

THE COUNTER ATTACK

Fortnightly newsletter for
Water Polo ACT Members

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Upcoming WPACT Events

Key Competition Dates

- Junior Competition
General bye: 9th March 2024
Semi-finals: 16th March 2024
- Senior Competition
W2 Semi-finals: 14th March 2024
PL Semi-finals: 19th March 2024
M2 Semi-finals: 20th March 2024
- Grand Final Day: 23rd March 2024

WPACT Awards Night

- Friday 15th March 2024

Inter School Gala Days

- HS Girls: Monday 4th March 2024
- HS Boys: Wednesday 6th March 2024
- College: Wednesday 13th March 2024

Upcoming WPNWSW Events

The Big Orange 12&U Festival

- 8th-10th March 2024, Orange

NSW State Championships

- 16s & 18s - 15th-19th April 2024, Sydney
- 14s - 19th-23rd April 2024, Sydney

Upcoming National Events

Australian Country Championships

- 8th-11th May 2024, Gold Coast

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LATEST UPDATE

As we head into issue 51 of the Counter Attack, we have decided to have a make-over to freshen things up for our next 50 editions. Its been a BIG couple of months with AYC in Brisbane, the second half of the summer season starting and of course our FIRST EVER Club Championships. It takes a big community effort to get all these opportunities up off the ground and we wanted to give a big shout out to all our volunteers out there that play a pivotal role in making these events/competitions happen.

We recently announced the Water Polo ACT awards night will be making a splash in the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity to get your team together for a fun night at a wonderful location and celebrate all the great things about our community. We also encourage people to nominate those special members of our community who help to make things happen whether in a coaching, officiating or volunteering capacity.

Finally, as we head into the final stages of the Summer Season we wanted to remind everyone in our community to THINK.ACT.PLAY in the spirit of the game.



We are thrilled to extend a special invitation to you for the very first Water Polo ACT Awards Night, a night dedicated to celebrating the achievements and camaraderie within our incredible community.

When: Friday, 15th March 2024

Where: The Jetty, Queen Elizabeth Terrace

6:00pm - Arrivals

6:30-7:30pm - Awards

7:30-8:30pm - Dinner and fundraising

8:30-9:30pm - Entertainment

9:30pm - Event Close

Cost: \$60pp or \$220 per group of 4

Note - First 50 tickets are currently \$55 per person.

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HIGH SCHOOL GALA DAY

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The school water polo gala day is an initiative from Water Polo ACT to help engage high school students to play the great sport of water polo. The competition is played in a social spirit with no playing experience required.

Dates

- High School (7-10) Girls
 - Monday, March 4th, 2024
- High School (7-10) Boys
 - Wednesday, March 6th, 2024
- College (10-12) Mixed
 - Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Location

- AIS Aquatic Centre

Keen to play?

Enter a team by emailing admin@actwaterpolo.com



Australian Country Championships

After accepting the associate membership application of the Canberra Kraken Water Polo Club into Water Polo ACT, both organisations will combine to coordinate the Australian Country Championships tour in 2024.

Canberra Kraken will take the lead on this venture particularly when it comes to selecting and preparing the team as well as tour coordination.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for players wishing to participate in the tour. Canberra Kraken intends to send both Mens and Womens teams to the championship and we encourage participation from not only ACT based players, but players from Wagga Wagga as well.

Dates: 8th - 11th May 2024 - competition dates
Location: Gold Coast, QLD

To get involved submit an EOI at the link below.

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WPACT JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all teams who participated in the inaugural WPACT Junior Club Championships! It was a fantastic weekend and despite the heat, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to play with friends and develop their skills!

Congratulations to our champions and MVP's on some fantastic performances.

12&U Mixed

Champions: Nordek Yabbies
MVP: Anika Punzmann

14&U Girls

Champions: Nordek
MVP: Emily Males

14&U Boys

Champions: Nordek
MVP: Guillaume Jallier



16&U Girls

Champions: Radford/Nordek
MVP: Alisa Collett

16&U Boys

Champions: Northside Stingrays
MVP: Seth Booth

A huge thank you to Wagga Wagga Water Polo for their assistance before, during and after the championship and to the Oasis Aquatic Centre and their staff for being wonderful hosts!

A big thank you to our partners Delfina Sport, All in Sports and ProSport Photography for their wonderful contributions to the event!

Planning is underway for the 2025 WPACT Junior Club Championships so stay tuned for more information!

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EVENT CALENDER

There are more events than ever for players to participate in. These opportunities come at both the club and WPACT level depending on the level. In short, WPACT will send teams to state vs state events while clubs are encouraged to send teams to club events. WPACT will continue to work with clubs as new events come to light and our membership continues to grow. WPACT works closely with our clubs around all decisions that involve participation at events.



WPNSW EVENTS



NATIONAL CALENDAR



WPAUS EVENTS



WPACT Trailer Hire

Attention WPACT members, we are pleased to announce that the WPACT trailer is now at your disposal for hire.

Our trailer hire service aims to support the maintenance and upkeep of the trailer while easing the financial strain on membership fees.

Conveniently situated at the AIS, you can easily book the trailer through the Water Polo ACT website. It provides an excellent solution for completing miscellaneous tasks around your home or facilitating a smooth transition into a new house.

Hire Costs
\$50 per day
Day = 6am-8pm

We extend our sincere gratitude to CWPA and Pat's Plumbing for their generous donations, which greatly contributed to the acquisition of the trailer.

[BOOK HERE](#)





Social Polo

Term 1, 2024

Starting
Sunday 4th
January 2024



WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT SOCIAL POLO?

- Fun, social atmosphere
- CHEAP \$\$ - \$75 for 8 weeks
- Minimal commitment - turn up when you can :)
- Individual or team options - get a team together or join an existing team of awesome people

For more information and to register click

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