



2019/20 ***Class Update***

***7.30 pm Wednesday,
June 24, 2020
Via Zoom meeting***





Meeting Attendees & Formalities

In Attendance

Nick Bez
Jim Kariotis
Geoff Kitchen
Peter Doolan
Peter la Fontaine
Paul Grimshaw
Mark Harper
Al Haynes
Justin Page
Manfred Speicher
Lach Smale
Martin Stone
Karen Murden
Patrick Connolly
Simon Dubbin
Ian Lane
Steve Walsh
Grant Berry

and

Brian — —
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Apologies

Greg Johns
Tim Bannerman
Michael Corkeron
Simon King
Peter Monkhouse

Chairman / Host

Nick Bez (WCAA President)

Meeting Commenced

7:34pm AEST

Meeting Concluded

8:33pm AEST



Agenda

Review of 2019/20 Season

Announcement of
WCAA National Committee for
2020/21

General Business





2019/20 Committee

President:	Nick Bez
Secretary:	vacant (Nick Bez)
Treasurer:	Paul Grimshaw
VIC State Rep:	Jim Kariotis
QLD State Rep:	Peter Nitcshke
SA State Rep:	Tim Lelliott
ACT State Rep:	Mark Simpson
TAS State Rep:	Jo Chau
WA Rep:	Ian Lane
NSW Reps:	Al Haynes Peter Doolan
WNSW Rep:	Martin Stone





2019/20 Activities – LT Continues to Grow

There are ~493 LT's sold in Australia and 000's worldwide





2019/20 Activities – International Class

- Negotiated with the International Windsurfer Class to recognise WCAA membership at International events
- Continued voice for Australia within International Class with 2 positions on the Executive:
 - Greg Johns – Vice President
 - Nick Bez – Chairman of Technical Committee
- Windsurfer Class has international status and hosts first LT World Champs





Aussies excel at Garda

First World Championships since regaining World Sailing international class status
– Lake Garda, Italy – July 2019.



163 competitors from 18 countries featuring multiple Olympians, past World Champions and young guns.

17 Australians....

- Hamish Swain – QLD – World Youth Champion
- Mel Webb – NSW – World Women's Freestyle Champion
- Tim Gourlay – WA – Lightweight Course Racing/Slalom Champion
- Nick Bez – VIC – 1st Heavy overall and 1st overall - Men's World Champion.



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Worlds

2020

Postponed

Australia

28, 2020 – JAN 3, 2021



Mounts Bay Sailing Club



World Sailing



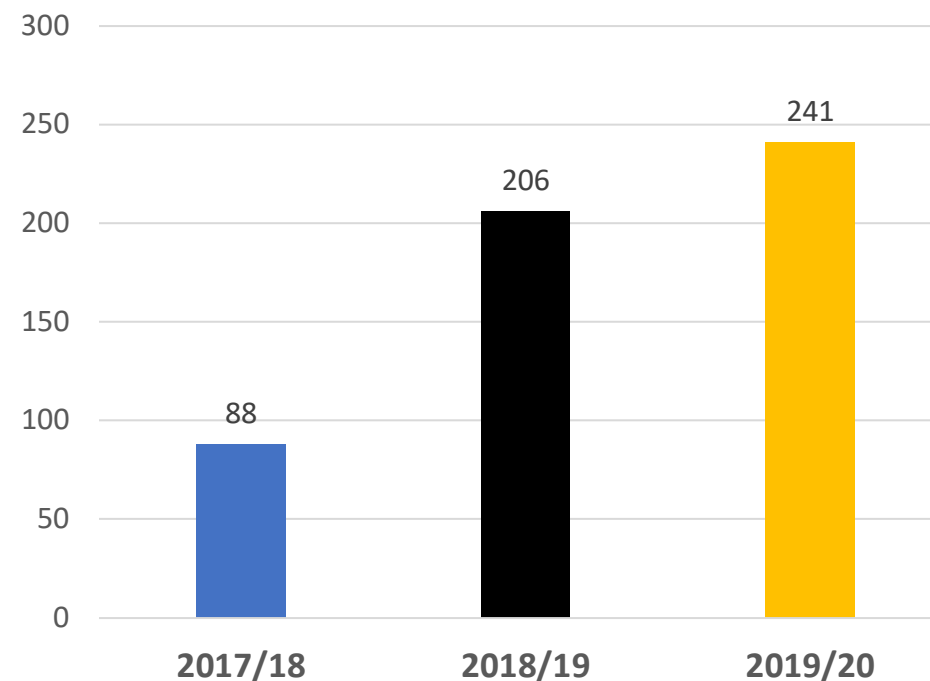
2019/20 Activities – Class Membership

Member pricing static - \$65/\$40

Member Pack implemented



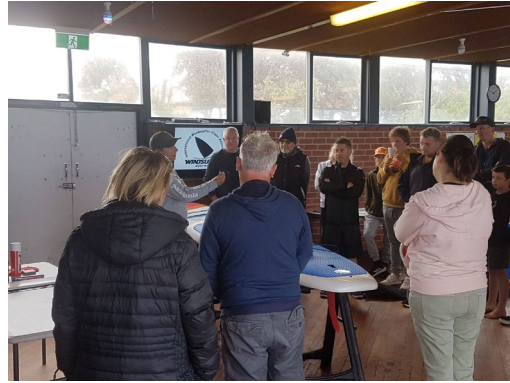
2019/20 member numbers continued momentum



- 216 of 241 took TPL Insurance option
- WCAA now 30% of all AWA members!!

2019/20 Activities – Promotion

- Various meet-ups, clinics, demo days in all States



- Sydney Boat Show



2019/20 Activities – Promotion

- Beach Branding program



- Class flags for YC's / event organisers for start boats



2019/20 Activities – Promotion

- Class Email subscribers now **>675**, up by 31%
 - Sent **17 Class emails** during 2019/20
- Class Facebook, total views in 2019/20 up by 700%
 - **Engagements increased by 520%** with enhanced posting frequency – 1,145 following (last year 653)
 - ‘Likes’ now 1,027 (last year 623)
- Class website
 - Unique visitors for year = **10,700**



ABOUT NEWS RACE CLASS & MEMBERSHIP
EVENT CALENDAR CONTACT

2020 Nationals - Adelaide, SA

[See the Full results package here](#)

The 43rd Windsurfer Class Australian Championships rocked Brighton & Seaciff Yacht Club, South Australia from January 23 - 26 January, 2020.

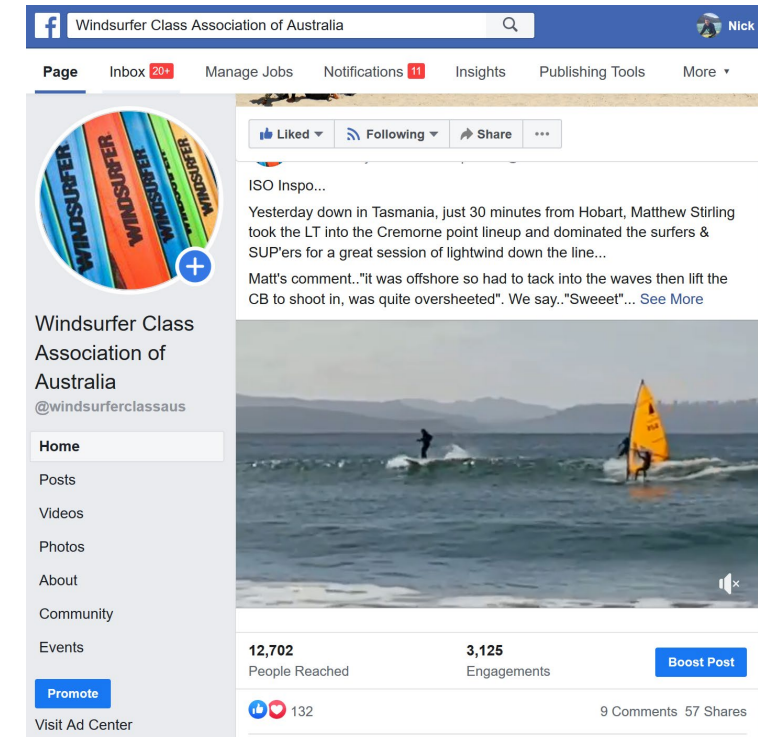
Some challenging conditions early saw one day lost, but we sure made up for lost time with a full program of course racing, slalom, marathon and freestyle completed.

A record 116 entries were received and some fantastic times on and off the water were had.

In addition to Open racing, the Cruiser division featured over 20 newcomers and returning racers on a shortened course.

The colour and spectacle was amazing from the shore with Australia's best competing in by far the biggest windsurfing Class in Australia.

The racing was close and tight but there were a few standouts. Both the men's and women's overall champions really dominated the racetrack.

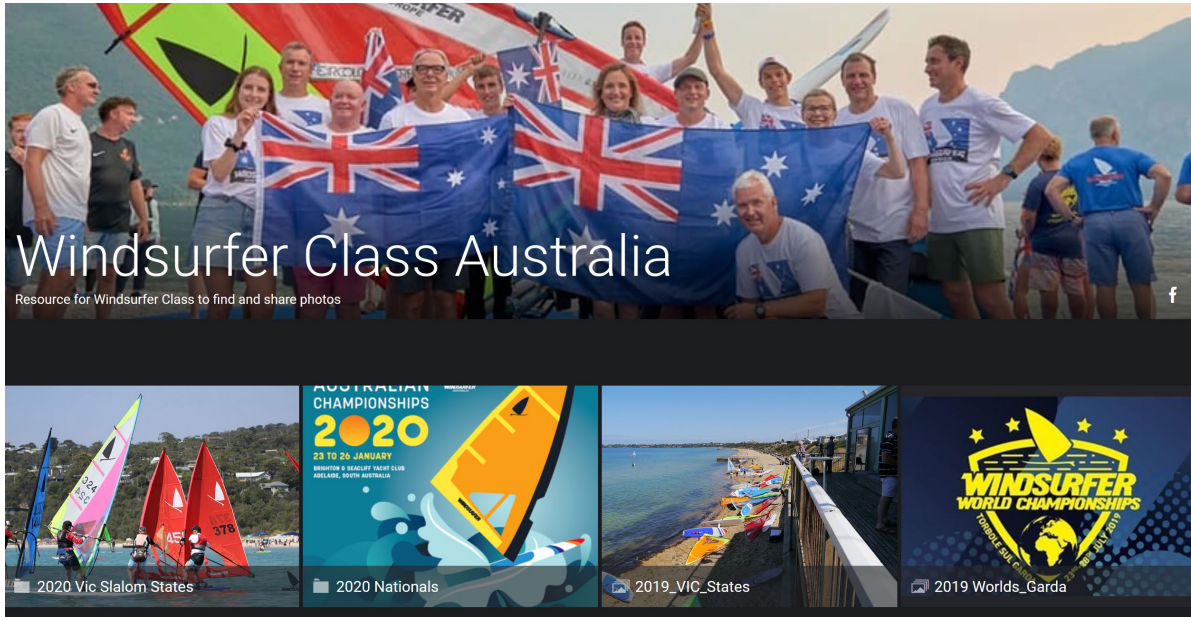




2019/20 Activities – Promotion

- Class Photo Sharing Site
 - Smugmug

- Class Promotional Video
 - 26,200 unique views



2019/20 Activities – Fundraising

Getting Lucky Competition Winners

1st – Windsurfer LT

Greg Pratt – SA

2nd – Windsurfer Gear Bag

Mark Witty – SA

3rd - 10th – Windsurfer Quick Dry Towel

Chris Bridges – TAS

Laurie Huck – WA,

Speedy Williams – VIC

Richard Graaug – WA

Patrick Connolly – NSW

Chris Stannage – NSW

Jim Kariotis – VIC

Kristina Buckingham – VIC



Get Lucky Promotion

Authorised under NSW permit number: LTPS/19/38039



- Proceeds to Class of \$6,800



2019/20 Activities – Class Supporters



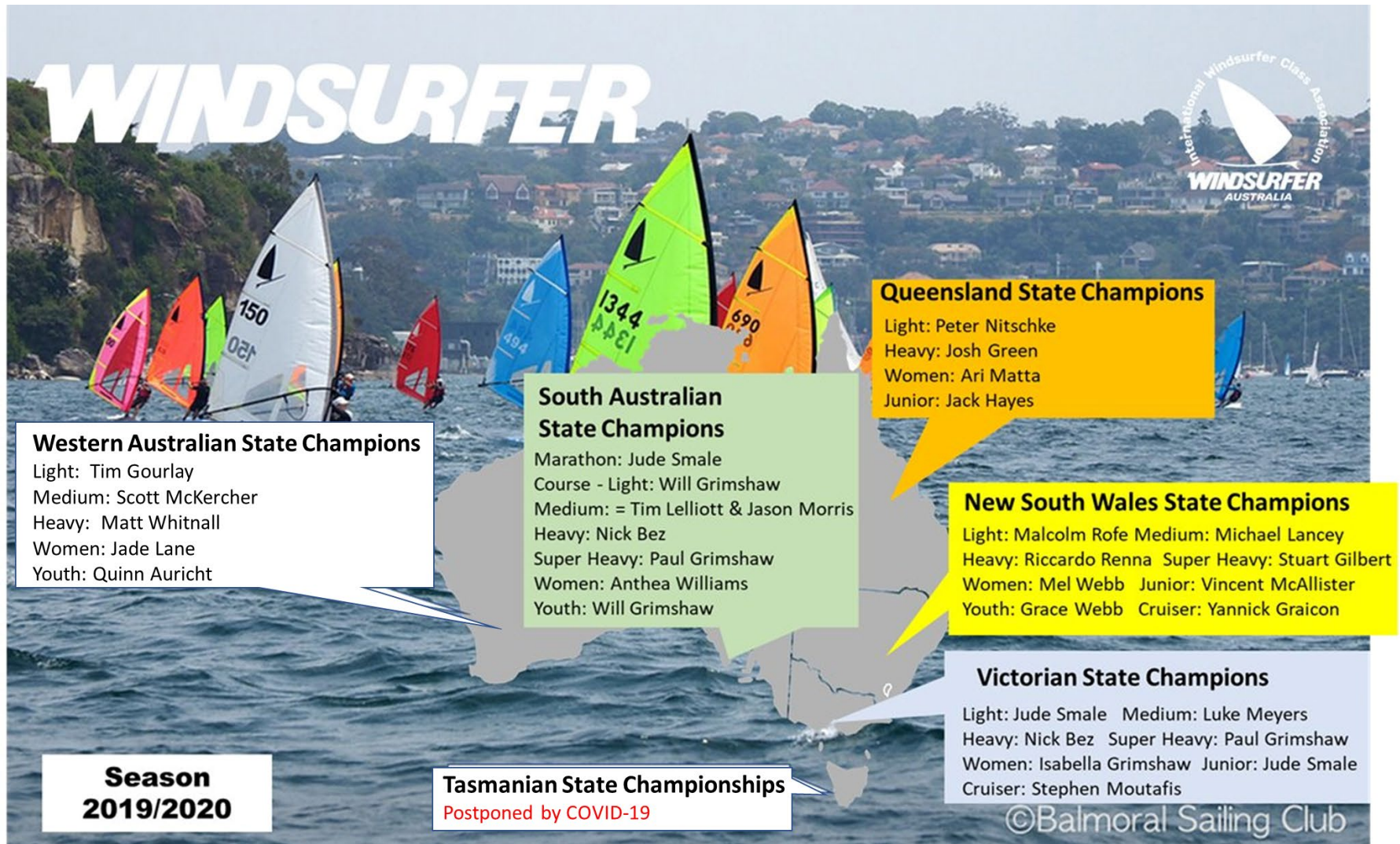
2019/20 Activities – Racing

Supported the establishment of new local fleets and Club racing across the country



2019/20 Activities – Racing

- State Championship program expanded nationally



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International Windsurfer Class Association
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AUSTRALIA

Western Australian State Champions
Light: Tim Gourlay
Medium: Scott McKercher
Heavy: Matt Whitnall
Women: Jade Lane
Youth: Quinn Auricht

South Australian State Champions
Marathon: Jude Smale
Course - Light: Will Grimshaw
Medium: = Tim Lelliott & Jason Morris
Heavy: Nick Bez
Super Heavy: Paul Grimshaw
Women: Anthea Williams
Youth: Will Grimshaw

Queensland State Champions
Light: Peter Nitschke
Heavy: Josh Green
Women: Ari Matta
Junior: Jack Hayes

New South Wales State Champions
Light: Malcolm Rofe Medium: Michael Lancey
Heavy: Riccardo Renna Super Heavy: Stuart Gilbert
Women: Mel Webb Junior: Vincent McAllister
Youth: Grace Webb Cruiser: Yannick Graicon

Victorian State Champions
Light: Jude Smale Medium: Luke Meyers
Heavy: Nick Bez Super Heavy: Paul Grimshaw
Women: Isabella Grimshaw Junior: Jude Smale
Cruiser: Stephen Moutafis

Season 2019/2020

Tasmanian State Championships
Postponed by COVID-19

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2019/20 Activities – Racing



2020 National Championships at Brighton Seacliff was a massive success with record numbers and great vibe on and off the water:

- **116** competitors – another world record globally in the modern era
- Great mix of competitors – 12 to 72 years old
- 19 competitors under 18 years
- Cruiser division a big success – 21 competitors
- Post regatta survey feedback was excellent and provided insights for further improvement





2019/20 Activities – Nationals



<https://youtu.be/hFHKv5oW4JI>



Youth Scholarship

For the best performed under 18 years
Supporting young sailors to gain international racing experience

Presented by WCAA and Windgenuity

Male: Quinn Auricht (SA) – 15 years
Female: Grace Webb (NSW) – 17 years



2019/20 Activities – Nationals

SUP Team Event



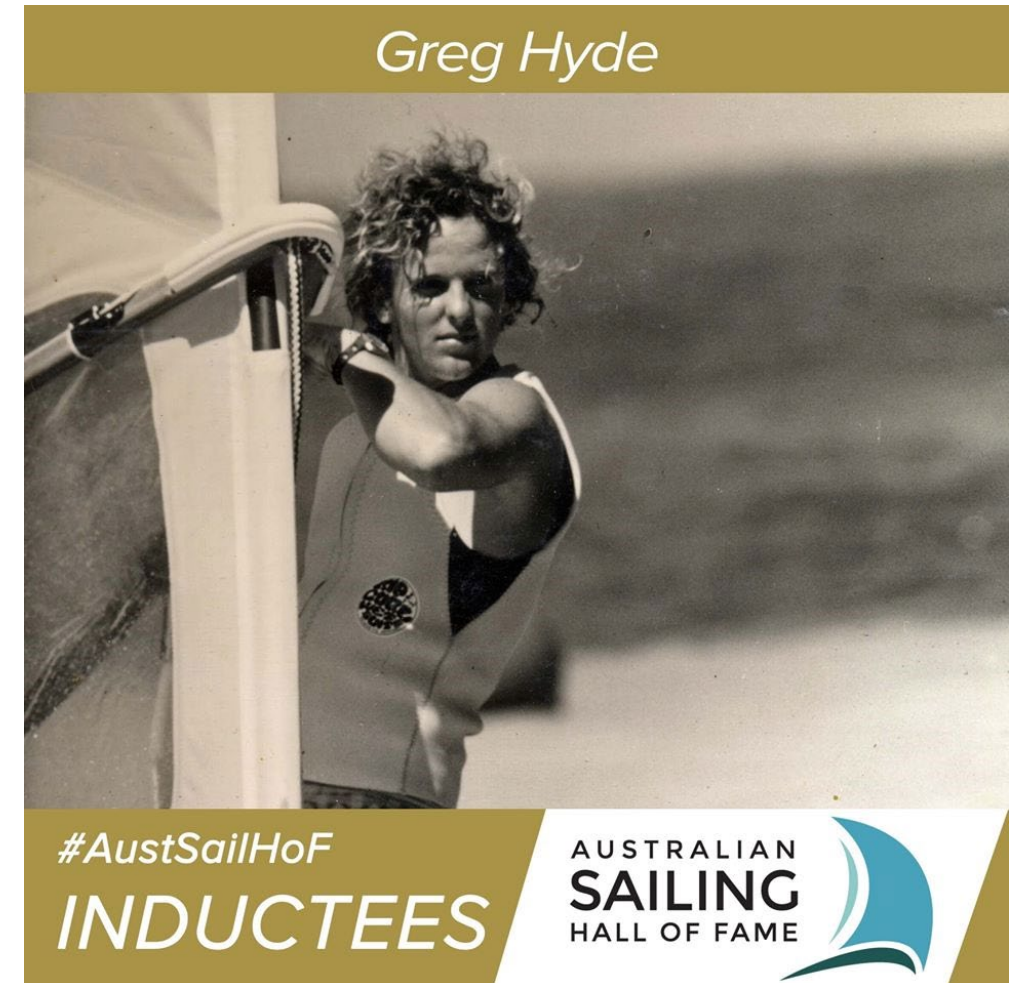
Greg Hyde trophy for best performed overall State



Team NSW – Winners 2020

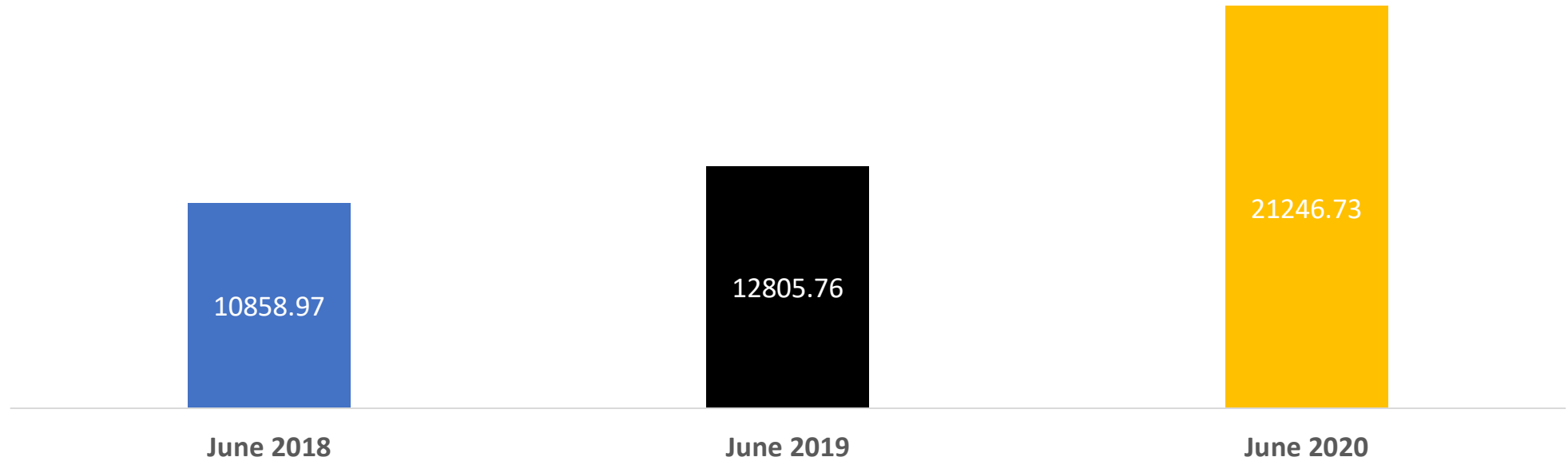


2019/20 Activities – New Life Member





2019/20 Activities – Finances



2019/20 Major expenses

- AWA Insurance
- National Championships
- Beach Branding – banners, flags, etc
- State Championships – trophy support
- Youth Scholarship
- Member kit
- Worlds pre-costs



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WNSW - Martin Stone



2020/21 Objectives

1. Getting more people back into the Windsurfer Class - in particular youth
2. Build out the fun vibe with more innovative formats and opportunities to race and socialise
3. Restart planning for the 21/22 Worlds in Perth to deliver a kick-ass event





2020 /21 Planning

Membership and Racing Requirements

2020/21 Class Member Pack
Class air freshener in a surf wax scent to keep you rolling.
Assorted stickers to show off your great choice in board to the world



Shipping out to all members from September 2020

1. No change in member fees - \$65 w Insurance /\$ 40 no
2. Requirements to race at WCAA sanctioned event
(States/Nationals/other as specified)
 - A. Class member
 - B. AWA Insurance
 - C. If run from a Yacht Club – active Aus Sailing #

(A+B+C = mandatory for World Championships as well)



2020 /21 Planning

State Championships

State	Date	Location
SA	3/4 Nov 20	Brighton & Seacliff YC
NSW	14/15 Nov 20	Toronto Amateur Sailing Club
VIC	5/6 Dec 20	Sandringham YC
TAS	TBC	
WA	TBC - 28 Dec - ?	Mounts Bay SC
QLD	TBC	

45th Australian Championships

State	Date	Location
VIC	23 - 25 Jan 21	Parkdale YC



General Business



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1. What is the availability of Class Merchandise? (G. Kitchen)

The Class trialed some merch in 2019 (caps, towels, polo's, gear bags)

Will roll this out year via Class website from September. All proceeds go to Class fundraising.

2. Development of technical / how to videos and how to distribute widely (M. Harper)

A range of written and video resources being developed. From intro set-up to racing/tuning.

Will be recorded and distributed via Class website/social media

3. What are the options for learn to windsurf and instructors ?

Opportunities to push into broader market/schools (M. Speicher)

AS program for Windsurf Instructors is widely available and several Clubs around the country have certified instructors and are offering structured programs for members/community.

Significant amount of 'mentoring' also occurring more informally.

Opportunity to further engage into school/community market – really a local issue about opportunity and resources. Class can support through connecting parties and promotion.



General Business

4. Vote of 'Thanks' to National Committee (K. Murden)

Life Member Karen Murden proposed a vote of thanks to all outgoing and incoming committee on behalf of members. Acknowledged hard work and dedication of volunteers.

5. World Championships – any cap/qualification on entries/ general update (G. Kitchen)

IWCA current direction is to keep Worlds open entry – any one can participate. May change in future subject to growth/logistics/venue constraints.

If so, would be combination of country allocation based on performance and an open ballot.

Ian Lane conformed that Mounts Bay has the space and capability to cater for a large fleet of up to 250.

Meeting Closed: 8.33pm