

Sailability Australia

Branch Questionnaire Feb 06

ANALYSIS

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Blue text throughout this document refers to Regional statistics

**Throughout Australia there are 59 groups offering sailing for people with disabilities.
54 of these groups comprise Sailability in all States and Territories.**

	Metropolitan	Regional	Total
ACT	1		1
NSW – Sailors with Disabilities	1		1
NSW - Sailability	9	16	25
NT	1		1
QLD	2	2	3
S.A.	2	2	4
TAS	1		1
VIC	4	13	17
W.A. – Rotary Sail into Life		4	4
W.A. – Sailability	1		1
	22	37	59

72% of Sailability branches responded to the questionnaire.

	Metropolitan	Regional	Total	%
ACT	1		1	100
NSW	8	13	21	84
NT	1		1	100
QLD	1	2	3	100
S.A.	2	2	4	100
TAS	1		1	100
VIC	3	6	9	53
W.A.	1	1	2	40
	18	24	42	72%

Note: Rotary Sail into Life clubs (W.A.) and Sailors with Disabilities (NSW) were sent questionnaires and followed up with a second email inviting participation. Rotary Sail into Life Rockingham (WA) responded that they were not operational due to difficulty in launching boats. Hence statistics referred to in this document refer to the 42 branches of Sailability that provided information.

Australia wide, Sailability provides almost 50,000 sailing experiences annually.

	Number of branches responded	Total
ACT	1	610
NSW	17	14,386
NT	1	400
QLD	3	7,967
S.A.	2	705
TAS	1	770
VIC	7	5,330
W.A.	1	1,040
63% of Sailability branches: Actual numbers provided by 34 branches	34	31,208
From above data, the following statistics can be extrapolated: 100% of branches	54	49,536

Question 1 ACTIVITIES

1.1 Activities your branch provides

% of branches

	Recreation %	Competition %	Training %	Therapeutic %	Other (general comments from individual branches)
ACT (1)	100	100	100	100	Social
NSW (20)	95	65	75	75	Respite, school programe, assimilation, corporate team building
NT (1)	100	0	100	0	
QLD (3)	100	33	33	66	
S.A. (4)	100	75	75	25	
TAS (1)	100	0	0	0	
VIC (8)	100	50	63	63	relaxation
W.A. (1)	100	100	100	0	
AGGREGATE (39)	99%	53%	68%	41%	

1.1 Activities your branch provides

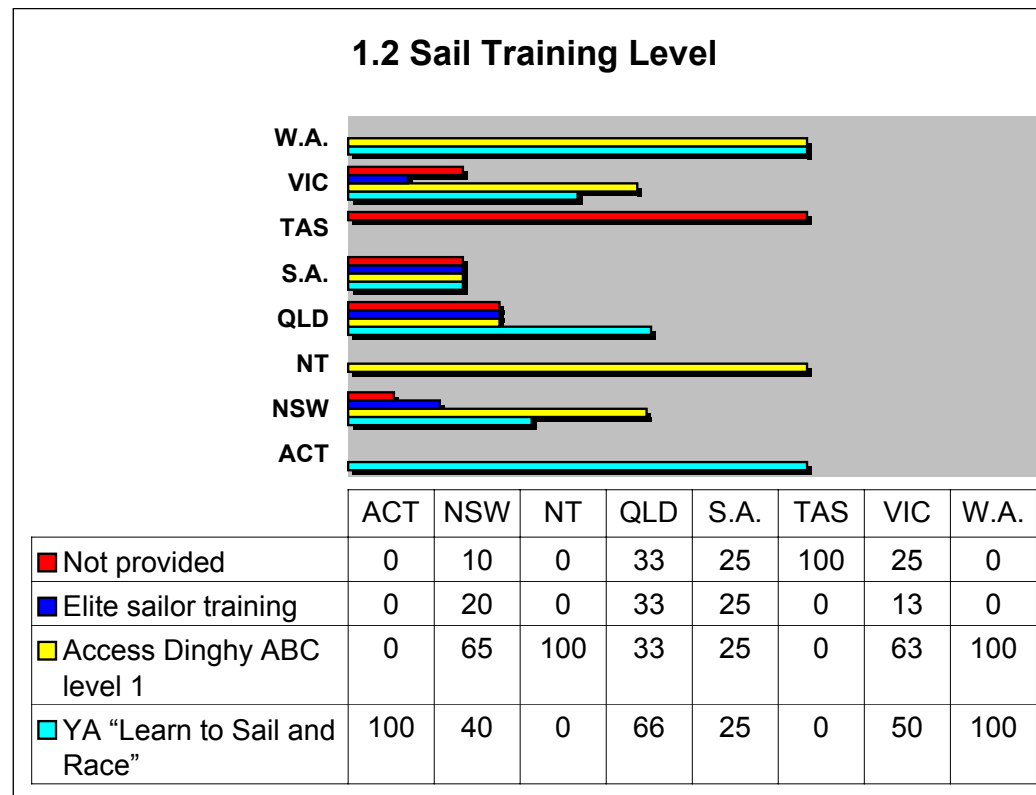
As well as general sailing activities, Sailability groups are providing important outreach activities within their local communities.

The majority of groups work in close co-operation with Municipal Councils, schools and disability organizations. Activities include :

- Special Ed. schools
- Maintream Primary and Secondary Colleges
- “Canteen” – Kids with Cancer
- Special Olympics
- Department of Community Services
- Group homes
- Senior citizen groups
- Municipal Council programmes
- Respite Centres
- Mental Health agencies
- MS Society
- Spastic Centre
- Intellectually Disabled
- Sheltered Workshops
- YMCA
- Girl Guides
- Cubs and Scouts
- Disability support agencies
- Rotary, Probus, Lions Clubs
- Corporate team building days
- Vision Impaired
- School holiday programmes

1.2 Sail Training Levels

	YA "Learn to Sail and Race"	Access Dinghy ABC level 1	Elite sailor training	Not provided
NATIONAL AGGREGATE	35%	48%	11%	24%



1.3 Is other training provided for members ie public speaking, etc -- number of branches

Beside each statement indicate how training is managed:

- I - In-house training
- C - Branch pays for member to attend course
- M - Members fund themselves to attend a course

Numbers of branches

		Disability Awareness and Personal Dev	First Aid	Safety Boat (TL3)	Boat License	Sailing Coach	Sailing Training	Other
ACT (1)	I							
	C		1	1				Public speaking
	M				1			
NSW (20)	I	2 (5)				1 (1)	4 (5)	
	C		1 (1)	(3)	1 (2)	(1)	(1)	
	M	1	2 (6)	2 (3)	4 (5)	2 (2)	(4)	
NT (1)	I						1	
	C		1	1				
	M							
QLD (3)	I	1 (2)						
	C		1 (2)	(1)	1 (1)			
	M		1	(1)	1 (1)			
S.A. (4)	I	1 (2)				1	1	
	C	1	1 (1)	1	1	1	1	
	M	1	1 (1)	1	1 (1)	1 (1)	1(1)	
TAS (1)	I	1 (1)				1	1	
	C							
	M		1 (1)		1			
VIC (9)	I	(1)					(2)	
	C	(1)	1 (3)	2 (4)	1 (1)	(4)	(1)	
	M	(1)	1 (2)	(3)	1 (3)	(2)	(1)	
W.A. (1)	I							
	C			1	1		1	
	M							
TOTAL BRANCHES	I	4 (11)				2 (1)	5 (7)	
	C	1 (1)	6 (7)	6 (11)	5 (4)	1 (5)	1 (2)	
	M	2 (1)	6 (10)	3 (7)	9 (10)	3 (5)	1 (6)	

1.4 Racing - Does your branch hold racing events within normal Sailability activities or with yacht club regular racing?

% of branches

	Within Sailability programme % of branches	Regular yacht club racing % of branches	Other
ACT (1)	100	N/a	
NSW (20)	55	30	Belmont: CHS High school regatta
NT (1)	0	0	
QLD (3)	100	33	
S.A. (4)	50	75	
TAS (1)		100	
VIC (8)	25	50	
W.A. (1)		100	

3. RELATIONSHIP WITH SAILING CLUB

Does your branch operate as a:

Number of Branches

	Independent Branch & no association with a YC No. of branches	Independent Branch with association to a YC No. of branches	Committee of a YC No. of branches	Sub program of a YC, run by YC volunteers No. of branches	Do you have representation on the Board of Management of this Club	
					Yes	No
ACT (1)	1					
NSW (20)	10	9	1		7	3
NT (1)	1					1
QLD (3)		3				3
S.A. (4)			4		4	
TAS (1)		1				
VIC (8)	2	1	2	3	7	
W.A. (1)		3			1	

The following Sailability groups are affiliated sailing clubs with their respective MYA's:

Sailability ACT

Sailability Pittwater, Rushcutters Bay and Port Stephens. SPort Stephens is also a registered YNSW training center.

Docklands Yacht Club

4. Membership

Membership data does not indicate the actual activity and participation of Sailability. See page 5

	Sailability members who are also yacht club members			Financial Sailability members DISABLED			Financial Sailability members ABLE BODIED		
	Sail only	Help only	Sail & help	Sail only	Help only	Sail & help	Sail only	Help only	Sail & help
ACT (1)				31	2	15	5	2	13
NSW (20)	21	14	216	405	18	104	92	41	163
NT (1)		2	10			3	9	4	
QLD (3) (Bayside included all participation)	6		6	80	1	1	165	40	1777
S.A. (3) (no Port Adelaide)	10	35	26	26	29	20		8	32
TAS (1)	14			22					18
VIC (8)	16	20	28	128	5	5	24	7	45
W.A. (1)	10	25	8	15	2	8	2	4	3
TOTAL	77	96	294	705	57	156	297	106	2051

5. Volunteer Information

Branches report an overwhelming need for more volunteers.

Generally volunteers are family and friends of disabled sailors as well as members of the sailing club, local retirees.

New volunteers are mostly procured by word of mouth. Other popular methods include:

Speaking at local sports and service clubs (eg Rotary, Probus, church etc)

Students eg Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists etc.

Utilising local media

Volunteer centres, retirement villages

% of Branches

	Do volunteers sail % of branches YES	Need more volunteers? % of branches YES	Have Volunteer Co-ordinator % of branches YES	Volunteer Recognition Programme YES
ACT (1)	100	100	0	100
NSW (20)	90	85	60	40
NT (1)	100	100	0	0
QLD (3)	100	100	100	66
S.A. (4)	100	100	75	25
TAS (1)	100	100	0	0
VIC (8)	100	100	50	38
W.A. (1)	100	100	100	100

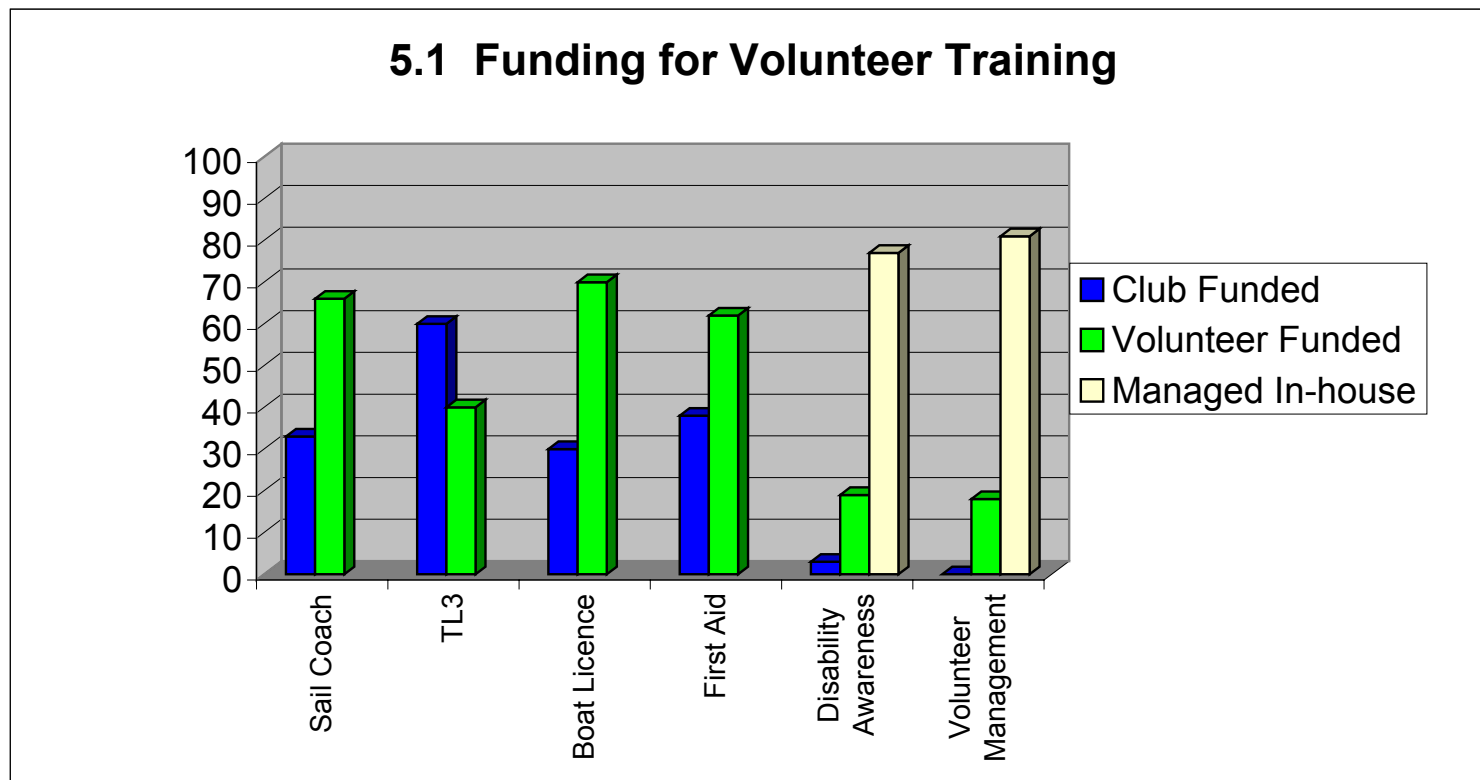
5.1 BRANCHES WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERS WITH FORMAL QUALIFICATION

% of Branches

	Sail Coach % of branches	TL3 % of branches	Boat Lic. % of branches	First Aid % of branches
ACT (1)	100	100	?	100
NSW (20)	55	35	90	70
NT (1)	100	100	N/a	100
QLD (3)	0	66	100	100
S.A. (4)	72	25	100	100
TAS (1)	100	100	100	100
VIC (8)	50	75	88	75
W.A. (1)	100	100	100	100

5.2 FUNDING VOLUNTEER TRAINING

National summary



6. FUNDING

The Northern Territory receives funding generally from local, state and federal funding. All other States received significant funding support from local businesses, service clubs (Rotary, Lions etc) and private donations.

% of branches

	Local Gov	State Gov	Federal Gov	Sports Club	Local Businesses	Service Club	Private Donations	Other	6.2 Annual Membership Fee AVERAGE \$	6.3 Do sailors pay additional fee on sailing day	6.4 What fee do casual sailors pay AVERAGE \$
ACT (1)		100	100		100	100	100		\$40	\$5	\$10
NSW (20)	40	35	35	35	65	75	75	Raffles	A. \$25	Most free (4 clubs - \$5)	A \$5
NT (1)	100	100	100					Raffles	\$4	N/a	\$10
QLD (3)	66	66	66	33	100	100	66	Subs, fees	A. \$20	\$12-\$6	A. \$8
S.A. (4)	75	50	25	25	50	50	50		A. \$40	Most free (1 club - \$5)	A. \$5
TAS (1)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		\$54	0	\$10
VIC (8)	63	50			75	13	63	Schools	A. \$70	Most free (1 club - \$5)	A. \$11
W.A. (1)		100		*100	100	100	100	* RPYC	\$25	Gold coin	\$15

8. BOATS SAILED

The majority of clubs also have safety boats.

* Actual numbers of Access Dinghies located at all Sailability groups in Australia.

^ Data received from the 42 Sailability branches that responded

	2.3 *	303 *	Liberty *	2.4mR ^	Sonar ^	Payne ^	Other ^
ACT (1)	13	2					
NSW (20)	101	39	7	12	2	2	Walker Bay 48' motor launch various keelboats cats & lasers Savage Dolphin
NT (1)	4					1	
QLD (3)	11	23	1			3	
S.A. (4)	5	14	8				Various keelboats
TAS (1)	2					4	
VIC (8)	81	23	5				Sabres Seabird 420
W.A. (1)	2	4	1	1	3		
Total	219	105	24	13	5	10	

9. FACILITIES AT SAILABILITY VENUES (Feb 06)

Refer to page 25 of Data Summary for listing of individual venue facilities.

% of branches

	Accessible toilets	Disabled parking	Accessible pathway	Access to club social area	Accessible decking	Adequate ramps	Pontoon	Sailor hoist	Shade
ACT (1)	100	100							
NSW (20)	85	70	70	55	40	50	65	60	65
NT (1)	100	100	100	100					
QLD (3)	66		33	33	33		66	66	66
S.A. (4)	100	100	100	100	100	75	75	100	100
TAS (1)					100		100		
VIC (8)	88	63	63	75	50	38	75	77	75
W.A. (1)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

11. FUTURE ASSISTANCE

The issues, listed in order of importance that Sailability groups identified as requiring financial assistance, are:

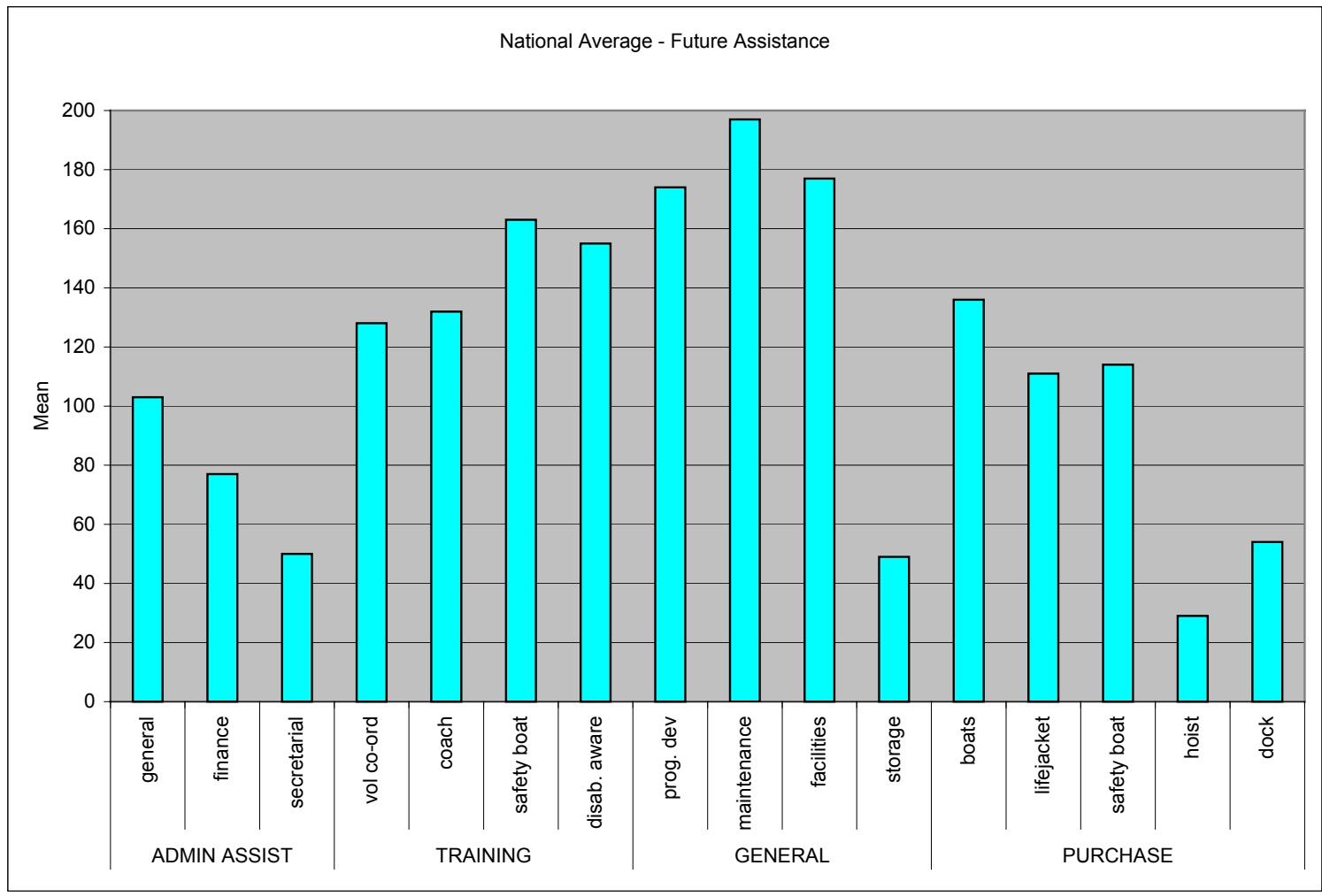
1. Maintenance of existing equipment
2. Improve/provide disabled facilities eg toilets, decking, parking, access
3. Programme development
4. Train safety boat drivers
5. Training of volunteers for disability awareness, safe lifting, protocol
6. Purchase new boats
7. Training volunteer Coaches
8. Training for Volunteer co-ordinator
9. Purchase lifejackets
10. Overall administrative assistance
11. Financial administrative assistance
12. Secretarial administrative assistance
13. Storage
14. Purchase hoist

Refer chart on following page.

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BRANCH COMMENTS RE FUTURE FUNDING

NSW (20)
We operate from Crown Land managed by Council. Council may provide improvements eg toilets, pavilion, paving or boardwalk to beach if funding was available. Specifically for Sailability an undercover storage facility would be great.
Purchase of pontoon and maintenance of jetty.
In country areas, there is a limit to how many times one can approach local clubs/businesses for funding. If financial assistance was available for overall insurance then we could have adequate for ongoing maintenance etc.
Our most urgent need is to eliminate the lifting content of our operation by the addition of an elevator to the existing jetty. This would allow disabled sailors to board the dinghies without manual lifting & eliminate the need to remove centreboards on each change of sailor. Life jackets are also of a great need...
We will be able to provide sailing opportunities at a reasonable cost to members to our community who do not have large financial budgets.
Paid coordinator – to arrange weekday training & sailing through community and school groups. If a coordinator is nominated to run sailing programs to raise Sailability awareness through community and school groups, more people and disabled (aged) could be able to enjoy freedom on the water
Sourcing volunteers. Increase awareness in government disability agencies in this area. Financial support for insurance and provision of training.
Make access available for all to the boats. We are still lifting & dragging boats in. Disabled access to club area - paths, carpark etc.... Toilet/shower.
Better access in and around the club & pontoon. Require more promotion to get more public awareness and increase volunteers to offer relief to current committee and help to increase numbers of members.
Government funding may allow us to purchase more boats , particularly Access 303s so that we could offer a fleet to cater to some of the larger groups of special need adults and children in the local area.
Provide an office and a free phone. Full time staff member to provide general administrative day to day duties.
With the boats stored properly (near the sailing venue) many more volunteers would be prepared to assist in the provision of time. At this stage no-one has the capacity or the will to tow the boats.

Funding would help our group to purchase much needed equipment a lot easier. Some of our current members have limited abilities when it comes to raising funds for much needed projects. As we do not receive funding at the moment any funding would enable better facilities and more boats to increase recreation options for more people with disabilities in Armidale and the surrounding area.
Financial assistance for competitors to attend regattas
Currently all boats and equipment manually transported from storage trailer to water & back (approx 200m). Very limited permanent shade at site. A "close to shore" shed at ground level with shade awning would make this much better both for sailors and volunteers
Our income (operational) is adequate for our day to day operation. The clubhouse is rent free (Council owned). Additional funds would mean more boats, advertising and upgrading of facilities.
We could see the improvement of our procedure with assistance of funds in administration. We could increase the safety of our programme to boats and acquiring new life jackets, training and a safety boat would be a huge help, especially with the new boats that are forthcoming for the Paralympic events.
NT (1)
Generally any increase in funding would assist in providing improved service to the sailing public by providing and maintaining safe up to date equipment and programs.
QLD (3)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would like to have a paid part-time Sailing Manager to coordinate recruit and train volunteers, maintain boats and manage sailing days. Workloads on Executive are unsustainable. 2. Badly need a wheelchair accessible pontoon and proper disabled toilets.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professionally produced promotional aids would assist the growth of Sailability by securing more sponsors, volunteers and sailing participants. 2. Funding to employ part-time manager/co-ordinator in large branches. 3. Small tractor to move boats. 4. Defibrillator for emergency. 5. Sun protection uniforms for volunteers.
Better disabled facilities and better storage facilities to negate the need to rig and unrig boats ie ore space and height to store boats with masts stepped. Also ramps, trailers and tow vehicle. Innovative systems to reduce the physical labour for volunteers in order to reduce risk or injury

S.A. (4)
Currently ASC can only offer Sailability on Sundays as volunteers want to go racing on Saturdays and we all work M-F. Funding for part-time co-ordinator would mean she could organise Come and Trys, learn to sail courses, attend and display expos mid week.
Relocate Sailability to deep water at the marina and sail off the pontoon. Support overworked volunteers. Club is going to decline. Equipment under utilised.
TAS (1)
ST does not have a clubhouse. Paynes are kept in marinas for free berthing. The 2.3's are kept at members homes. Members are welcome to yacht club statewide
VIC (8)
Training for volunteers. Capital works for jetties and storage of equipment to take the running of sailing days less hard work for volunteers. Easy storage to reduce packing up and rigging time and lifting of boats.
Provide training and incentives to attract volunteers able to promote increased activity of our equipment, which is currently under utilised.
Another Coordinator (who may have to be paid a wage etc) who has the vision and is prepared to take Sailability Geelong to the next step, ie 5 days a week with 10 boats and open house on Sundays for families with members who have disabilities.. We would need 3 more 303s, expand our pontoon, find at least 15 more volunteers and train them
Our lake location is within 3 municipal boundaries and we are within two km of a fort. Any increase in funding would be used in the promotion, upkeep and upgrade of our Sailability program. The potential is great as we have a large feeding ground
Disabled toilets ramps, accessible decking, parking, life jackets. Upgrade to better boats.
A toilet and changing room facility with accessibility for the disabled is highest priority. Nearest facility is about a kilometre away. Local Govt. would consider providing if funding was available. Area is very high use by many groups and individuals 365 days per year.
W.A. (1)
Increased government funding would overall assist in the ability to further provide sailing/training camps for regional areas. Also funding would assist in training volunteers to provide first aid and coaching qualifications. This would mean that more people with disabilities within WA would have access to and be empowered to sail within WA

GENERAL COMMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE FROM BRANCHES

Several clubs that replied are currently inactive so no data has been submitted., while other clubs are having particular operational difficulties. Below are some of the key issues worth highlighting.

ACT
We have been plagued by lake closures because of blue green algae over the last 2 months.
NSW
Club in recess until they find a new administration base and more volunteers. Our boats are on loan to Sailability Central West. We need to decide whether to close down or try and continue.
We are currently sailing fortnightly however due to community interest groups we would like to run programmes throughout the week. We are not yet able to offer this service as we need infrastructure of which we do not yet have due to funding constraints. At this point we are manually lifting disabled people into dinghies and launching off the beach. This raises many difficulties for both the volunteers and preservation of our equipment...
New club. Awaiting procurement of boats to begin activities.
Activities are restricted by the number of volunteers available.
We have many volunteers and could run programs 6 days a week but we have NO storage facility. This means the entire program is reliant on one volunteer to move all the equipment or the program doesn't run.
There has been many cancellations of sessions due to an outbreak of blue-green algae on Malpas Dam with Council closing the facility for recreation activities. We have planned for 16 sessions this season but haven't been able to sail since mid December as we haven't enough instructors, transport. We have been struggling to keep our head above water for a while, especially since the theft of our outboard motor for the power boat.
Special groups request midweek sailing but we are limited by lack of volunteers.
In country areas, there is a limit to how many times one can approach local clubs/businesses for funding. If financial assistance was available for overall

insurance then we could have adequate for ongoing maintenance etc.
QLD
Workloads on Executive are unsustainable.
S.A.
Need support for overworked volunteers. Club is going to decline. Equipment is under utilised.
VIC
New club. No activity yet.
Located in Melbourne CBD. Club's property and location is sufficient to provide sailing year round, 7 days per week. The problem is a lack of retired, qualified members who can devote time through working week.
We don't promote the program, due to a lack of helpers.
There is a great need for this type of program in our area and interest has been expressed by a number of local Special Care facilities. Local schools have also shown their interest as another sport to offer their students and as part of their after school care recreational program.
Currently we are sailing at Creswick because Lake Wendboree is dry. Therefore our activities are greatly restricted.
W.A.
Due to severe difficulties in accessing the beach coupled with a shortage of volunteers, our programme is not active this year. We have, however, arranged to apply our resources to assist Mandurah Rotary Sail Into Life with their programme and provide the opportunity for Rockingham sailors to share their facilities.