# THE COUNTER ATTACK Fortnightly newsletter for Water Polo ACT Members





### **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 WPNSW 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

### **<u>Upcoming National Events</u>**

Australian Country Championships • 8th-11th May 2024, Gold Coast







Water Polo





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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.



# HIGH SCHOOL Gala Day



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

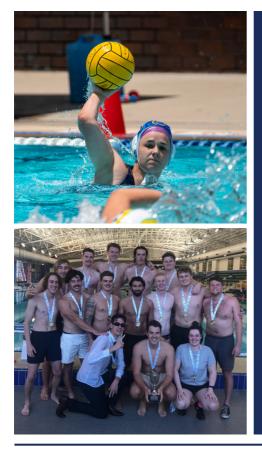
#### Location

• 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.













# 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!











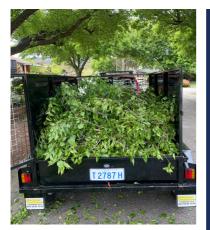


# **EVENT CALENDER**

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.

















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- 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

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