



ANNUAL REPORT

2022 - 2023

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

Partners



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



2022 / 2023 Highlights

FENCINGWA ACHIEVEMENTS

- Grants achieved.
 - Industry Investment Program Funding
 - Event Grant Funding, applied for. Received in July 2023.
 - Coach and Officiating Project Funding.
- Achieved the State Government Board diversity target.
- Board Governance Charter developed and implemented.
- Coaching Guidelines and contracts reviewed and updated.
- Annual calendar planning guidelines implemented updated.
- Event Volunteer Handbook.
- Increased the recognition and rewards of volunteers.
- Selected to be part of a DLGSC / WA Combat Sports Group.
- Continuous improvements on operational processes & systems.

2023 EVENTS

2023 AFC#4
3 x State Opens + Finals
2 x U9 & U11 Events + Finals
1 x Novice + Finals
2 x U13 & U15 + Finals
2 x U17 + Finals
2 x U20 + Finals
2 x Veteran + Finals

2023 STATE TEAM COACHES

Ned Fitzgerald – Youth & Cadet
Cathy Morris – Youth & Cadet
Chris Stronach – Youth & Cadet
Ned Fitzgerald – Junior
Steven Lim – Senior
Scott Rawlins – Senior

MEMBERSHIP

2023 Member Clubs

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

Individual Membership

Adult Members	113
Junior Members	149
Coaches	10
Friends of Fencing	3

ATHLETE PATHWAY

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

2023 SPORTWEST NOMINEES

WA Sport Star of the Year:

Alex Brown

Junior Sports Star of the Year:

Peicheng Yang

President Report

To begin with I would like to acknowledge everyone in the FencingWA community who have given up their personal time in support of fencing in WA either on behalf of FencingWA or their club during 2023. FencingWA and its clubs rely on volunteers to be able to deliver its sport programs across the state and clubs.

The FencingWA board is no exception to this and as a volunteer board, I personally wish to acknowledge the work of my fellow board members during the last 12 months. The board has continued to work with board executive officer Ruth Gibbons to consolidate board governance and further develop the boards strategic plans into operational plans.

Over the year we have developed and revised several Policies and Guidelines:

- Board Governance charter including the board induction process.
- Coaching Guidelines and Code of conduct.
- Independent Contractor Policy.
- FencingWA Calendar Guidelines.
- Event Volunteer Handbook.

FencingWA has engaged with the club presidents, holding a State Club Presidents meeting to discuss the new Working with Children Check procedures, changes to the Kids Sport Voucher scheme and to consult with clubs regarding the planning and club participation in state wide Fencing have a go events next year to coincide with the Olympics.

The Board has continued to work with DLGSC, and the board executive officer secured a Coaching and Officiating grant to develop coaching and officiating pathways. The pathways planning and development is well underway and development courses have been scheduled in next year's calendar.

The Board has set up a state calendar advisory group to give feedback on the proposed annual calendar starting with the 2024 calendar. The group was made up of a cross section of Fencers from all three weapons, genders and age ranges. They recommended several changes to the initial proposed calendar which were all accepted by the board. The FencingWA board would like to thank Executive Officer Ruth for all her support and hard work over these last 12 months working on our behalf to secure grants and working with DLGSC and SportWest to ensure our governance and policies are up to date with the latest Industry guidelines and practices.

OPERATIONS OFFICER

Dee Jennings our operations officer has had a very busy year as well as managing all FWA communications, social media, and administrating state competitions and also managing the Youth and Cadets squad. She also organized squad training camps including a youth development camp with guest National Assistant Coach Seamus Robinson, and I would like to acknowledge the AFF's assistance in arranging for him to come and coach at the camp. Dee also managed the transition from the Register Now Membership system to the new Australian Fencing Federation OnePoint system. The transition did create some issues and we are working with the AFF on improvements to the system. She has assisted with preparing the Volunteer handbook, putting together the proposed FencingWA 2024 calendar for the Advisory committee and has been working on the Coaching and Officiating pathways development as part of our grant. Dee has had a challenging year but has managed the operations efficiently and very successfully, at times going above and beyond. FWA appreciates her commitment to her role.

PARTICIPATION & COMPETITION

Following on from last year's 14.5 % membership increase, FencingWA membership has increased again this year by 17.5% ,which is an encouraging upward trend. The Board is encouraged to work harder to further increase membership and to work with our clubs who are at the grass roots and are vital to the recruitment and retention of fencers in our sport.

FencingWA has offered an extensive state competition calendar with participation In state competitions remaining strong and numbers increasing.

FWA ran two U11/U13 multi weapon events again this year and also introduced an U9 age group, which we hope will help to grow participation numbers in future years. The Board would like to thank all the host clubs and their volunteers for their hard work helping to run state competition events. Your assistance is vital to the delivery of the state competition calendar.

FencingWA hosted state finals at the Gold Netball Centre again this year. The finals were held this year under FWA competition policy, not the AFF policy due to AFF high performance policy changes. To maintain the standard of competition to the level of a national competition, FWA still operated video referees for semifinals and finals as per the national standard. Feedback from the community is positive about hosting finals as a state event.

This year FWA hosted the National AFC4 competition which is a great opportunity for WA to host fencers from across the continent, while our home grown fencers can have the opportunity to measure themselves against interstate fencers without the cost of interstate

travel. We also hosted a National HPP camp prior to the national event, FWA fencers and coaches had the opportunity to be involved in the camp and work with national coaches. FWA made improvements on the venue set-up from last year and we were able to host a successful event with a national event grant funded by DLGSC and Lotterywest.

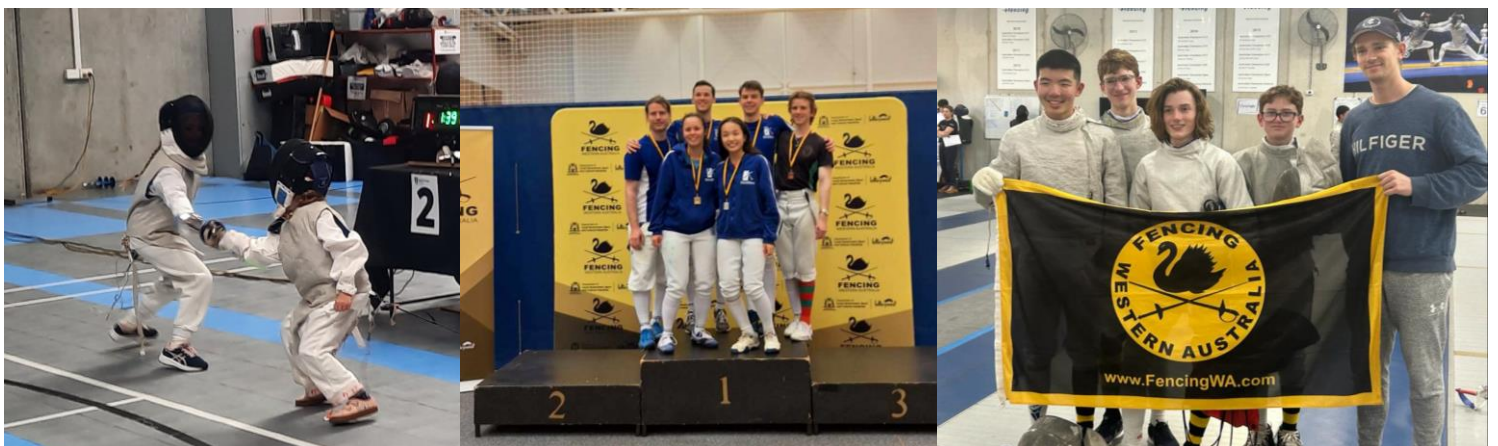
The Board is very grateful for the continued support for the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) both financially through its grants, but also for their advice and support through our sports consultant and also workshops and training courses.

I would like to thank David Smith who was appointed to the board this year to assist with marketing due to his experience in Sports Marketing with other state sporting organisations. David's insight through his experience with other sports was invaluable to the FWA board when looking at our governance and policies and also developing the sport of Fencing in WA. David has had to step down from the board due to competing demands on his time. The Board thanks him for his contribution this year and wishes him well for the future.

Zak Leonhard is also leaving the board at this AGM, and I wish to thank him for all his hard work on behalf of the board and the fencing community who he has served well during his time on the board. As a high performance athlete, he has been able to contribute to the decision making from the perspective of Fencers in the WA community which has contributed significantly to the board over the years. The Board and I wish him every success for the future.

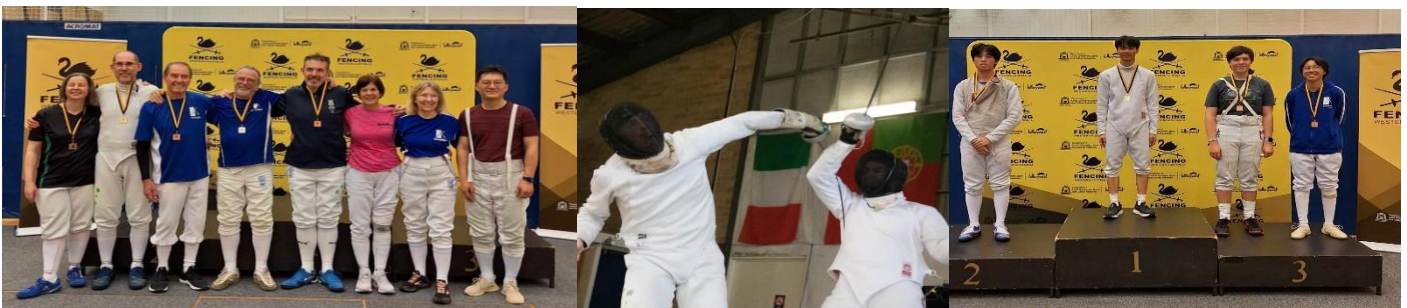
Finally, I wish to congratulate all our state champions for this year but also congratulate fencers old and new who have competed, just started out on their fencing journey, or have returned to the piste. As we look forward to the coming Fencing year, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sharon Dale
President



Championship Awards

Category	2023 Champions
U13 Boys Epee	Raphael Fitzpatrick (UWA)
U13 Girls Epee	Holly Peach (EFC)
U13 Boys Foil	Cayo Reyes (EXC)
U13 Girls Foil	Peicheng Yang (EXC)
U13 Boys Sabre	Cayo Reyes (EXC)
U13 Girls Sabre	Peicheng Yang (EXC)
U15 Boys Epee	Jude Tanham (UWA)
U15 Girls Epee	Holly Peach (EFC)
U15 Boys Foil	Tex Tracey (JSA)
U15 Girls Foil	Raya Reyes (EXC)
U15 Boys Sabre	Hao Liu (EXC)
U15 Girls Sabre	Peicheng Yang (EXC)
Cadet (U17) Mens Epee	Erick Lu (UWA)
Cadet (U17) Womens Epee	Charisse Takoniatis (UWA)
Cadet (U17) Mens Foil	Bosco Yu (JSA)
Cadet (U17) Womens Foil	Raya Reyes (EXC)
Cadet (U17) Mens Sabre	Monty Fowler (EXC)
Cadet (U17) Womens Sabre	Peicheng Yang (EXC)
Junior (U20) Mens Epee	Huu Tai Pham (UWA)
Junior (U20) Mens Foil	Xavier Adamos (CAVS)
Junior (U20) Womens Foil	Rebecca Phipps (EXC)
Junior (U20) Mens Sabre	Robin Lismann (EXC)
Open Mens Epee	John Downes (UWA)
Open Womens Epee	Lilly Litchfield (UWA)
Open Mens Foil	Aron Thian (CAVS)
Open Womens Foil	Wing Sz Chloe So (CAVS)



Championship Awards cont.

Open Mens Sabre
Open Womens Sabre

Veteran Mens Epee
Veteran Womens Epee

Veteran Mens Foil

Veteran Mens Sabre
Veteran Womens Sabre

Novice Mens Epee
Novice Womens Epee

Novice Mens Sabre
Novice Womens Sabre

Club Epee
Club Foil
Club Sabre

Alex Brown (EXC)
Lisa Blyth (EXC)

Adrian Paxman (CSFC)
Kylie Weatherald (UWA)

Richie Kuhaupt (EXC)

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

Huu Tai Pham (UWA)
Charisse Takoniatis (UWA)

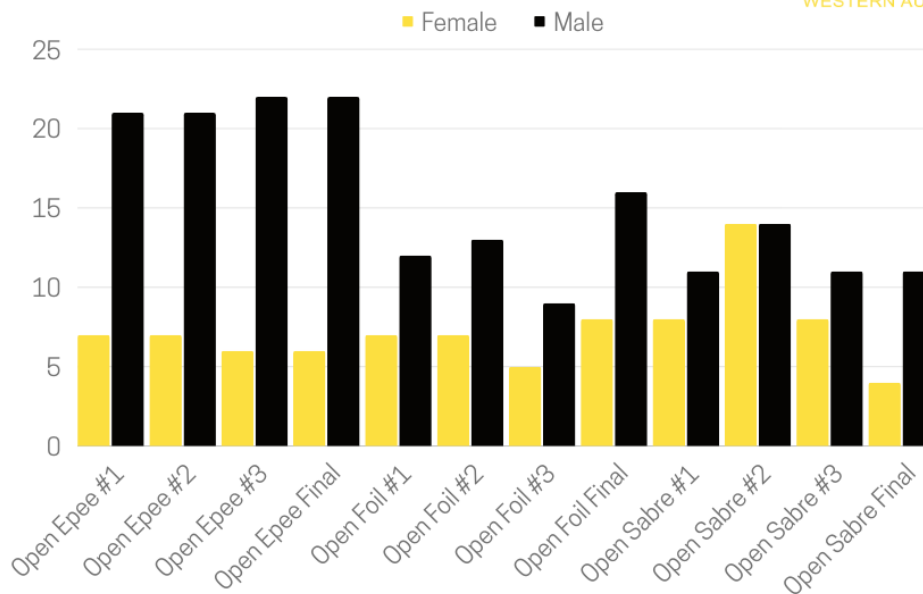
Lachlan McBeath (CAVS)
Katelyn Collins (CAVS)

UWA Fencing Club
ECU Cavaliers Fencing Club
Excalibur Community Fencing Club

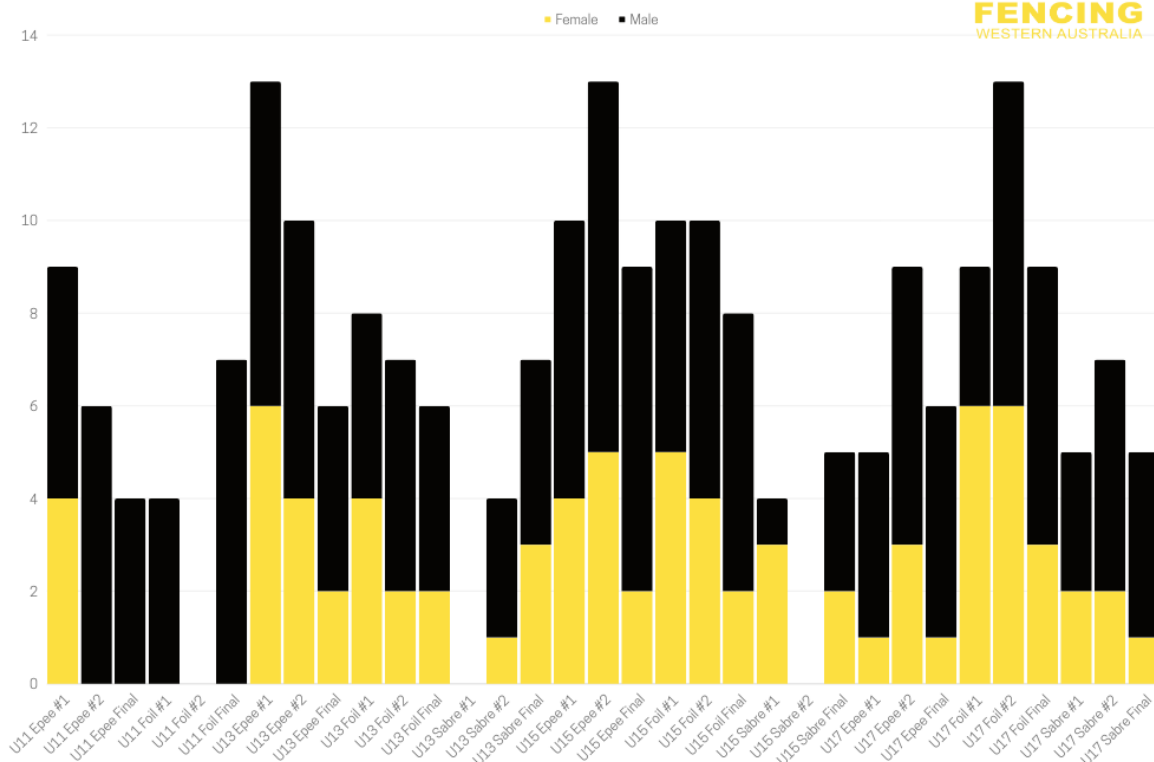


Competition Statistics

2023 Open Numbers

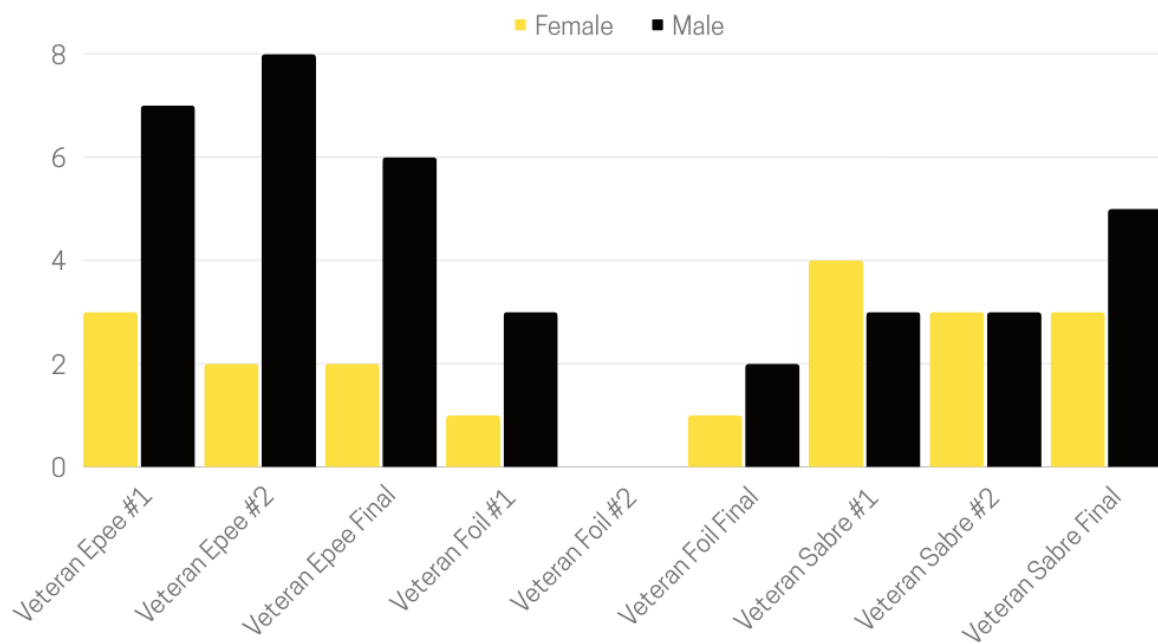


2023 U11 – U17 Numbers



Competition Statistics

2023 Veteran Numbers



Governance

Board Members December 2022 – December 2023

Name	Role	Number of meetings attended in 2022 / 2023
Sharon Dale	Elected Director - President	8/8
Chris Stronach	Elected Director - Secretary	7/8
Gary Sudran	Elected Director-Treasurer	7/8
Zak Leonhard	Elected Director	5/8
Isobel Ellis	Elected Director	8/8
Kerry MacLaurin	Casual Vacancy Director	6/8
Kylie Caunt	Casual Vacancy Director	6/8
David Smith	Appointed Director	5/6

Board Committees

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

Staff

Name	Role
Ruth Gibbons	Executive Officer
Dee Jennings	Operations & Communications Officer



Financial Report

**July 2022
to
June 2023**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION
INC**

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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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 30/6/2023 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 Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the organisations financial position as at 30/6/2023 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 Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Regulation 2013.
- (b) Other mandatory professional reporting requirements to the extent described in Note 1.

Date: 21 Nov 23



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INCOME	\$ 2023	\$ 2022
Affiliations - Individuals	20,712	15,681
AFF Capitation	0	0
Club Membership	682	818
Competition Fees	0	0
Cadets Grants & Entries	12,998	1,695
State Competition Entry Fees	17,478	5,306
FWA Awards Event	1,368	477
Government Grants	64,700	25000
Interest	186	0
Sales - Jackets, T- Shirts & Other Equipment	395	92
TOTAL INCOME	118,519	49,068
EXPENSES		
Accounting/Audit Fees	993	860
AFF Capitation	1,988	4,398
Discount Given	0	0
Clothing & Equipment	4,264	228
Depreciation	6,311	5,835
Fencing Time Software	0	120
First Aid Course	836	0
FWA Awards Event	2,724	1,246
Insurance	6,232	3,594
National Comps	6,552	1,950
Other	447	196
Professional Fees	39,862	20,396
Referee Honorarium	3,183	3,010
DT s Honorarium	2,800	1,850
Register Now	0	793
State Comps Refunds & Medals	407	4,327
Subscriptions	315	185
Venue Hire	2,123	2,877
WA Sport Federation & Olympic Council	177	177
Web Site	0	227
TOTAL EXPENSES	79,214	52,269
NET INCOME	\$39,305	(\$3,201)
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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 using the cash method of accounting.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and therefore do not take into account changing money values.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FENCING ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT AT 30 JUNE 2023

	\$ 2023	\$ 2022
ASSETS		
WAFA Bank West	144,111	138,978
Telenet Saver	31	80,704
Cheque Account CBA	1,164	3,000
Term Deposit (CBA)	100,000	0
Property & Equipment	109,837	105,073
Less Depreciation	(47,954)	(47,448)
	245,155	280,307
LIABILITIES		
ATO Payments	9,130	959
GST Liability	0	4,412
	9130	5,317
NET ASSETS	\$236,025	\$271,906
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at beginning of year	271,906	275,107
Add Surplus/(Deficit)	18,673	-3,201
	\$290,579	\$271,906
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