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**WA**



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REPORT

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# Paddle Academy!

## Who we are

The LiveLighter PADDLE ACADEMY is Paddle WA's paddling education unit, delivering fully catered kayak lessons with highly qualified and experienced instructors.

The PADDLE ACADEMY aims to encourage participation and enjoyment in the WA outdoors.

Delivered at a location near you!

## Programs

- Basic skills
- Outdoor Ed Camps
- Professional Development
- Team building
- Ocean kayaking skills
- Training toward events
- White Water skills
- Or tailored to your needs...

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Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries

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## Our Vision

To be a thriving cohesive paddling community in Western Australia that embraces the dimension of paddling as a sport: adventure, recreation and competition.

## Our Purpose

To inspire West Australian's with paddling through participation in the activity of paddling: for health, enjoyment, friendship, challenge and achievement.

## Our Guiding Principles

### Sustainability

Ensuring we meet the needs of current and future generations through effective management and decision making, that supports the outcome of a positive triple bottom line. To achieve this, we focus on practices that support economic and social development, while encouraging the conservation of the environment that is so critical to our sport.

### Collaboration

Building social capital through the development of networks, norms and social trust increases our ability to build capability and capacity.

### Community focus

The paddling community lead the business. We believe in sharing success through strong relationships with our community, investors and partners. We work hard to exceed our community's expectations, delivering a better experience.

### Excellence

Encouraging and supporting the pursuit of excellence through leadership and innovation.

### Inclusiveness

We are inclusive, embrace the principles of diversity and are welcoming to everyone who shares our passion for paddling.

### Integrity

We will ensure our operations are conducted ethically and transparently, promoting values that build confidence, including: fair play, respect, personal responsibility, honesty, safety and compassion.

### Volunteering

We value and support our volunteers who willingly give of their time, services or skills, providing a base which facilitates the delivery of paddling in W.A.

## OUR COMMITTEES

### Awards

Ken Vidler  
Doug Hodson  
Peter Martin  
Neville Hine

HP Monitoring & Evaluation  
Amanda Simper  
Margie Jeffery  
Ramon Andersson

Whitewater Centre Committee  
Margie Jeffery  
Steve Mueller  
Doug Hodson  
Guest: Duncan Ellis

Audit & Risk Committee  
Dave Griffiths  
Ken Vidler  
Rosalie Evans

Hall of Fame  
Amanda Simper  
Bevan Dashwood  
Kelvin Graham  
Ken Vidler  
Lisa Russ  
Ramon Andersson  
Robin Bell  
Sandy Robson  
Terry Bolland  
Zlatan Ibrahimbegovic  
Steve Bird  
Jesse Phillips  
Alana Nichols  
Daniel Bowker  
Robin Jeffery  
Darryl Long

Paddle WA formally acknowledge its Life Members. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to each.

Benny Bennion\*\*  
Bevan Dashwood  
Bill Davis  
Peter Dear  
Bill Hine \*\*  
Greg Kaeding  
Hetty Snowball \*\*  
Les Taylor  
Terry Bolland  
Robyn Khorshid  
John Mulcahy  
Peter Martin  
Neville Hine  
Margaret Jeffery  
Ramon Andersson  
Marion Ewing  
Judith Thompson  
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## Administration Staff:

Rosalie Evans, Executive Officer  
Leonie Cockman, Education Officer  
Christopher Greed, Development Officer  
Clare Pankhurst, Administration  
Ashleigh Ritchie, Bookkeeper  
Sonia Siamos, Marketing Coordinator  
Noah Boldy, Paddle Academy Coordinator/  
Trainee

## Board of Directors:

Andrew Hayden, President  
Ken Vidler, Board Member  
Leonie Cockman, Board Member  
Amanda Simper, Board Member  
Terry Bolland, Board Member  
Alex McKenzie, Board Member (Ind)  
Claire Scullin, Board Member (Ind)

## Board movements:

Zac Accott (Out)  
Alex McKenzie (In)

## Affiliated Clubs:

Ascot Kayak Club  
Bayswater Paddlesports Club  
Canning River Canoe Club  
Champion Lakes Boating Club  
Geographe Bay Paddling Club  
Hurricane Paddling Crew  
Indian Ocean Paddlers  
Mandurah Ocean Club  
Perth Paddlers  
Sea Kayak Club of WA Inc.  
Swan Canoe Club

## National Body:

Paddle Australia

# Our Clubs



# Sponsors & Supporters

## Event Sponsors:

City of Bayswater

## Other Sponsors and Supporters:

Department of Transport  
Department of Water  
DBCA - Parks and Wildlife Services  
Fremantle Volunteer Sea Rescue  
Paddle Australia  
Royal Life Saving Society of WA  
Sport Australia  
Sport West  
Surf Life Saving Western Australia  
Swan River Trust  
Trysports  
Water Wanderers  
Western Australian Institute of Sport  
Yak Shack

## Paddle WA Major Partners



## National Body



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

## MEMBERSHIP

Our club and direct members come from all over the metropolitan and southwest area, north as far as Yancheep and Lower Chittering, east as far as Mundaring and south as far as Busselton. We have 11 affiliated clubs and just over 1500 members, 102 of those are direct members of Paddle WA and the remainder are club members. 64% of our members are male and 36% female.

Most of our club members are adults. We have 138 junior members. The clubs that support junior programs are attracting a good number of new members as 47 of the 138 juniors are new. The juniors within our paddling community punch above their weight in achievements and performance. Juniors are a worthwhile investment for all our clubs. It keeps our clubs strong and active and builds lifelong participation in the sport. Between the 7 October 2021 and 5 October 2022 we enrolled 291 new members, showing our growth is steady and stable, although we have had a recent growth spurt in direct membership with 47 of the 102 are new members.

## DISCIPLINES

Over 12 months our disciplines have run 62 events and continue to be well supported by our paddling community, especially our competitive paddlers. The disciplines provide opportunities for our paddlers to participate in a wide variety of paddling and a number of competitive paddlers participate in a variety of disciplines.

This year saw the launch of the new State Flatwater Slalom Course, which provides WA with state of art training facilities for Slalom. With the West Australian borders back open a large number of WA athletes (mainly juniors and young adults) were back on international teams.

We know who is involved and running our state disciplines, we see them working hard, a lesser-known group are those members contributing their time to national discipline committees. We acknowledge and thank Lisa Russ – Sprint, Kate

Vyvyan and Robin Jeffery – Slalom, Christopher Greed and Kristopher Smith - Wildwater, Robert Jenkinson and Jamie Roberts – Ocean Racing, Doug Hodson – Marathon and Darren Pratt – Stand Up Paddling. Paddle WA thanks WA members Greg Kaeding (Sprint) and Julie Jenkinson (Ocean Racing) for their valuable input over many years and congratulations to Kate Martin who is on the new Paddle Australia Safety and Advisory Group.

## K4 PROGRAM

Launched at Ascot Kayak Club on 5th February, nine (9) x new Hody Junior K4's brought in for junior development. Thank you to those who partially or entirely sponsored a craft:

Ray E Smith, Kerry Smith, Steve Fisher, Ken Vidler OLY, Bayswater Paddlesports Club, Champion Lakes Boating Club and North Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club

Read more: <https://www.paddlewa.asn.au/blog/2022/02/21/junior-k4-official-launch/>

## AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

A great deal of work went into this from Paddle WA, this event which had not been to WA since the early 2000's, was initially scheduled for October 2021 and then rescheduled to April 2022 due to covid and borders.

Initially, there were going to be several of our disciplines involved ocean racing, marathon, and sprint but with the change of dates, marathon was the only discipline that paddlers could compete in for an Australian Master Games medal.

A good turnout of 57 x singles and 14 x double craft raced, all from WA. A big thank you goes to Terry Bolland for pulling together the event, organising volunteers, and promoting entries to the paddling community

## EDUCATION

Paddle Academy is the star of our education initiatives. Last financial year we provided



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instruction and guiding to 14 schools and employment opportunities to 20 paddler/instructors. We had five (5) new schools and over 1000 students participate. The sessions are diverse in their aims, from fun and challenges to preparing year 12s to take on a Whitewater trip. A growth area is providing qualified Guides to schools for their year 9 – 12 paddling trips and an increasing demand from schools wanting to be involved in our white-water sessions.

Paddle WA has provided 16 paddle courses – mainly Guide qualifications in canoeing and kayaking but also for Basic Paddling certificates. There is a beneficial synergy between Paddle Academy and the Courses we provide to teachers. We have administered and supported external assessors to run 21 courses and two (2) of our clubs Swan Canoe Club and the Sea Kayak Club to run six (6) qualification courses from skills level to instructor levels. Both clubs are to be commended on the training programs they provide to their members.

As we move forward, we are fostering a good and beneficial working relationship with state-based external assessors, Notre Dame University and Edith Cowan University. Paddle Australia paddling qualifications are highly regarded and sort after in Western Australia.

We are supporting and administering online coaching courses and the take-up is slowly increasing.

#### TID PROGRAM

Once again ran in 2021 and gained 13 members, ran at AKC with

Matthew & Nicholas Greed as program coaches. The success of the program is becoming more evident, with 2020 inductee Samantha Lourey making the 2022 national sprint team and amazingly finishing 7th in the K1 1000m A Final.

The testing day for 2022 has concluded and so we will soon see the next wave of future paddling talent on the water. The TID program is run in partnership with WAIS, Paddle WA is proud and very thankful for the support we receive from WAIS.

#### WILDWATER NATIONALS

WA hosted the 2022 Wildwater National Champs on the Avon River, the first time it's been in WA in 19 years. 55 entries from across three states saw some great high-water racing, more info will be in the WWR report. A massive thank you goes to Kris Smith and the Wildwater WA Committee for running the event, and for coordinating a live stream which is a wildwater discipline-first.

#### OVERVIEW

We are a vibrant and busy paddling community. Our clubs and their members are our heart and soul. Our vibrancy and success are driven by our volunteers, and we cannot thank them enough for the work they do. DLGSC and Healthway contribute significantly to our financial well-being, and we are incredibly grateful for the funding we receive. We appreciate ongoing support and guidance from Paddle Australia.

A special farewell and thank you to Zac Acott for his board role and a welcome to Alex McKenzie.

Paddle WA are so fortunate to have such a dedicated Board and our thanks go out to them for the hours that they volunteer to keep our Association on track.

Our current Board Members are Andrew Hayden (President), Amanda Simper, Terry Bolland, Ken Vidler, Leonie Cockman, Claire Scullin and as previously mentioned Alex McKenzie.

Rosalie Evans	Leonie Cockman
EO Paddle WA	A/EO Paddle WA

PS from Rosalie

As most would be aware I have been missing in action for six weeks and will not be returning to work until the end of November.

As I think back over my ten (10) years in the position of EO, and writing up the EO's report I think for at least eight (8) of them I have thanked Leonie Cockman for her assistance during this time, as our Head Paddle Academy Instructor, Education Officer, Board Member and now as Acting EO.

I am so thankful to Leo for her support during my time on personal leave and Paddle WA could not have been left in better hands – so from me and on behalf of the Board and our members thank you, Leo.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022 saw us emerge from the effects of Covid with a re emergence of less restriction and more international competition.

## THE BOARD

Zac Acott left the Paddle WA board to become CEO of Equestrian WA. Zac has been a great asset to PWA, having worked in the office previously as an assistant to Rosalie in years past and bringing that operational knowledge together with a wider strategic outlook gained from his previous work at Fremantle and Subiaco Football clubs and WA Swimming. We wish him well in his new role.

Alex McKenzie came onto the board in place of Zac. Alex comes with a wealth of experience in the state sporting arena and interaction with government departments. His strategic view of our organisation both in structure, outlook and interaction I feel will be a solid contribution to the organisation.

Each board member is responsible to oversee one of the 5 pillars of the Strategic Plan – Participation, Development, Performance, Sustainability and Stakeholders. The Board has continued to refine our strategic plan in line with our local needs and the direction of Paddle Australia. This forms the basis of our twice annual review of the local operational plan.

There has been a national push to drive the recreational sector of paddling. Locally the redevelopment of the WA trails program that includes paddling aligns with this. Into the future this is likely to become a challenging area due to the burgeoning recreational market, the majority of which has not become involved with Paddle Australia. Our organisation's representative approach to government and local authorities forms an important part in governmental department policy advice, but there is not a big take up of membership of our organisation by the recreational paddler. This will be a focus in the next few years ahead. What role can PWA play in that sector?

## PADDLE AUSTRALIA

Many people may not realise that Annual membership fees of our national organisation supplies a small percentage of PA's income. By far the majority of Paddle Australia's income comes from Sport Australia and the High Performance pathway. These funds are "quarantined" for the High Performance sector of paddling in Australia. The capacity of Paddle Australia to deliver its current wide range of services is entwined with this source of funding.

As part of this arrangement, Paddle Australia as a sport within Sport Australia, has been required to sign up to the [National Integrity Framework](#). This Framework gives better pathways for the process of Integrity and Dispute resolution. This includes the appointment of a national integrity manager as a conduit for the process of any disputes. I encourage all members to read and become aware of the framework and to become involved in the forthcoming meetings about its roll out.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

In early August Kris Smith and his team did a mountain of work to hold the National Wildwater Championships on the Avon shortly before the Avon descent. Good ( but sudden!) rain saw water levels make for challenging conditions for organisers and competitors. I believe this was the first time [Live streaming](#) had occurred for a Wild water event. PWA thanks Kris and his team for all their efforts under difficult circumstances. In the next 14 months WA will host the National Sprint Championships in March and the World Ocean Racing Championships at Mandurah in 2023.

State and local racing events have continued with the sustained support of our discipline committees. I encourage all members whether participating or volunteering to become involved in helping out a couple of times a year at your club, state or national event.



## HIGH PERFORMANCE

With world competition reawakening after Covid, WA has had representatives on the World stage in Slalom Juniors, World Sprint Senior, U23 and Juniors as well as Asia Pacific, Marathon Seniors and veterans, Paracanoe and Wildwater. PWA continues to seek further clarification and communication from PA High Performance so as to allow us to provide support to athlete pathways locally in conjunction with WAIS. As PA HP goes through restructuring, uncertainty in funding and pathway progression has caused frustration at a local level. As well as this, the centralisation of elite performance on the eastern states sees the drain of local role models for younger paddlers.

My thanks to Rosalie and the office staff Of Clare, Christopher, Sonia and Noah for working through a difficult year. My thanks also for Leonie Cockman for stepping into Rosalie's shoes to guide the ship into the next season.

Andrew Hayden  
President PWA





# OUR EVENTS

## Classic Paddle

150 participants

The LiveLighter Classic Paddle was once again a great success! It was great to see a large group of dragon boats and outriggers on the startline. The 2021 Royal Life Saving Society WA Dash for Cash was fought out hard! This annual event is loved but all paddlers whether they are PWA members or not, starting at Deep Water Point in Mount Pleasant and finishing at Gilbert Frazer Reserve in North Fremantle. A healthy lunch provided by North Fremantle Cricket Club was enjoyed by all racers.

## The Ramon

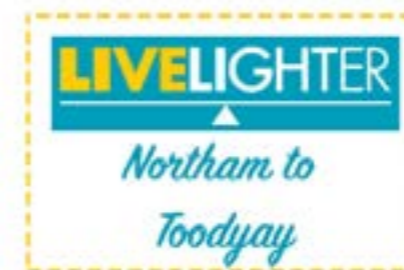
155 participants

The LiveLighter Ramon Challenge was moved to the beginning of the year to replace the Paddle Challenge, starting at Bayswater Paddle Club. The Ramon was held on Sunday morning with over 150 paddlers competing in the various race lengths from 3.5km to an 18km long course. There were a total of 133 craft on the water. This included a mixture of guppys, K1, Va'a, outriggers, SUPs and plastics. The course had some last minute adjustments due to high tides, but the weather was extremely kind to us and that miserable windy and wet day that was forecast held off. The medals were awarded to all junior paddlers and first place of each category. This was also the first of the Avon Descent Seeding Races. Deb Boxall, the new EO of NADA (Avon Descent) came and spoke to the competitors about the Avon Descent 2022. As part of a new initiative, at each Paddle WA event this year two paddles were selected at random and 5 extra points were awarded to contribute towards their Avon Descent seeding total.

## Northam to Toodyay

143 participants

The LiveLighter Northam to Toodyay was held on Sunday morning with over 80 paddlers competing! Due to the low water level, the decision was made to start the race at Katrine Bridge. We had some great feedback from all paddlers involved and spectacular results despite the conditions. Random draw prizes were awarded after the race to mix up presentations. This was also the second of three 2022 Avon Descent Seeding races. Once again a big thank you to Warren Southwell for all his help and congratulations to all racers who competed on the day!



## Sea Kayak Fest 2022

The Sea Kayak Western Australia (WA) Festival (Fest) has been an annual event designed to educate and inspire recreational sea kayakers. It has showcased the WA coastal environments with the expectation of minimal impact. It is a not for profit event that has Paddle Australia endorsement through the state body Paddle WA (PWA). The Sea Kayak Club of Western Australia Inc (SKCWA) is a not for profit body that organises sea kayak events. All money is managed by PWA. Should the Sea Kayak Fest cease to run, the funds held in the Sea Kayak Fest name defaults to PWA. The Sea Kayak Fest organising committee is a subcommittee of SKCWA but can have non club members and associated organisations included in the committee.

The event can move to any location in WA that the organising committee deem appropriate for that year. The format can change from year to year but the outcomes of not for profit, education and inspiration must remain pivotal in the planning and implementation of the event.

The 'Sea Kayak Fest 2022' was located in Busselton, WA between Friday March 25 – Monday March 28th. The location for the event was Camp Grace, 220 Caves Road, Siesta Park. Busselton and the surrounds was a wonderful location offering paddles of all adventure levels, from the calm waters Geographe Bay to more challenging paddles off the coast.

Experienced sea leaders were there to support each trip. Qualified instructors were available to help the participants learn new skills and experience the wonderful world of sea kayaking.

# OUR PROGRAMS

Paddle WA ran 16 Education courses over the year with 143 participants

Membership Numbers  
Total: 1526  
Senior: 1266  
Junior: 144  
Direct: 102  
Volunteer: 14

Paddle WA had 1129 students come through the Paddle Academy program this year

## Paddle Academy

Paddle WA is currently working with over 23 schools and several government organisations, the number of schools equates to over 1125 students, with the schools, we offer both flatwater and whitewater sessions. The idea for Paddle Academy is to introduce upper school-aged children to paddling in a fun and friendly space, at the same time educating them in safety and water awareness. A deep focus has been on developing this area within the Paddle WA office team, as we can see what is achieved when the young people are exposed to an exciting outdoor adventure such as paddling, it is so good for their confidence and mental well-being.

## Masters Sprint Program

Paddle WA ran a very successful Masters Sprint Training Day, this is a participation program for both male and female of all abilities in paddling, wanting to improve their sprint skills. The Master's Sprint program was run by Jesse Phillips and Jamie Roberts. Participants in the course got some great training and technique tips in preparation for the State Sprint Championships. All participants had an amazing day and were so supportive of each other.



# Marathon Report

PWA Marathon were able to hold the planned schedule of eight marathons and two championship events during the 2021-2022 season.

Events were well attended. Numbers were higher than previous up until the final two marathons. Nearly all the racing was conducted without paddling incidents. It was necessary to rescue paddlers due to health/injury incidents on a number of occasions, happily that was accomplished successfully. Data for annual awards was compiled and the awards were presented at the dinner in mid-June. There will be an update to the system in the next season to ensure a further improvement in overall fairness.

## MARATHON EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

The season commenced, as always, with Island to Island. The event was a twin session between PWA Marathon and SUPWA. Both disciplines raced at the same time on mostly the same course with a successful outcome.

The second event was the Moore River Marathon combined with the Mixed Doubles State Championships. The river was extremely low prior to race day with the result that the race had to be moved to Middle Swan. The move was successful, most entrants were still available to compete and were happy with the move and the alternate course. Because there is always doubt about Moore River water levels, the Middle Swan alternative will be presented with every Moore River registration in future.

The next event was the Canning River Race in December. It was held on a clear day with quite strong wind across the river at the Deep Water Pt start. Numbers were good. People enjoyed the race except for an overtaking incident which necessitated some post race 'discussion' with the parties involved.

Early January saw a return to Lake Leschenaultia. This race is now just a standard marathon [#4], no longer a championship. This year, it was decided to incorporate a right hand turn. The event proved to be a challenge for lap counting for some competitors.

The Mandurah Canals race was held in February, having been swapped with the Canning River race to ensure more down-wind paddlers could participate. The strategy was successful. It was particularly popular with outriggers.

A hot day in late February saw the Marathon Discipline travel to Pinjarra for the Pinjarra to Ravenswood marathon. The event was well attended and notable for a big contingent of outriggers. This event saw the inception of Para-Adaptive as a category in PWA Marathon.

Next on the plan was the State Marathon Championships. It was held at Sandy Beach, was really well attended [143 paddlers] and paddlers enjoyed it. The junior category saw 38 entrants. 2022 was the first year for SUPs in this event. Medals were awarded on the day with the magnificent Swan River as a back-drop. Sandy Beach is now established as the permanent venue for the "States".

After Easter, a team of 16 PWA Marathon paddlers attended the Marathon Nationals on the Gold Coast and gave a good account of themselves, coming away with 20 medals, 12 of them gold.

There were two more events in the season: Double Barkers and Upper Swan. The longer distances at the end of the season saw paddlers from other disciplines who were embarking on their Avon Descent training. However numbers were down for a few reasons. WA had just opened up to Covid, the outriggers were at their nationals and the youth

were at Sprint Nationals. Upper Swan was held earlier than normal. This affected numbers as it is typically a race that attracts paddlers who are keen to do a longer distance ahead of the Avon Descent. This year it was too early for that. The scheduling has been changed to address this in next year's calendar.

The End-of-Season Awards were presented at the Marathon Dinner in the Ascot boat shed on June 18. It was a successful and enjoyable night.

## PARTICIPATION

Overall numbers were up by 12%, it was a good year.

There continues to be marked interest from outrigger paddlers. They have boosted numbers and created interesting variety for racers over the past two years. This year saw the SUPs as well, also a welcome addition.

The demographics between adult male, adult female and junior have swung towards slightly more juniors and fewer females. The growth is dependent on the clubs, junior flat-water development squads have been developed at Ascot and at Canning and the Progressive Racing Group at Ascot is bringing adult paddlers into the sport. These are exciting developments for Marathon.

The short course has been promoted strongly. Interest was good for the Canning River Race, Marathon State Championships and the Upper Swan Race. It has been a successful strategy for increasing participation in longer and more challenging races.

## MARATHON COMMITTEE

Management of the 2021-2022 season was conducted with the help of an excellent committee:

- Warren Southwell [Boats]
- Peter Douglas [Treasurer]
- John Hilton
- Rosalie Evans
- Joe Dowse
- Terry Bolland

The success of the season owes big thanks to this group for their contribution both in terms of work and good counsel for the decisions that had to be made from time to time.

## DOCUMENTATION

The Marathon Awards Guidelines were modified to reflect two competitions, one for single craft and a separate one for doubles. The intention [which was successful] was to prevent performance in a double skewing the results in a combination of doubles and singles.

## SUPPORT BOATS

The boats performed well throughout the season. A new, larger engine [8Hp] was purchased to make boat #2 more functional. Huge thanks go to Warren Southwell for tireless work with management and transport of the boats during this season.

Marathon organised a skippers' ticket course in May. It was well attended and it is hoped that the newly accredited skippers will make themselves available to help with marathons in the future.

## VOLUNTEERS

Marathon events are fortunate to be supported by enthusiastic, competent, hard-working, reliable volunteers.

The events of this season all ran smoothly. The group of volunteers tended to be based on the same nucleus of people for every event.

Thanks, in particular go to:

- Race Directors: John Hilton
- Timers: Beck Florisson, Wendy Drok, Clare Pankhurst, Peter Douglas, BryonyMcRudden
- Starters: Peter Ashby & Peter Liddle
- Check Points: Ian Quinn, Michael Kuipers, Tim Edwards
- Awards Calculator: Ray Smith
- Updating Records and Results: John Hilton
- Support Boat Management: Warren Southwell

The search for new volunteers will continue in the hope of expanding the group of volunteers so as to not have to rely on the same small group of people giving up of their time as frequently as they do at present. All marathon paddlers are invited to lend assistance and to learn about the details of some of the more intricate roles.

Thanks go to Paddle WA, the committee and the volunteers for the excellent support during the year.



# Slalom Report

It was another successful year for slalom!

## **Committee Members**

Chair - Andrew Pankhurst  
Treasurer- Scott Florisson  
Secretary- Melissa Lindeman  
Committee- Beck Florisson, Clare Pankhurst, Robin Sanders

## **Slalom Events**

Slalom WA held 4 whitewater races this year at Walyanga National park. Due to the high water later in the session races had to be cancel or postpont.

Our last winter serices race was State Championships. States was held on the 11th September with a mixture of junior, senior and current national team athletes involved. The walyanga level was sitting at 1.1m, it was a great level for racing but made course set up a challenge.

We also had our development camp on the 18th and 19th of June with around 40 participants. This was a great opitunity to introduce paddles to the white-water but also improve skills for those that have been paddling for years.

## **National Success**

Many of our WA paddlers were selected onto interational teams. For the first time in 2 years, they were able to travel to Europe and represent australia at the World Championships.

### **SENIOR TEAM**

Brodie Crawford, Ben Pope, Georgina Collin

### **JUNIOR TEAM**

George Pankhurst

### **WASP Members:**

Luke Dooley, Hunter Florisson, Nina Mueller

## **Volunteers**

Slalom is a sport that relies heavily on there volunteers! Thank you so much to all who have helped out at slalom races this year.

# Sprint Report

The Sprint Technical Committee (STC) farewelled 2 longstanding members in Stuart Hyde and Lawrence Greed and we thank them for the extensive work with the Sprint committee. Some new additions and a growing number in the committee for the 2022-2023 season.

#### Current committee Members

Michelle Major (Chair)  
 Elizabeth Alison (Secretary)  
 Paul Berson (Treasurer)  
 Ria McBennett (Social)  
 Danielle Lourey (General)  
 Matthew Greed (Athlete representative)  
 Lafe and Nishani Jacob (Equipment)

New committee members  
 Stuart Ketteringham (General)

The Committee acknowledge the contribution many volunteers make to the success of Sprints and the ongoing support of the PWA staff.

#### 2021/2022 Sprint Season Events

Regattas were well attended by a wide range of athletes and craft including sprint kayaks, surf ski's, Outriggers and va'a. The structure of the Regattas is challenging and need to meet the requirements of high-performance (WAIS) and high-level athletes while accommodating sub-juniors (Guppies) and highly competitive master's athletes and novice paddlers.

The 2021/2022 sprint season was successful despite the Covid-19 pandemic with all scheduled WA events going ahead. It is pleasing to see good attendance figures at regattas based on growth and athlete retention providing a solid foundation for the sport in WA.

The State Championships ran over two-days and with 125 entries. Lower guppy entries and masters for the last season were only partially offset by higher numbers in the 16's and 18's categories  
 Interstate event attendance at Grand Prix 1 and 2

was not possible due to travel restriction. Despite postponements and a last-minute venue changes a large team of WA athletes attended the National Championships in Adelaide.

Regatta	19/20	20/21	21/22
Regatta 1	39	32	89
Regatta 2	47	60	82
Regatta 3	63	53	74
Regatta 4	80	69	73
Regatta 5	78	69	77
Regatta 6	63		52
State	115	156	125
National	20	20	18
Total entries	505	448*	590

\* 1 less regatta if average taken likely total entries around 520 for 2020-2021

#### Team Selections

The success of the pathways programs, Para programs & club squad structures in WA was revealed with various Paddle Australia team selections. Encouraging to see cross over between disciplines with national team marathon selections from competing sprint athletes. (Jaime Roberts, Noah Boldy, Gen Stanley, Sarah Major)

Senior World Champs	Junior World Champs	National Development Squad
Yale Steinpreis	Noah Boldy	Mitchell Tamblin
Lachlan Armstrong	Sammy Lourey	Olivia Berson
Amy Ralph		Samantha Lourey
Ben Sainsbury		Belle McBennett
Kathleen O'Kelly-Kennedy		Sarah Major
Mark Daniels		

Special mention to Ben Sainsbury for gold medal in the VL1, Yale Steinpreis for her silver medal in the K4 500 at senior world championship with Amy and Kat making A finals. Congratulations to Noah Boldy and Sammy Lourey for their first international event at junior worlds and good luck to Olivia, Belle and Sarah at APAC cup.

#### STC Achievements

The STC achieved several major milestones in development of Sprint in WA. These have greatly benefited all WA athletes. Achievements include:

- Continuing training and development of new volunteers across key roles for running regattas,
- Assisted WA athletes with attending National Champs in Adelaide,

- Arranged more K4 racing at regattas,
- Improvements to regatta entry and seeding systems, visibility of team boat selections.
- Ongoing consultations with PA, PWA and other States to improve the delivery of all Sprints activities in WA.

#### Concluding remarks

The sport of Canoe Sprint in WA benefits greatly from the combined efforts of the STC, PWA, the many willing volunteers and the various coaches.

Sprint activity in the general paddling community has grown over the past three seasons with a 15% increase in the last season. The committee strives to provide an excellent environment for the all athletes and a solid foundation supporting the elite and aspiring-elite athlete. Sprints and marathon work together well to coordinate events and provide activities for flatwater paddlers in both disciplines.

Goals for the upcoming season include:

1. Maximize masters attendance at both States and Nationals with Masters training programs targeting these events.
2. Junior (Guppy) K4 racing at most regattas
3. Collaborating with Outrigger clubs to increase racing options and fully utilize regatta bookings

With the highest ever registrations (122) for the opening regatta, the new season is looking very exciting with Nationals being held in WA in 2023. It is pleasing to see growth in STC members over the last year and more volunteers across key regatta roles.



# Ocean Report

The 2021-22 season was again, like 2020-21 a season that battled with the effects of inconsistent wind through our summer series and with closed borders impacting our biggest race the FENN West Coast Downwinder.

We had 4 summer series races scheduled plus the FENN West Coast Downwinder and the OCEANBUILT Gage Roads Run. The turnout for the summer series races was great with between 50-80 paddlers per race. The FENN West Coast Downwinder attracted 110 local entries and the OCEANBUILT Gage Roads Run 100 local entries. IOP would like to acknowledge our Summer Series sponsors Brad Hardingham from REALMARK, EPIC Kayaks WA, ZSS Nordic Kayaks WA, Stellar Kayaks and Surf Skis and Coast Homes. Our thanks also to FENN and Shaw and Partners Financial Services for their sponsorship of the FENN West Coast Downwinder and to OCEANBUILT for the OCEANBUILT Gage Roads Run.

The OCEANBUILT Gage Roads Run perpetual trophies 'The Ash Trophy' for Opens and the 'U23 Gareth Wright Trophy' were won by Natasha Leaversuch, Michael Booth, Selma Alibegovic and Patrick Eley respectively.

The City of Perth Sunset Series in November 2021 was, as usual, well attended by both Ocean Paddlers and Surf Lifesaving ski paddlers. It's great to see the 2 get together in an event like this.

The end of the summer saw again our fun Drummer's Run Handicap race, Port Beach to City Beach. Handicaps were calculated from submitted Garmin times for the 3-4 months preceding this, over the 11kms course.

We also finished the year with 3 winter series races and invited juniors from surf clubs to attend. This was well supported with both junior females and males racing with a choice of a short course or a long course.

We look forward to another great summer this coming season with the wind here in Perth.

# Wildwater Report

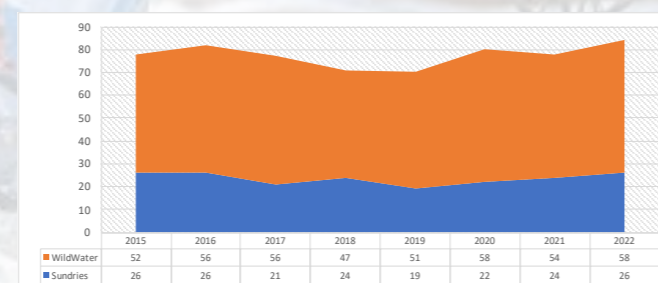
The 2022 WildWater season was the most demanding of any recent years for the WildWater WA committee, with an already saturated local paddling calendar also having to accommodate the 2022 PA Canoe Wild Water Championships (which was awarded to WildWater WA earlier in the year). At the peak of our season this included running 3 race events within 7 days ahead of the national championships, the Avon Descent and our state championships!

Following a successful 2021 partnership with the Northam Avon Descent Association (NADA); which saw the reintroduction of seeding races; WildWater WA (on behalf of Paddle WA) again worked closely with NADA and its new Executive Officer to facilitate and manage the seeding points system which rewarded participation, performance and commitment of competitors in the 2022 Avon Descent. In contrast to last year however, the final seeding race organized by WildWater WA was run as a stand-alone race; having removed the WildWater (short course) race and associated season points component; with competitors enjoying perfect conditions on a rising Avon River from Walyunga to Middle Swan.

## WildWater WA Race Numbers

While race numbers were up on last year for the Walyunga to Middle Swan seeding race, there was a slight decline in race numbers at each WildWater event.

However, the total number of unique competitors for both WildWater and Sundries craft were both higher than previous years; pleasingly as was the female participation at each event; indicating that the overall lower numbers per race could be attributed to inconsistent attendance across all events in our season.



As the hosts of the 2022 PA Canoe Wild Water Championships, the national championships returned to Western Australia after a nearly 20-year hiatus attracting 10 interstate competitors, and seeing the return to WildWater of Joshua KIPPIN, as well as Olympians Steve BIRD and Jesse PHILLIPS. There were also several competitors introduced to the Wild Water discipline through this event, with the total competitor numbers near double of any recent Wild Water National Championship.

The event was positively well received by all competitors and touted as the best WildWater championships to date, largely thanks to the extensive list of volunteers, and the support of local sponsors (Ascot Kayak Club, Lily Farm, Marathon WA, Coffee

Lady, Canoeing Down Under, Anything Kelpies, Moja Creative, Coast Insurance, ERGT, Funk 2.0, Gener8 Fitness Bullsbrook, & SGB Drafting Services) from who significant funding was sourced.

Access was also obtained from ARC Infrastructure to the Valley Road, enabling competition to proceed on an outstanding classic course safely with the Avon River flooding to 3m levels. Approvals were also obtained enabling the addition of live streaming by iVideo Productions in Walyunga National Park, with broadcast quality live footage provided of competitors in the Sprint events overlaid with commentary thanks to Dave BOLDY and Lawrence GREED.

## International Competition

With COVID restrictions easing in both WA and across the globe in 2022, Wild Water Canoeing returned to the world stage with the World Championships being held where the sport originated in Treignac, France. Our own David BURDETT and Harry LANGLEY were two of the three competitors selected in the Men's Senior team, and were the only ones to travel in either the Senior's or Junior's teams to represent Australia. Both competed in the World Championship and a World Cup in their international debut, garnering invaluable experience at the elite level whilst performing honourably.

## David BURDETT & Harry LANGLEY

2022 Australian Canoe Wildwater Senior Team  
2022 Canoe Wildwater World Championships (Senior), Vézère River, Treignac, France  
2022 Canoe Wildwater World Cup (Senior), Savinja River, Celje, Slovenia

While our elite athletes are focused on selections for 2023 and international competition, planning and organization is well underway by the WildWater WA committee who remains focused on building on the success of last season to further develop the discipline of Wild Water within WA. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all the volunteers, competitors and their families for their respective commitment and participation throughout the season past.

## Kristopher SMITH (Chair)

## WildWater Committee

Kristopher SMITH (Chair)  
Peter GIGENGACK (Secretary)  
Wendy BURDETT (Member)  
David WORTHY (Safety)  
Steph BEDDEN (Member)  
Steve STASIUK (Member)  
Jeannette BUSCH (Member)  
Terry BOLLAND (Member)  
Tom CANAVAN (Member)

## Key Volunteering Personnel

Timers / Starters  
Beck FLORISSON, Bruce MCWHIRTER, Warren SOUTHWELL, Timothy EDWARDS, Sue MCDOUGALL, Scarlett FLORISSON, Isabella FLORISSON, Scott FLORISSON, Nathan JAMIESON, Steven STASIUK, Rosalie EVANS, Tom CANAVAN, Wendy BURDETT

## Safety

Warren SOUTHWELL, Alan MORBEY, Bronwyn MARTIN, Andrew POPE, Derek KLOMPMAKER, Greg KIPPIN, Lawrence GREED, Bevan DASHWOOD

## 2022 PACWWC Committee

Kristopher SMITH (Event Director/Finance/Marketing/Sponsorship/Communications)  
Sue MCDOUGALL (Competition Manager)  
Wendy BURDETT (Volunteer Coordinator)  
Kate MARTIN (Safety & Risk Assessment)  
David WORTHY (Safety Coordinator)  
Sharon COBLEY (Marketing/Sponsorship)  
Steph BEDDEN (Sponsorship/Communications)

With special thanks to Beck, Scott, Scarlet & Izzy FLORISSON, Warren SOUTHWELL, Sonia SIAMOS, John O'SULLIVAN and all the other volunteers who made the 2022 PA Canoe Wild Water Championships a success. Thank you.

# Paddle WA

## Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### Paddle WA

#### Statement of Profit or Loss For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Sales	4,412	1,326
Cashflow Boost - ATO	-	18,524
Events & Activities Income	75,891	71,625
Fees & Charges - Other	4,591	12,727
Fundraising	318	7,622
JobKeeper Subsidy	-	52,500
Membership Fees	77,542	68,767
Other Income - Interest Received	676	1,571
Other Income	(501)	28,152
Education	102,761	153,815
State Grant Income	192,233	229,204
	<b>457,923</b>	<b>645,833</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
AC Affiliation Fees	6,682	14,694
Depreciation	21,678	15,572
Employee Support	6,344	3,429
Employment Expenses	208,030	214,525
Events & Activities Expense	39,080	46,347
Financial Costs	4,395	4,244
Long Service Leave	2,782	1,644
Non Employee Labour	48,331	42,328
Office & Executive	13,195	9,686
Other Expenses	40,512	33,002
Professional Services	22,663	22,195
Property Facilities & Equipment	26,780	12,101
Sponsorship & Donations	31,818	3,979
Staff Amenities	1,066	3,258
Travel & Accommodation	1,456	6,894
Workers Comp Insurance	1,738	6,156
	<b>476,550</b>	<b>440,054</b>
Net surplus for the year	<b>(18,627)</b>	<b>205,779</b>
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year	<b>383,884</b>	<b>178,105</b>
<b>Retained surplus at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>365,257</b>	<b>383,884</b>



## Paddle WA

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	323,300	323,216
Trade and other receivables	4	11,570	12,905
Inventories	5	3,975	6,591
Prepayments	7	2,047	40,100
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>340,892</b>	<b>382,812</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	6	86,183	73,321
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>86,183</b>	<b>73,321</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>427,075</b>	<b>456,133</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	28,806	41,681
Borrowings	9	(26)	4,496
Provisions	10	33,038	26,073
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>61,818</b>	<b>72,250</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>365,257</b>	<b>383,883</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained surplus		365,257	383,884
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>365,257</b>	<b>383,884</b>

## Paddle WA

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements cover Paddle WA as an individual entity. Paddle WA is a not-for-profit association incorporated in Western Australia under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) ('the Act').

The principal activity of the association for the year ended 30 June 2022 is:

To introduce and promote paddling in Western Australia through participation in the activity of paddling for health, enjoyment, friendship, challenge and achievement.

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements and material accounting policies all comply with the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

##### Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

##### Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.

##### Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

##### Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

##### Interest revenue

Interest is recognised when the association's right to receive payment is established.

Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

##### Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

#### 3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
ANZ Business Classic xx8705	-	2,367
Paypal Account	3,696	1,456
Petty Cash	326	26
Bendigo Bank Debit Card	17,305	7,379
Bendigo Bank 2399	101,140	111,780
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit 1	100,374	100,000
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit 2	100,459	100,208
	<b>323,300</b>	<b>323,216</b>

#### 4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Sundry Debtors	308	308
Trade Debtors	11,262	12,597
	<b>11,570</b>	<b>12,905</b>

#### 5 Inventories

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Inventory	3,975	6,591
	<b>3,975</b>	<b>6,591</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 6 Property, plant and equipment

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Plant & Equipment	48,528	48,527
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(31,599)</u>	<u>(27,125)</u>
	<u>16,929</u>	21,402
<b>MOTOR VEHICLES</b>		
Motor Vehicles & Boats	118,202	85,933
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(55,983)</u>	<u>(41,418)</u>
	<u>62,219</u>	44,515
<b>OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
Office Furniture & Equipment	23,014	20,743
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,979)</u>	<u>(13,339)</u>
	<u>7,035</u>	7,404
	<u><u>86,183</u></u>	<u><u>73,321</u></u>

### 7 Other Assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Prepayments	2,047	40,100
	<u>2,047</u>	40,100

### 8 Trade and Other Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Creditors	12,021	29,104
GST Payable	841	2,616
Accrued Expenses	11,774	3,800
Superannuation Liability	4,170	4,333
Amounts Withheld from Salary-Wages & Other Payments	-	1,828
	<u>28,806</u>	<u>41,681</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

### 9 Borrowings

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Paddle on Foundation	75	75
Accrued Wages	(131)	4,833
Salary Sacrifice Liability	<u>30</u>	<u>(412)</u>
	<u>(26)</u>	4,496

### 10 Provisions

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave & TIL	18,815	14,632
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>14,223</u>	<u>11,441</u>
	<u><u>33,038</u></u>	<u><u>26,073</u></u>

### 11 Events occurring after the Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

### 12 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Paddle WA  
PO Box 28  
Floreat WA  
6014

The principal place of business is:

**Paddle WA**

**Statement by Members of the Committee**

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 7:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Paddle WA as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Paddle WA will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President *Andrew Hayde* ..... Executive Officer *[Signature]* .....

Dated this 11th day of October 2022

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