



* Please feel free to forward this email to kiter friends who are not yet NSWKBA members.

1. Gavin and Pete's Farewell - NSWKBA Social Night

Where: Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay 2060 www.kirribillclub.com.au

When: Thursday 19 January 2012 - 7pm-10pm - starting later if it's windy

RSVP: [NSWKBA event registration](#)

Come join us at the Kirribilli Club overlooking Sydney Harbour in celebrating a long overdue thanks and farewell to two of our most hardworking volunteers!!

- **Gavin Stevenson** has dedicated almost eight years of his time volunteering as our NSWKBA President, NSWKBA Treasurer, AKSA Treasurer and Public Officer, NSWKBA AKSA representative, Legal advisor and basically our Go-To man for all subjects. Special thanks for all AKSA & Financial assistance.
- **Pete Smith** beavered away as our secretary, doing all the memberships, events, IT specialist and Go-To man for almost five years;. Special thanks for all Pete's administrative work with memberships, and streamlining our IT and online presence.

Both Gavin & Peter's have invested 100s of hours volunteering their professional services behind the scenes . Much of this important behind-the-scenes work effort has gone unnoticed, with no acknowledgement or compensation. Their dedication to kiting and the NSWKBA philosophies, brought a professional level of service to NSWKBA and will be sadly missed.

Thank you again Gavin & Pete!

2. Cabrinha Kite Race Series (Botany Bay)

This year's "Cabrinha Kite Race Series" has proven to be even better than last year!

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a top competitor to take out a prize! And you can just come for the odd race. It's all about fun

Starts around 2pm (and is dependent upon wind)

- Round 4 - Saturday 21 January 2012
- Round 5 - Saturday 4 February 2012
- Round 6 - Saturday 18 February 2012

With a buffer week on Saturday 3 March 2012 if there is no wind on any of these days

3. Kiting Locations and Safety

A friendly reminder that kitesurfing at **Bondi Beach** is not permitted by Waverley Council - at all times of day (even after or before the flags are up).

Maintaining a positive perception of our sport by the public, media, authorities and other water/beach users is very important to continued enjoyment by members at all NSW beaches

Also see: [NSW Boating Handbook](#) or the full [PDF](#).

See www.nswkba.com.au/locations for recommended spots and tips.

4. Facebook Groups

There are some great Facebook pages/groups to "like" or join.

More details: www.nswkba.com.au/facebook

- [NSWKBA](#) - Keep up to date with what's happening with kiting around NSW, events, social BBQs and any other information relating to kiting.
- [S.U.C.K. - Sydney Uni Crazy Kitesurfers](#) - Very active group and not limited to Uni Students at all.
- [Girls Riding Group](#) - Get together with other girls to go kitesurfing .
- [KITECHICKS](#) - Events designed to get girls together, promote the sport, train girls on safety, products and kites, and develop their kite skills further. It provides a safe forum where women can learn & improve their kite skills and confidence.
- [Northern Beaches Kitesurfers](#) - Stay in the know on what kiting is happening on the Northern Beaches.
- [Club Mud](#) - Old Bar Kitesurfing Club (4 hours north of Sydney).

5. Who Runs NSWKBA?

The NSWKBA is an association run entirely by volunteers. We are all kitesurfers with many years of experience. We do this work for the benefit of all kitesurfers in NSW and give up our valuable time to help keep everyone having fun and being safe on the water.

www.nswkba.com.au/who

The following people are on the NSWKBA Committee:

- Alex Unsworth - Treasurer
- Antoine Sabourin - Events Coordinator
- Graeme Snowdon - also Head of South Sydney Kiteboarding Club
- Jono Woodhouse - Digital Secretary & IT
- Marcel Pandher - All rounder
- Mark Morgan - President
- Priya Mohandas - Marketing, Events, Secretary & KITECHICKS organiser
- Rob Smallwood - Press Contact, Legal interface & NSWKBA's AKSA Representative
- Steve McCormack - Council representative, Graphics & Logistics
- James Grundy - Logistics
- Yvan Paquot - Events Coordinator

The NSWKBA Committee holds monthly meetings at the Kirribilli Club. Please contact the committee if you wish to join us at our monthly meetings.

6. Events To Look Out For!

- **NSWKBA AGM** - First week of May 2012
- **NSW Cabrinha Race Series** (see above)
- **KITECHICKS 7** - Early March 2012
- **Demo Days** - There will be a Northern Beaches Demo day and South Sydney demo days over the next few weeks so stay tuned!
- **2012 AKSA Freestyle Nationals** - 7 June 2012 - Townsville. www.aksa.com
- **Kitestock** - Australia Day Weekend (26 - 29 Jan 2012) - Western Australia. www.kitestock.com
- **"Mambo" (Merimbula Classic)** - Last weekend in November 2012. merimbulasailboardclub.com.au

7. AKSA / NSWKBA Membership 2012-2013 - now rolling 12 months

All kites new and old are recommended to join NSWKBA (through AKSA membership). Membership gives you access to events, comps, positive karma for supporting the organisation that tries to keep the beaches open for kiting and importantly third party kitesurfers insurance. The policy covers kiting in Australia and overseas (excluding USA & Canada) when kiting in accordance with the Safe Kiting Guidelines and membership agreement. For more information see www.nswkba.com.au/insurance

Membership applications are now being processed online centrally via the Australian Kite Surfing Association (www.aksa.com.au) and lasts 12 months from the date you sign up.

To join please fill out the online registration form at www.nswkba.com.au/signup/howto
Please direct all insurance related queries via email secretary@nswkba.com.au or info@aksa.com.au

Cheers,

Jono on behalf of the NSWKBA Committee