



## 2025 WSA Queensland Nationals Bulletin - April 2024 Issue

Welcome to the Queensland Nationals 2025 Bulletin!

### **Hello, Water Skiing Community!**

We're excited to bring you the first bulletin for the upcoming 2025 Queensland Nationals. Let's start with a big shoutout to Water Ski NSW for organising a spectacular 2024 Easter WSA Nationals at Max Kirwan Lakes Mulwala. The addition of a night event was a wonderful way to showcase the diverse aspects of water skiing and draw public interest. Congratulations to the team for their excellent work!

### **Looking Ahead to 2025**

As announced during the 2024 Nationals presentation night, the 2025 Nationals will unfold at Lake Macquarie's Stoney Park, a single-lake site. Given the limited access to premium dual-lake sites in Australia, the decision between WSA and WSQ to hold the Nationals at Stoney Park was strategic, aiming not only to address the current limitations but also to set a sustainable path forward for future events.

### **Our Goals for Stoney Park**

This decision was driven by several key objectives:

1. **Assessing Viability:** We aimed to determine if a single-lake National Championship could be sustainable and replicable across other states.
2. **Creating a Blueprint:** The goal was to develop a model that could be adopted by smaller states, potentially allowing for Nationals to be held at various single-lake sites across the country.
3. **Laying New Foundations:** We wanted to reset and future-proof the National Championships framework.
4. **Expanding Our Reach:** By choosing different locations, we aim to broaden the scope of water skiing across Australia.

### **Supporting the Stone Family**

Choosing Stoney Park also allows us to support the Stone Family, who have been pivotal in the Australian water-skiing community for decades. The park suffered

devastating losses due to catastrophic flooding in March 2021, and hosting the Nationals there aids in their recovery.

### **What's Next: The 2025 Nationals**

Our theme for 2025 revolves around **Family, Fun, Fitness and the Future.**

We are dedicated to keeping the Nationals enjoyable and affordable while honouring our rich heritage.

Here's a tentative look at the 2025 event schedule:

- Overs Familiarisation: 10-11 April
- Welcome Morning and Skiers Oath: 12 April, 6am
- Overs Competition: 12-14 April
- Under and Opens Familiarisation: 14-16 April
- Welcome Evening and Skiers Oath: 16 April
- Under and Opens Competitions: 17-21 April
- Public Entertainment Night: TBD
- WSA Nationals Celebration Gala: 21 April, 5pm

### **Additional Features**

- **Onsite Camping:** We will offer camping facilities right by the lake to enhance the community spirit. This can be booked direct with Stoney Park.
- **Chill-Out Zones:** Both children and adults can relax in specially designed areas with affordable refreshments available.

As we finalise the details, we invite the community to stay tuned for more updates. In the meantime, we wish the best of luck to all athletes competing internationally. Enjoy your off season and we look forward to catching up at "Stoney Park" in 2025.

Stay safe and gear up for an exciting 2025 WSA Nationals!

Warm regards,

*The Queensland Nationals Project Team*

