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WAKSA AGM REPORT 2017

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To Our Members

FOREWORD

This is the fourth formal annual report produced for the Western Australian Kite Surfing Association (WAKSA). The purpose of the report is to formally document the year and provide information for our members who can't attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This document is symbol of the development of our organisation from its humble beginnings in 2002.

The Western Australian Kite Surfing Association (WAKSA) is a volunteer organisation and as such each committee has a limited amount of resources in the form of time and funds to carry out the day to day operation of the association and progress the long term strategy of maintaining beach access and promoting the sport of kite surfing with safety as a fore thought.

Every committee is different and has made different choices based on the information and resources available to them at the time. While in hindsight there may be a different view, the point is those individuals were there, ready and able to take on those challenges and do their best. The current committee would like to personally thank all past WAKSA committee members for their efforts.

If you are interested in joining the committee please e-mail waksa@waksa.org.au.

THE COMMITTEE

- President Drew Norton
- Vice President Nick Lonie
- Secretary Claire May
- Treasurer Geoff Ham
- Committee Members
 - General Simon Wichtermann
 - General Wayne Hyslop
 - Freestyle Chrissy Gaudieri
 - General Shane Garcia
 - General Daniel Anderson
 - General Kate Mckenzie
 - General Gregg Ireland
 - General Julian Herm
 - General Rick Pryce
 - Waves Russell Curtin

We would like to formally thank the outgoing 2017 committee for their wisdom, time, effort and commitment to WAKSA.

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Futher thanks to Paul Smyth of Hotdiggitydog Photography and Gordon of True Sprit Photography for covering all WAKSA events this year. Amazing footage is available from all events on their websites.

Presidents Report

SUMMARY

I hope all our members enjoyed fair winds this summer. With excellent wind and swell conditions the summer of 2016/17 proved to be the best for some time. It certainly kept the WAKSA committee busy running a number of events and dealing with a range of kiting issues.

This summer also saw a significant achievement for the sport not only in West Australia but throughout the country with the introduction of Kiteboarding Australia's new Kite School curriculum. The conversion of schools in WA to this will mean a more consistent accountable teaching method which will hopefully lead to a greater awareness of best safe kiteboarding practices out on our beaches. The feedback to the new curriculum from the relevant authorities has only been positive. Councils in particular are keen to have the assurance that Kite Schools operating in their areas are administered by an Australian organisation.

Other achievements also saw the submission by WAKSA to become the official State Sporting Association and the successful lobbying by WAKSA of Marine Safety to introduce the ISO standard for lifejackets. This will mean a lot more flexibility in the type of lifejackets that are worn when kitesurfing.

The calibre and variety of kiting events continues to grow in WA. Along with consistent State Titles in all three disciplines we are now seeing a clearer pathway for kilters wanting to increase and showcase their skills via competition. Well supported wave events like the Lancelin Classic combined with new additions like the Hydrofoil Pro Tour event reflect the passion not only the kilters have for their sport but the organisers and volunteers alike.

I'd like to thank all who contributed to WAKSA this season. Special mention to departing committee member Wayne Hyslop on his work adventure. Wishing him and all our members a safe winter. Looking forward to another windy summer next year !

Drew Norton
President

Vice Presidents Report

It was another challenging season for WAKSA this year with wind conditions not always in our favour for a relatively new committee. However, we maintained a busy event calendar whilst also pushing forward with State Sporting Association application and Department of Sports & Recreation funding.

The Committee made the decision to reinstate Kitestock as an end of season social gathering stripped back to the naked bare essentials. Although disappointing wind conditions limited numbers, we hope this event can be revitalised in coming years as a great reward for all WAKSA members.

Next season sees us pushing forward with WAKSA training alongside Surf Lifesaving WA to enable and facilitate kite rescue scenarios and training to the Inflatable Rescue Board (IRB) crews at surf clubs along the WA coast.

WAKSA's social media presence has been another great success over the past year that will continue to grow next season with many marketing lessons learnt.

2017/2018 will be an interesting year

Nick Lonie

Vice President

Treasurer's Report and Financial Summary

This was a tough year financially as a large proportion of our funding from the national body KA, was drastically reduced. We focused on running events that would 'break even' and reducing as many overheads as possible. Whilst there are some further expenses that need to be finalized – see 'Transactions Pending' – we have still managed to post a surplus of around \$2500.

Our main expenses this year were as follows:

Events: \$3800

WAKSA helped organize and fund the state titles for waves, freestyle and racing disciplines. We ran Kitestock again this year, albeit with a tight (naked) budget. Redkite also ran and the members helped to raise around \$6000 for this great charity. We also helped with NKL, Lighthouse to Leighton, and season openers both at the movies and on the water.

Marquees: \$1700

We decided it was finally time to do something about our ageing shade marquees. Instead of completely replacing at a cost of ~\$3500 we decided we could replace the frames and have the canopies repaired.

Storage: \$1800

This is an expense that we managed to reduce a little this year by moving to a cheaper location. It is essential that our gear for events is easily accessible for the committee and event organisers.

Website and IT: \$750

Last year we got a brand new website so we just had to make a final instalment on that. This year we are hoping to secure a grant to improve all things IT including the programs we use, the website and maybe some new hardware.

Insurance: \$0

After consultation with the DSR and KA it was decided that we could drop our insurance cover for the committee members this year. The committee members are now covered under a central national policy. This was a large drop in expenses for the year.

Geoff Ham

Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Due to the amount of events that WAKSA organised this year, and a relatively small and new committee, this year was a steep learning curve. Being new to the role, I thought an event was easy: rock up to the beach, pitch a marquee and compete. Well, an event is much more than that... To hold a small event on a WA beach and in the water, WAKSA needs approval from the council (most times we even have to pay for the use of the beach), we need approval from the DOT to hold an event on the water and in some locations we need approval from DPAW! A single event requires a risk management plan to be drafted and countless of forms to be filled in – all 6 weeks before the event is to take place. Needless to say, this year's learning, was mainly around tedious event admin. This said, relationships with councils and government agencies that have been built up from previous committees were kept and even improved and we have plans in place to document event application procedures, in the winter, to ensure future committees have the tools needed to run events seamlessly.

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Our main strategic highlights for WAKSA during the 2016/17 year are best summarised as below.

- Lodgement of the application for State Sporting Organisation Status with the Department of Sport and Recreation
- Analysis on ICT requirements for WAKSA to secure funding from DSR to support our IT strategy
- Analysis of costs and making a significant reduction in operational expenses

Claire May

Secretary

State Wave Titles - Sponsored by Kite Addiction

The summer of 2016/17 proved to be an epic one for waves in WA. We saw some of the biggest summer swells for years come through particularly in the Perth Metro area.

The WA State Titles were held on Sunday the 20th of November. It was a big day and competitors certainly let it all hang out in the consistent winds and good swell.

Results :

Junior

1st Cooper Bates
2nd Charlie Wise
3rd Bill Hampton

Women

1st Theresa McKirdy
2nd Anh Dao Jennerat

Ams

1st Ben Hebiton
2nd Matt Terry
3rd Jake Brenkley

Legend

1st Clive Neeson
2nd Alex Cameron
3rd Geoff Golder

Master

1st Karl Levy
2nd Bonny Sulisty
3rd Corey Brown

Open

1st Jake Gordon
2nd Ryland Blakeney
3rd Dale Stanton

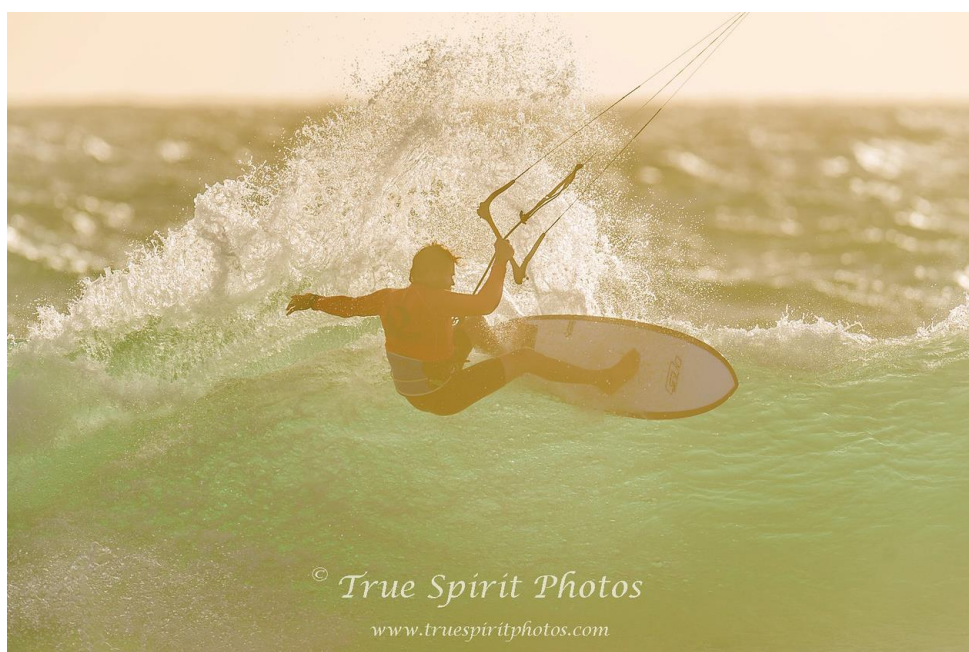
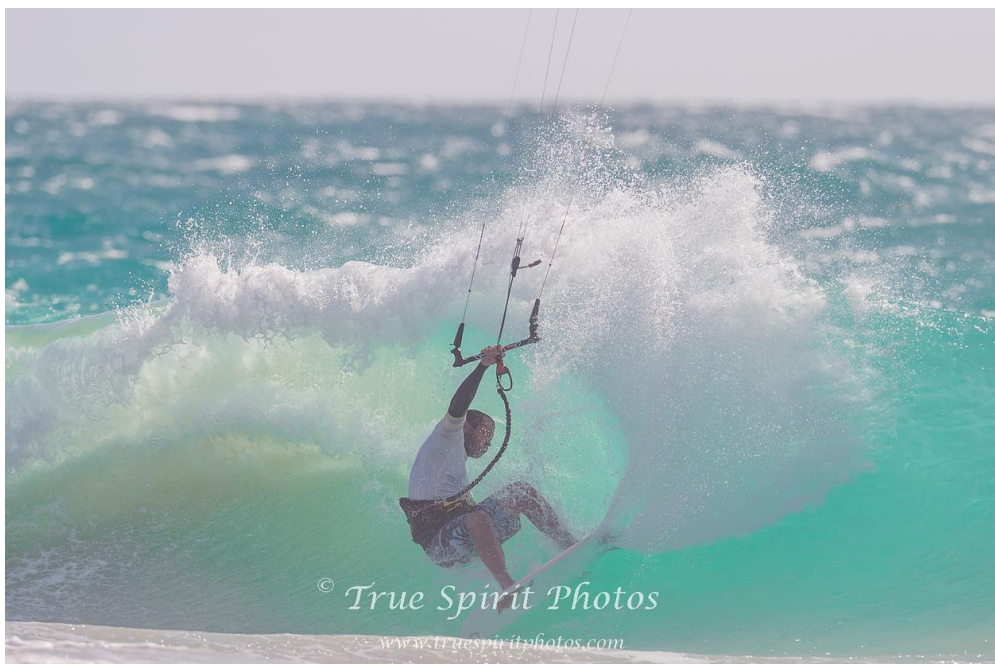
Awards

Best Move Dale Stanton
Best Wipeout Jake Brenkley
Junior Performer Nathan Pizzuto
Best Performer Shane Danaher
Best 4wd'er Bonny Sulisty

49 competitors, 32 heats

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Big thanks to the Russ for organising this event, our sponsor Kite Addiction and the competitors on the day.



Redkite Charity Downwinder



RedKite is an Australian cancer charity which provides essential support to children and young people (0-24 years) with cancer, and their families and their support networks.

The annual RedKite charity downwinder was supposed to be held on 11 December 2016. It is a downwinder from Leighton Beach to Brighton Beach, all competitors need to usually do is set up a fundraising page and try raise funds and WAKSA does the rest by arranging beach access, boat support, transport and trailing kites. Unfortunately mother nature did not come to the party this year and the wind forecast let us down.

WAKSA is pleased to announce that our competitors did raise a whopping \$6609.37 for Redkite in spite of the downwinder not going ahead. This is a huge achievement and we thank our members for their support!

Top Fundraisers:

Stewart Sant \$1295

Marc Blais \$1279

Brad May \$1045

Triston Cooke \$1015

Shane Garcia \$781

We had a BBQ and a few beers at Floreat Surf Life Saving club thanks to Coles.

Big thanks to all volunteers, committee and ex committee members who helped out on the day.

State Freestyle Titles – Sponsored by Airush

The freestyle events for the 2016/17 season included the Season Opener Kite Jam, State Titles and Airush Coaching Clinic. Unfortunately the wind at Kite Jam held on 5th of November was marginal, however that didn't dampen the spirit of the event, as it was a beautiful day for catching up with kite friends at the beach.

The Freestyle State Titles and Coaching Clinic were held down at Woodman Point on Saturday 4th February 2017 as part of the overall Airush day festivities. The conditions were perfect, with plenty of sunshine and wind. All divisions were represented at the state titles, with the top rider in each crowned the state champion. See results below.

Freestyle State Title Results

Juniors

- 1st Harrison Johnston
- 2nd Billy Hampton
- 3rd Tristan Lewis
- 4th Nathan Pizzuto

Women Open

- 1st Chrissy Gaudieri
- 2nd Julia Ralph
- 3rd Shannon Ducker
- 4th Hannah Anderson
- 5th Danica Wichtermann
- 6th Rachael Hughes

Men Open

- 1st Emerson Johnston
- 2nd Billy Hampton
- 3rd Daniel Anderson
- 4th Harrison Johnston
- 5th Ben Field

Masters

- 1st Chrissy Gaudieri

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2nd Luca De Prato

3rd Rien Hage

4th Glen Hilton

Up and Coming Award

Nathan Pizzuto

Big thanks to the Chrissy and Simon for organising this event, our sponsor Airush and the competitors on the day.



Chrissy Gaudieri, Julia Ralph and Shannon Ducker



Daniel Anderson, Emerson Johnston and Billy Hampton

Thanks to Paul Smyth and Hotdiggitydog Photography

State Course Racing Titles

2017 WAKSA Kite Racing State Titles Champions, were held on the 18th and 19th February 2017. Challenging easterlies made this a hard fought but tactical battle at the pointy end.

1st Place: [Mani Bisschops](#)

2nd Place: [Andrew Cooksey](#)

3rd Place: [Alty Frisby](#)





Kitestock 2017 – Sponsored by Lancelin Surf



Lots of planning went into a very trimmed down version of much anticipated annual Kitestock event which was held 18-19 February 2017. Unfortunately the most important item never pitched up - the wind! This was such a shame as we had an epic weekend planned with the highlight being the Lano-Wedge downwinder that could not take place due to the lack of wind.

In spite of the windless conditions a committed few arrived in Lancelin for an awesome couple of days on the beach.

Starting with a conditioning clinic on the grass thanks to Dan, a valued committee member and owner of Mobe Physiotherapy and then moving to the beach with music cranked up through the PA system. There was a bit of beach cricket, bat and ball, SUP races were organised and the teams paddled hard in what turned out to be more competitive than first anticipated with racers stopping at nothing to win.

A 12 - 15 knot SW eventually came through on the Saturday and the committed few pumped up and enjoyed what would be an hour or so of good kiting conditions. Dan put on a master class which was worth watching!

The day was concluded at the Endeavour Tavern with some of the party animals only leaving at closing time.

Sunday turned out to be another perfect day for the beach. No wind though! Music, swimming, SUP Kiting and generally enjoying a warm summers day.

A special thanks to our Sponsors:

- Lancelin Surf – Major Sponsor
- Mobe Physiotherapy
- Mystic and Soulkite Team

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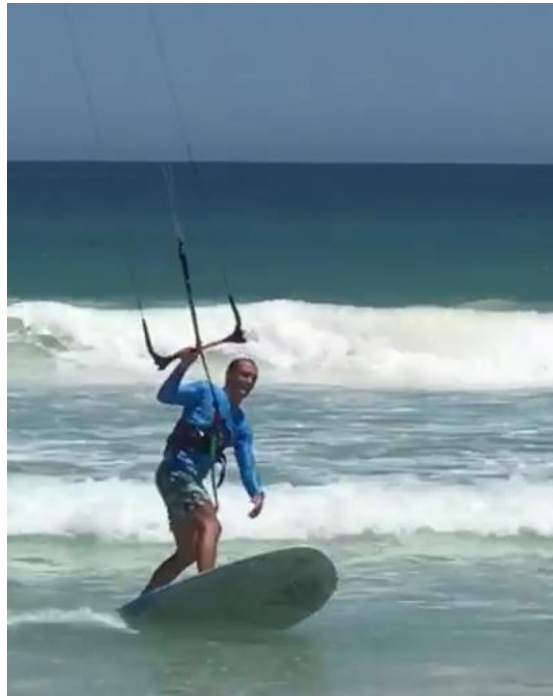
A special mention also goes to the Lancelin locals! This event was so easy to organise, the locals are so welcoming and everyone was willing to give us a hand and there was no unnecessary 'red tape'. (some even thought, we really were going to kite naked and they still welcomed us with open arms ☺). They are such a great community and a pleasure to deal with!

Huge thanks to Dan, Gregg, Wayne, Nick, Drew and Claire for organising this event.



Our youngest Kitestock participant, Nathan Pizzuto

This kid needs a prize for attending every WAKSA event this year!



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Best no wind Kitestock ever!!

Glossary of Abbreviations

DEPAW	Department of Parks and Wildlife http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/
DOT	Department of Transport http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/
DSR	Department of Sport and Recreation http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/
KA	Kite Boarding Australia Limited formerly AKSA https://kiteboardingaus.com.au/

Contact Information

There are three official channels for contacting WAKSA

- Web Site using the following link under About, Contact
<http://www.waksa.org.au/about-western-australia-kite-surfing-association/contact>
- Direct by e-mailing waksa@waksa.org.au
- FaceBook by sending a message via the FaceBook page.

While we do have a SeaBreeze account this is used for making announcements only.

COMMUNICATION POLICY AND TIMEFRAMES

While we will endeavour to respond to all members as soon as practically possible. Some answers may take longer, in particular those involving external government bodies or our national sporting association KA.

If you have not had a response inside a week then please e-mail president@waksa.org.au with a brief detail of your initial communication.

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Appendix 1 – Financial Statements

Interim financials can be found below.

STATEMENT OF INCOME

16th May 2016 - 1st May 2017

Income		Last Year	Variance	% Var
Membership Fees	3,853	4,620	- 767	-16.61%
Events				
Kitestock	1,010	-	1,010	
Wave Comp	1,127	620	507	81.77%
Lighthouse to Leighton	3,000	3,550	- 550	-15.49%
RedKite	180	-	180	
Freestyle Teams	-	116		
State Freestyle	307	326	- 19	-5.83%
Other Events	1,500		1,500	
	7,124	4,612	2,512	54.47%
Sponsorship and Grants				
General Sponsorship	-	-		
Reimbursements	153	-		
Government Grants	-	5,000		0.00%
	153	5,000		0.00%
Financial and Other Income				
Bank Interest	14	13	1	4.31%
Other Income	-	-		
	14			
Total Income	11,143	14,245	- 3,102	-21.78%

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

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Expenses		Last Year	Variance	% Var
Operations				
Accounting	500	-		
Advertising	-	-		
Bank Fees	-	30	- 30	-100.00%
Honourarium	-	-	-	
Insurance	-	3,740	- 3,740	-100.00%
Meeting	-	298	- 298	-100.00%
Postage and Communication	-	1,029	- 1,029	-100.00%
Repairs and Maintenance	1,714	-	1,714	
Storage	1,730	2,612	- 882	-33.77%
Travel Costs	-	-	-	
Web Site - Operating	746	546	200	36.60%
Other Expenses	-	196	- 196	-100.00%
	<u>4,690</u>	<u>8,451</u>	- 3,761	-44.51%
Event Expenses				
Wave Comp	336	949	- 613	-64.64%
Lighthouse to Leighton	-	-	-	
Red Kite	975	624	351	56.25%
PKRC	500	1,000	- 500	-50.00%
State Freestyle Titles	-	12	- 12	-100.00%
National Kiteboarding League	-	2,000	-	
Season Opener	32	-	32	
Freestyle Teams	-	472	- 472	-100.00%
	<u>3,623</u>	<u>5,057</u>	- 1,434	-28.37%
WAKSA Brand Development				
Constitution	-	-	-	
Media Production	-	-	-	
Travel and Promotion	-	-	-	
Shop Flyers	-	140	- 140	-100.00%
Strategic Plan	-	7,810	- 7,810	-100.00%
Surveys	-	-	-	
New Website Development	-	3,250	- 3,250	-100.00%
WASF & Other Memberships	170	165	5	3.03%
Other Promotion and Brand Dev.	-	-	-	
	<u>170</u>	<u>11,365</u>	- 11,365	-100.00%
TOTAL Expenses	8,482	24,873	- 16,391	-65.90%

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PENDING TRANSACTIONS

Transactions Pending

Reported Cash Surplus (Deficit)	2,661
KA Membership - Jan to March 2017	1,300
Department of Sport Grant	7,500
Plus Incoming Funds	8,800
Funds owed to secretary and treasurer for personal payments	800
AGM Expenses	500
Redkite income - To be transferred to Redkite	180
Department of Sport Grant - IT	7,500
Less Expenses Not Paid	8,980
Projected Surplus/(Deficit)	2,481
Projected Bank Balance June 30	16,141.46

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BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet	As at 1 May 17		\$ Vari.	% Var
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	15,137		13,297	13.84%
Debit Card	1,184		183	
Debtors			-	
Prepayments and Deposits	-		-	
G.S.T. Paid			-	
	<u>16,321</u>		<u>13,480</u>	21.08%
Current Liabilities				
G.S.T. Collected			-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Working capital		16,321	13,480	21.08%
Non Current Assets				
At Cost				
Less Accum Depreciation				
	<u>-</u>			
Non Current Liabilities				
Long Term Creditors				
	<u>-</u>			
Retained Funds	13,480		24,109	
Current Year Suplus(Deficit)	2,841		- 10,629	
Rounding				
	<u>16,321</u>		<u>13,480</u>	21.08%

Attachment 1 - Kiteboarding Australia Progress Report WA