

WAWSA Winter Edition

President's Report

We are finally getting the winter weather we need. That has meant we have had very little good surf in the Perth Metro area. Some good waves have been had in the Mandurah and Lancelin region but even when the swell has reached the Perth coasts, the banks have been poor. The beach breaks have been attracting the wave size but the straightness of the banks have meant that there are very good shoulders to be found. Rob Borg has report some good waves at Avon, mostly during the week. I have found the northern reef break a bit hit and miss, often still breaking very close to the shore. As usual when the swell kicks up the mal's take over the breaks making a good ride hard work. We need more wave ski's back in the water.

Because of the hit and miss surfing conditions it has meant I have not been surf training at regular intervals, so if you have been looking for me I am sorry. I am endeavouring to go back to a regular surf time.

Good luck finding great surf

Scott Wakefield (President 2006)

News from Around the Country

Stuff to buy on the Australian Website has some good DVD's for sale. The WAWSA has purchased some of these for members to borrow. You can borrow then via Rob Borg on 9310 1709. I have the Katz Lines and it is a very interesting production from South Africa. I have viewed some of the footage from Twenty Seven DVD and its not bad either.

I have download some information from the Australian website I thought may be of interest members. Have a read.

Club Day Report 25th June 2006

By Steve Farthing

Seven am sunday morning and eight dedicated waveski surfers meet to formally restart the North Coast Waveski Club. Three to four foot lumpy conditions at the Kawana surf club greeted the crew who were all keen for a hit out. We decide on a man on man format with repercharge, 20 minute heats, best two waves. Travis Best and James Timperley were getting air, Rob Dalla-Bona and Bill Campbell were solid top to bottom, Steve Farthing was risking everything without much success and Gary Ross couldn't find the waves. Mike Payne and Rob Tapp gave it their best with Rob taking out the best wipeout.

After the comp we went back to Bill's place to check out the new WSA video "[Twenty Seven](#)" then Rob Tapp was up for rolling lessons in Bill's pool.

Next Comp Sunday July 23rd - Bring the kids along for a go on a waveski



Sounds like a state round with better surf



on the eastern seaboard. As such, all members who paid insurance fees in 2005 were covered for the period of 7th March 2005 through to the 7th March 2006.

Current State of Play of Waveski Surfing in Australia

Recent reports suggest that the number of competitive waveski surfers in the last 12 months has stabilised and is showing initial signs growth. Recent reports to support this include:

- Majority of Australian waveski manufacturers reporting record high custom waveski orders;
- Large retailers of waveski's are anecdotally reporting increases in waveski sales.
- To date there have been more local competitions organised this year versus the same time last year.
- The new WSA website is recording double the number of daily visitors in the last 6 months, and
- The current WSA financial membership figures are higher than same time last year.

Another measure that we are looking forward to reviewing is the number of competitors at the Australia Titles this year.

When considering the size of the sport, it's also important to consider the number of social waveski surfers far outweighs the number of registered competitive waveski surfers. Moulded waveski manufacturers report approximately 500-800 waveski's sold Australia wide each year.

Currently the sport in Australia is in an initial growth phase and is a long way from being in the clear. There is a large amount of work that needs to be done to get the sport back on track and in a comfortable position of growth. To achieve this, the sport needs everyone to work as a team and help out – it won't happen alone. So if you want to see your sport grow in Australia, then put up your hand and help out.

WSA Insurance Policy

The Western Australian Waveski Association (WAWSA) has been responsible for the National insurance policy in 2005. The policy was definitely valid and covered all members registered regardless of residential address - a copy of the 2005 insurance policy certificate is available [here](#). This insurance policy was from 7th of March 2005 through to 7th of March 2006. The majority of members renewed their insurance at the 2005 Australian titles in May which was the earliest opportunity to collect insurance fees from competitors

The 2006 WSA membership policy also includes insurance and starts from March 7, 2006 and expires on March 7, 2007. Anyone who wishes to compete in any Australian Waveski Surfing event between these dates must have current 2006 membership and insurance cover. For further information on the insurance policy please click

If you have any further questions about the membership/insurance policy, please email [WSA](#).

Waveski Surfing Australia Inc. looks forward to your continued support and we hope everyone can work collaboratively to continue to develop and promote the sport of waveski surfing Australia wide.

**WSA Committee
30th March 2006**





The Big Mail Out

This edition will be mailed out to all old and new members; we are seeking to reach what was once a very extensive base of waveskiers. The committee would like to update its records of all past and present waveskiers and stay in contact with them. We want to know if you are still riding your ski and how often. We are hoping to build the network again that will enable us to pass on information, such as where people have enjoyed their surfing on holidays. Did you know that in France they have professionals paid to coach waveskiing fulltime. The Worlds in South Africa were massive. I received an email with the events, the open had 70 heats alone. Our sport needs to raise its profile again and by sharing events, and humour, even if non-members are able to get together for a surf with old friends, our sport can be seen on Perth beaches again. To aid in this we are mailing out this edition to all members we have on record and would be hoping that you will take the time for return the tear off slip with your updated details, or email me with your update details. We have a great sport, so let's try and bring back the Waveski to Perth waters.

So if you are an old or current member we are inviting you to Cottesloe for a free sausage sizzle and a catch up with old friends. The BBQ will be fired up at about 11pm. Come down and catch up, watch some surfing, and afterwards surf with old friends for free surf. Let's take over **Isolators** for the afternoon.

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Tear Off (please return to 22 Finsbury View Landsdale 6065)
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Are you still waveskiing and of how often:

