

NEWSLETTER



2023 World Female Athlete of the Year Ash Stebbeings

WELCOME

We hope you enjoy catching up on what is happening across Australia in towed watersports as we share the passion!

PREFERRED PARTNERS PROGRAM

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- Liquid Elements WA,
- Mac's Waterski World
- Prowake Gold Coast
- Skin Ski and Surf Yarrowonga

These amazing partners are providing exclusive WAWA member benefits. Make sure to take advantage of their fantastic offers, details on page 2.

Congratulations Ash!

Huge congratulations to Ash Stebbeings, the powerhouse behind the prestigious title of IWWF Female Athlete of the Year 2023! With five World Barefoot Championship victories under her belt, Ash isn't just rewriting the rules of her sport; she's crafting a legacy that's distinctly Australian and undeniably awe-inspiring.

Our Aussie athletes are making a big impression on the international stage with the IWWF also recognising these Australian athletes as the International Skiers of the Year in their Divisions -

- Ash Stebbeings - Barefoot
- Keenan Derry - Barefoot
- Carter Robertson - Ski Racing
- Nellie McMillan - Ski Racing



OPEN WATER SKI DAYS

FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND VISION IMPAIRMENTS
After hearing about Making Strides (an Allied Health group) and their work in QLD, Sharon Paterson organised a development day to introduce disabled water skiing and demonstrate techniques and equipment on the Tweed River, which sparked a demand for more ski days. Supported by dedicated local volunteers, the NSWWSF Disabled Division now has five ski days on the calendar to offer skiers with disabilities the chance to participate in water skiing from October to late March 2024.

[VIEW THE CALENDAR HERE](#)



The countdown is on! This prestigious international event will see the world's best competing for the top spot to win the coveted Moomba Masters title on the Yarra River in Melbourne from 7 to 11 March 2024. [THE SCHEDULE](#) kick offs with the Junior Moomba Invitational, followed by the Moomba Masters and Wakeboard Invitational Championships. Watch all the action live at [MOOMBA MASTERS LIVESTREAM](#)



Throughout Moomba, the Victorian Southern Waters Ski Show team will provide daily show ski demonstrations, showcasing the multi-disciplinary nature of our sport.



THE HOME OF WATERSKIING

Next time you're enjoying all the amenities at WAWA's physical home base the **Mulwala Water Ski Club**, take a minute to read over the WAWA Hall of Fame honour roll, where many of our legends are recognised. Our divisions now also have access to storage for event assets and equipment at our perfect home of water skiing!

Free Entry events at Max Kirwan Ski Park



The Mulwala Waterski Club is hosting two events the same weekend: the Victorian State Championships for Barefooting and the NSW State Championships for Tournament skiing. Competition starts Friday 22 March, with the barefooters kicking off in the evening under lights for the first round of Jump.



Saturday and Sunday will be full of fierce competition across all divisions, from Juniors to Seniors. With side-by-side lakes at Max Kirwan Ski Park, you can easily watch the action unfold, from a footer tumbling down the lake to a slalom skier ripping through the course, make sure to come and check it out!

GET YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ONBOARD!

Sign up for **FREE** WAWA Community Membership and have a voice!

Encourage all your friends and family to join this vibrant network to stay informed and build a community that can stand together to advocate for our favourite waterways – keeping them open, clean, and protected for everyone's enjoyment. Plus access exclusive discount offers from our Preferred Partners.

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WAWA DIVISION CALENDARS

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Click here for **WAKEBOARD**
Click here for **WATERSKI**
Click here for **SHOW SKI**

YOUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS



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OUT AND ABOUT...

TWSA NEWS

The Christmas school holidays bring with them an explosion of activity throughout the Water Ski Australia community. While some of our community hook up the boat and get away for a much needed holiday, many jump into competition mode as Australian Training Schools and Major Tournaments ramp up! Here we have one of our many juniors competing at the Australian Junior Masters, of course, being towed by the impeccable Response TXi, proudly provided by our major sponsor Malibu Boats Australia.



WHAT'S NEW IN VICTORIA

Melton, Victoria hosted its first tournament in nearly two decades, to meet demand for specialised trick comps. Spearheaded by Troy Dennis, skiers' performances were gauged against their ranking scores. Supported by the Melton Runabout and Speed Boat Club committee, the event reignited activity at the 'old' ski site and skiers Jacob Saddington and Mitchell Bray clinching the coveted prize money. With its rich history and facilities, including two slalom courses, the event marked a triumphant return for waterskiing at Melton.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WA?

The WA Association has been a hive of activity! The Waterski Division has been busy with tournaments and dedicated efforts towards junior development, shaping the next generation of water sports enthusiasts. Meanwhile, the show ski division is training for their regular Shows and gearing up for the upcoming Worlds Training Camp in Mulwala, NSW. Not to be outdone, the Wakeboard and Barefoot Divisions are in full throttle as they prepare for Nationals, honing their techniques and striving for excellence.

[READ THE FULL ACTIVITIES REPORT HERE](#)

SHOW SKI AUSTRALIA TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The cancelled 2020 Ski Show World Championships was disappointing for Australia. But a positive turn sees the event return to Mulwala in 2025, promising lots of action and entertainment at the Max Kirwan Water Ski Park. The world's best show ski teams from the USA, Canada, Belgium, Germany and Australia, will compete at this international event for the title of World Champions, which promises to be a huge entertainment spectacle! Entry is free for spectators, so get down to cheer on the green and gold and see all the action!

[READ MORE HERE](#)



IWWF OCEANIA

The Oceania Division of the IWWF represents all towed water sports divisions in Australia and New Zealand.

[READ THE FULL REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES HERE](#)

MAJOR EVENTS CALENDAR

- 2024 WAWA Wakeboard Nationals 1 & 2 March 2024 at Murray Bridge, Australia (completed)
- 2024 WAWA Waterski & Disabled Nationals - 28 March to 1 April (Easter) at Mulwala, Australia
- 2024 WAWA Barefoot Nationals - 8 to 13 April at Perth, Australia
- 2024 IWWF Under 17 Waterski World Championships 27 July to 3 Aug at Predator Bay, Canada
- 2024 IWWF Over 35 Waterski World Championships 4-8 Sept at Botaski, Spain
- 2024 IWWF Barefoot World Championships 5 to 12 October at Aubendale, Florida, USA.
- 2024 iWWF Wakeboard World Championships - (dates and venue to be announced)
- 2024 IWWF Disabled World Championships - (dates and venue to be announced)
- 2025 IWWF Show Ski World Championships - 22 to 25 March at Mulwala, Australia
- 2026 WAWA Show Ski Nationals (dates and venue to be announced)