



KITEBOARDING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25



KITEBOARDING
AUSTRALIA





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SAFETY · PARTICIPATION · ADVOCACY

VISION

We are a recognised leader in wing, kite and foil sports. We foster an engaged and growing community through exceptional events and communication, strong advocacy, and sustainable financial and environmental practices.

MISSION

Kiteboarding WA represents the interests of all wing, kite and foil based sport disciplines. It aims to increase participation through promotion of safe practices, maintaining and advocating for beach access and developing the sport through events and training for the community.

VALUES



Inclusion
Respect
Innovation
Safety
Sustainability

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Governance & Finance
Events & Participation
Training & Pathways
Marketing & Communications
Trends & New Sports



ABOUT US

DIRECTORS FY 2024/25

Daniel Anderson
Klair Skinner
Ian Jack
Vacant
April Warren
Kirsten Kyngdon
Michelle Magdy
Suzie Pearce

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary



RESIGNATIONS April Warren (June 2025)

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, Kirsten Kyngdon

Advocacy/Safety

Rebecca Bury, Daniel Anderson, Mark Slater, Fiona Slater

Governance, Finance and Risk

Liam Surridge, Rebecca Bury, Kirsten Kyngdon, Suzie Pearce, Michelle Magdy, Daniel Anderson.

STAFF

Rebecca Bury
Liam Surridge
Tiffany Heary

Executive Officer*
Financial Manager*
Sport & Recreation Officer*

**Part time roles*





ACCREDITED SCHOOLS





2024/25 STATISTICS

567

registered
members

9

juniors in
progression
sessions

2

spots advocated for
& kept accessible



58

medals awarded

2.7k

Instagram followers

3.1k

Facebook followers

12

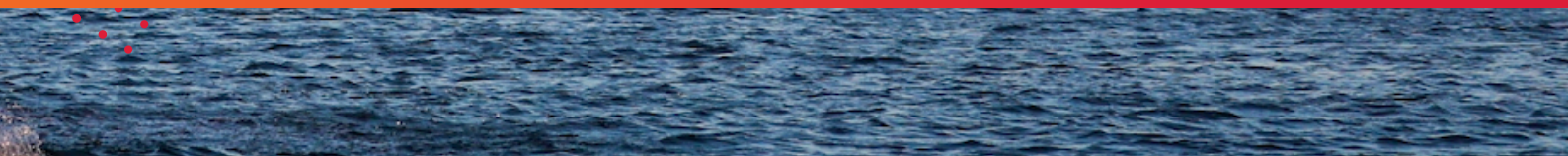
Kiteboarding
Australia
registered schools
in WA

2

national events
hosted

168

registered female
members in
2024/25





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are pleased to present the 2024/25 Annual Report for KWA.

The past financial year has been one of revenue growth, renewal, and change for Kiteboarding Western Australia. With the winds of the water sports shifting, our community has once again proven its enthusiasm for everything wind-powered – whether on a kite, a wing, or somewhere in between.

A major highlight came from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS), which recognised our evolving role and upgraded KWA to Category E status – increasing annual funding from \$20,000 to \$50,000. This milestone reflects the importance of our sport. It has allowed us to strengthen our organisational core, with Rebecca Bury, Liam Surridge, and Tiffany Heary driving the core functions of KWA as part-time employees.

We're particularly proud of our progress in officiating and education. Working with Kiteboarding Australia and supported by CITS, we have launched new online courses and formalised officiating pathways to support safer, better-run events and future competition leaders. Female participation is actively being supported with women's clinics, and our junior riders are making waves internationally, showing that WA's next generation is ready to fly the flag proudly.

Of course, it hasn't all been smooth sailing. Membership numbers have declined 28% in the last three years, requiring us to review our value proposition; this within the broader shift of the sporting landscape, as new disciplines – especially wing foiling – are capturing our sessions across the State.

In response, the Board has been proactively reshaping its strategy, structure and reviewing our identity and branding. This includes considering an evolution of our name to 'Kite & Wing Western Australia'. A scope that reflects our community's growing passion for both kite and wing sports. A discussion that will continue at this year's Annual General Meeting.





As we look ahead, one thing remains constant: our commitment to growing a vibrant, inclusive, and future-ready community of riders. Thank you to all members, volunteers, sponsors, and partners for your energy and support throughout this exciting year. Together, we continue to ride the wind – wherever it takes us next.

Safe kiting and good winds. Yours truly,

Gregory Gerhardt & Daniel Anderson
President & Vice President





COACHING AND OFFICIATING REPORT



With the support of the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS), KWA commenced development of an enhanced Coaching Framework, introducing two new online courses. The CITS-funded Coaching Project has been instrumental in advancing KA & KWA's national coaching and officiating pathways designed to reduce barriers for upskilling, particularly for regional participants.

The program also supported the creation of the Junior Instructor Accreditation, providing young athletes with a clear pathway to begin developing their skills in coaching and instructing.

Developed in partnership with Kiteboarding Australia, the program has benefited from input by leading industry experts, including the British Kitesports Association and the Global Kitesports Association (GKA), ensuring alignment with international best practices.

This initiative marks an exciting step forward for the sport, strengthening the quality of coaching and officiating across Australia, raising event standards, and building greater organisational capacity for the future.





FEMALE DEVELOPMENT

In 2024/25, KWA reaffirmed its commitment to diversity and female development in kiteboarding and wingfoiling, aligning with government policy that recognises the transformative impact of empowering women and girls in sport. Following a community survey in January 2024, which highlighted strong interest in development clinics (91%) and social catchups (66%), KWA delivered four social events across Perth and four targeted clinics, engaging over 95 participants. These initiatives aimed to boost female participation, support progression beyond lessons, and strengthen member value.

Notable achievements included increased female representation at competitions, enthusiastic feedback from attendees, and collaborative efforts with KA, SheKites and Western Australian Chick Kites (WACK). Volunteers Doris Dengel and Rachel Baveye played key roles in driving this success.

Kirsten Kyngdon
Director





JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

For the 2024/25 season, the goal was to further evolve our junior development program by giving older and more advanced juniors the opportunity to step into instructing and coaching roles. This season, KA introduced its first-ever Junior Instructor Course, allowing juniors aged 14 and above to instruct and coach under the supervision of a senior coach.

Five juniors successfully completed their Junior Instructor Licence in February 2025: Elena Kyngdon, Nathan Pizzuto, Joel Grantham, Hayden Matthews, and Ben Gerhardt. This milestone not only supports the personal growth of our young riders but also ensures the long-term sustainability of our junior program.

Building on this, some of our newly qualified junior instructors are now assisting in coaching the next generation during the Junior Progression Sessions, led by experienced rider and coach Ryan Parsons.

Our WA juniors have also achieved remarkable success on both national and international stages this season.

At the Big Air Nationals in Augusta, Ruben Swart and Joel Grantham claimed two of the three podium spots in the Men's Open division, with Ruben also earning an impressive 2nd place in the International Men's division, narrowly behind world-class rider Hugo Wigglesworth. At the Freestyle Nationals, Elena Kyngdon took the win in the Women's Open division, while Ben Gerhardt secured 2nd place in the Men's Open, just behind international competitor Leo Verrecchia.

Internationally, our WA riders — Elena and Finn Kyngdon, Henry and Ben Gerhardt, and Fynn Goat from the Northern Territory — formed a strong Australian delegation, returning home with several outstanding results: Elena Kyngdon – 3rd Place U19 Women Freestyle, Youth World Championships. Ben Gerhardt – 2nd Place, U16 Men Big Air, Youth World Championships. Henry Gerhardt – 2nd Place, U14 Men Freestyle, Youth World Championships.

A heartfelt thank you to all parents, coaches, and volunteers whose dedication makes it possible to run such a strong junior development program. Your ongoing support helps our kiteboarding juniors reach incredible heights.

Dania Gerhardt
Junior Development Sub-Committee





EVENTS

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) delivered a fantastic lineup of events across the 2024/25 season, thanks to our dedicated volunteers, organisers, and valued sponsors.

The Core Big Air Nationals brought an incredible level of excitement and talent to Augusta, showcasing some of the most spectacular riding we've seen yet. Meanwhile, Kite Carnival at The Pond, Safety Bay featured the Australian Freestyle Nationals, creating a vibrant, community-driven celebration of kiteboarding. The body dragging competition was a highlight of the season – and easily the most competitive division of all!

A huge thank you to Ben Swart and Dania Gerhardt for their tireless work in delivering these events and for their continued commitment to the WA kiteboarding community. Dania also successfully ran the State Freestyles at The Pond, giving riders a great platform to display their skills and progress through the ranks.

Unfortunately, the State Waves were unable to run this year due to limited permit dates and light winds, but we're already looking forward to bringing the event back bigger and better in Geraldton this November.

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 - watch this space! 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 Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport, WA Surf, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, Core, Kiteboarding Australia, Fremantle Ports and City of Cockburn.



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SAFETY BAY • WA • JAN 24-27

KITEBOARDING FREESTYLE NATIONALS

RESULTS

MENS OPEN

- 1 Leo Verrecchia
- 2 Ben Gerhardt
- 3 Ryan Parsons

MASTERS

- 1 Stephen de Legh
- 2 Matteo Fanetti
- 3 Liam Surridge

U18 GIRLS

- 1 Elena Kyngdon
- 2 Mia Rothwell
- 3 Laetitia Jeannerat

U14 GIRLS

- 1 Indy Skinner

WOMENS OPEN

- 1 Elena Kyngdon
- 2 Louna Allin
- 3 Mia Rothwell

U18 BOYS

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

U14 BOYS

- 1 Henry Gerhardt
- 2 Finn Kyngdon
- 3 Murphy Slater



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WASURF
KITE • WING • FOIL

SURF FX

MX DESIGN

HOLY WOLF
CUSTOM BOARD

Smooth LEGS
waxing

A BIG STITCH UP

* All times and schedule
subject to change

CORE BIG AIR NATIONALS

AUGUSTA 2025

RESULTS

MENS OPEN

- 1 Ryan Parsons
- 2 Ruben Swart
- 3 Joel Grantham

INTERNATIONAL MEN

- 1 Hugo Wigglesworth
- 2 Ruben Swart
- 3 Ryan Parsons

WOMENS OPEN

- 1 Nikki Sherry
- 2 Brooke Kenney
- 3 Tracy Kay-Smith

JUNIOR BOYS U16

- 1 Ben Gerhardt
- 2 Henry Gerhardt
- 3 Storm van der Werf

MASTERS

- 1 Matteo Fanetti
- 2 Denys Karantonis
- 3 Dan Troy

JUNIOR BOYS U14

- 1 Henry Gerhardt
- 2 Fynn Goat
- 3 Youri Karantonis

AMATEURS

- 1 Max Meertens
- 2 Roman Owen
- 3 Harry Ffoulkes

CORE
National BIG AIR Series



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KITE · WING · FOIL

WA STATE FREESTYLE TITLES 2024/25 RESULTS

MEN

- 1. Ben Gerhardt**
- 2. Ryan Parsons**
- 3. Stephen de Legh**

Masters

- 1. Stephen de Legh**
- 2. Matteo Fanetti**
- 3. Liam Surridge**

Boys U18

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

Women

- 1. Elena Kyngdon**
- 2. Mia Rothwell**
- 3. Laetitia Rothwell**

Girls U18

- 1. Elena Kyngdon**
- 2. Mia Rothwell**
- 3. Laetitia Jeannerat**

Boys U14

- 1. Henry Gerhardt**
- 2. Finn Kyngdon**
- 3. Murphy Slater**





MESSAGE FROM KITEBOARDING AUSTRALIA



Dear Kiteboarding Western Australia Members,

As we launch into an exciting new season, Kiteboarding Australia would like to congratulate Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) on increasing its State Sporting Association (SSA) categorisation with CITS and achieving Category E. This fantastic milestone is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and professionalism of the KWA team to date. We're also delighted to welcome Gregory Gerhardt as the new KWA President, bringing his drive, energy, and passion for the sport to the organisation. We look forward to working closely with Gregory and the entire KWA team as we continue to grow kiteboarding across Western Australia.

Reflecting on another remarkable year, Kiteboarding Australia extends our heartfelt appreciation to the KWA board, committees, staff, and volunteers. Your commitment and enthusiasm continue to inspire growth, participation, and excellence throughout the sport. The past season has been particularly impressive, with KWA successfully hosting two major national events. The Kite Karnival featuring the Freestyle Nationals at The Pond delivered another unforgettable experience with outstanding feedback from riders and spectators alike. WA also celebrated the second year of hosting the Core Big Air Nationals in Augusta, both of which showcased the strength and spirit of the Western Australian kiteboarding community.

We also extend our gratitude to our valued sponsors and partners – Core Kiteboarding, North Kiteboarding, Shire of Augusta Margaret River, City of Cockburn, Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport, Quobba, City of Rockingham, Madora Bay Settlements, Slingshot and WA Surf whose ongoing support makes these achievements possible.

KWA's continued development as a recognised State Sporting Association under CITS remains a point of pride for Kiteboarding Australia. Your leadership in governance, program delivery, and event management continues to set the benchmark for kiteboarding organisations across the country.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue building on this momentum through new coaching and officiating pathways, further development opportunities, and another exciting calendar of events. Western Australia will once again host the Big Air Nationals and the Wave Nationals, and we can't wait to see the community come together to celebrate the sport at its best.

As always, a strong membership base underpins our shared success. We thank all members for your ongoing support and encourage you to stay involved, renew your membership, and continue being part of this dynamic and passionate community.

Here's to another incredible season of kiteboarding in Western Australia – filled with wind, waves, and unforgettable moments on the water!

Best Wishes,

Rebecca Bury

General Manager, Kiteboarding Australia



TREASURER'S REPORT

Kiteboarding Western Australia (KWA) has continued to strengthen its financial position and deliver on its long-term goal of financial sustainability and organisational stability. The 2024/25 year has been one of growth, consolidation, and renewed activity across all facets of the association's operations.

Financial Overview

KWA recorded total revenue of \$146,946 for the year, representing a significant increase from \$108,096 in 2023-24. The largest contributors were Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) grants, event income, and sponsorships. CITS funding totalled \$111,540 across the Industry Investment Grant, event funding, and coaching/officiating development support, underpinning the association's capacity to deliver quality events and programs.

Event operations continued to expand, with the successful delivery of national and state-level competitions and coaching programs. Although costs associated with these activities rose in line with increased participation and safety requirements, overall performance improved markedly, resulting in a net surplus of \$8,348, compared with a (\$16,738) deficit the previous year.

Operating expenditure remained well controlled at \$82,401, supporting key functions including staff salaries, event management, storage, insurance, and IT systems. The association continued to invest in improved administrative systems and professional capability through part-time operational, compliance, and financial management roles.

Balance Sheet Position

At year-end, KWA held total assets of \$81,683, comprising \$72,145 in cash reserves, \$2,157 in current assets, and \$7,381 in fixed assets after depreciation. Total liabilities were reduced significantly to \$5,034, down from \$32,165 the prior year, reflecting prudent financial management and settlement of project and grant obligations. The association's net assets increased to \$76,649, and retained earnings strengthened accordingly.

Strategic and Operational Outlook

The association's improved financial results provide a strong platform to continue investing in community engagement, coaching development, and event delivery. As a Category F State Sporting Association, KWA retains essential CITS accreditation, ensuring continued funding for administrative and governance capacity.

Safety awareness, beach access advocacy, and positive representation of kiteboarding across Western Australia remain key strategic priorities. Volunteer support continues to be integral to event success, and the board acknowledges the ongoing efforts of all who contribute their time and energy to the sport.

Conclusion

KWA finishes the 2024/25 financial year in a stable and positive position, with solid reserves and the operational strength to deliver another exciting summer season. The board remains focused on maintaining financial sustainability, supporting the kiteboarding community, and promoting safe and enjoyable participation across the state.

Looking forward to another great season of strong winds and great events — see you on the water.

Ian Jack
Treasurer





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet

Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated As at 30 June 2025

	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
Assets		
Bank		
Society Cheque - Holding	67,393	55,993
Society Cheque - Transactional	4,752	32,628
Total Bank	72,145	88,621
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	350	550
Prepaid expenditure	1,307	2,178
Security bond - City of Fremantle Santa DW	500	-
Total Current Assets	2,157	2,728
Fixed Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	14,771	14,771
Accumulated Depreciation - Property, Plant & Equipment	(7,390)	(5,654)
Total Fixed Assets	7,381	9,117
Total Assets	81,683	100,466
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	150	-
Grant Liabilities	4,650	16,290
PAYG Withholdings Payable	234	3,347
Project Consultant Liabilities	-	10,500
Superannuation Payable	-	2,028
Total Current Liabilities	5,034	32,165
Total Liabilities	5,034	32,165
Net Assets	76,649	68,300
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	8,348	(16,738)
Retained Earnings	68,300	85,039
Total Equity	76,649	68,300

Profit and Loss

Kiteboarding Western Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Membership fees - Kiteboarding Australia	7,702	9,889
Event Grants	4,198	1,946
Sponsorship	14,500	19,200
Entrance fees - Events	8,045	10,125
Coaching clinics	961	5,910
Industry Investment Grant - DLGSC	20,000	20,000
DLGSC Event funding	79,900	27,400
DLGSC Coaching and Officiating development	11,640	13,370
Other Revenue	-	255
Total Trading Income	146,946	108,096
Cost of Sales		
Event expenses	48,322	31,643
Coaching clinics	2,384	7,645
Level 1 Coaching Framework development costs	5,490	350
Coaching and Officiating grant	-	12,623
Core - National series Big Air	-	2,000
Total Cost of Sales	56,196	54,260
Gross Profit	90,749	53,836
Operating Expenses		
Administrative expenses	4,101	957
Consulting	2,200	-
Depreciation	1,736	1,736
Equipment purchased	-	444
Flowers & Gifts	277	-
Insurance - Lockup	360	193
Licence & Insurance - Events Trailer	357	371
Postage and communication	305	274
Repairs and Maintenance	12	-
Software licences	2,769	1,905
Storage	5,735	4,846
Salaries & Wages	60,434	58,902
Training & workshops	50	115
Uniforms - staff & volunteers	-	425
Website hosting	460	407
Sponsorship - International Juniors	1,400	-
Salary - Visa lodgement expense	2,205	-
Total Operating Expenses	82,401	70,574
Net Profit	8,348	(16,738)



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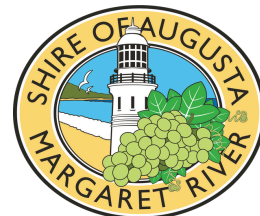
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