



KITEBOARDING  
AUSTRALIA

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The 2017/18 season

Firstly, congratulations WAKSA for a successful year of governing the sport of Kiteboarding in Western Australia. Your association has made a monumental step for Kiteboarding being the inaugural state association awarded State Sporting Status.

Kiteboarding Australia (KA) was excited to see the Australian Freestyle Kiteboarding Nationals take place in Safety Bay over the Australia Day Long week end. Riders were given the opportunity to perform in a world class flat water location with perfect wind and a great area for spectators to absorb the action. The team at WAKSA did a phenomenal job at organising the event and we are equally excited to see it happen again next year.

Further north earlier in the season KA was pleased to work with the inaugural Mid West Wind Fest. The organising committee did an excellent job delivering an awesome event for our members with fun times had on the water, coupled with robust safety management and insurance. We look forward to supporting the team into the next summer along with the many other events that occur in your state.

The KA school program continued to grow in WA this summer, 12 months ago there were 7 accredited schools, this has now grown to 11 across the state. The growth of our school program demonstrates the maturity of the industry and is a clear indication that schools take safety and quality standards seriously in the west. We thoroughly value our relationship our organisation has with the schools and the impact this has in developing the grass roots of our sport. If you would like to find out more about our accredited KA schools in WA you can do so here -

<https://www.kiteboardingaus.com.au/instructors/find-a-school-to-learn-to-kiteboard/>

In December Mike Walker (KA head examiner) visited Safety Bay to complete a couple of instructor courses. We were pleased to accredit new KA instructors who have been teaching in the various schools in WA this summer. KA is visiting Western Australia again in November to deliver a level 1 course from November 12, 2018, spots on the course are limited.

KA is currently working on furthering our instructor courses to offer broader career paths in our sport via a senior instructor's accreditation and continuing to work on ensuring our accredited schools maintain the leading standard in kiteboarding safety.

In the administration side of our organisation, we have built a new website this year which has significantly increased the capabilities of KA and WAKSA to administer the sport across the country and deliver greater communication and benefits to our members. We are pleased to have a system in place now that can be used by KA and WAKSA to make time as sporting body more focussed on delivering sporting outcomes, not problem-solving IT challenges.

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We'd like to recognise KA's major partner **Classic Holidays** who made a significant financial contribution to the national title event in WA as well as other freestyle events around Australia last season as part of the National Freestyle Series. We would also like to thank all the other sponsors who supported all the events in Western Australia.

To the members at WAKSA, you're the lifeblood of the west, the support you give our sport is appreciated in every way; we will keep supporting you in making our sport the best it can be. We look forward to bringing you events, advocacy, insurance, training opportunities, best practice safety and opportunities to connect with our community into the years ahead.

To the WAKSA committee, outgoing and new, the service that you give to our sport is second to none, the volunteer hours don't go unnoticed, we sincerely appreciate what you have done for our collective membership.

Good winds and see you in the 2018/19 season.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Declan', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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