

WAVESKI SURFING AUSTRALIA NEWS



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WSA Inc. News

New WSA Committee

At the Australian Titles this year, there was a changing of the guard. Brett Cronin, Travis Best and Tracey Drescher stood down from the WSA committee after two years. On behalf of everyone, we would like to thank them for the hard work put in over the last 2 years and the handover they provided to the new committee. They passed on an association that was no longer in the red and had established solid foundations for rebuilding the national body for Waveski Surfing in Australia.

Melissa Hardy (President), Darren Kearns (Secretary) and Penny Bedford (Treasurer) were voted in as the new WSA committee. Shortly after Penny was unable to continue due to work commitments, and Larry Adams kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. We would like to thank Penny for her contributions in the short time she was able to assist.

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Australian Titles

A Successful Event

Huge thanks have to go to Rees Duncan, Khane Duncan and Steve Cleary for organizing and running a successful Australian Titles this year at Emerald Beach. In solid consistent swell, the event tested the skills of our surfers, warranted for a National event. It is not often you have swell over 3 feet for the duration of a comp. A unique format for the competition was run with over 40 contestants. The venue at Emerald Beach is always beautiful and the caravan park and local pub are more than accommodating. Please check the new website for results and photos on the event.

Date Confirmation for 2006

We can confirm the dates for next years Australian Titles to be from May 1 through to May 6, 2006 at Coffs Harbour. With the Australian Titles still being one of the most competitive events worldwide, the timing will be an ideal training opportunity for those planning to travel to South Africa to contest the World Titles in July.



Emerald Beach, Coffs Harbour

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WSA Activities since May

The new committee has had a steep learning curve in the last 3-4 months, and we're very proud to update you on our recent activities.

- WSA has a new logo;
- To comply with Incorporation requirements, WSA now has the required public liability insurance (thanks to Duncan Financials for their help); A common seal (thanks to Albert G for his creative input with this and the logo); The national registration with ASIC is ongoing and should be completed shortly;
- The membership database has been updated but will continue to be an ongoing process;
- The WSA Finances are up to date and there is a new WSA bank account. Along with this the WSA has an ABN number and tax file number both required by the bank;
- A new domain and website has been developed at www.waveskisurvingaust.com;
- A review of the current insurance has been compiled in preparation for a 2006 National Insurance project;
- We have confirmed a date for the 2006 Australian Titles in Coffs Harbour to be from May 1 through to May 6.

However, not all of this can be accomplished by three people alone and thankfully we've received assistance from other waveski surfers helping out where they can. The WSA is also working on a WSA business plan for the remainder of this year and beyond and hope to update you in our next newsletter. Please read on for more info on these topics.

Darren, Larry & Mel

WSA Inc.



New WSA Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new WSA website. The new address is www.waveskisurvingaust.com and the old association address will redirect for 12 months.

With the help of Steve Farthing and guidance from Albert Golledge, we have been able to launch the Home page and Events section with a calendar for up and coming events, reports and results and photos from last years world titles and this years Australian titles.

Over the course of the next couple of months we will be adding further sections on:

- the sport of waveski surfing for newcomers including a hall of fame, history of the sport in Oz, coaching pack and judging rules and stories about our surfers.
- the association with the model rules, business plan, constitution, insurance details, meeting minutes and newsletters such as this;
- club and state contacts and times to meet up and go for a wave and where;
- links for manufacturers, International associations, info sources on the sport;
- how to contact us and provide feedback;

We have also acknowledged sponsorship assistance provided by Blades Paddles and Dekka Waveski's. If any other manufacturers, businesses or sponsors would be interested in supporting the website and national body for this sport, please go to the website for further information or contact us at admin@waveskisurvingaust.com.

Developing a website is time consuming and takes a huge amount of effort to compile and update. We are always looking for help with putting together information for the site. If you have a flair for writing or photography and would be keen to contribute to the website, please contact us at admin@waveskisurvingaust.com.

Insurance

How are you covered?

In today's litigious environment, competitive waveski surfing is not possible without comprehensive insurance coverage. Our current insurance policy is through Western Australian Waveski Association (WAWSA) until February 2006 and WSA Inc. is also covered by a separate public liability policy. The National body is currently conducting a review of the insurance options available to the sport in 2006 and will communicate more towards the end of this year.

If your club would like to run a competition between now and February 2006, it is the individual club's responsibility to ensure all competitors are covered and that your club complies with council insurance obligations.

A waveski surfer can apply for insurance cover two ways:

- If the person wishes to join West Coast WSC, then complete an application form and send \$45 cheque to West Coast which will cover their Insurance to Feb, 2006, or
- The surfer can join their local club and the club forwards membership details to West Coast with a cheque (\$45 per member).

The West Coast WSC acts as an on forwarding contact for the WAWSA and forward names and payment.

Contact either contact the WSA (admin@waveskisurfgaust.com) or WAWSA (croomere@cba.com.au OR borg@q-net.net.au) for:

- a copy of the insurance certificate that may be required by council;
- a list of active members signed up for insurance to ensure all competitors have paid for insurance and
- a membership form if you want any non-insured competitors to sign up directly with the West coast Waveski Club (WSC).

The current WAWSA insurance policy includes personal accident, public liability (\$10 million - minimum required by certain states) and professional indemnity insurance through Sportscover Australia.

This insurance policy covers competitors surfing in events nationwide as long as competitors are paid up with either their club (and fees are forwarded to WAWSA) via one of the Western Australia clubs who will forward your fee's onto the WAWSA. Clubs presently recognised by the current insurance policy with WAWSA as "active" within Australia are -

Perth Wave Ski Club; The West Coast Wave Ski Club; Peninsula Wave Ski club; Batemans Bay Wave Ski Club; Northern Beaches Wave Ski Club; Coffs Harbour Wave Ski Club; Gold Coast/Tweed Wave Ski Club; North Coast Wave Ski Club

The Insurance cover allows the clubs listed above to compete at a local level. If a new club comes on board or resurrects itself the WAWSA needs to be informed.

If you require any further information on this, please contact the WSA at admin@waveskisurfgaust.com.

HELP WANTED

- **Have you been riding a waveski for years?**
- **Can you string a few words together?**
- **Do you want to contribute to the sport and help other people ride a waveski?**

Then the WSA needs YOUR help to put together pieces for the website to help newcomers and oldtimers with waveski surfing in Oz.

If you are interested in giving back to the sport, please contact us at

admin@waveskisurfgaust.com.

Australian Titles (Cont'd)

Competition Format for 2006

Along with the contest directors, we are reviewing this year's format and with feedback from club and state representatives are planning to ensure we have an even more successful comp next year.

If you have any feedback regarding this years format, please contact your club or state representative before September 25th. The following lists those that have been asked to collate feedback.

- Scott Wakefield, WAWSA, WA
- Rod Borg, West Coast WSC, WA
- Paul Buttigieg, Perth WSC, WA
- Albert Golledge, Northern Beaches Club, NSW
- Lance Milnes, Wollongong Club, NSW
- Rees Duncan, Coffs Harbour Club, NSW
- Mark Buckley, Bateman's Bay Club, NSW
- Larry Adams, Newcastle Club, NSW
- Neil Decker, Gold Coast Tweed WSC, QLD
- Bill Campbell, North Coast Club, QLD
- Travis Best, Peninsula Club, VIC

After this date the feedback will be collated and we will provide further information on the competition format. Check out the website for further details. We look forward to seeing at Coffs in 2006!

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN THE LAST YEAR?

Would you like us to keep you up to date with news on the waveski surfing scene in Australia, please send us your new contact details –

admin@waveskisurvingaust.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUSTRALIAN TITLES

EMERALD BEACH, COFFS HARBOUR NSW

MAY 1- MAY 6, 2006

WORLD TITLES

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

JULY 1 – JULY 9, 2006

WSA Financial Update

The WSA financial records were handed over and audited in May. They will be reaudited in December for submission to the Office of Fair Trading. Thanks to Travis Best for keeping a thorough account over the last year. It is one of the first financial statements the sport has seen in many years.

With the assistance of Jackie Dillon with compiling the required documents for the bank, we managed to establish the WSA bank account. All funds were transferred from the Peninsula account where Travis was managing the existing WSA funds. In addition, the funds from the old Australian Waveski Association Account have also been transferred. Thanks to Richard Croome and Kim Gardiner for their assistance with this.

To encourage financial transparency within WSA, please find the current financial status of the association as follows:

INCOMING for 2005

Remaining WSA Funds	\$772.06
Fundraising at Aussies	\$333.00
Old AWSA Account	\$487.39
TOTAL	\$1,592.45

OUTGOING for 2005

Bank fees for new account	\$50
Common Seal & Ink Pad	\$42.50
Website Hosting (12 months)	\$159.96
New Domain Name	\$13.33
Old Domain Redirection	\$13.33
Public Liability Insurance	\$672
Copy of Certificate of Inc.	\$15.80
Registration with ASIC	\$330
Lodging of Annual return	\$36.00
TOTAL	\$1,296.93

After these costs, in 2006 the WSA will have \$295.52 remaining minus any ongoing bank fees.

As you can see, National Associations do not run for free and there are ongoing management costs. Any further development by the National body will undoubtedly cost more. Any assistance that can be provided with fundraising, sponsorship, grants and support will be needed to help us further develop this sport in Australia.