

The Fencer

ECU Cavalier School of Fencing Newsletter



Note from the Editor

With the recently held FencingWA AGM and with the prospect of the AFC #3 imminent, it falls easily to me to concentrate mostly on State issues at this time of the year.

My usual call for Volunteers for both the FencingWA Committee and the AFC #3 probably falls on reluctant ears. The importance of this reminder, however, should not be ignored.

For the many newer members in our club there has not been the time, nor the opportunity, for most to develop a full appreciation of the position of the individual fencer within the structure of the State Association and the National body.

Naturally, as a club fencer, the focus is to enjoy the fencing and the club spirit and to think that everything will run smoothly

Cavs Committee 2014

President	Grace Rosario
Vice President	Malcolm Davies
Secretary	Jindalee Skerman
Registrar	Isobel Ellis
Treasurer	Mahmud Jaffar
Coach Coordinator	Kylie Caunt
WAF A Rep	Seymour Wolfinger
Equipment Manager	Drew Foley
Armourer	Perry Ruffo
Armourer Assistant	Andrew Munro
Librarian	Leon Brownrigg
Tournament Officer	Position Vacant
Website Manager	Malcolm Davies
Social Secretary	Dylan Devenish
ECU Liaison	Llewelyn Foley
	Dylan Devenish

somehow behind the scenes.

This could not be further from reality. The clubs cannot survive without an Association – and the Association is made up of representatives from each club – that is – YOU. Almost one and the same thing.

In recent years the Association has been struggling for volunteers. This has meant that the load for those who are doing the work is three-fold – or not done at all!

The current positions of President and Treasurer of FencingWA are held by volunteers who would very much like to hand over to a new leadership after spending long years of service.

It is a difficult undertaking, in a sport of such comparatively small numbers, to keep up the quota of administration personnel at both club and State level. It is, however, something to think about.

It is worth mentioning that by offering to assist with the FencingWA, you are also doing a great deal to help the club.

Congratulations to **Chris Barrett-Lennard, Dylan Devenish, Darren Martin, Seymour Wolfinger, Peter Harbin** and **Grace Rosario** who are all involved with the Association for this year.

Gillian Kings-Lynne

Cavaliers Membership

Senior Male

Anderson Kalem
Barrett-Lennard Chris
Benetatos Chris
Boujos Alex
Brownrigg Leon
Devenish Dylan
Foley Drew
Gomez Jack
Harbin Peter
Harbin Piers
Hodgson Toby
Ivory Josh
Kishi Lucien
Kneale Damian
Kwan Andrew
Lee Yen-Sen
Macintyre Simon
MacRae Michael
Middleton Mike
Munro Andrew
Ng Hendric
O'Neill William
Read Brodie
Trichilo Gino
Webster Stuart
Wolfinger Seymour

Junior Female

Calligan Zari
Hadwin Orlando
Hodges Laura
Kneale Amy
Rosario Alice
Rosario Grace
Sanchez Monica

Associates

Algaba Rhonda
Herzog Neil
Perry Ruffo

Visitors

Foley Lohrrin

CLUB

**T SHIRTS CAN
BE ORDERED
THROUGH THE
CAVS WEBSITE**

Junior Male

Austin Thomas
Calligan Hugh
Foley Llewelyn
Freedman Cameron
Freedman Jarrod
Freedman Lewis
Haass Alexander
Hepworth Fynn
Luca-Morison Gabriel
Marcus Sam
Martin Darren
McQuillen Patrick
Rachetti Francesco
Reynolds William
Rosenberg Eli
Rossaro Matteo
Ruffo Antonio
Steinkrug Kurt
Stretton Mark
Thomson Ryan
Verana Joachim
Wakelam Ellis

Senior Female

Black Marissa
Carvosso Annabel
Caunt Kylie
Ellis Isobel
Gulland Elizabeth
Meredith Sarah
Miller Elizabeth
Park Ivy
Skerman Jindalae
Ullaga Gabriella

Contract Coaches

Davies Malcolm
Hein Sven

Life Members

Donley Graham
Jaffar Mahmud
Kings-Lynne Gillian
McMahon Gerald
Osgood George
Rogers Catherine

Beginners' Course Dates 2014

Beginners Course 4
Saturday – 20th Sept at 2.30pm
Wednesday – 24th Sept at 7.30pm

Handicap Competition Dates

All competitions start at 1pm at
Cavaliers. All welcome

2nd August Foil Handicap
9th August Epee Handicap
16th August Sabre Handicap

None in September

4th October Foil Handicap
11th October Epee Handicap
18th October Sabre Handicap

1st November Foil Handicap
8th November Epee Handicap
15th November Sabre Handicap

Check Cavs website for details.

Cavs Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD
15TH NOVEMBER 2014

Female Fencing Day

Saturday 13th September

Foil 09:30am
Epee 11:00am
Sabre 13:00pm
Italian Relay 14:00pm

Past, present and future female
fencers are encouraged to attend.

The event is about having fun rather
than actually competing.

Entry to this day is free.
Tea, coffee and light refreshments
will be available.

Wafa Tournaments

3rd August
U/15 U/17 Epee at Claremont
FINAL

9th – 10th August
U/15 U/17 Foil/Sabre at Belmont
FINAL

23rd – 24th August
Open Foil/Epee at Claremont

13th September
Ladies Fencing Day at Mt Lawley

20th – 21st September
U/13 U/20 Foil/Epee at Belmont
FINAL

18th – 19th October
Epee and Sabre Teams
at UWA and Excalibur

1st – 2nd November
Veteran Epee and Novice Foil
at Belmont

8th – 9th November
Wafa Activity Day at Excalibur
U/13 Foil FINAL

22nd – 23rd November
Open Epee and Sabre FINALS

See Fencing WA website for details
<http://www.fencingwa.com/>

FencingWA Committee Meeting Dates

All members are invited to attend
the FencingWA meetings.

Tuesday 19th August
Wednesday 17th September
Tuesday 21st October
Wednesday 19th November
Tuesday 16th December

Overseas Tournaments

10th – 19th November
Commonwealth Open and Veteran
Championships in Glasgow Scotland

National Competition Perth September 2014

Perth will host the **AFC #3 Open
Tournament** from 5th – 8th
September 2014 at the Cockburn
Basketball Centre, Hamilton Hill.

This will be a fantastic opportunity
for WA fencers. All hands on deck
for this as usual.

AFF Tournaments

2nd and 3rd August
AFC School Teams in Brisbane

5th – 8th September
AFC #3 in Perth

27th – 30th September
AFC Oceania and Junior
Championships in Brisbane

30th September – 3rd October
Australian University Games Sydney

5th – 9th December
Australian Open and Veteran
National Championships in Canberra

See AFF website for details:
<http://www.ausfencing.org/home/>

Junior Nationals Brisbane

26th – 30th September 2014

Expressions of interest are
required NOW for State
Teams.

FencingWA will be sending a
unified team with support for
Team Coaching and assistance
with accommodation.

Individual entries will be via the
AFF website.

Expressions of interest for
Teams and Coaching to
FencingWA Tournament Chair
Chris Barrett-Lennard
wafatournament@gmail.com
By Monday 18 August

FencingWA Annual General Meeting

The meeting on 26th July was attended by about 20 people with 7 or 8 of those from Cavaliers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by Ben Peden

Cadets – there were encouraging reports all round for the recent Cadet Team which performed well in the Nationals. This group will provide the core choice for the future Junior High Performance Squad to be set up soon.

Committee – the Committee is struggling for numbers and desperately requires volunteer assistance from fencing members. In particular, there is urgent need for a Secretary, while both the President and Treasurer would like to step down.

Schools Promotion - \$5000 has been allocated to a scheme for securing the interest of school children who will be channelled into the local clubs. Coaches are required for this. Must have a Working With Children Check.

Thanks – to the Coaches and to the Club administrators. The Association will encourage any venture in starting up fencing clubs in new areas.

Results Schedule – the Association proposes to draw up a plan for future goals to be reached in 1yr, 5yrs, 20yrs, etc.

Female Fencing Day on 13th September

WAFWA Awards and Dinner on November 30th.

AFC#3 Meeting TBA

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Kay Howard

There is a current balance of around \$38,000. To enable the transition towards internet transfers, the Association has voted to move from the CBA to BankWest, which allows online withdrawals with multiple signatures.

NOMINATIONS:

President: Ben Peden

Vice President: Mike Dunham

Treasurer: Kay Howard

Secretary: Ian Foster

Registrar: Julie Westbrook

Tournament Officer: Chris Barrett-Lennard (Cavs)

Officiating Officer: Cameron Gregg (website and internet shop)

Development Officer: Dylan Devenish (Cavs) (schools) (needs coaches to help at the schools)

External Communications and Publicity: Hugh McCrackan and Jake Hickey

Internal Communications: Darren Martin (Cavs)

Coaching Coordinator: Tuko Maia

Competition Rankings: Steve Johnson

Committee: Grace Rosario (Cavs), Seymour Wolfinger (Cavs), Peter Harbin (Cavs). More people required.

Coaching Coordinator: Tuko Maia (FencingWA)

Competition Upgrades: Steve Johnson (Exc)

GENERAL BUSINESS: Presented by Ben Peden

[1] **Officiating:** Two Refereeing Courses will be held in August - the first for 'General Principles' and the other with visiting qualified Referee, **David Mok**. The Association will be revising the rules with the aim of upgrading and improving the standards in WA fencing to match those of the Eastern States. Special Referee shirts will be provided.

[2] **High Performance Squad:** The new Squad will be aimed at the younger age group of 14 – 18 years particularly after the success of the recent WA Cadets at the Nationals. The Squad will be based upon a program covering three stages of preparation. This will be the first time that the Association has had the opportunity to work closely with WAIS.

[3] **Volunteers** – Lack of volunteers has forced the Association to obtain unskilled volunteers from an outside organisation – this resulted in a very negative situation for the last Weapons Check. **What is the solution if there are not enough fencers prepared to volunteer for these crucial roles?**

[4] **Achievement Badges:** The Association will be setting up a program to enable the presentation of Achievement Badges.

[5] **AFC #3:** To be held during the first weekend in September.

QUESTIONS:

What opportunities for training will be offered to older fencers?

When will selection take place for Junior Nationals teams?

Australian Fencing Circuit Tournament #3

INCLUDES

NATIONAL CLUB TEAM COMPETITION

AUSTRALIAN U/23 SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

COCKBURN BASKETBALL
STADIUM STARLING STREET
HAMILTON HILL nr
FREMANTLE

Friday 5th September 2014

09:30 Men's Sabre

13:00 Vet Men's & Women's Sabre

15:00 Club Teams: Women's Foil
(but after Women's Foil)

15:15 Club Teams: Men's Sabre (but
after Veteran Sabre)

Saturday 6th September 2014

08:30 Men's Epee

10:00 Women's Sabre

13:30 Vet Men's & Women's Epee

13:45 Aust U/23 Men's Sabre

Champs

15:15 Club Teams: Men's Epee (but
after Men's Epee)

15:30 Club Teams: Women's Sabre
(but after Women's Sabre)

Sunday 7th September 2014

08:30 Men's Foil

10:00 Women's Epee

13:30* Vet Men's & Women's Foil

13:45 Aust U/23 Women's Sabre

Champs

19:00 Restaurant Dinner

Monday 8th September 2014

09:00 Club Teams: Men's Foil

09:30 Club Teams: Women's Epee

Nationals Dinner

Sunday 7th September

Villa Roma Restaurant Fremantle

Book now \$10 deposit.

Balance payable on the evening.

See FencingWA website for details

All Hands on Deck

The usual call goes out for Volunteers for AFC #3

This is a fantastic opportunity
for Western Australian fencers
to take part in a National
Tournament without having to
pay the airfare!!

It is vital that ALL fencers in
WA put up their hand to help
out in some way – be it a small
or large offering.

Teams will be required to set up
pistes and take down pistes.

Individuals will be needed for
refereeing, scoring, timing,
running for the DT, selling T
Shirts, helping with the
Canteen, sideline support and
anything else that crops up.

Here is the official list:

Referees - (to put expressions of
interest through Cameron as
Officiating Director);

Scorers/Timekeepers - Morning or
afternoon sessions (Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, Monday);

Weapons Check - Morning or
afternoon sessions (Thursday
evening, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
Monday morning);

First Responders - Morning or
afternoon sessions (Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, Monday) (must possess
intermediate first aid certificate or
equivalent);

Set up - (Thursday evening) and
pack down (Sunday night and
Monday afternoon).

Except for referees, all enquiries go
to katebunney@hotmail.com

Weapons Check Squad

** WE NEED **

A Weapons Check Squad

Due to the lack of volunteers,
FencingWA was forced to seek
help from outside sources for the
previous tournament.

This resulted in a team of willing
participants but made up of some
people who had never seen
fencing before!

Needless to say, this did not
prove to be satisfactory.

** CALLING ALL OUR FENCERS TO CONSIDER MAKING UP A SQUAD FROM CAVALIERS

Cavs Team Socks

\$10 per pair in club colours of
green and red.

Share the cost with someone
else and pay \$5 each.

See Kylie Caunt at training to
order your size socks.

Cavs Needs a First Aid Officer!

*We are looking to recruit a **First Aid Officer** to make sure that the first aid box remains properly stocked and up to date. We need to keep a record of any injuries (which are rare).*

*This position would not require much of your time, but would be extremely helpful to us. **Please email me or come and see me if you are interested.***

Jinny Skerman - Secretary

Urgent Letter from FIE New Rules for Masks

The Australian Fencing Federation wishes to bring to the attention of all Australian Fencers an Urgent FIE letter that has recently been released. This letter is related to fencing masks.

Based on advice that has been received by the AFF, it would appear that this change would apply to the 2014 Asian Under 23 Fencing Championships, in addition to the 2014 World Veteran Fencing Championships. The AFF is still awaiting advice as to whether this will be required at the 2014 Open Commonwealth Fencing Championships, and the 2014 Veteran Commonwealths

Fencing Championships.

In line with the previous practice regarding notice to the Australian fencing community, the AFF will not be enforcing this change for the 2014 AFC School Team Championships, 2014 AFC3, and the 2014 AFC Junior Championships. Further advice is being sought re the 2014 Open and Veteran National Championships.

Regardless, this change will be applied from all AFC events from 1st January 2015 onwards.

<http://www.fie.ch/download/letters/2014/urgent/14/fr/lettre%20urgente%2014-14%2031.pdf>



*Dear President,
Fencing masks*

We wish to inform you that starting from September 1st, 2014, only masks with two independent security devices will be allowed for use at all FIE competitions.

*Alisher Usmanov
Président*

**Urgent Letter No 14
15.07.2014**

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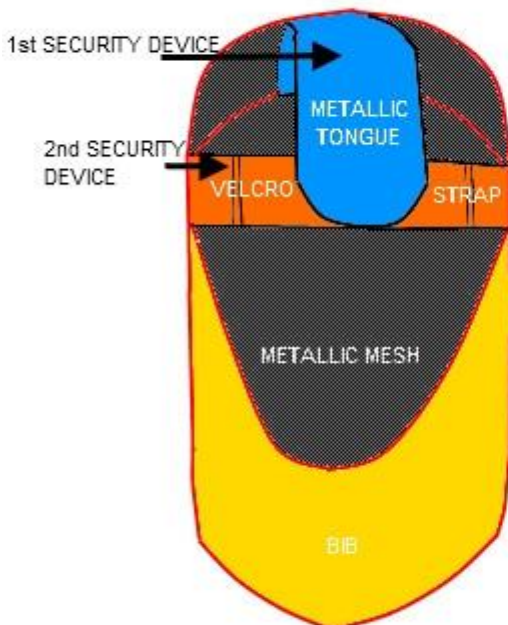
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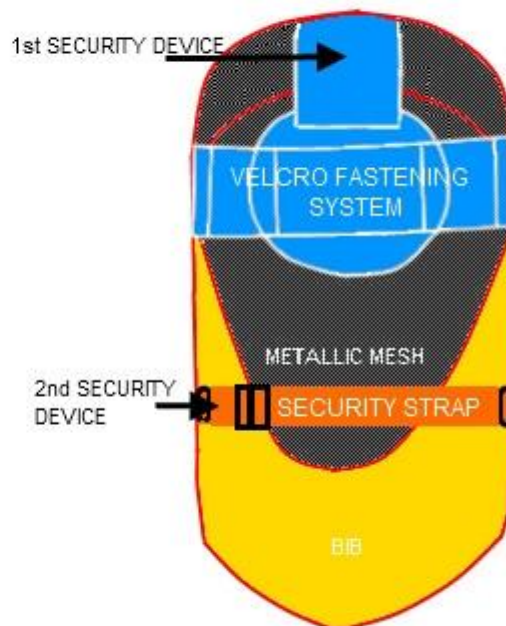
Fencing Information: AFF/WAFA website

WITH METALLIC TONGUE



REAR VIEW

WITHOUT METALLIC TONGUE



REAR VIEW

Results of AFC #2 Adelaide in June

First of all, congratulations to all of the Cavs who recently competed at the Robyn Chaplin Memorial Tournament (AFC2) in Adelaide:

Damian Kneale
Marissa Black
Cameron Gregg
Dylan Devenish
Izzy Ellis
Peter Harbin
and myself (Jinny)

*There were some great results from everyone, particularly **Damian** (who won the gold medal for veteran sabre), **Izzy** (who won a bronze medal in veteran women's epee), and **Marissa** (who made the top 8 for open women's sabre). **Peter Harbin** also captured his 18th Australian Championship in veteran men's epee at 81 years of age in the 80+ category.*

I know that I had an amazing time, and I am very proud of myself for managing to NOT come last!

Jinny Skerman

60th Anniversary of Cavaliers in 2015

SAVE THE DATE
25th July 2015

SAVE FOR THE TICKET

**START PLANNING YOUR
COSTUME**

*More information as we go
closer to the time.*

Chris Barrett-Lennard New Tournament Director



Congratulations to Cavs fencer, **Chris Barrett-Lennard**, who has taken on the heavy task of **Tournament Director with FencingWA**.

Chris enjoyed the camaraderie and competitive nature of Fencing at high school and later, as a Uni student, joined Cavs to follow through with his love of Foil.

The sport of fencing has always held an attraction for Chris. As a student of Art History, Chris likens the sport to a well-developed art form with its complexities, its rules, its conditions and its history.

Chris is looking forward to this new role which will give him an opportunity to gain experience as a volunteer in the community and to further his knowledge of the sport.

He will also be helping out at AFC #3 – well-timed to introduce him to the organisational structure of a larger tournament and to develop the interstate contacts which will be useful to him as State Director.

As a relatively new member of our club, we wish Chris well in his new undertaking and offer him any support he may require.

Gillian Kings-Lynne

Dylan Devenish New Development Officer



Congratulations to Cavs fencer, **Dylan Devenish**, who has taken on the role of **Development Officer with FencingWA**.

Dev Officer is responsible for promoting awareness of Fencing in schools. Dylan will be responsible for leading a team of coaches who will operate during school and after-school hours. The intention is to guide the children from these sessions into the community fencing clubs to ensure the ongoing participation of those interested.

If you are interested in coaching in schools please contact Dylan.

Commonwealth Open and Veterans

Largs, Scotland
November 16 – 19

**Cavs Fencers going to Scotland
for the C'wealth Games are:**

Marissa Black
Dylan Devenish
Isobel Ellis (Team)
Peter Harbin

**Other Team spots will be
determined at the event from
Individual rankings.**

Defenders of the Realm

As promised in a previous issue, here is the list of those who have defended the realm with honour.

D'artagnan	Seymour Wolfinger
Eleanor of Aquitaine	Gillian Kings-Lynne
The Scarlet Pimpernel	Trevor Spafford
The Laughing Cavalier	Catherine Rogers
Captain Blood	Neil Herzog
Count of Monte Cristo	Mahmud Jaffar
Fighting Princess	Susannah Kings-Lynne
Zena the Warrior Princess	Cass Ward
Modesty Blaise	Simone Culleton
Zorro	Mark Suddaby
Don Juan	Burke Rogers
The Avenger	Kylie Caunt
Horatio Hornblower	Paul Busby
Cyrano de Bergerac	Marcus Sweetapple
Long John Silver	John Dawson
Philip the Barbarian	Philip McDonald
El Cid	Michael Kruger
Sir Lancelot	Scott Rawlins
Edward the Magnificent	Ed Baxter
Aramis	Ben Peden
Sir Francis Drake	Alistair Sutherland
Sir Walter Raleigh	Stephen Clarke
Scaramouche	Christopher Kings-Lynne
Crouching Tiger	Sanna Kankaanpää
Ivanhoe	Michael Verrall
King Arthur	Nigel Nutt
Queen Guinevere	Marie Keen
Christopher Columbus	Mike Middleton
Sir Galahad	Dennis Yagmich
Dick Turpin	Nicholas Gillett
Alexander the Great	Rick Bollard
David, Terror of Gingin	David Jones
Spartacus	Tim Inglis
Captain Morgan	Morgan Howard
Richard the Lionheart	Richard Kukla
Julius Caesar	Malcolm Davies
Braveheart	Steven Lim
Porthos	Laurie Petrie
Rose of England	Jo Gatland
Maid Marion	Samantha Passmore
Lady of the Lamp	Rachel Cowper
The Terminator	Kyle Blight
Helen of Troy	Helena Rosemary Nutt
Marco Polo	John Pintabona
Princess Aida	Joanne Diaz
Marc Antony	Nic Jenzen-Jones
Goddess Athena	Chloe Rosetti
Electra	Katherine Hawkins
Rob Roy	Nathan Chamberlain
Robin Hood	Leon Thomas
Duke of Wellington	Peter Harbin
Horatio Nelson	Piers Harbin
Goddess Fortuna	Sarah MacFarlane
Ice Man	Stephen Darragh
Sir Andrew the Brave	Andrew Cann
Rob Roy McGregor	Brett Criddle
Hercules	Damian Kuruckchi
Elena de la Vega	Grace Rosario
Gorm the Viking	Drew Foley

Elena de la Vega Investiture



Gorm the Viking Investiture



*The early morning sun
slowly rises over the Lake.
A new dawning brings forth
a New Era.*

*From all corners of the
Realm the Defenders gather
once more.*

*The Sword rises and
breathes life into the Court
of Eleanor and the Friends
of D'artagnan.*

What Can I Get Out Of Wafa?

This is a question which has often been asked by fencers who have recently come into the fencing arena in Western Australia, and which cannot be answered simply by giving a list of tangible benefits.

This is because Wafa does not exist to 'give out' the goodies in return for a basic payment. It is there to offer a doorway to a network of fencing. This network extends most obviously in the first instance to the clubs in Western Australia, to the Eastern States and then to the rest of the world. It ensures that Western Australian fencers have the best possible access to the world-wide fencing network.

Wafa is not a group of administrators acting as a separate entity from the fencers in this state. It is made up of fencers from your club, representing your club members, in a way that can most benefit the sport. Wafa is 'you' and 'you' are Wafa.

The success of Wafa is directly related to the input and support from every fencer in the state.

The best way to try to understand the advantages of Wafa is to imagine what it would be like to have no Association at all – a situation which was a reality as recent as 1995.

Competitions
Qualified Coaches
Government Funding
A National Voice
Links to other sporting bodies ...
Insurance
Sport Development

Read the full document on the Cavaliers' website continue...

For someone who has worked their way up the competitive ranks, or for someone who has enjoyed moving into a coaching role, the necessity for a fencing Association need not be explained.

If you are a beginner fencer faced with the choice of becoming affiliated or not, the direct benefits from your membership may be a little less obvious to you.

You will need to ask yourself a few questions. Who is my fencing instructor? How did that person become experienced as a competitive fencer or receive coaching qualifications so that I can learn to fence?

Where would the club find its coaches if some of its fencers did not take the coaching course, or go further afield to the Eastern States to face more challenging competition?

Where would I go to attend a fencing camp or be given the opportunity to experience highly qualified visiting coaches to make my sport more interesting?

How would I insure myself against third party liability?

"What goes around, comes around" is very apt in this particular instance. What you learn as a beginner in your fencing club will be what you will be able to put back into it at a later stage.

Your club exists because other fencers and other clubs exist. The stronger your support for the wider fencing picture in WA, the stronger and more interesting WA fencing becomes.

The collective spirit of fencing is embodied in the Association and ensures the success of it.

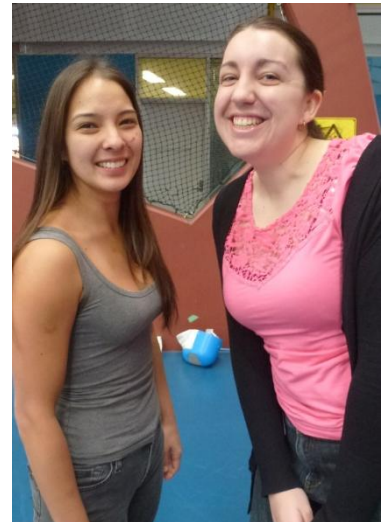
So what can I get out of Wafa?

The answer lies within you and your dream for an exciting fencing future for you, your club and your State.

(Western Australian Fencing Association is now known as FencingWA)

*Gillian Kings-Lynne
 31st March 2002
 Updated in 2015*

Open Day at ECU



Gabriella Ullaga and Sarah Meredith helping at ECU Open Day



Rhonda Algaba with enthusiastic would-be fencers at ECU Open Day

Fantastic turn-out of Cavs volunteers at ECU Open Day Sunday 10th August! Sarah Meredith, Gabriella Ullaga, Rhonda Algaba, Peter Harbin, Yen-Sen Lee, Seymour Wolfinger, Piers Harbin, Jinny and Matt Skerman with Xavier, Kylie Caunt.