



# KITEBOARDING WESTERN AUSTRALIA



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24



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  
Vacant  
Ian Jack  
Vacant  
April Warren  
Klair Skinner  
Kirsten Kyngdon

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

**RESIGNATIONS** Kate McKenzie (January 2024)  
Ios Eix (June 2024)  
Warwick Beasley (December 2024)

## Sub-Committees

Events (Wave Nationals, Big Air Nationals, Freestyle, Wave and Female Development)  
*Rebecca Bury, Ben Swart, Andre Cater, Luca De Prato, Dania Gerhardt, Kirsten Kyngdon, Doris Dengel, Rachel Baveye*

Junior Development  
*Gregory Gerhardt, Dania Gerhardt, Daniel Anderson*

Advocacy/Safety  
*Rebecca Bury, Daniel Anderson, Mark Slater, Fiona Slater*

Governance, Finance and Risk  
*Liam SurrIDGE, Rebecca Bury, Ian Jack, Kirsten Kyngdon*

# STAFF

Rebecca Bury  
Liam SurrIDGE  
Lianne Smith

*Executive Officer \**  
*Financial Manager \**  
*Operations and Compliance \**

*\*Part time roles*



# ACCREDITED SCHOOLS





# 2023/24 STATISTICS

**387**

registered  
members in  
Sept 2024

**9**

Juniors  
participated in  
progression clinics  
in 2023/24

**2**

spots advocated for  
& kept accessible in  
2022/23

**71**

medals awarded in  
2023/24

**2.7k**

Instagram followers

**3.1k**

Facebook followers

**12**

Kiteboarding  
Australia  
registered schools  
in WA

**3**

National events  
hosted

**70+**

Registered female  
members in  
2023/24





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*I am pleased to present the 2023/24 Annual Report for Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA).*

On behalf of KWA, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many volunteers, the KWA Board, Committees, and the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) for their invaluable support through consultation, advice, and funding. Our volunteers are the backbone of KWA, and we deeply appreciate their passion and commitment to the growth of kiteboarding, winging, and racing in WA. A special thanks to KWA employees Rebecca Bury, Liam Surridge, and Lianne Smith for their dedication. Sadly, we are also saying farewell to Ilos Eix and Kate Mack, whose strategic insights and dedication have been invaluable to KWA. We extend our best wishes and thanks for them for their time and contributions.

This year, KWA was fortunate to maintain its funding through DLGSC's Industry Investment Program as a Category F sport. This support has been critical in key initiatives, such as establishing our officiating frameworks and further developing our organisation as a State Sporting Association. KWA remains aligned with industry standards, as demonstrated by our performance in the annual governance scoring report with Sport Australia. Additionally, we continue to implement the National Integrity Framework in collaboration with Kiteboarding Australia and Sport Integrity Australia.

We are grateful for our partnership with DLGSC, with special thanks to our consultant Cameron Agnew, and we look forward to continued collaboration. KWA continues to foster strong relationships with local and state stakeholders to advocate for our incredible kiteboarding locations. A notable example is the recent presentation by KWA and the Pond Advocacy Subcommittee to the Rockingham Council, which included a briefing report and survey results. We advocated for the ongoing maintenance of the pond through excavation and dredging, as this iconic location is at risk of closure.





KWA remains committed to representing the interests of our kiteboarding and winging community in key decisions and ensuring the preservation of our valued locations. Despite facing challenges, KWA has emerged stronger, thanks to our passionate community. I look forward to another impactful season ahead, with WA set to host three national events across various disciplines, as well as continued growth in participation, advocacy, and education for kiteboarding throughout 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 has begun to develop the first stages of advanced officiating course to compliment the framework for officiating pathways, training and development. The program, developed in conjunction with Kiteboarding Australia, is to be rolled out in Western Australia with the scope to roll out further across Australia.

The project has included input from key industry experts, including the British Kitesports Association and GKA, with a goal to start upskilling and developing officials across WA and Worldwide. 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 2023 - FEBRUARY 2024

*In the 2023/2024 season, we elevated our junior development program another notch from last year, providing more structure and additional training opportunities.*

*The season began with an opening event in September 2023, where all 15 juniors participating in the Junior Progressions Sessions met, defined their goals, and socialized during a BBQ dinner party. A portion of the group spent the school holidays together in Exmouth, kicking off the season with two weeks of structured kiting, working out, and fun on the campsite. From mid-October, we held weekly water sessions until March, when the seabreeze slowly faded.*

*In January 2024, we experienced intense action with a Junior Camp coached by international Pro Coach Fabio Ingresso, the King of the Pond event, the State Freestyle Titles, and a group of juniors traveling to South Australia to dominate the Freestyle Nationals podium.*

*In the Big Air discipline, juniors dominated the Men's Open division of both the King of the Pond and the inaugural Australian Big Air Nationals, claiming all the podium places. When the season in WA concluded, several juniors took to the international stage:*

Ruben Swart participated in his first two GKA Big Air events, establishing himself among the top big air riders in the world.

Noah Karantonis competed in his first international event at the Formula Kite U21 Youth World Championship in Italy.

WA riders Henry and Ben Gerhardt, Elena and Finn Kyngdon, and Fynn Goat from the Northern Territory formed a strong Australian delegation that traveled to Spain in September for the GKA Youth World Freestyle Championship.

Henry claimed the top spot and became the U14 Kiteboarding Freestyle World Champion! Ben earned 3rd place in a very competitive U16 Men division. Elena and Finn both secured 3rd place in the U16 Women's division and the U14 strapless freestyle division, respectively.

These are amazing results from our WA juniors. A huge thank you to all the parents, coaches, and volunteers who make it possible for us to offer a robust and globally unique junior development program. Your support helps our kiteboarding juniors pursue their passion and achieve outstanding results.

**Dania Gerhardt**

*Junior Development Sub-Committee*



**baseline fitness assessment**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENERGY (Rate being used right now in %)

Cardio	seconds	seconds
Plank	seconds	seconds
Number of sit-ups	seconds	seconds
• Over hand	seconds	seconds
• Under hand	seconds	seconds
Push-ups	seconds	seconds

RECORD

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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RECORD

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# EVENTS

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) held several successful events across the 2023/24 season thanks to our dedicated volunteers, organisers and valued sponsors.

The KWA Wave Nationals was held in Margaret River and saw top wave riders compete at Surfers Point in an action packed 4 day competition. We thank Andre Cater and Luca de Prato for generously volunteering their time to help 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.

Kiteboarding Australia held the KA Wing Foil Nationals in WA for the first time at Jervoise Bay Sailing Club. The event was a huge success, with support from key sponsors including the City of Cockburn and DLGSC.

It was exciting to see the Inaugural Core Big Air Nationals take place in Augusta in February. Special thanks to Dania Gerhardt and Ben Swart for their huge volunteer contribution in getting this event off the ground.

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, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Core, Kiteboarding Australia, Fremantle Ports and City of Cockburn.**



# WAVE NATIONALS<sub>24'</sub>

Margaret River, WA

## RESULTS

### MEN

1. Luke Atkinson
2. Guillaume Metrot
3. Patrick Smyth

### WOMEN

1. Yasmina Bujanow
2. Anja Reuthe
3. Anh-Dao

### MASTERS

1. Geoff Gibbs
2. Mike Masiello
3. Richard Wolanski

### BOYS U18

1. Noah Karantonis
2. Ben Gerhardt
3. Ruben Swart

### GIRLS U18

1. Amber Skinner
2. Elena Kyngdon
3. Laetitia Jeannerat



# CORE

National BIG AIR Series

## RESULTS

### MEN/ BOYS U18

1. Ruben Swart
2. Joel Grantham
3. Ben Gerhardt

### WOMEN

1. Ieke Verkuil
2. Rubi Nelson
3. Tracy Kay-Smith

### MASTERS

1. Denys Karantonis
2. Andre Chang Fane
3. Marnix van Winkelhoff

### BOYS U14

1. Ben Gerhardt
2. Henry Gerhardt
3. Finn Kyngdon

### GIRLS U18

1. Elena Kyngdon



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# KING OF THE POND

## CORE 2024 RIDERS

National BIG AIR Series

### OPEN

Ruben Swart	Denys Karantonis
Jared Plug	Matteo Serra
Maxwell Dahl	Ben Gerhardt
Joel Grantham	Nathan Pizzuto
Christian Tio	Giulio Bedei
Joshua Newman	Dylan Fraser
Kymin Kay-Smith	Declan Wiersma
Faodren Le Coq	Henry Gerhardt
Sam Constable	Hayden Matthews

### WOMEN

Cristiana Vacca  
Nadine Hof  
Ieke Verkuil  
Tracy Kim Kay-Smith  
Nikki Sherry  
Ruby Nelson  
Amber Skinner  
Carlotta Petti

### U14 JUNIORS

Ben Gerhardt  
Henry Gerhardt  
Amber Skinner  
Youri Karantonis  
Fynn Goat  
Finn Kyngdon  
Murphy Slater  
Evin Roeske Petti

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# KING OF THE POND

## CORE RESULTS

National BIG AIR Series

### OPEN

- 1st Maxwell Dahl
- 2nd Ben Gerhardt
- 3rd Ruben Swart

### WOMEN

- 1st Ieke Verkuil
- 2nd Nadine Hof
- 3rd Cristiana Vacca

### U14 JUNIORS

- 1st Ben Gerhardt
- 2nd Henry Gerhardt
- 3rd Amber Skinner

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# WA STATE FREESTYLE TITLES 2023/24

## RESULTS

### MEN

1. Alex Djuric
2. Emerson Johnston
3. Cody Tuckwell

### Women

1. Agata Dobrzynska
2. Elena Kyngdon

### Masters

1. Stephen de Legh
2. Hervé Dutrénit

### Girls U18

1. Elena Kyngdon
2. Laetitia Jeannerat

### Boys U18

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

### Boys U14

1. Henry Gerhardt
2. Fynn Goat
3. Finn Kyngdon



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# WA STATE WAVE TITLES 2023/24

## RESULTS



### Men's

1. Guillaume Metrot
2. Dale Stanton
3. Scott Rawson

### Women's

1. Yasmina Bujanow
2. Amber Skinner
3. Anh Dao

### Master's (35+)

1. Patrick Jeannerat
2. Clinton Jahn
3. Daniel Hazell

### Legend's (50+)

1. Geoff Golder
2. Mark Salter
3. Marc Blais

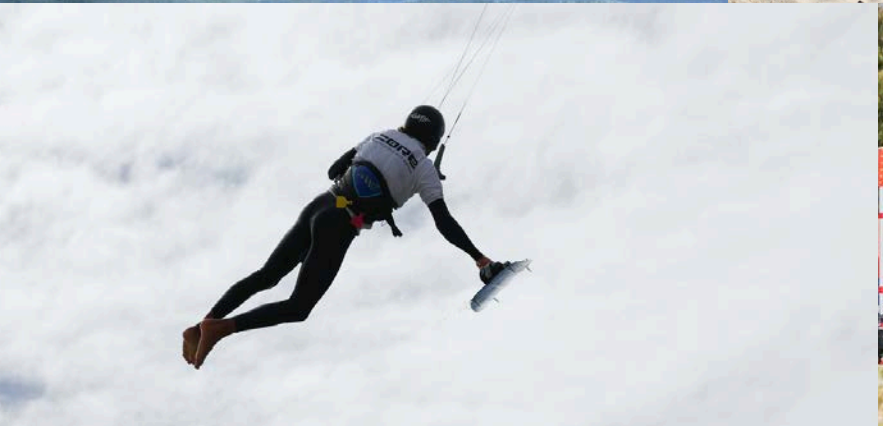
### Juniors U18F

1. Amber Skinner
2. Leticia Jeannerat
3. Elena Kyngdon

### Juniors U18

1. Joel Grantham
2. Finn Kyngdon
3. Hayden Matthews

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WAVE  
COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN  
DELIVERING THIS EVENT. JOHN SKINNER,  
ANDRE CATER, LUCA DE PRATO, BONNIE &  
ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND JUDGES.





# MESSAGE FROM KITEBOARDING AUSTRALIA



## *Dear Kiteboarding Western Australia Members,*

As we reflect on another remarkable year for our sport, I am writing on behalf of Kiteboarding Australia to express our heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional efforts of the Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) board, committees, staff, and volunteers. Your unwavering commitment and passion continue to drive the growth of kiteboarding throughout Western Australia.

This past season has been particularly noteworthy, with KWA hosting three major national events. The Wave Nationals in Margaret River once again proved to be an unforgettable experience, garnering overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants. We were also thrilled to introduce the inaugural Core Big Air Nationals in Augusta and the Australian Wing Foil National Championships at Jervoise Bay. These events showcased the vibrant kiteboarding community in Western Australia and set a high standard for future competitions.

I would like to extend special recognition to Dania Gerhardt for her outstanding leadership in organising the Freestyle Nationals and Junior Progression Sessions at The Pond, Safety Bay. Dania's organisational prowess and deep understanding of our sport were instrumental in delivering a smooth and highly successful event. Our gratitude also extends to our valued sponsors: Core Kiteboarding, North Kiteboarding, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, City of Cockburn, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Quobba, Cabrinha, City of Rockingham, Madora Bay Settlements, Slingshot, WA Surf, and Safety Bay Yacht Club. Their support has been crucial in making these events possible.

KWA's continued development as a State Sporting Association, recognised by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, is a source of great pride for Kiteboarding Australia. 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 fostering both participation and excellence in kiteboarding across Western Australia.

I also want to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our other event organisers, coaches, officials, and volunteers who have contributed to numerous successful events this past year. From local competitions to clinics and membership gatherings, these dedicated individuals have devoted countless hours to creating rewarding experiences for our members and the wider kite community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our plans to further develop our courses, coaching, and officiating pathways. These initiatives will support continued growth and excellence in our sport. We are also thrilled to announce that the upcoming season will see Western Australia host the Big Air Nationals once again and the Freestyle Nationals. We hope to see as many of you as possible at these events.

In closing, I want to emphasise the critical importance of a strong membership base for the sustainability and future of our sport. We at Kiteboarding Australia look forward to serving our members in Western Australia for years to come. Your continued support and engagement are what make our community so vibrant and our sport so thrilling.

Thank you for your passion, your commitment, and your spirit. Here's to another fantastic year of kiteboarding in Western Australia!

Best Wishes,

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



# FINANCE MANAGERS REPORT

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) has had another busy year investing in the long-term strategy of financial stability and sustainability. The hard work of the board, committees and volunteers has continued to be rewarding and steering the organisation in the right trajectory. The organisation has been able to retain its category F state sporting association which secures funding for the organisation to cover the administration costs of the association in a sustainable manner.

Safety awareness and advocacy for kiteboarding on and off the water continues to be a key focus for the organisation to maintain a positive perception of kiteboarding in Western Australia. There has been proven delivery of new events in the form of big air nationals with future big air events planned. Being a predominantly volunteer staffed organisation has presented its own challenges, particularly with community events. The organisation continues to run events to the highest standards of safety and risk management for state events.

KWA recognised revenue of 108,096 for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 with \$9,889 in membership revenue and \$20,000 from State Sporting accreditation status as a category F State Sporting Association (SSA). The balance of revenue came from events, grants and other sources. The administration function was filled part way through the year and we welcome Lianne Smith aboard as Operations and Compliance Manager. Part time financial manager and executive officer continued to be employed to ensure strategic and operational objectives continued to be met. KWA organisation committed an investment of substantial resources towards on-boarding and gearing up for the new season and hence ran a deficit of (\$16,738).

The organisation is in a strong position with accumulated surplus of \$68,300 at year end, total assets of \$100,466 and a cash balance of \$88,621.

I am looking forward to another action-packed event season and consistent summer sea breezes. Catch you on the water.

**Liam Surridge**  
Financial Manager





# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Balance Sheet

Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated  
As at 30 June 2024

	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Society Cheque - Holding	55,993	81,093
Society Cheque - Transactional	32,628	4,182
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>88,621</b>	<b>85,274</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	550	2,446
Prepaid expenditure	256	207
Prepayments - Web hosting & domains	629	958
Prepayments - Workers Compensation Insurance	1,293	555
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>4,166</b>
Fixed Assets	9,117	10,853
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100,466</b>	<b>100,294</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
DLGSC - Advanced Coaching and Officiating 2023 (II)	1,980	15,000
DLGSC - Level 1 Coaching Framework Development	14,310	-
Other Current Liabilities	-	255
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,347	-
Project Consultant Liabilities	10,500	-
Superannuation Payable	2,028	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>32,165</b>	<b>15,255</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>32,165</b>	<b>15,255</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>68,300</b>	<b>85,039</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(16,738)	34,850
Retained Earnings	85,039	50,189
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>68,300</b>	<b>85,039</b>

# Profit and Loss

## Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Membership fees - Kiteboarding Australia	9,889	10,242
Event Grants	1,946	1,640
Sponsorship	19,200	1,000
Entrance fees - Events	10,125	10,502
Coaching clinics	5,910	5,200
Industry Investment Grant - DLGSC	20,000	20,000
DLGSC Event funding	27,400	29,000
DLGSC Coaching and Officiating development	13,370	14,700
Other Revenue	255	-
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>108,096</b>	<b>92,284</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Event expenses	31,643	28,511
Coaching clinics	7,645	7,946
Level 1 Coaching Framework development costs	350	-
Coaching and Officiating grant	12,623	7,685
Core - National series Big Air	2,000	-
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>54,260</b>	<b>44,142</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>48,142</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
AGM expenses	535	357
Bank Fees	50	25
Depreciation	1,736	1,736
Equipment purchased	444	202
Insurance - Lockup	193	120
Licence & Insurance - Events Trailer	371	267
Legislation compliance	96	-
Meeting Expenses	16	321
Postage and communication	274	240
Rick Pryce Memorial trophy	-	458
Software licences	1,905	706
Storage	4,846	3,793
Salaries & Wages	58,902	4,139
Subscriptions	260	245
Training & workshops	115	508
Uniforms - staff & volunteers	425	-
Website hosting	407	176
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>70,574</b>	<b>13,293</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(16,738)</b>	<b>34,850</b>



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