Waveski Surfing Australia – Affiliated Clubs Development Survey

The following is a summary of the responses to WSA club survey of August, 2006

Current	**Wollongong**	**Batemans Bay**	**Coffs Harbour**	**Perth**	**Peninsular**
1. Do you have an active waveski surfing club in your area?	No. Wollongong Club is in a dormant state, has done for several years.	yes but mainly social.	Yes	Yes – 2 clubs Perth and West Coast. No club comps are held only 4 state rounds which attract 8 to 10 competitors.	Not at present
2. Who is the main coordinator/contact for the club?	Blair Moore or Lance Milnes.	Mark Buckley.	Rees Duncan, Steve Cleary	Rob Borg	Travis Best
3. How many active members do you have?	6 that would sometimes attend other comps, such as Nationals, Worlds, Batemans Bay etc.	3-4contest 10 -12 social.	0	Perth has about 14 members which half are just social members who don't surf. West coast has 7 members all are active.	
4. How often / when do you meet and where?	We don't have organised meets, apart from annual club comp (Wollongong Open).	Every weekend any where have just started last Sunday of the month at south durras.	never		
Future					
5. Where would you like to see the future of waveski surfing for your club in one year & five years?	More active members.	still going	More numbers and new faces		Start meeting once a month, get organised again, double members in first year and continue to grow from there
6. What sort of support does your club need from the WSA to reach where you would like the club to be in 12 months time?	Member recruitment?	admin taken over by association.	Nil		Mostly pre existing, national events calendar, promotion of club events, club contact listing
7. What does your club/area need to keep existing waveski surfers in the sport and improve club activities	More members to revive interest, currently it's the same people still doing everything.	one membership fee for assoc and insurance more comps within 3-4hr radius point score issued 4-6 times a year.	More time for individual riders to surf more		Cappuccino machine
Juniors					
8. How many juniors do you	None.	0ne in b bay.	Nil	neither club have junior	Nil

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have in your club/area?				members.We have 2 schools who run a wave ski program as part of their P.E program,these are run once a year with about 100 children taking part.As of yet this has not lead to any new involvement with the clubs.	
9. Where do you see potential junior waveskiers coming from in your area?	If they moved here from France, Guadeloupe, South Africa – or somewhere that has juniors… Surf Clubs perhaps?	Club social day advertised locally come and try day?	People mopving in. Not many current surfer ride wave skis		Uni Kayaking clubs
10. What is the best way to contact and encourage potential junior members to attend club days?	Haven't seen someone under 25 on a waveski in Wollongong for a long time.	like all kids pick them up and mentor them.		The reality is competitions are not for everyone even trying to organise past and current members to attend clinics,comps and even social functions has proven to be near on impossible.	Arrange to have them transported to the event, have some sort of incentive to keep their interest.
11. Who and in what ways would members of your club would be willing to donate resources to junior development, including unused skis, training	Already given a ski, paddles and parts to a potential rider, a number of us stay aware of those that are interested and foster their growth by providing advice and guidance. But there are few around.	yes all areas we have more than one person who would help. more comps with a set calendar we need regular comps	If we had local juniors, we would run social days, but no local wavskiers known to us	So where does that leave us? With an ageing committee and nobody putting up their hands to improve the situation we will have to wait and see what eventuates at the next AGM.	Without asking most have old skis that may be ok for beginners
12. What does your club need from the WSA to increase junior participation and enable juniors/new age to attend competitions and events?	Hopefully the Nationals in Wollongong next year can be enough to raise awareness in a positive fashion to encourage recruits to try our sport. At the moment the few of		I think its great to see the association getting into the ground roots of our sport, but unfortunately, I think the only Juniors that will come threw are the ones who have		Subsidised accommodation at interstate events.

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	us that surf are not enough to keep the numbers up. There are too many alternative sports in this area – tough market.		parents whom surf on ski's now.		
Other - IMPORTANT					
13. Add any other ideas that might help	I'll have to get back to you on this one.	A range of ideas were outlined. These related mainly to the development of a national competition held over the course of a year through "at least 6" regional events with points won by riders at each. There was also mention of the development of a national "club" to take the place of many disparate clubs. The full transcript of the comments are available on request.			