



FENCING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022

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FENCING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Vision

For Western Australians of all ages and abilities to be aware of, and take an interest in, the sport of fencing as an exciting, accessible and enjoyable sport for life.

Mission

Promote the development and growth of the sport of fencing in Western Australia;

Ensure inclusive, lifelong safe and enjoyable participation and achievement of our members;

Provide pathways to support the development of our athletes, coaches and officials

Provide for the competitive and recreational needs of all our members; and

Represent the interests of the sport to the government and other key stakeholders.

Partners



Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**



2021 / 2022 Highlights

FENCINGWA ACHIEVEMENTS

- Achieved the State Government Board diversity target.
- Introduction of staff Increased the level of annual DLGSC funding by \$15,000.
- Awarded a DLGSC Events Grant for the 2022 AFC#3.
- Two staff members (1 day a week) appointed to assist in achieving the strategic and operational plan.
- Child Safeguarding Policy and Working with Check Policy implemented.
- Cadet and Youth State Team Policy and Guidelines developed.
- Board induction process and letter developed.
- Organisational internal process reviewed and updated.
- Selected to be part of a DLGSC Human resource project.

EVENTS

2022 Masters Games
2022 University Games
2022 AFC#3
3 x State Opens + Finals
3 x U11 & U13 Events + Finals
1 x Novice + Finals
2 x U15 + Finals
2 x U17 + Finals
2 x U20 + Finals
2 x Veteran + Finals

EDUCATION AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Level 1 Epee Coach Accreditation Course
- FWA Come and Try Session
- Fencing Fitness Schools Program – Perth Modern School

MEMBERSHIP

2022 Member Clubs

Curtin Swordfish Fencing Club
ECU Cavaliers School of Fencing
Ellenbrook Fencing Club
Excalibur Community Fencing club
JSA Fencing Club
Fencing Fitness Club
UWA Fencing Club

Individual Membership

Adult Members 96
Junior Members 172
Coaches 7
Friends of Fencing 0

ATHLETE PATHWAY

- 10 Youth and Cadet State Team representatives at the Australian Youth & Cadet Championships.
- 3 Junior State Team representatives at the Australian Junior Fencing Championships.
- 18 Senior and 10 Veteran State Representatives at the Australian Senior & Veteran Fencing Championships.
- 2-day FWA Training Camp for U13, U15 & U17.
- 7 WA athletes have represented Australia at various international competitions.

2022 SPORTWEST NOMINEES

WA Sport Star of the Year:

John Downes

Junior Sports Star of the Year:

Alexander Buswell & Peicheng Yang

Coach of the Year

Steven Lim

Official of the Year

Alex Brown & Dee Jennings

Team of the Year

Open Men's Sabre Team

President Report

I must start this report by acknowledging that this year has been the busiest year for FencingWA since I became the President. National Competition returned, and we hosted three National Competitions (Australian Masters Games, Unisport Nationals and Australian Fencing Circuit #3) and an Australian Fencing Federation High Performance camp here in Perth. We delivered these events very successfully with the support of our very loyal volunteers. This was a massive achievement for us as one of the smaller states, and I would like to thank those who have stepped up to help across these events.

On top of this, we also ran a coaching course, Youth Development Camp, organised the Youth (U15) & Cadets (U17) tour to nationals in Sydney, and held the State Finals series over two weekends in November.

Governance

The Board has continued to build on the governance work from last year implementing several new policies and reviewing board procedures and induction. We met the DLGSC Board Diversity target, and our hard work in the governance area has seen us successfully increase our annual grant and be selected for the DLGSC Human Resources project.

This work will continue as the board looks to strengthen its governance, policies and procedures further to continue to support the growth and development of fencing here in WA.

Organisation

Ruth Gibbons, our Executive Officer, has continued to work with the board to develop our strategic plans and help with implementation. She has also worked closely with DLGSC on our behalf, securing extra annual funding and a grant for hosting the national AFC#3 competition.

FencingWA has been selected to be part of the DLGSC Human resources project, and Ruth has already started working with the project consultants on our behalf.

The Board recruited a part-time Operations/Administration officer, Dee Jennings, at the beginning of the year. Dee has had a very busy year assisting with organising the state competition calendar for next year, the four national events, organising the Youth & Cadets tour to nationals, state development training camp, Level 1 Epee coach course, and State finals, as well as managing the communications.

President Report_{cont.}

Volunteers

FencingWA and its clubs rely on the support of our community and volunteers to keep the wheels of our sport moving. It cannot be done without these volunteers, and the board recognises the contribution made to our sport by them.

- Referees
- DT's
- Coaches

We also wish to recognise the contribution of all those volunteers who have, packed vans, laid pistes and piste underlay, set up scoring equipment, taped down wires, marshalled and operated the video referee camera as well as packed up all the above equipment back into a van and help unload it into storage.

This list is not exhaustive of all the roles volunteers have fulfilled during this year, but we thank all of you on behalf of the board and the whole FencingWA community.

Competition

State

FencingWA has offered an extensive state competition calendar this year. Participation in state competitions this year has remained strong, and we hope to see increasing numbers in 2023. We have been pleased to see the popularity of the two U11 & U13 age group multi-weapon events, and FencingWA is looking to introduce a U9 age group next year.

The Board would like to thank all the host clubs for their hard work in helping to run these events. Your assistance is vital to the delivery of the state competition calendar.

Finals 2022

The FencingWA State Finals were held over two weekends at the beginning of November at the Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont; this was for U15, U17, U20, Open and Veteran categories.



President Report cont.

This was the inaugural State Finals event which was held under Australian Fencing Federation requirements to qualify for National Ranking Points.

The FencingWA Board Invested in video referee equipment for the event to meet the requirements of the AFF and also so the event could be live-streamed. We did not advertise the live stream this year as we were not sure of the quality of the streaming, but we have received positive feedback and will look to market the live streaming in our community next year.

The Australian Fencing Federation Independent observer was pleased by the standard of our finals competition, and our athletes have been awarded national ranking points in accordance with the AFF policy.

The 2023 State Finals will be held next year at the Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont, in early November.

National

National Competition returned with FencingWA hosting the Australian Masters Games Fencing Competition in April, Unisport Nationals and AFC#3, including National Club teams in September/October.

The Unisport Nationals, AFF High Performance Camp and AFC#3 ran consecutively from 25/9/2022 to 02/10/2022, a nine-day period in which we set up and packed down two venues, managed two national competitions and assisted with a national High Performance camp.

This was a big commitment for the FencingWA community, and I feel very proud that we not only made it happen but that it was all very successfully delivered.

The AFC#3 Competition was held at the Gold Netball Centre, Jolimont, which was the first time FencingWA had engaged with this venue. The very positive feedback from the AFF and competitors about the venue and its facilities has encouraged FencingWA to continue to engage with the Gold Netball Centre to host next year's National Competition, AFC#4 and National Club Teams, as well as the State Finals.

President Report cont.

Conclusion

The Board would like to thank our fencing community for the support it has given over the very busy past 12 months. We welcome our new members and appreciate the contribution of our long-standing members both at the state level and within their clubs, where their input is vital to keep our clubs growing.

This hard work has seen a reported increase of around 14.5% in our membership and sees us continue an upward trend in FencingWA membership.

I want to thank my fellow board members, our Executive Officer and our Operations/Administration Officer. This year the board has worked hard to ensure that FencingWA continues to progress and grow for the benefit of the whole fencing community.

Sharon Dale
President



Officiating Report

This year a significant strain was placed on the officiating system, with growth in competitors and the number of FencingWA events outstripping the growth in referees and DTs.

Despite improvement in the referee appointment process behind the scenes, we had significant trouble with providing for competitions with a limited pool of referees. This is particularly evident in the disproportionately large U11/U13 events, where FencingWA relied upon several unaccredited 'club-level' referees in order to make up shortfalls in the number of state referees.

Whilst systems of this type are utilised throughout Australia and internationally, the roll-out of such a system without a policy structure, and buy-in from the clubs proved problematic, with some clubs embracing the opportunities it provided for the development of their fencers and others providing no referees despite entering large numbers of fencers.

The strain on the refereeing system was also reflected in the junior and open events that FencingWA hosted, with these events being consistently either fully or partially self-refereed, and in the case of the open events, no accredited person was available to deal with appeals.

The U15 and cadet events fared comparatively better; however, there were several instances of an insufficient number of referees being available to meet the requirements of our Officiating Policy.

In 2022 six people underwent practical assessment for state accreditation, resulting in three new state épée accreditations. Two assessments for national accreditation were conducted at AFC#3, with one candidate successfully receiving provisional national accreditation in Foil.

Following the year's attrition, the total number of active accredited referees sits at 10, with four sabre accreditations, five foil accreditations and nine épée accreditations. Across all three weapons, the total number of active nationally accredited referees is 6.

I would like to remind everyone that I am happy to assist any and all community members in the development of their refereeing competency, and to that end I aim to accredit two new state referees in each weapon next year.

Officiating Report cont.

I will continue to support our existing state and national referees with increasing their accreditations, with the goal being to have two more national accreditations by this time next year.

In 2023 I will be taking the lead in a review and overhaul of the FencingWA Competition Rules, which have become increasingly unfit for purpose with the increasing size of competitions, changing demographics and the implementation of the AFF Standards for our State Finals. It is also planned to review and update the Officiating Policy to better reflect current and best practices.

In 2023 FencingWA also intends to run two refereeing workshops for each weapon in order to increase the pool of potential referees and increase the knowledge base of the community in support of self-refereed events such as the opens.

I would like to personally thank everybody who has volunteered to referee or DT at competitions this year. Your contribution has been vital to the successful delivery of competition throughout this hectic competition season, with the community's response being very positive.

I would particularly like to thank Hugh Calligan and Chris Stronach who refereed at close to every competition this year, and Excalibur Community Fencing Club, Jamrozy Sports Academy and Ellenbrook Fencing Club, whom both went above and beyond in the provision of Club Referees for the four U11/U13 events.

Alex Brown

FencingWA Officiating Director



Championship Awards

| Category | 2022 Champions |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| U13 Boys Epee | Caleb Butler (EFC) |
| U13 Girls Epee | Holly Peach (EFC) |
| U13 Boys Foil | Cayo Reyes (EXC) |
| U13 Girls Foil | Peicheng Yang (EXC) |
| U13 Boys Sabre | Ian Chung (EXC) |
| U13 Girls Sabre | Peicheng Yang (EXC) |
| U15 Boys Epee | Alexander Buswell (UWA) |
| U15 Girls Epee | Tylah Douglas (EFC) |
| U15 Boys Foil | Bosco Yu (JSA) |
| U15 Girls Foil | Raya Reyes (EXC) |
| U15 Boys Sabre | Ryan Powell (EXC) |
| U15 Girls Sabre | Peicheng Yang (EXC) |
| Cadet (U17) Mens Epee | Alexander Buswell (UWA) |
| Cadet (U17) Womens Epee | Emerson Lawrence (UWA) |
| Cadet (U17) Mens Foil | Jasper Choy (JSA) & Bosco Yu (JSA) |
| Cadet (U17) Womens Foil | Rebecca Phipps (EXC) |
| Cadet (U17) Mens Sabre | Robin Lismann (EXC) |
| Cadet (U17) Womens Sabre | Peicheng Yang (EXC) |
| Junior (U20) Mens Epee | Erick Lu (UWA) |
| Junior (U20) Mens Foil | Aron Thian (CAVS) |
| Junior (U20) Womens Foil | Wing Sz Chloe So (CAVS) |
| Junior (U20) Mens Sabre | Esteban Hoarau (EXC) |
| Junior (U20) Womens Sabre | Peicheng Yang (EXC) |
| Open Mens Epee | John Downes (UWA) |
| Open Womens Epee | Isobel Ellis (CSFC) |
| Open Mens Foil | Edward Fitzgerald (CAVS) |
| Open Womens Foil | Aurelne Thian (JSA) |

Championship Awards cont.

Open Mens Sabre
Open Womens Sabre

Alex Brown (EXC)
Lisa Blyth (EXC)

Veteran Mens Epee

Damien Kuruckchi (UWA) & Adrian
Paxman (CSFC)
Isobel Ellis (CSFC)

Veteran Womens Epee

Veteran Mens Foil

Enrique Reyes (EXC)

Veteran Mens Sabre
Veteran Womens Sabre

Damian Kneale (CAVS)
Elizabeth-Kate Gulland (CAVS)

Novice Mens Epee
Novice Womens Epee

Csanad Horvath (CSFC)
Lilly Litchfield (UWA)

Novice Mens Foil
Novice Womens Foil

Yu Yeung (EXC)
Raya Reyes (EXC)

Novice Mens Sabre
Novice Womens Sabre

Greg Shim (EXC)
Raya Reyes (EXC)

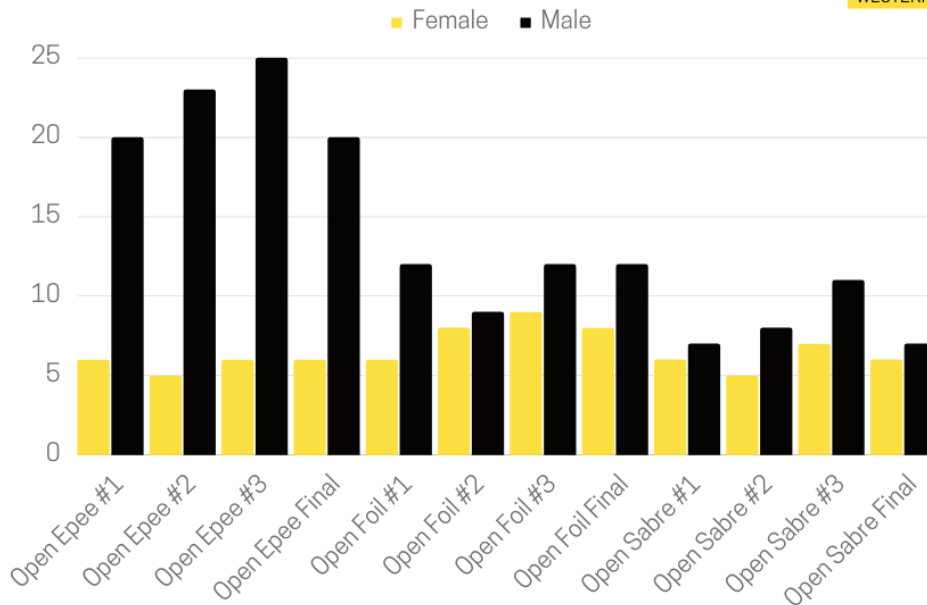
Club Epee
Club Foil
Club Sabre

UWA Fencing Club
ECU Cavaliers Fencing Club
Excalibur Community Fencing Club

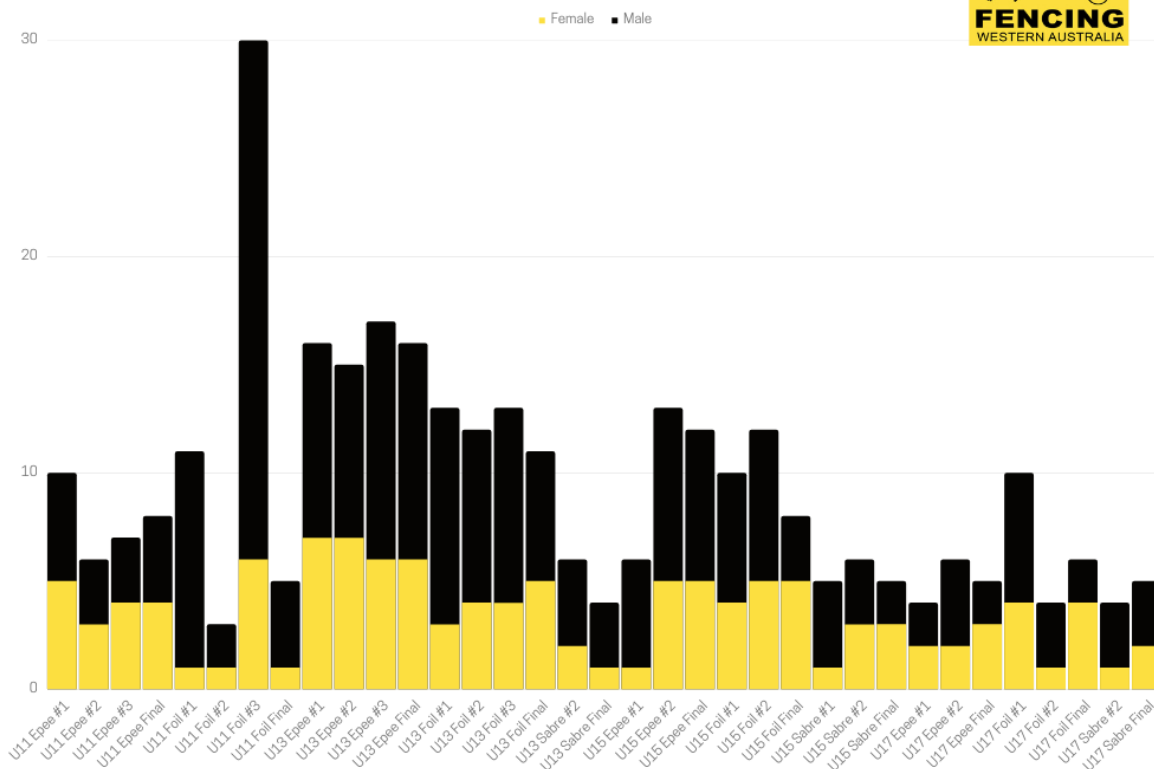


Competition Statistics

2022 Open Numbers

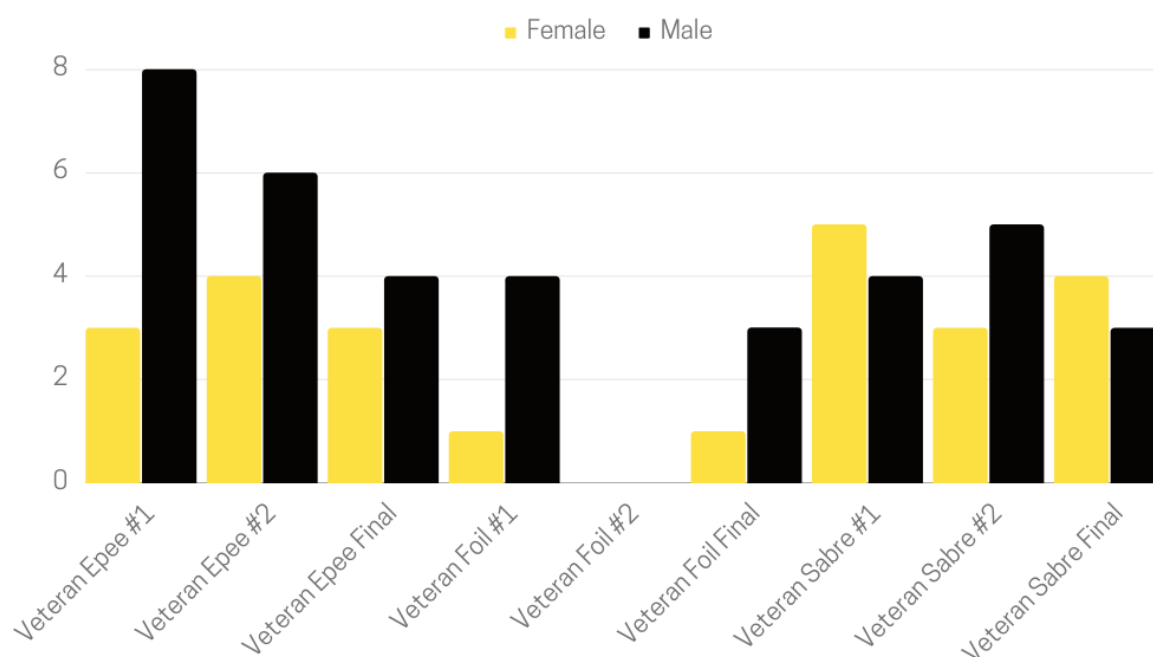


2022 U11 - U17 Numbers



Competition Statistics cont.

2022 Veteran Numbers



Governance

Board Members December 2021 – December 2022

| Name | Role | Number of meetings attended in 2021 / 2022 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sharon Dale | Elected Director - President | 9/10 |
| Chris Stronach | Elected Director - Secretary | 8/10 |
| Gary Sudran | Elected Director-Treasurer | 10/10 |
| Zak Leonhard | Elected Director | 8/10 |
| Isobel Ellis | Casual Vacancy Director | 10/10 |
| Kerry MacLaurin | Casual Vacancy Director | 9/10 |
| Kylie Caunt | Casual Vacancy Director | 4/9 |

Board Committees

| Committee Name | Member |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Board Governance | Kerry MacLaurin, Ruth Gibbons |
| Officiating | Alex Brown |

Staff

| Name | Role | Contact |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ruth Gibbons | Executive Officer | fencingwaexecutive@gmail.com |
| Dee Jennings | Operations & Communications Officer | fencingwacomms.events@gmail.com |



Financial Report

**July 2021
to
June 2022**

Notes to Financial Statements

The Financial Year is the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

The following notes are provided to assist members in reviewing the Statement of Financial Performance.

The Board has been acknowledged by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) for the improvements to its governance and management processes as a State Sporting Organisation in WA.

In accordance with the funding assessments conducted by the DLGSC, the level of annual funding for Fencing WA has been maintained at \$25000 from the Industry Investment Program (IIP). For the next financial year, this has been increased to \$40000.

Membership to FencingWA and State Competition Fees have continued to increase. This is the result of increased members in our sport and a greater level of participation in the events calendar, especially in the younger age groups. Fencing WA Financial Position. This continues to remain very strong.

The increased level of government funding expected for the current year will assist in covering our new level of Professional Services. This will ultimately improve our standing with DLGSC, and improve our financial position going forward, which will provide improved benefits for all levels of Fencing in Western Australia.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION
INC**

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

Scope

I have audited the attached Statements of Financial Position & Performance for the period ended 30/6 2022 being special purpose financial reports. The organisation's management is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial reports are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporation Law and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members and the funding body. I have performed an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to members of the entity. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members or any funding body.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members and the funding body for the purpose of fulfilling management's financial reporting requirements under Corporation Law. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members and the funding body, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards my procedures included examination, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the organisations financial position, and performance as presented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report of the organisation is accordance with:

- (a) The Corporation Law, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the organisations financial position as at 30/6/2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in the note: and
 - (ii) Complying with Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations.
- (b) Other mandatory professional reporting requirements to the extent described in Note 1.

Date:

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT AT 30 JUNE 2022

| | \$ 2022 | \$ 2021 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| WAFA Bank West | 138,978 | 144,786 |
| Telenet Saver | 80,704 | 80,704 |
| Property & Equipment | 105,073 | 97,572 |
| Less Depreciation | (47,478) | (43,678) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 277,277 | 279,384 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| ATO Payments | 959 | 1,582 |
| GST Liability | 4,412 | 2,695 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 5,371 | 4,277 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| NET ASSETS | \$271,906 | \$275,107 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 275,107 | 221,100 |
| Add Surplus/(Deficit) | (3,201) | 54,007 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$271,906 | \$275,107 |
| | ===== | ===== |

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

| INCOME | \$ 2022 | \$ 2021 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Affiliations - Individuals | 15,681 | 11,810 |
| AFF Capitation | 0 | 4,166 |
| Club Membership | 818 | 682 |
| Competition Fees | 0 | 7,986 |
| Cadets Grants & Entries | 1,695 | 0 |
| State Competition Entry Fees | 5,306 | 0 |
| FWA Awards Event | 477 | 635 |
| Government Grants | 25,000 | 55,000 |
| Interest | 0 | 37 |
| Sales - Jackets, T- Shirts & Other Equipment | 91 | 91 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL INCOME | 49,068 | 80,407 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Accounting/Audit Fees | 860 | 1,147 |
| AFF Capitation | 4,398 | 2,643 |
| Discount Given | 0 | 1,230 |
| Clothing & Equipment | 228 | 0 |
| Dperciation | 5,835 | 5,692 |
| Fencing Time Software | 120 | 0 |
| FWA Awards Event | 1,246 | 1,049 |
| Insurance | 3,594 | 4,255 |
| National Comps | 1,950 | 600 |
| Other | 196 | 481 |
| Professional Fees | 20,396 | 0 |
| Referee Honorarium | 3,010 | 2,760 |
| DTs Honorarium | 1,850 | 1,500 |
| Register Now | 793 | 672 |
| State Comps Refunds & Medals | 4,327 | 1,929 |
| Subscriptions | 185 | 295 |
| Venue Hire | 2,877 | 858 |
| WA Sports Federation & Olympic Council | 177 | 168 |
| Website | 227 | 0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 52,269 | 25,279 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| NET INCOME | (\$3,201) | \$55,128 |
| | ===== | ===== |

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements are not general purpose financial reports. They are “special purpose financial reports” prepared for the members.

The Accrual method of accounting has been used on accordance with the matching concept. The Historical Cost Convention has been used.

Going Concern – The accounts of the organisation have been prepared on the going concern basis. This is dependant upon it being able to attract continuing funding support from the Government and supporting bodies.

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