

# REGION ASIA OCEANIA BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS



Ben Groen (New Zealand), 2017 Region Asia Oceania slalom & tricks champion



Formerly named Group III until 1991, the history of Region Asia-Oceania Championships began in 1973. At that time, Aussies held their National Championships each year since 1963 and the New Zealand Barefoot Club was just set up.

The Australian Federation invites a New Zealand team at Lake Nagambie (Victoria State), where the 1973 Australian National titles were planned. The Australian team with 7 barefooters showed its skills to the first National team of New Zealand, composed with 3 skiers. Aussies Rudi Stout and Colleen Wilkinson won the first ever international overall titles.

This competition paved the way for a first World Barefoot Championships, which will come five years after, still in Australia. Meanwhile in this same year of 1973, the Aussies will fly to Cypress Gardens for the first international competition between USA and Australia... but this is an other story.

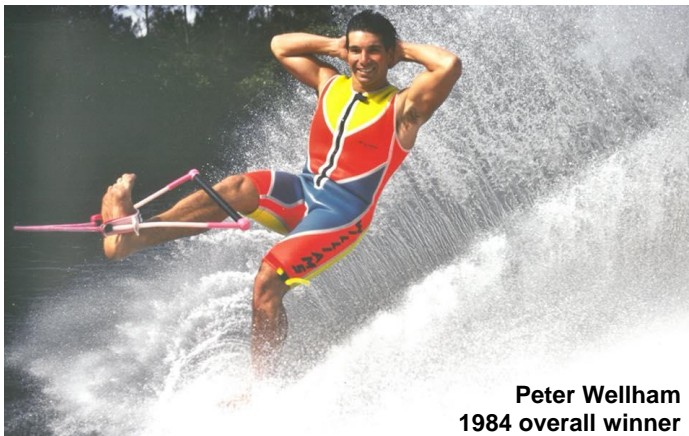
In 1976, The second edition of Group III titles took place in New Zealand, during Easter week-end, with New Zealand national championships. Jan Morgans in women slalom and John Guthrie in men jump won the first international titles for New Zealand, but Colleen Wilkinson and Brett Wing from Australia were crowned in the overall.

In 1978, the competition get back to Australia, and the event was held each couple of years until 1984. After a 7 years break, the competition goes on under Australian supremacy, except for the senior team, winner from 2001 to 2005.



In 2008 the event became Asian Australasian Championships and took place in Chuncheon, South Korea, with skiers from China and Taipei. In 2010, Jakarta welcomed the competition, anew with skiers from China, but also from Taiwan and Indonesia.

For the last Asian Oceanian championships in 2017, 2 skiers from Taipei entered the event in open men and open women. In 2019, the competition became the Oceania Championship, gathering skiers from Australia and New Zealand.



**Peter Wellham**  
1984 overall winner



**Ashleigh Stebbings**, 5 times overall winner



**Teams Taipei, New Zealand and Australia**  
at 2017 Asia Oceania Championships

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year	date	place	chief judge	team overall		
				open	junior	senior
1973		Lake Nagambie	AUS	AUS	-	-
1976	16-19/04	Lake Rotongaio, Taupo	NZL	AUS	-	-
1978		Yarra river, Melbourne	AUS	AUS	-	-
1980	6/04	Pirinoa	NZL	AUS	-	-
1982		Surfers Paradise	AUS	AUS	-	-
1984	7-8/04	Karapiro	NZL	AUS	-	-
1991	26-28/04	Helles Park, Sydney	AUS	AUS	-	-
1993		Cambridge	NZL	AUS	-	-
1995	28-30/04	Sydney	AUS	AUS	-	-
1997	25-27/04	Piarere	NZL	AUS	-	-
1999	22-25/04	Geelong	AUS	AUS	AUS	NZL
2001	19-22/04	Forest Lakes, Otaki	NZL	AUS	AUS	NZL
2003	24-26/04	Perth	AUS	AUS	AUS	NZL
2005		Forest Lakes, Otaki	NZL	AUS	AUS	AUS
2006		Mulwala	AUS	AUS	-	-
2007	8-10/04	Sydney	AUS	AUS	-	-
2008	4-7/09	Chuncheon	SKO	AUS	-	-
2010	5-10/10	Jakarta	IND	AUS	-	-
2014	6-12/10	Perth	AUS	AUS	NZL	-
2017	01/02		Ashley Stebbeings	AUS		
2019	25-28/01	Helles Park, Liverpool	AUS	Lynn Blaauw	AUS	
2022	17-20/11	Mulwala	AUS	Lynette Blaauw	AUS	

## START METHODS

year	open men	open women
1973		
1976	Wing Brett	AUS Wilkinson Colleen AUS
1978		
1980	Stekelenburg John	AUS - -
1982	Wing Brett	AUS - -



Keenan Derry from Australia, overall winner in 2017, 2019 & 2022

# OPEN MEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1973				Stout Rudi AUS
1976	Wing Brett AUS	Wing Brett AUS	Guthrie John NZL	Wing Brett AUS
1978				Wing Brett AUS
1980	Stekelenburg John AUS	Moffat Alan AUS	Moffat Alan AUS	Moffat Alan AUS
1982	Wellham Peter AUS	Wing Brett AUS	Allen Grant NZL	Wing Brett AUS
1984	Wellham Peter AUS	Wellham Peter AUS	O'Mahoney Gavin AUS	Wellham Peter AUS
1985 to 1990			<i>no championships</i>	
1991	Sands Brett AUS	Dwyer Dodd AUS	Pennay John AUS	Dwyer Dodd AUS
1993	Sands Brett AUS	Dwyer Dodd AUS	Sands Brett AUS	Dwyer Dodd AUS
1995	Seers Justin AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS
1997	Reynolds Richard NZL	Stekelenburg John AUS	Stekelenburg John AUS	Stekelenburg John AUS
1999	Stekelenburg John AUS	Stekelenburg John AUS	New Brett AUS	Stekelenburg John AUS
2001	Groen Fred NZL	New Brett AUS	New Brett AUS	New Brett AUS
2003	New Brett AUS	New Brett AUS	New Brett AUS	New Brett AUS
2005	Wright Brendan AUS	Van den Heuvel Luke AUS	New Brett & Wright Brendan AUS	Wright Brendan AUS
2006	Wright Brendan AUS	Crouch Brenton AUS	Wright Brendan AUS	Wright Brendan AUS
2007	O'Neill Peter AUS	Crouch Brenton AUS	Kelly Bevan NZL	O'Neill Peter AUS
2008	Blaauw Robert AUS	Crouch Brenton AUS	Blaauw Robert AUS	Blaauw Robert AUS
2010	Paige Brendan AUS	Paige Brendan AUS	Arnel Darcy AUS	Paige Brendan AUS
2014	Derry Keenan AUS	Paige Brendan AUS	Derry Keenan AUS	Paige Brendan AUS
2017	Groen Ben NZL	Groen Ben NZL	Derry Keenan NZL	Derry Keenan AUS
2019	Derry Keenan AUS	Derry Keenan AUS	Russo Tee-Jay AUS	Derry Keenan AUS
2022	Derry Keenan AUS	Derry Keenan AUS	Derry Keenan AUS	Derry Keenan AUS

2007 men jump:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeremy Linton, 1<sup>st</sup> Bevan Kelly and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Hamblyn from New Zealand



2014 men slalom: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Franks, 1<sup>st</sup> Keenan Derry and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brendan Paige from Australia

Keenan Derry (Australia)



2017 men tricks: 3<sup>rd</sup> Connor Rogers (AUS), 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Groen (NZL), 2<sup>nd</sup> Keenan Derry (AUS)



## OPEN WOMEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1973				Wilkinson Colleen AUS
1976	Morgans Jan	NZL Wilkinson Colleen	AUS -	Wilkinson Colleen AUS
1978				Wilkinson Colleen AUS
1980				
1982				
1984	Lampard Kim	AUS Lampard Kim	AUS -	Lampard Kim AUS
1985	to 1990		<i>no championships</i>	
1991	Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh. AUS
1993	Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh. AUS
1995	Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh.	AUS Stekelenburg Sh. AUS
1997	Jones Charise	AUS Jones Charise	AUS Schmidt Donna	AUS Schmidt Donna AUS
1999	Stumbles Kelly	AUS Stumbles Kelly	AUS Stumbles Kelly	AUS Stumbles Kelly AUS
2001	Hassey Charise	AUS Hassey Charise	AUS Angilley Claire	AUS Angilley Claire AUS
2003	Halasz Gizella	AUS Halasz Gizella	AUS Halasz Gizella	AUS Halasz Gizella AUS
2005	Wright Nerissa	AUS Wright Nerissa	AUS Green Stacey	AUS Wright Nerissa AUS
2006	Wright Nerissa	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2007	Wright Nerissa	AUS Wright Nerissa	AUS Wright Nerissa	AUS Wright Nerissa AUS
2008	Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2010	Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Roberts Megan	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2014	Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2017	Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Stebbeings Ashleigh	AUS Groen Georgia	NZL Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2019	Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia NZL
2022	Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia	NZL Groen Georgia NZL



2008 women tricks: 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Green (AUS), 1<sup>st</sup> Ashleigh Stebbeings (AUS) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Linton (NZL)



2014 women overall: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Linton, 1<sup>st</sup> Ashleigh Stebbeings and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Fitch



Georgia Groen (New Zealand)



2022 women slalom: 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Blank (Australia), 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Groen and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Linton (both from New Zealand)

## JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1991	Anderson Robbie AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS
1993	Fritsch Brett AUS	Mc Arthur Jason NZL	Fritsch Brett AUS	Fritsch Brett AUS
1995	Mc Arthur Jason NZL	Mc Arthur Jason NZL	Mc Arthur Jason NZL	Mc Arthur Jason NZL
1997	Blackford Clifton AUS	Blackford Clifton AUS	Glover Ryan NZL	Blackford Clifton AUS
1999	O'Neil Peter AUS	Blackford Clifton AUS	O'Neil Peter AUS	O'Neil Peter AUS
2001	Wright Brendan AUS	Forge Nathan AUS	Forge Nathan AUS	Forge Nathan AUS
2003	Wright Brendan AUS	Wright Brendan AUS	Wright Brendan AUS	Wright Brendan AUS
2005	Blaauw Robert AUS	Blaauw Robert AUS	Taylor Michael AUS	Blaauw Robert AUS
2007	Groen Ben NZL	Groen Ben NZL	Jones-Mc Lean Cory NZL	Groen Ben NZL
2014	Schaw Hugo NZL	Cornall Kye AUS	Schaw Hugo NZL	Schaw Hugo NZL
2017	Russo Tee-Jay AUS	Rogers Connor AUS	Rogers Connor AUS	Rogers Connor AUS
2019	Buck Joel AUS	Buck Joel AUS	Sorraghan Ben AUS	Sorraghan Ben AUS
2022	Ball Fletcher AUS	Ball Fletcher AUS	Ball Fletcher AUS	Ball Fletcher AUS



2014 junior jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> Brannen Derry, 1<sup>st</sup> Hugo Schaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> William Leigh



2017 junior overall: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee-Jay Russo, 1<sup>st</sup> Connor Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikolas Bray



2022 junior slalom: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Fletcher Ball (both from Australia) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Mathis (New Zealand)

## JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1991	Pattinson Rochelle NZL	Stumbles Kelly AUS	Pattinson Rochelle NZL	Pattinson Rochelle NZL
1993	Russell Kristin AUS	Schmidt Donna AUS	Pattinson Natasha NZL	Russell Kristin AUS
1995	Schmidt Donna AUS	Russell Kristin AUS	Schmidt Donna AUS	Schmidt Donna AUS
1997	Goldbert Tania AUS	Goldbert Tania AUS	-	-
1999	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS
2001	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS	Wood Nicole AUS
2003	Wright Nerissa AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Bourke Cathy NZL	Wright Nerissa AUS
2005	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2007	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS	Stebbeings Ashleigh AUS
2014	Fitch Brooke NZL	Fitch Brooke NZL	Fitch Brooke NZL	Fitch Brooke NZL
2017	McClung Elaina AUS	Cornall Makalya AUS	Cornall Makalya AUS	McClung Elaina AUS
2019	Hicks Macey AUS	Peebles Zali AUS	-	Peebles Zali AUS
2022	Peebles Macy AUS	Peebles Macy AUS	Peebles Macy AUS	Peebles Macy AUS



2014 junior girls tricks : 3<sup>rd</sup> Makalya Cornall (AUS), 1<sup>st</sup> Brooke Fitch (NZL) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaina McClung (AUS)



2017 junior girls jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> April Foster (New Zealand), 1<sup>st</sup> Makalya Cornall and 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaina McClung (both from Australia)



2022 junior girls tricks : 2<sup>nd</sup> Elle Keen, 1<sup>st</sup> Macy Peebles (both from Australia) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte McGuire (New Zealand)

## UNDER 23 WOMEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
2022	McClung Elaina AUS	McClung Elaina AUS	Peebles Zali AUS	McClung Elaina AUS

## UNDER 23 MEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
2022	Leigh William NZL	Rogers Connor AUS	Rogers Connor AUS	Rogers Connor AUS

## SENIOR MEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1999	Oakes Gary NZL	Oakes Gary NZL	Oakes Gary NZL	Oakes Gary NZL
2001	Groen Rob NZL	Groen Rob NZL	Wark Warren AUS	Groen Rob NZL
2003	Groen Rob NZL	Groen Rob NZL	Wark Warren AUS	Groen Rob NZL
2005	Failes Tim AUS	Smith Cameron AUS	Groen Fred NZL	Groen Fred NZL
2007	Failes Tim AUS	Groen Rob NZL	Groen Fred NZL	Groen Fred NZL
2019	Groen Fred NZL	Roberts Peter AUS	Groen Fred NZL	O'Connor Michael AUS
2022	Van den Heuvel Luke AUS	Van den Heuvel Luke AUS	Van den Heuvel Luke AUS	Van den Heuvel Luke AUS



2022 senior men tricks : 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Luke van den Heuvel (both from Australia) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Plummer (New Zealand)



## SENIOR WOMEN DIVISION

year	slalom	tricks	jump	overall
1999	Halasz Gizella AUS	Groen Brenda NZL	Halasz Gizella AUS	Halasz Gizella AUS
2001	Groen Brenda NZL	Groen Brenda NZL	-	Groen Brenda NZL
2003	Groen Brenda NZL	Groen Brenda NZL	-	Groen Brenda NZL
2005	Halasz Gizella AUS	Halasz Gizella AUS	Halasz Gizella AUS	Halasz Gizella AUS
2007	Duxfield Kathy NZL	Duxfield Kathy NZL	-	Duxfield Kathy NZL
2019	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS
2022	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS	Davis Katina AUS

