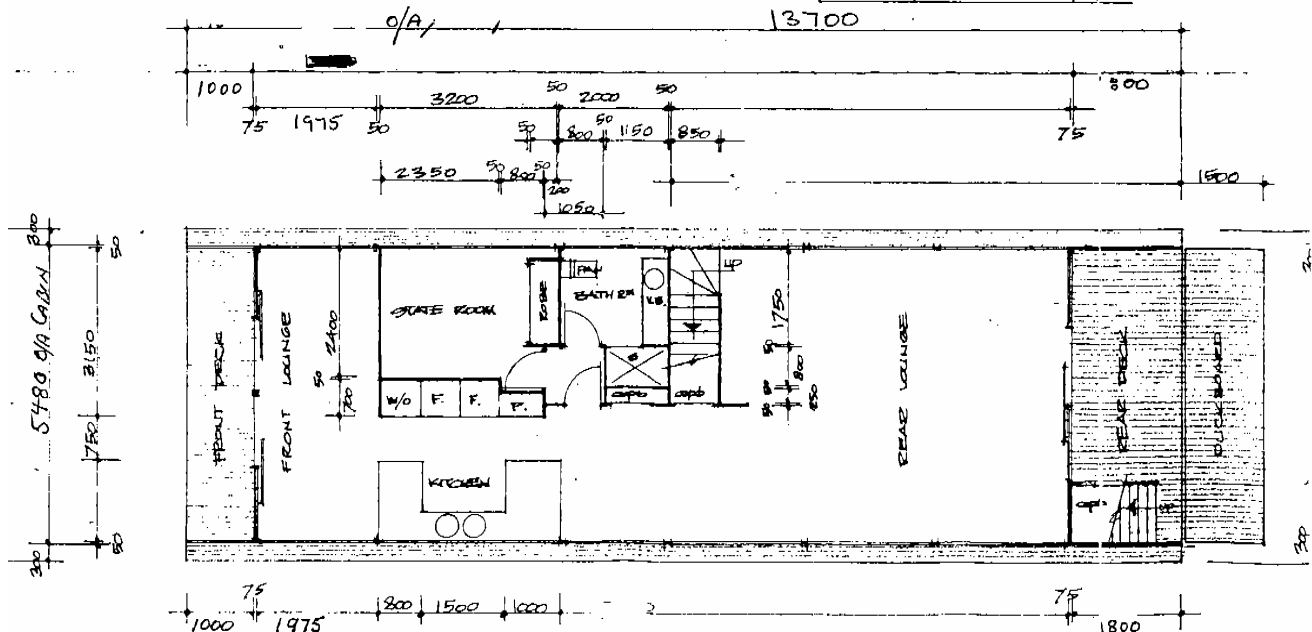
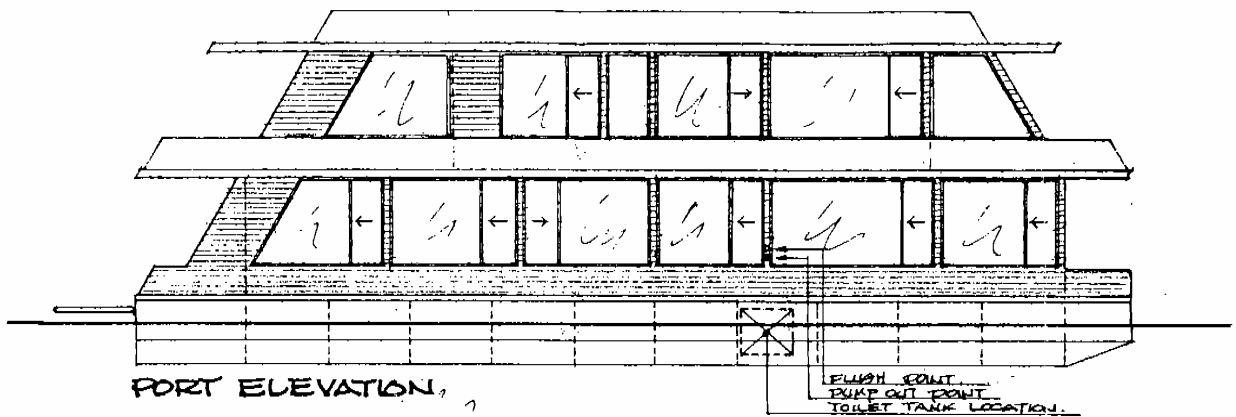
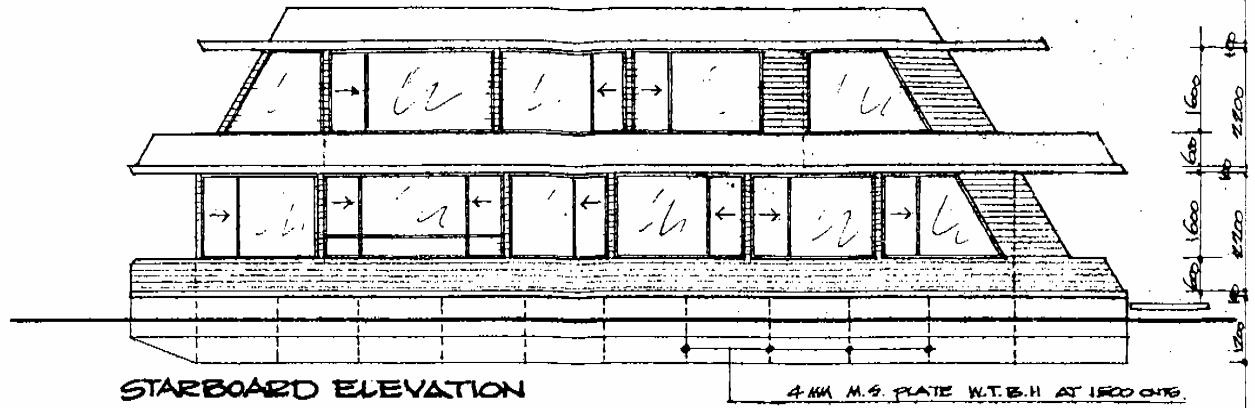
- the scale of your plan;
- the length and width of the houseboat deck and structure, excluding the duckboard and walkway;
- the dimensions of the duckboard and walkway, including details of whether they will be fixed or hinged to the structure;
- a bow, stern and port elevation of the houseboat structure;
- the number of enclosed levels;
- a floor plan, including the internal dimensions;
- a minimum of 450mm freeboard, or as otherwise determined by a competent person;
- the location of all sewerage/sullage pontoons, including their capacity and dimensions;
- the location and type of toilet, details of its capacity, make and model; and
- motor size and model.

Please contact our Lake Eildon Public Use Management staff to discuss any issues relating to the construction of houseboats for operation on Lake Eildon:

**Goulburn-Murray Water
19 High Street
Eildon Vic 3713**

**Telephone: (03) 5770 8124
Facsimile: (03) 5774 2656**

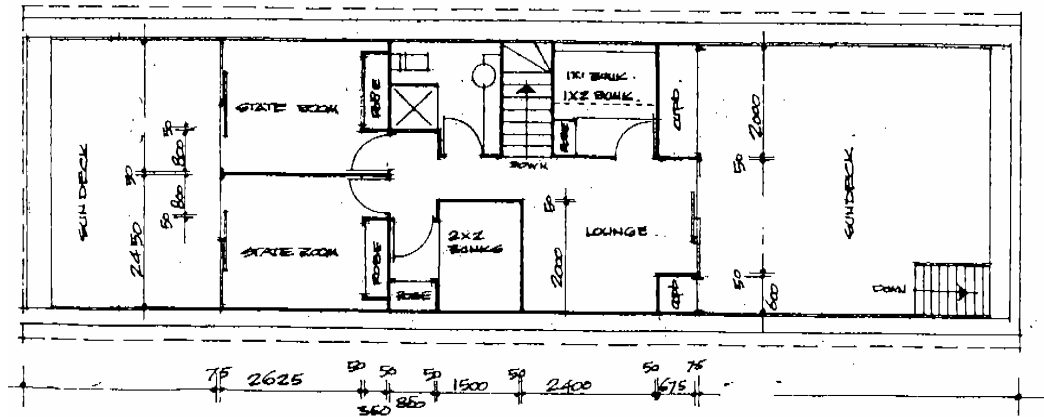
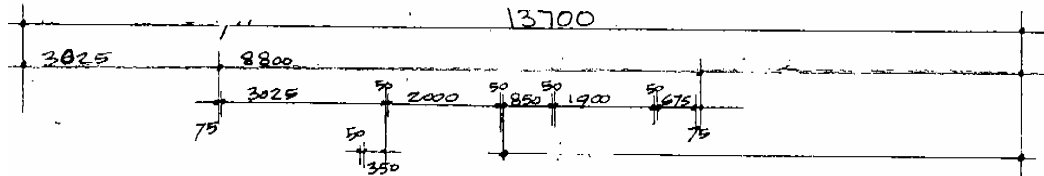
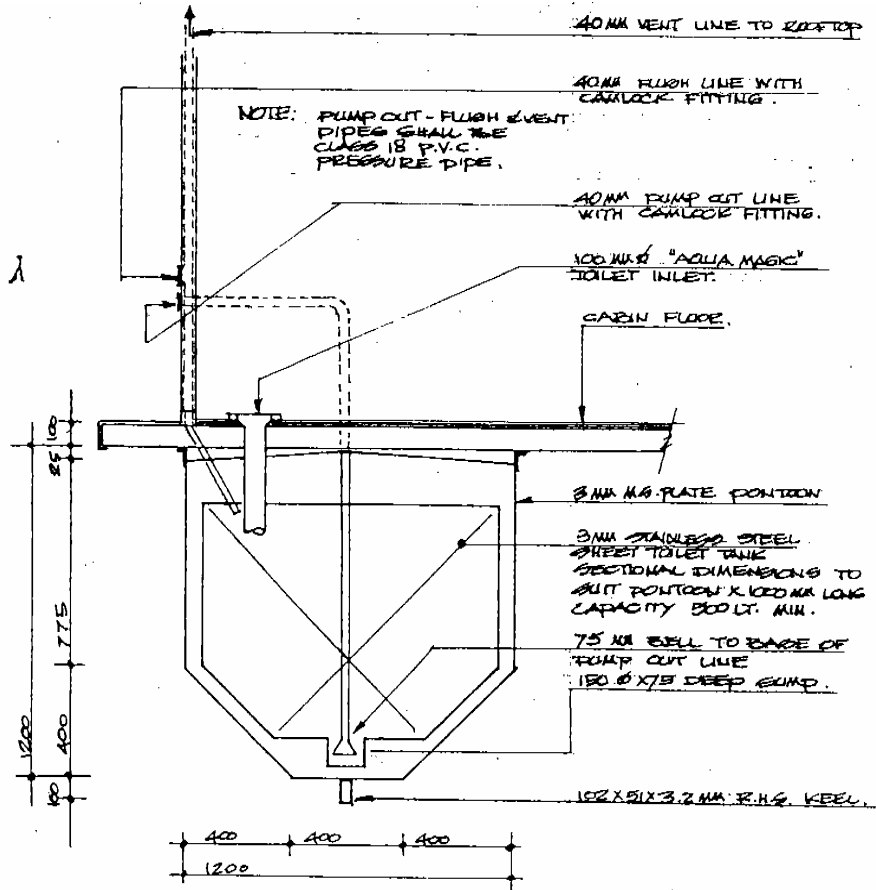
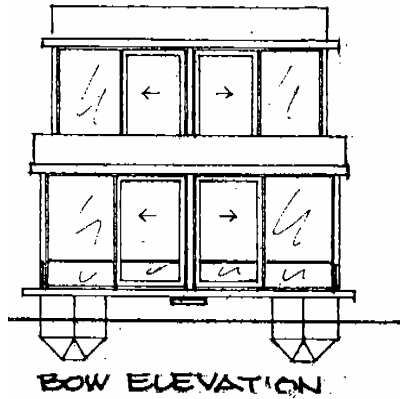
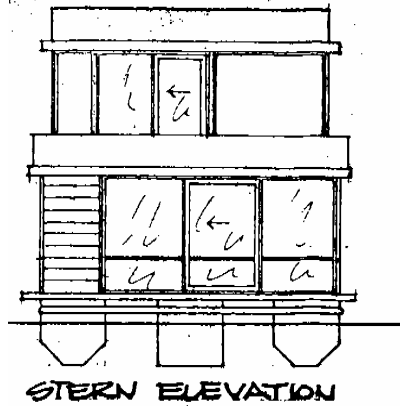
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