



FENCING
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 - 2021

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Our 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.

Our Mission

- **promote 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 government and other key stakeholders.**

Our Partners



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



20/21 Snap Shot

Board Achievements

- Full board governance training
- Sports Development Grant awarded
- Executive Officer appointed
- Full review of Strategic Plan
- Child Safeguarding policy developed

Governance

There have been nine board meetings over the year including a Strategic planning, Operational planning and a Financial planning meeting.

The Whole Board attended a Governance Course run by DLGSC

Competitions & Events

- 2 x U13/U11 Multi weapon Events
- 2 x Novice
- 2 x U15 + Finals
- 2 x U17 + Finals
- 2 x U20 + Finals
- 3 x Open + Finals
- 3 x Veteran + Finals
- Women's Fencing Day

Sports Awards 2020

RAC Sport Star – Alex Brown
Junior Sport Star – Xavier Adamos
Coach of the Year – Scott Rawlins
Service to Sport - Rhonda Algaba

Beyond Sport John Gilmour Medal
Curtin Swordfish Fencing Club
Excalibur Fencing Club
Community Club of The Year
ECU Cavaliers
UWA Fencing Club
Healthway Healthy Clubs
JSA Fencing Club

President Report

Governance

The Board has been very much focused on governance this year and the whole board attended a Governance course provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC). This was run over three sessions covering all aspects of sporting association board governance and we were able to work through the sessions as a board relating it to our own sport association.

Following this the board has been taking time to review and make sure our governance meets the current best practices. This has taken up quite a lot of the boards time with little to show for it, but we believe that having strong frameworks and policies is the best way for us to meet our strategic objectives.

Highlights

- Full Board Governance Training Course
- Sports Development grant Successfully applied for
- Appointed Part time Board Executive Officer
- Stakeholder Engagement with Clubs and Coaches
- Strategic Plan review taking in Stakeholder feedback
- DLGSC Child Safeguarding assessment completed
- Child Safeguarding policy developed
- Communications and Operations Officer Role Advertised

Organisation

The Board successfully applied for a Sports Development Grant from DLGSC to be able to appoint a part-time Board Executive Officer. After advertising the role the board appointed Ruth Gibbons, who comes to us with a strong back ground in Sports Administration across several WA Sporting Organisations.

The Board is now ready to recruit a part-time Communications and Operations Officer to support the board in delivering the operational plan. The role is currently being advertised and we expect to make an appointment to that role by the start of 2022.

Board meetings for the year 2020/2021

- AGM
- 9 Board Meetings
- 3 Sessions DLGSC Governance Course

Board Members For 2021

Sharon Dale
Chris Stronach
Gary Sudran
Pat Canon
Zak Leonhard
Alex Brown
Isobel Ellis
Kerry MacLaurin

Executive Officer

After her appointment Ruth has hit the ground running and has already assisted the board to review and develop its strategic plan, Operational plan and to develop a child safeguarding policy. She has also done stakeholder engagement with most clubs and club coaches. Her experience is already proving to be an asset to the board as well as her strong relationships with DLGSC and other peak sporting organisations such as SportWest.

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

Competition

State

FencingWA has managed to maintain a very full fencing calendar during 2021 despite a few COVID19 lockdowns.

FWA events for 2021

- 2 x U13/U11 Multi weapon Events
- 2 x Novice
- 2 x U15 + Finals
- 2 x U17 + Finals
- 2 x U20 + Finals
- 3 x Open + Finals
- 3 x Veteran + Finals

We have been pleased to see an increase in the participation numbers this year and the success of the two U11/U13 multi weapon Events.

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

Finals 2022

There will be changes to the running of the U15/U17/U20 and Open Finals next in 2021. Due to the requirement of the Australian Fencing Federation (AFF) for State fencers wishing to compete in National Championships in 2023 having to have competed at state finals in 2022.

The AFF also has certain requirements for the standard of the finals as they will be awarding national ranking points, one of which is video referee for Semi-finals and Finals with input from an independent national official.

The Board has taken the decision that FWA will run the Finals at an Independent venue over two weekend at the end of 2022 to ensure that these requirements are met.

National

Unfortunately COVID19 lockdowns have been very disruptive to the national calendar this year just as they were in 2020. So we did not host AFC#3 as scheduled this year.

Preparations and planning to host **AFC #3 and National Club Teams** continues and we have secured a venue to hold the event.

We will also be hosting Fencing for the **Australian Masters Games** in April and **Unigames** in September.

Conclusion

The Board would like to thank our entire community. The “new” who are just discovering the fun of fencing and learning new skills. Also those that have been with us for many years and still continue to volunteer their time and encourage our new members helping our sport to keepgrowing.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members and our new Executive Officer. This year the board has worked hard ensuring that FencingWA continues to progress and grow for the benefit of the whole fencing community. I looking forward to the 2022 fencing year with excitement as we hopefully see the return Of national competition.

Sharon Dale
President

Officiating Report

Refereeing 2021

2021 was characterised by certain essential reforms to the FencingWA refereeing system. Firstly, an update of the existing Refereeing Accreditation List was undertaken as to determine the active and interested referees within the state. This Secondly, the responsibility of referee assignments was returned from the Tournament Director to the Officiating Director. Thirdly, we started on path towards a review of the FencingWA Refereeing Policy through beginning consultation with the Board and by establishing a working group of some of the most senior referees within the state. Alongside this we maintained our key responsibilities of providing independent referees to age categories events where possible, providing accreditation opportunities to interested members of the community and maintaining compliance with our legal requirements regarding volunteers.

The updates to the Refereeing Accreditation List resulted in the existing list of 40 referees, the vast majority of which had not refereed in years, being reduce to seven referees. Alongside this, two new referees were accredited in 2021, one in foil and one in all three weapons. This brings the total number of accredited referees in the state to nine with seven accreditations in épée, six in foil and four in sabre. This number is expected to rise next year as outreach continues and the Refereeing Policy is updated to be more transparent

In general, sufficient referees were provided for most age category events with the notable exception of the junior age category. However, exceptions took place in some cadet and veteran leading to poor outcomes. Due to the large numbers competing in this year's under-13 competitions we were stretched to the limits of our resources, but I am pleased to say sufficient referees were provided and quality of service was maintained

Working With Children Compliance

In terms of compliance, audits of Working with Children Check validity were performed throughout the year. There were no instances of any accredited referees volunteering at events without a current Working with Children Check.

Refereeing 2022

In 2022 FencingWA's primary goals in the officiating space are to review and update the Refereeing Policy, establish a DT Policy, decrease the number of events using 'fencer referees', accredit a minimum of four new state referees, provide the opportunity for state referees to receive national accreditation at AFC 3 and maintain compliance with our obligation.

I would like to personally thank every referee and DT who volunteered this year. Without all of your hard work my job would have been tremendously difficult, and this year's events would not have run anywhere near as smoothly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "ABrown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Alex Brown
FencingWA Officiating Director

Championship Awards

Age	Gender	Weapon	Winner
U13	Boys	Foil	Tex Tracey
U13	Girls	Foil	Peicheng Yang
U13	Boys	Sabre	Ryan Powell
U13	Girls	Sabre	Peicheng Yang
U13	Boys	Epee	Ethan Ming Xuan Poh
U13	Girls	Epee	Liliana McGrath
U15	Men	Foil	Jasper Choy
U15	Women	Foil	Jiayang Han
U15	Men	Sabre	Monty Fowler
U15	Women	Sabre	Peicheng Yang
U15	Men	Epee	Alex Buswell
U17 Cadet	Men	Foil	Xavier Adamos
U17 Cadet	Women	Foil	Jiayang Han
U17 Cadet	Men	Sabre	Xavier Adamos
U17 Cadet	Men	Epee	Xavier Adamos
U17 Cadet	Women	Epee	Kayla Bongers
U20 Junior	Men	Foil	Aron Thian
U20 Junior	Women	Foil	Jiayang Han
U20 Junior	Men	Sabre	Estebaan Hoarau
U20 Junior	Women	Sabre	Emma Johnson
U20 Junior	Men	Epee	George dale
U20 Junior	Women	Epee	Kayla Bongers
Veteran	Men	Foil	Richie Kuhaupt
Veteran	Men	Sabre	Gary Sudran
Veteran	Women	Sabre	Elizabeth-Kate Gulland
Veteran	Men	Epee	Adrian Paxman
Veteran	Women	Epee	Isobel Ellis
Veteran	Mixed	Master-at-Arms	Gary Sudran
Open	Men	Foil	Aron Thian
Open	Women	Foil	Aurelne thian
Open	Men	Sabre	Esteban Hoarau
Open	Women	Sabre	Elizabeth-Kate Gulland
Open	Men	Epee	John Downes
Open	Women	Epee	Bernadette Lee
Novice	Men	Foil	Bosco Yu
Novice	Men	Epee	Guy Armstrong
Novice	Women	Epee	Kylie Weatherald
Club		Epee	UWA Fencing Club
Club		Foil	ECU Cavaliers Fencing Club
Club		Sabre	Excalibur Fencing Club
Club		Veterans	Excalibur Fencing Club

Membership

List of member Clubs

Affiliated

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

Non Affiliated

Albany Fencing Club
Murdoch En Garde Fencing Club

Individual membership

Adult Members	85
Junior Members	146
Coaches	5
Fiends of Fencing	4

School Fencing

Perth Modern School remains the only WA School running regular fencing classes which are run by coach Tuko Maia of the Fencing Fitness club.

Excalibur Club ran a Holiday Fencing Program at All saints College this year.

Governance

Board Members December 2020 – December 2021

Name	Role	No..of meetings attended 2020/2021
Sharon Dale	Elected Director - President	9/9
Christ Stronach	Elected Director - Secretary	9/9
Gary Sudran	Elected Director - Treasurer	9/9
Pat Canon	Elected Director - Communications	6/9
Alex Brown	Elected Director	8/9
Zak Leonhard	Elected Director	7/9
Isobel Ellis	Appointed Director	6/8
Kerry MacLaurin	Appointed Director	3/4

Board Committees

Committee Name	Member
Board Governance	Kerry Maclaurin, Ruth Gibbons
Tournament & Selection	Lisa Blyth (Chair), George Dale, Adrian Paxman, Llewelyn Foley, Esteban Hoarau, (Chris Stronach & Alex Brown first 6 mths)
Officiating	Alex Brown

Contractors

Name	Role	Contact
Ruth Gibbons	Executive Officer	fencingwaexecutive@gmail.com

FencingWA

Financial Report

July 2020 to June 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FRNCING ASSOCIATION INC

Scope

I have audited the attached Statements of Financial Position & Performance for the period ended 30/6/2021 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

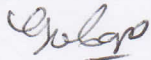
In my opinion the financial report of the organisation is accordance with:

(a) The Corporation Law, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the organisations financial position as at 30/6/2021 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: 29 Nov 21



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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INCOME	\$ 2021	\$ 2020
Affiliations - Individuals	11,810	6,436
AFF Capitation	4,166	2,459
Club Membership	682	955
Competition Fees	7,986	5,123
AFC Junior Grants & Entries	0	2,143
AFC3 Grants & Entries	0	8,964
Cadets Grants & Entries	0	2,939
Other Entry Fees		0
FWA Awards Event	635	1,109
Government Grants	55,000	25,000
Interest	37	286
Sales - Jackets, T- Shirts & Other Equipment	91	966
Wheelchair Fencing Grants	0	3,000
TOTAL INCOME	80,407	59,380
EXPENSES		
Accounting/Audit Fees	1,147	1,207
AFC3 Expenses	0	3,290
AFF Capitation	2,643	3,205
Discount Given	1,230	0
Cadets Expenses	0	2,833
Clothing & Equipment	0	441
Dperciation	5,613	3,341
Equipment	1,200	3,341
Fencing Time Software	0	138
FWA Awards Event	1,049	439
High Performance Incentive Scheme	0	2,950
Insurance	4,255	3,850
National Comps	600	10,488
Other	481	182
Referee Honorarium	2,760	1,890
DTs Honorarium	1,500	1,250
Register Now	672	381
State Comps Refunds & Medals	1,929	1,956
Subscriptions	295	296
Venue Hire	858	1,771
WA Sports Federation & Olympic Council	168	168
Website	0	300
Wheelchair Fencing Support	0	3,410
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,400	47,127
NET INCOME	\$54,007	\$12,253

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT AT 30 JUNE 2021

	\$ 2021	\$ 2020
ASSETS		
WAFA Bank West	144,786	86,983
Telenet Saver	80,704	80,667
Property & Equipment	97,572	97,572
Less Depreciation	(43,678)	(38,656)
Accounts Receivable	0	650
	<u>279,384</u>	<u>227,216</u>
LIABILITIES		
ATO Payments	1,582	3,416
GST Liability	2,695	2,700
	<u>4,277</u>	<u>6,116</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$275,107</u> =====	<u>\$221,100</u> =====
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at beginning of year	221,100	205,506
Add Surplus/(Deficit)	54,007	15,594
	<u>\$275,107</u> =====	<u>\$221,100</u> =====

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 and the funding bodies to enable compliance with their conditions.

The Accrual method of accounting has been used in 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 dependent upon it being able to attract continuing funding support from the Government and supporting bodies.

Notes to Financial Statements

The Financial Year is the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

The following special notes are provided to assist members to review 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). This is shown under Government Grants.

*The Board was successful in securing an additional grant of \$30000 from the DLGSC as a part of the Sport Development Fund. The program provides for support to State Sporting Associations to deliver programs, services, and policies to help them to stabilise operations and build capacity. This is also shown under Governments Grants.

Expenditure of this grant will be made in the 2021/2022 Financial Year, as the Board implements its Strategic Plan.

*Membership to FencingWA and State Competition Fees have increased considerably. This is the result of increased members in our sport and a greater level of State competition and participation in the events calendar, especially in the younger age groups.

The following special notes are provided to assist members to review the Statement of Financial Position.

*Total Banking reflects a considerable improvement over the year.

After allowing for the \$30000 DLGSC grant, which will be expended in the 21/2022 financial year, the remaining balance in both bank accounts of \$195490, presents Fencing WA in a very strong position to implement the Board's Strategic Plan for the continued development and expansion of Fencing in West Australia during 2022 and future years.