



# KITEBOARDING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23



KITEBOARDING  
AUSTRALIA



Department of  
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SAFETY · PARTICIPATION · ADVOCACY

# VISION

KWA shall be recognised by all kiteboarders in Western Australia as the state representative body for the sport and known for its promotion and management of safe, accessible and sustainable kiting practice.

# MISSION

To promote safe kiteboarding practices, to help maintain beach access across WA, along with encouraging participation and development in the sport by hosting events for our members and the West Australian community.

## OUR VALUES

INCLUSION

FAIRNESS

CONSIDERATION

ADVANCEMENT

# STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

- Respect for others.
- Establishing and managing professional working relationships with other organisations and persons.
- Managing safe beach/river access issues.
- Striving for the lowest environmental impact by kiteboarding activities.
- Promoting safety within the kiteboarding community.
- Maintain relevance as an organisation to serve it's members.
- Striving to practice and integrate our sport alongside other sports disciplines and code.
- Promoting diversity in the kiteboarding community.



# ABOUT US



## DIRECTORS

Daniel Anderson  
Kate McKenzie  
Warwick Beasley  
Ilos Eix

*President*  
*Vice President*  
*Treasurer*  
*Secretary*

Ian Jack  
April Warren  
Klair Skinner  
Kirsten Kyngdon

## Sub-Committees

Events (Wave Nationals, Freestyle State Titles, Santa Downwinder)

*Rebecca Bury, Ben Swart, Andre Cater, Luca De Prato, Dania Gerhardt*  
Junior Development

*Gregory Gerhardt, Dania Gerhardt, Dan Anderson, Kate McKenzie*

Advocacy/Safety

*Rebecca Bury, Daniel Anderson, Kate McKenzie*  
Governance, Finance and Risk

*Liam SurrIDGE, Rebecca Bury, Ilos Eix, Kate McKenzie*

# STAFF

Rebecca Bury  
Liam SurrIDGE  
Mark Arkley

*Executive Officer*  
*Financial Manager*  
*IT Consultant*



# ACCREDITED SCHOOLS





# 2022/23 STATISTICS

**491**

registered  
members in  
March 2022

**15**

participants in  
Female  
Development Clinics

**5**

spots advocated for  
& kept accessible in  
2022/23

**49**

medals awarded in  
2022/23

**14**

Juniors  
participated in  
progression clinics  
in 2022/23

**3k**

Facebook followers

**12**

Kiteboarding  
Australia  
registered schools  
in WA

**2**

National events  
hosted

**70**

Registered female  
members in  
2022/23





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*It is my pleasure to present the 2022/23 Annual Report for Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA).*

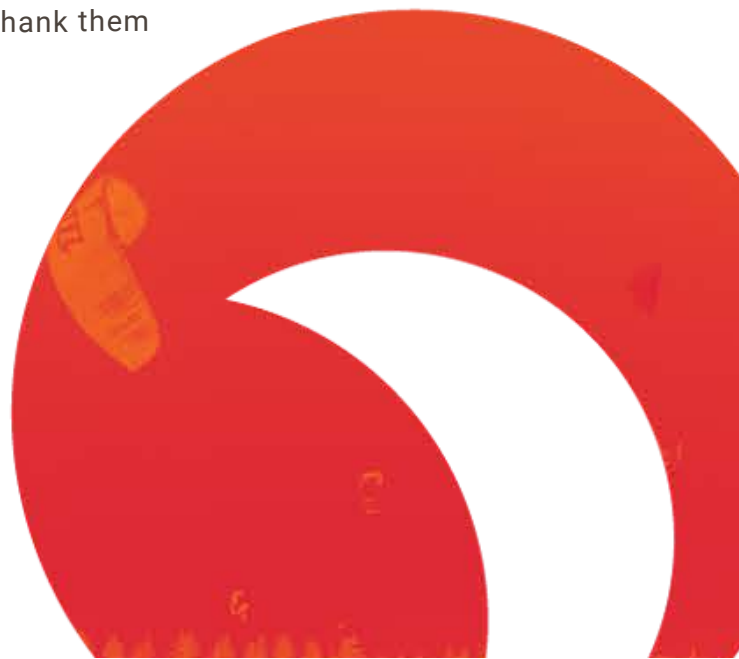
On behalf of KWA, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to the many volunteers involved, the current KWA Board, Committees and the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) for their consultation, advice, and funding. Our volunteers are the heart of KWA, and we are deeply grateful for their passion and commitment to growing the sport of kiteboarding in WA.

A Special thanks to Rebecca (Becky) Bury for leading the board and organisation as the President of Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) for 3 years and as a Board member for 6 years. Becky is truly committed to kiteboarding in Western Australia. During Becky's time as President, she oversaw many accomplishments, including but not limited to the development of events, organisational growth and the Junior Kite Program across WA. We have been fortunate to have Becky in her role as President and even more fortunate to have her continue to drive our organisation in a positive direction in the role of KWA Executive Officer.

Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed Directors, Klair Skinner and Kirsten Kyngdon. Klair and Kirsten bring extensive professional expertise and a deep personal passion for kiteboarding that will greatly benefit KWA. We are thrilled to have them on board.

Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to Warwick Beasley and Massimo Sacchi, whose strategic insights and dedication to events have been tremendous assets. We wish Warwick and Massimo the very best and thank them both for their time and dedication.

This year, KWA was grateful to maintain our funding through DLGSC's Industry Investment Program as a Category F sport. This support has been vital for key initiatives like establishing our officiating frameworks and growth of our organisation as a State Sporting Association. KWA remain at industry standard with the annual governance scoring report with Sport Australia and continue to develop





standards with the growth of our sport, including implementing the National Integrity Framework with Kiteboarding Australia and Sport Integrity Australia. We value our partnership with DLGSC, with special thanks to our consultant Cameron Agnew, and look forward to continued collaboration.

2022/23 has witnessed another successful year of advocacy for the sport with KWA upholding strong relationships with significant key stakeholders. Executive Board members provided a letter of feedback and recommendations in relation to the newly proposed kiteboarding launch area and coastal management plan at Lancelin. Following this several meetings were held with key stakeholders and project leads. Ultimately our position of a win-win where the dune systems are preserved, but access for kiteboarding/wing and launching locations remain the same was able to be successfully put forward. We have also been acknowledged as a key stakeholder for further collaboration opportunities with the Gingin council.

Despite a challenging environment, KWA has emerged stronger thanks to our passionate community. I look forward to another impactful season ahead with WA delivering three national events across the various disciplines, growing participation, advocacy, and education for kiteboarding across Western Australia.

Safe kiting and good winds

Yours truly,

**Daniel Anderson**

*President, Kiteboarding Western Australia*





# COACHING AND OFFICIATING REPORT



Thanks to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), KWA successfully developed the first stages of Level 1 framework for officiating pathways and training and development. The program was trialed in Western Australia with the scope to roll out further across Australia in conjunction with Kiteboarding Australia. KWA has successfully

secured funding from DLGSC to develop the next steps of the framework, in conjunction with Kiteboarding Australia, British Kitesports Association and GKA. The development is an exciting progression for the sport, setting it up for high quality official development across Australia and Internationally, raising the standard of events and increasing the capacity of the organisation.





## JUNIOR PROGRESSION SESSIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023

In the season 2022/2023 we stepped up the junior development another notch from last year, providing more structure and more training opportunities.

The season took off with an opening event in September 2022 for all 16 juniors participating in the Junior Progressions Sessions to meet, define their goals, perform a small fitness test, and socialise during a BBQ dinner party. A part of the group spent the school holidays together in Exmouth to kick the season off with two weeks of structured kiting, working out and fun on the campsite, also covering the topics of conditioning & injury prevention, strategy & preparation. From mid-October, there were weekly water sessions at Woodman's Point going through to March when the Seabreeze slowly faded out.

January 2023 we had our highlight "Summer of the Pond" month with a week-long Junior Camp coached by international Pro Coach Fabio Ingrosso, the King of the Pond event

with several juniors participating in the open field, the State and National Freestyle Titles with most of the juniors participating and all podium places of the Nationals filled with WA juniors.

The coming season will continue strong in the junior section, with a record number of juniors kiting, participating in the program and representing WA on a national and international level.

The Junior Progression Sessions continue to enable strong friendships among the juniors. The group regularly catches up on and off the water for kiteboarding road trips, to push each other's riding and train.

A huge thank you to all parents, coaches and volunteers enabling us to offer a strong and globally unique junior development program that supports our kiteboarding juniors in pursuing their passion.

**Dania Gerhardt**

*Junior Development Sub-Committee*





# EVENTS

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) held several successful events across the 2022/23 season thanks to our dedicated volunteers, organisers and valued sponsors.

The KWA State Wave Titles was held in Lancelin and saw top wave riders compete at Back Beach. We thank Andre Cater, Mark Arkley and Luca de Prato for generously volunteering their time to judge and deliver this event on the day.

Dania Gerhardt organised an excellent KWA State Freestyles competition along with the Australian Freestyle Nationals down at The Pond. Her efforts provided kiteboarders the opportunity to showcase freestyle skills.

The increasingly popular King and Queen of the Pond event returned to Safety Bay, with thanks to Ben Swart for dedicating his time to deliver these big air events.

These well-run events would not be possible without the support of our volunteer event staff and judges. We sincerely thank all who donated their time and expertise to make these events happening and ensure their smooth operation.

KWA looks forward to building on this year's success by hosting more high-quality, fun competitions for WA kiteboarders including the inaugural Core Big Air Nationals to be held in Augusta. We value our dedicated volunteers who make events like these possible for the kiteboarding community to enjoy.

A special thank you to our valued sponsors; Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, WA Surf, North Kiteboarding, Mystic, Kiteboarding Australia, City of Rockingham, Madora Bay Settlements, Slingshot and Safety Bay Yacht Club.



# KWA STATE WAVES

## Open Men

1. Dale Stanton
2. Ryland Blakeney
3. Shane Danaher

## Juniors

1. Ruben Swart
2. Rhys Cheshire
3. Lachlan Marshall

## Open Women

1. Yasmina Bujanow
2. Megan Bell
3. Janielly De sousa Sena

## Masters

1. Mike Masiello
2. Bryn Fisher
3. Richard Wolanski



# 2023 RIDERS



# KING OF THE POND

PRESENTED BY



- 1. Ruben Swart KING OF THE POND**
- 2. Andre Chang Fane**
- 3. Sandy Bailey**
- 4. Jared Plug**
- 5. Joshua Newman**
- 6. Denys Karantonis**
- 7. Ronald Ellis**
- 8. Stew Green**
- 9. Adrian Guastaplia**
- 10. Jake Irvine**
- 11. Joe Ware**
- 12. Ben Gerhardt**
- 13. Rhys Cheshire**
- 14. Joel Grantham**
- 15. Noah Karantonis**
- 16. Henry Gerhardt**
- 17. & 18. Wild Card**



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**Men**

1. **Alex Djuric**
2. **Emerson Johnston**
3. **Cody Tuckwell**
4. **Ben Gerhardt**

**Boys U18**

1. **Ben Gerhardt**
2. **Joel Grantham**
3. **Ruben Swart**
4. **Henry Gerhardt**

**Women**

1. **Elena Kyngdon**
2. **Shevy Hanson**
3. **Amber Skinner**
4. **Ieke Verkuil**

**Girls U18**

1. **Elena Kyngdon**
2. **Amber Skinner**

**Masters**

1. **Stephen de Legh**
2. **Liam SurrIDGE**
3. **Andrew Moore**
4. **Lloyd Oelofse**

**Boys U14**

1. **Henry Gerhardt**
2. **Storm van der Werf**
3. **Finn Kyngdon**
4. **Youri Karantonis**

20  23

# KiTE KARNiVAL

SAFETY BAY • WA • JAN 26-29

KITEBOARDING FREESTYLE NATIONALS

# NATIONAL FREESTYLE TITLES RESULTS 2023

## Men

1. Leo Verrecchia
2. Alex Djuric
3. Anthony Brown
4. Ben Gerhardt

## Women

1. Rachael Hughes
2. Elena Kyngdon
3. Amber Skinner
4. Ieke Verkuil

## Masters

1. Stephen de Legh
2. Marco Verrecchia
3. Andrew Moore
4. Hervé Dutrénit

## Boys U18

1. Ben Gerhardt
2. Ruben Swart
3. Henry Gerhardt
4. Henry Lacy

## Girls U18

1. Elena Kyngdon
2. Amber Skinner

## Boys U14

1. Ben Gerhardt
2. Henry Gerhardt
3. Noah Karantonis
4. Finn Kyngdon



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 **DUOTONE**  
NATIONAL FREESTYLE SERIES

**WASURF**  
KITE • WING • FOIL



**SLINGSHOT**







# MESSAGE FROM KITEBOARDING AUSTRALIA



*Dear Kiteboarding  
Western Australia Members,*

On behalf of Kiteboarding Australia, I want to sincerely thank the Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) board, committees, staff and volunteers for their exceptional effort and commitment over this past year and beyond.

KWA's passionate work continues to progress the sport of kiteboarding throughout Western Australia. We were especially grateful for KWA's assistance hosting two major national events - the Wave Nationals in Margaret River and the Freestyle Nationals at Safety Bay. The Wave Nationals certainly was an event to remember with amazing feedback from participants. Particular recognition must go to Dania Gerhardt for her outstanding leadership delivering the Freestyle Nationals at The Pond, Safety Bay. Dania's organisational talents and deep knowledge of the sport were invaluable to executing a smooth, highly successful event. Special thanks to the National event sponsors; North Kiteboarding, Duotone, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Department Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Quobba, Cabrinha, City of Rockingham, Madora Bay Settlements, Slingshot, WA Surf and Safety Bay Yacht Club.

Kiteboarding Australia is delighted with KWA's continued development as a State Sporting Association recognised by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Your governance, programs, membership, and events set the standard for kiteboarding organisations nationwide. We deeply appreciate all the time, care and effort you invest in growing participation and excellence in kiteboarding across Western Australia.

I also want to recognise the tremendous effort of our other event organisers, coaches, officials and volunteers who helped deliver numerous successful events this past year. From local competitions to clinics to membership gatherings, these dedicated volunteers devoted countless hours to creating rewarding experiences for KA/KWA Members and the kite community.

As we move into the new season we plan to develop further our courses, coaching and officiating pathways for continued growth in the sport. For the upcoming season, we are thrilled to announce the Wing Racing Nationals, Wave Nationals and the inaugural Big Air Nationals will take place in Western Australia.

We hope to see as many of the WA community at these events as possible. The importance of a strong membership base for the sustainability and future of our sport is paramount and we look forward to serving our members in Western Australia for the years to come.

Best Wishes,

**Rebecca Bury**  
*General Manager, Kiteboarding Australia*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) is delighted to present its financial Report for the financial year ending June 30, 2023. This report highlights the organisation's financial performance, accomplishments, and its journey toward financial stability and sustainability. The hard work and dedication of our board, committees, volunteers, and members have contributed significantly to KWA's success during this period.

KWA's achievements in the past year have been remarkable, as we continued to expand our revenue and asset base. Notably, we have transitioned into a category F State Sporting Association (SSA), a significant milestone, ensuring the availability of sustainable funding for the administration of the association.

KWA remains committed to representing the interests of kiteboarding both on and off the water. We've been actively involved in safety initiatives and ensuring a positive and safe perception of kiteboarding in Western Australia. Our commitment to maintaining the highest safety and risk management standards for state events has been unwavering.

## Financial Performance:

- Total Revenue: \$92,984
- Membership Revenue: \$10,242
- State Sporting Accreditation Status (Category F SSA): \$20,000
- Event and Grant revenue: Balance
- Net Surplus for the Year: \$34,850

## Financial Position:

As of June 30, 2023, KWA's financial position is strong, with the following key - figures:

- Accumulated Surplus: \$85,039
- Total Assets: \$100,294
- Cash Balances: \$85,274

Post-year end, KWA has created and filled part-time executive officer and financial manager positions. Efforts are underway to fill the vacant sports administrator position, which is actively being marketed to ensure the organisation can fulfill its functions and meet its long-term strategic objectives sustainably.

In conclusion, Kiteboarding Western Australia is in a favourable financial position, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, members, and staff. We look forward to an exciting event season ahead and the continuation of safe, enjoyable kiteboarding experiences in Western Australia. On behalf of KWA, we express our gratitude to all those who have supported us and contributed to our success.

**Liam Surridge**  
Financial Manager





# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Balance Sheet

### Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated As at 30 June 2023

	30 JUN 2023	30 JUN 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Society Cheque - Holding	81,093	57,069
Society Cheque - Transactional	4,182	3,624
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>85,274</b>	<b>60,693</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	2,446	461
KWA Apparel	-	632
Prepaid expenditure	207	731
Prepayments - Web hosting & domains	958	-
Prepayments - Workers Compensation Insurance	555	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>1,824</b>
Fixed Assets	10,853	12,589
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100,294</b>	<b>75,106</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
2022 Event funding DLGSC - State Waves 2023	-	9,000
DLGSC - Advanced Coaching and Officiating 2023 (II)	15,000	-
DLGSC - Coaching and Officiating Grant 2023	-	14,700
Other Current Liabilities	255	-
PAYG Withholdings Payable	-	1,092
Rick Pryce memorial trophy fund	-	125
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>15,255</b>	<b>24,917</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>15,255</b>	<b>24,917</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>85,039</b>	<b>50,189</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	34,850	11,038
Retained Earnings	50,189	39,151
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>85,039</b>	<b>50,189</b>

# Profit and Loss

## Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Coaching Clinics	5,200	4,040
DLGSC - Coaching and Officiating Grant	14,700	-
DLGSC Grant Funding	29,000	12,130
Entrance Fees - Events	10,502	6,476
Grant - State freestyles City of Rockingham	1,640	-
Industry Investment Grant - DLGSC	20,000	5,000
Membership fees - Kiteboarding Australia	10,242	12,128
Sponsorship	1,000	7,500
Sport Development Funding - DLGSC	-	20,000
State Waves - Active Regional Communities Initiative Grant	-	5,000
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>92,284</b>	<b>72,274</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Coaching and Officiating grant	7,685	-
Coaching Clinics	7,946	4,804
Event expenses	28,511	16,552
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>44,142</b>	<b>21,356</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>48,142</b>	<b>50,918</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising & Promotion	-	415
AGM expenses	357	96
Bank Fees	25	50
Branding	240	1,556
Depreciation	1,736	1,462
Equipment purchased	202	292
Flowers	-	126
Insurance	387	801
Legislation compliance	-	35
Meeting Expenses	321	392
Repairs and Maintenance	-	143
Rick Pryce Memorial trophy	458	-
Salaries & Wages	4,139	22,303
Software licences	706	1,265
Storage	3,793	2,930
Subscriptions	245	235
Training & workshops	508	7,488
Website hosting	176	292
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>13,293</b>	<b>39,880</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>34,850</b>	<b>11,038</b>



**KITEBOARDING WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
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