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Windsurfers blow in for world title

By JANE WISHAW

Another world championship event is coming to the western suburbs.

"We were approached by the Australian Windsurfing Association to be the host club for the 2021 World Windsurfing Championships," Mounts Bay Sailing Club rear commodore Steve Schneider said.

"We jumped at the chance."

A big introduction event is planned at the club in Crawley this Saturday, November 21, with 20 knot winds forecast.

Guest of honour will be former Wavesailing World Champion Scott McKercher, who competed in the 1984 Windsurfing World Championships in Perth.

"I'll be looking to demonstrate the world's latest and greatest in

high-performance water sports," Mr McKercher said.

The last time the Swan River hosted the world event was at the height of the popularity of windsurfing in 1984.

There were more than 450 competitors from 50 countries in the opening marathon race, with thousands of spectators along the Nedlands foreshore.

"The 1984 event is reputed to

be such an iconic success and is still globally recognised as one of the best events ever," Mr Schneider said.

In that year windsurfing became an Olympic sport for the first time. Technology has now helped it take a mighty leap forward.

"At the time Perth was a mecca for windsurfing as all

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Man hit by cyclist

Three ambulances rushed to Cottesloe's beachfront early on Wednesday morning after a pedestrian was hit by a cyclist.

"The thud was so loud I thought the pedestrian had been hit by a car," a cafe worker said.

He said he thought the cyclist struck the male pedestrian while the walker was on the Marine Parade zebra crossing just north of Eric Street about 6.30am.

Two other riders in the peloton were also injured in the incident.

A cafe-goer said lots of people rushed to help.

"The group [of cyclists] was flying along that bit of road," she said.

"I just heard the skidding but didn't go over because there were lots of helpers."

She said people helped the injured pedestrian in a chair and gave him ice packs until the ambulances arrived.

A St John Ambulance spokesperson said the pedestrian, a woman in his 50s, had a head injury, a broken arm and a broken leg. She was taken to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in a stable condition.

Two cyclists - a woman in her 30s and a man in his 20s - both had head injuries and multiple cuts and bruises.

They were taken to the same hospital in stable condition.

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The pedestrian before he was

Reflections on next year's Windsurfer world championships ... Richard Evans, event organiser, left, Scott McKercher, world champion windsurfer and Steve Schneider, the Rear Commodore of Mounts Bay Sailing Club, the event venue. Photo: Jane Wishaw

Windsurfers blow in for world title

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the Europeans came and trained here during the northern winter," Mr Schneider said.

Mr McKercher started windsurfing in 1982.

"By 1984 I was competing in the World's at my home club, the Nedlands Yacht Club that hosted the championships," he said.

"I was 14 at the time and life was full throttle. Everything was new and exciting.

"By a stroke of good fortune I managed to track down the windsurfer board I originally competed on in 1984, and it's still in good nick, like me."

Cottesloe Film Festival director Richard Evans, who has always held a passion for the sport, is helping to organise the

only has commercial value as a FOGO facility until such

the settlement in principle last month, but negotiations with Biovision are ongoing.



River spectacle ... Richard Evans, left, Steve Schneider and Scott McKercher.

big event at the club in Crawley on Saturday.

The West Wind and Water Fest will showcase what next year's World Championship is about with a host of new windsurfing products, and on-water demonstrations, plus food

trucks and a sausage sizzle.

The movie Riders of the Liquid Plains, which injects enthusiasm and promoting the sport to the next generation who might pick up the sport and compete in the Worlds next year, will be shown.

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Community news

Rosicrucians to open their doors

People can experience Rosicrucian meditation in Shenton Park next Wednesday, January 17.

The Rosicrucians in Perth will hold their annual open night, giving people the chance to experience meditation and ask questions about this ancient tradition.

Rosicrucian meditation aims to expand the consciousness.

The open night will run from 7 to 9pm in the Masonic hall on the corner of Herbert Road and Evans Street.

Kids can revel in the world's best animations

Escape the sun and enjoy free movies for kids and their families at the Mini Rev Summer Edition.

The festival of films in the State Library of WA theatre continues next week at 10am and 2pm on weekdays until January 19.

The two daily sessions present different collections of the best children's short animated films from around the world.

Indulge in an array of colourful, crazy and unique characters.

Mini Rev is presented by City of Perth, Revelation Perth International Film Festival, WA Opera and the State Library of WA.



An all-star cast will bring back the feel of summer in the 1970s in *Swinging Safari*, which will screen at the Cottesloe Film Festival.

Ledger movie to launch Cott fest

Filmmaker Miranda Edmonds is really excited about the line-up for this summer's Cottesloe Film Festival.

Miranda started the outdoor festival on the lawn of the Cottesloe Civic Centre last year and this year has joined forces with Estelle Buzzard of Buzz Productions.

The festival will begin on Saturday, January 27, during the Australia Day long weekend, with the documentary, *I Am Heath Ledger*.

Miranda said: "Heath Ledger's work is a constant inspiration to those of us in the industry, especially here in Perth, and this film highlights his enormous passion and talent."

The Cottesloe Film Festival will run over three weekends, finishing on Saturday, February 10, with Ben Elton's WA-made comedy *Three Summers*.

The program includes the award-winning family film, *Paper Planes*, the Jacques Cousteau biopic *L'Odyssee*, and award-winning Italian comedy and box office sensation, *Perfect Strangers*.

Miranda has worked with Estelle as a producer on several of her films, including the multi-award winning *Tango*

Underpants (2012) starring Emma Booth, and Miranda's first musical short film, *Library of Love*.

"It has been wonderful joining forces with Estelle because her speciality is bringing events to life, and she loves films," Miranda said.

Estelle said they were particularly excited to have secured the film *Swinging Safari* at the last minute.

"With an all-star cast including Guy Pearce and Kylie Minogue, *Swinging Safari* is a colourful satire of a typical Australian beach neighbourhood at the height of a 1970s summer," she said.

"It captures the innocence of an era of careless parenting, constant sunburn and suggestive adult behaviour."

Keeping the film industry family together, composer Guy Gross, who composed for *Tango Underpants* and *Library of Love*, is also the composer on *Swinging Safari*.

The Cottesloe team includes another cinephile, executive producer Richard Evans, who also has experience in live music events.

He will help coordinate the bar, food and live entertainment each weekend.

Before the movies, the audi-



The talent of Heath Ledger is revealed in *I Am Heath Ledger*.

ence can enjoy live music and a picnic dinner on the lawn, while watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean.

In addition to food vans, music and an Aperol Spritz bar, there will be several pre-show activities.

Cottesloe council had given the team permission to host the festival for a further two years.

Two dollars from every adult ticket sold will be donated to the Cottesloe Coastcare Association.

To buy tickets, go to www.cottfilmfest.com.

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