



Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 22nd of September 2026, at 7.30pm via Zoom

1. Attending

Christophe Vial
Greg MacInnes
Richie Reynolds
Keith Single
Lissa McMillan
Tom Plodr
Nathan Clift
Berowne Hlavaty
Scott Watson
Martin Stone
Byron McIlveen
Glen Morrell
Jason Juretic (Wave)
Greg Johns (WCAA)

2. Apologies

James Farley
Neil McKinlay

3. President's report

WNSW President's report 2025-2026

Thanks all for attending tonight, and for your support and work across the year to support and promote the sport of windsurfing. Special thanks to the Committee of Treasurer Keith Single, Secretary Tom Plodr, Vice President and Public Officer Greg MacInnes and AWA Rep Richie Reynolds. Thanks also to the Club and Class delegates who have given their time and energy. The membership of AWA via Windsurfing NSW shrunk a little in the 2025-26 season, from a 15 year high of 535 the previous season to 462. As always, those numbers include Windsurfer One Design National membership which for historical reasons is registered through NSW. The number of NSW-based sailors is 260.

The drop in NSW reflects the broader national drop in registered windsurfers from 1041 to 992. We can ponder the reasons for this drop. Are windsurfers literally dying out? Perhaps a combination of new foiling sports, and ageing cohort, fewer young people in the sport?

Whatever the reason, action is being taken to stem the losses. I acknowledge the great work done by the Windsurfer class, celebrating its Australian 50 years anniversary. The class has produced a discussion paper on how to build a resilient class for the next generation, looking at retaining existing sailors through offering greater sail choice, increasing age groups into older categories, introducing divisions with reduced stamina requirements, and looking at expanding windsurfing activities beyond racing to adventure sailing, destination sailing weekends and long-distance cruising to name a few. That report is in the News section of the Windsurfer Class website if you are interested in having a look. See [Windsurfer Class Association of Australia | Windsurfer Class Australia](#)

The Wave Class has also been working hard on initiatives to increase junior sailors, and to assist kids and adults to transition from flat water to wave sailing with their Windsurf Development Camps, which has been supported in the past by WNSW, and it is something I believe we should support in the future.

The Slalom-GPS group is also moving with the times, incorporating fin, foil and wing craft in their activities.

Raceboards are providing a lot of formal and informal training to those wishing to learn how to windsurf, plus advanced coaching. The class is also using a shorter Sprint course to encourage less experienced sailors to join regattas, as well as catering to those who would like to use smaller sails, or just not sail so far. At the last nationals at Illawarra a retro division was introduced to encourage those without the latest gear to join in.

To more administrative matters, Windsurfing NSW no longer has a PayPal account. It was cancelled, with great difficulty, earlier this year due to recurring intricacies accessing our own money with the increased multi-factor verification that was introduced. Given the account had been set up years ago by former President Brett Morris, PayPal would only deal with him on the account, which was inconvenient for him and very difficult for the current committee. In recent years it has only been used pretty much only by Raceboards, and ultimately it looked like PayPal was not going to release \$1,700 of our funds. We finally succeeded in getting our money from them, but it wasn't easy. So we currently don't have an online payment platform. We are encouraging people to use bank transfer in the interim.

I will now ask Life Member and our Treasurer, Keith Single to present the financial statement for the season 2025/2026.

4. The financial statements for the season 2024/2025 were presented. (see attached PDF, **Financial Statement as at 30 June 2026**)

See attached financial statements & explanatory page. There was a small loss for the year (\$4,443.) There is \$34.4k cash at bank. Richie Reynolds moved that the accounts be accepted, seconded by Greg MacInnes.

5. The following Office Bearers were nominated & accepted for the 2025/2026 season

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| a. President Lissa | McMillan |
| b. Vice President | Greg McInnes |
| c. Treasurer | Keith Single |

- d. Secretary Tom Plodr
- e. AWA Representative Richie Reynolds

6. Wave and Windsurfer both have their own affiliated associations who will put forward a rep. The other classes operate as divisions of Windsurfing NSW.

- a. Wave – Jason Juretic
- b. Windsurfer LT/OD – Martin Stone
- c. Raceboards – Lissa McMillan
- d. Slalom/GPS - Berowne Hlavaty
- e. Youth/Bic Techno 293 - no nomination
- f. Foiling/IQ Foil – no nomination

7. Class rep reports

WAVE: Jason J reported that New South Wales Wave Sailing had 43 members, with juniors being the largest growth area following their January youth development camp. This saw 18 signups compared to 12 the previous year. The organisation attended several events including the Fiji Pro at Cloudbreak and added three Wave Rally events in New South Wales, which were well received. Jason announced plans for upcoming events including locations in Tabourie, Central Coast, Gerroa, Minnamurra, and Sanctuary Point, along with a new storm chase event and wave rally components at each event.

Wave are looking at the success of WA Wave and going for the kids of sailing parents and getting them involved. The cash reserves are low as money has been spent on beginner gear and funding for the youth development. Formats are aimed at getting the Sydney sailors out of Sydney and committing to a weekend. They are putting a wave rally event on at every event. Here is what Paul van Bellen is doing at Coronation Beach, Geraldton WA. [Wave Rally World Championships](#)

WCAA: Greg Johns provided an update on Windsurfer activities, reporting that the nationals were moved from Adelaide to Yeppoon due to algae issues and attracted 120 participants. The upcoming 50th anniversary Nationals will be capped at 250 entries. The class has incorporated to enable more involvement in Australian Sailing programs and securing funding opportunities. They have supported younger generations by providing \$10,000 worth of training equipment (Windsurfer SC school board) to clubs including Balmoral, Adelaide, Whitsundays and Melbourne and are planning to hold future nationals in Adelaide and Hobart. Internationally, they are working on building a South Pacific circuit using Windsurfer LT boards, with plans to finance additional equipment for countries like Tahiti, New Caledonia, and Fiji. WCAA finished last year at 365 members and are already at 300. Currently 15% of the fleet are women and they are looking to increase it.

Slalom/GPS: Berowne said 30 competitors attended events last year. This year's events will copy last year's agenda with racing again organised by Marmong.

Raceboard report 2025-2026: The past season saw steady numbers for Raceboarding in NSW. The interclub Series attracted 24 competitors, with the series won by James Grunfelder on a count back from Richie Reynolds on equal points. John Doolan was third. Helene Pino won the sprint fleet series. It is encouraging to see more women competing in Raceboard.

There were 32 competitors at the Nationals hosted at Illawarra Yacht Club. James Grunfelder was dominant, winning from Nathan Clift in second and John Doolan 3rd. In the popular Sprint division, Raja Jamal was 1st, followed by Patrice Jacquin 2nd and David Cranby 3rd.

Marmong hosted 29 competitors at the NSW States. Nathan Clift beat James Grunfelder in this one, with John Doolan very consistent with third once again. Silver fleet winner was David Cranby, Neil McKinlay second and Helene Pino third.

Six Raceboarders from Australia, and by that I mean DAC, (Allan Jamal, James Luffman, Richie Reynolds, Raja Jamal, Greg MacInnes and Lissa McMillan) travelled to Europe to participate in the Masters Worlds in Hungary with Richie Reynolds winning the tightly contested Legends category (60+) and placing 4th overall men's. Lissa McMillan won the overall women's.

I continue to represent Australia on the Executive Committee of the International Raceboard Class Association.

Secretary Report: It's time to make another push at Maritime to allow windsurfers on Sydney Harbour. Woollahra Sailing Club now has new GM who might be more supportive, particularly given it's member is the current Olympic silver medalist, and training in preparation for the Olympics should be able to occur on the harbour, though concerns were raised about potential resistance from maritime authorities.

8. AWA report. Richie reported that the AWA, arranged insurance for members in 26/27. The cost increased to \$30 per member. The IQ Foil & Wingfoil nationals was organised in January at Wangi Sailing Club, supported by AWA. The AWA is looking to support windsurfing and are interested in any proposals from classes and clubs.
9. Draft calendar for the 2025/2026 Season - <https://www.windsurfingnsw.com/calendar/>
10. It was resolved to leave the affiliation fee at \$100/club and increase the member fee to \$30 per member. This was approved.
11. There were no nominations of Life Members or for the Chas Powell award.
12. There was no General Business.
13. The meeting closed at 8.22pm.