

THE COUNTER ATTACK

Fortnightly newsletter for
Water Polo ACT Members

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Upcoming WPACT Events

Key Competition Dates

Winter Comp Round 1 - Reconciliation Round

- 25th & 26th May 2024

Winter Comp Round 2 - CGS Pink Round

- 15th & 16th June 2024

Winter Comp Round 3 - Olympic Round

- 27th & 28th July 2024

Winter Comp Round 4

- 31st August & 1st September 2024

Upcoming WPNSW Events

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

East Coast Challenge (15&U Boys & Girls)

- 29th June - 1st July 2024, Melbourne

Interstate Challenge (17&U Boys and Girls)

- 13th - 15th July 2024, Canberra

UniSport Nationals

- 7th - 13th September 2024, Canberra

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LATEST UPDATE

As the weather gets colder, we are looking forward to the next phase of our Water Polo calendar, the winter season. As many of you know, our club-based competitions are reducing, while there is a larger emphasis on the representative pathway for our athletes.

The winter season competition information is now available on our website and within the newsletter. The winter season is a great opportunity to get involved in a more social setting for any of you who may have friends or family keen to give water polo a try!

It is also an opportunity for us to continue to develop our referee workforce through a combination of online learning, workshops and mentoring. Find out how to become a referee below.

Finally, we encourage all of those looking to take their water polo to the next level to get involved in our representative program which starts shortly.

National State Championships

As a result of stakeholder consultation, the State Associations and Water Polo Australia have agreed to change the delivery of the National State Championships, commencing in the 2024-2025 season.

The 15&U and 17&U Men's and Women's National State Championships will be held at the same time, in the same venue, slated for 26-30 September 2024 on the Gold Coast.

The 19&U National State Championships will transition to a talent identification camp, with further details as well as dates and venues to be released in the near future.

WPACT will work with WPA on key selection criteria to ensure we send a competitive team that meets the purpose of the tournament, whilst supporting a representative pathway for WPACT members.

We have updated our information session slides below to reflect the NSC announcement.

**INFO SESSION
SLIDES**



2024 WPACT JUNIOR WINTER SEASON

We are excited to announce details of our 2024 junior winter competition!

The winter competition is a great way to work on your skills and play with friends. Being a more social setting, it's a great place for new players to get involved, so make sure to invite your friends/family down to the pool.

We also excited to have some "theme" rounds over the course of the winter season. This aims to create awareness on some special topics and bring life to the winter competition.

MORE INFO



How to become a WPACT referee

Water Polo ACT is currently on the lookout for our next crop of referees!

Refereeing is a great way to learn the rules, give back to the community and develop your skills. If you are a player, parent or supporter, we are keen to have people give refereeing a go over the winter competition period.

Here are the steps:

1. Complete the Australian Sports Commission's Officiating Essential Skills course [HERE](#).
2. Complete the Water Polo Australia Community refereeing course [HERE](#).
3. Attend our referee workshops over the winter competition [HERE](#).

We will then add you to our referee roster as a shadow referee.



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 2, 2024

Starting
Sunday 5th
May 2024



WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT SOCIAL POLO?

- Fun, social atmosphere
- CHEAP \$\$ - \$8 per session for adults, \$5 per session for kids.
- 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
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GRAND FINAL DAY RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE THAT COMPETED IN THE ACT AND WAGGA GRAND FINAL DAYS! A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS OF THIS SEASON!



12&U MIXED





12&U MIXED



GRAND FINAL MVP - TIM DWYER



14&U BOYS

GRAND FINAL MVP - ALEX PUNZMANN



GRAND FINAL MVP



EMILY MALES

14&U GIRLS





BIDGEEGATORS
14&U MIXED

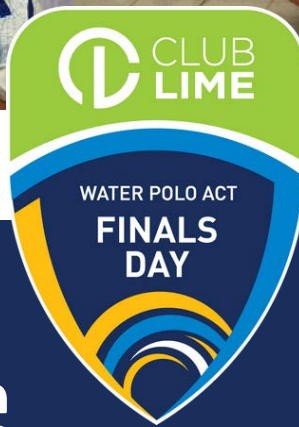
GRAND FINAL MVP - HAMISH BEGGS





16&U GIRLS

GRAND FINAL MVP -
ANNA WIECKOWSKI



16&U BOYS

GRAND FINAL MVP - GUILLAUME JOLLIER





17&U GIRLS



GRAND FINAL MVP - LUCY HALL



GRAND FINAL MVP - CAMPBELL BRYCEE

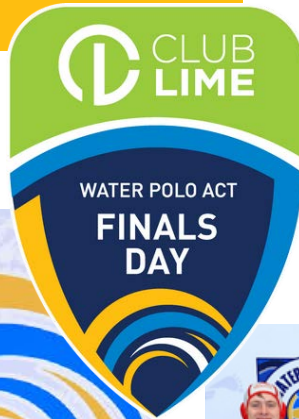


17&U BOYS



YOUTH LEAGUE WOMENS

GRAND FINAL MVP - JADE ARNOLD



YOUTH LEAGUE MENS

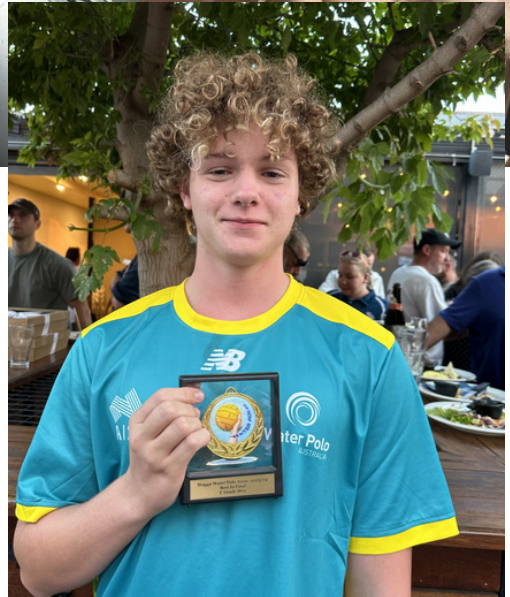


GRAND FINAL MVP - MATTIAS SCHUBERT



C GRADE MEN

GRAND FINAL MVP - GEORDIE MAKEHAM



GRAND FINAL MVP



JESSICA MCINTOSH

C GRADE WOMEN





2ND GRADE WOMEN



GRAND FINAL MVP

LILY AUSTIN

GRAND FINAL MVP - HAMISH ELLISON



2ND GRADE MEN





B GRADE WOMEN

GRAND FINAL MVP - OLIVIA CECCHINII



B GRADE MEN

GRAND FINAL MVP - NATHAN MCINTOSH





PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS

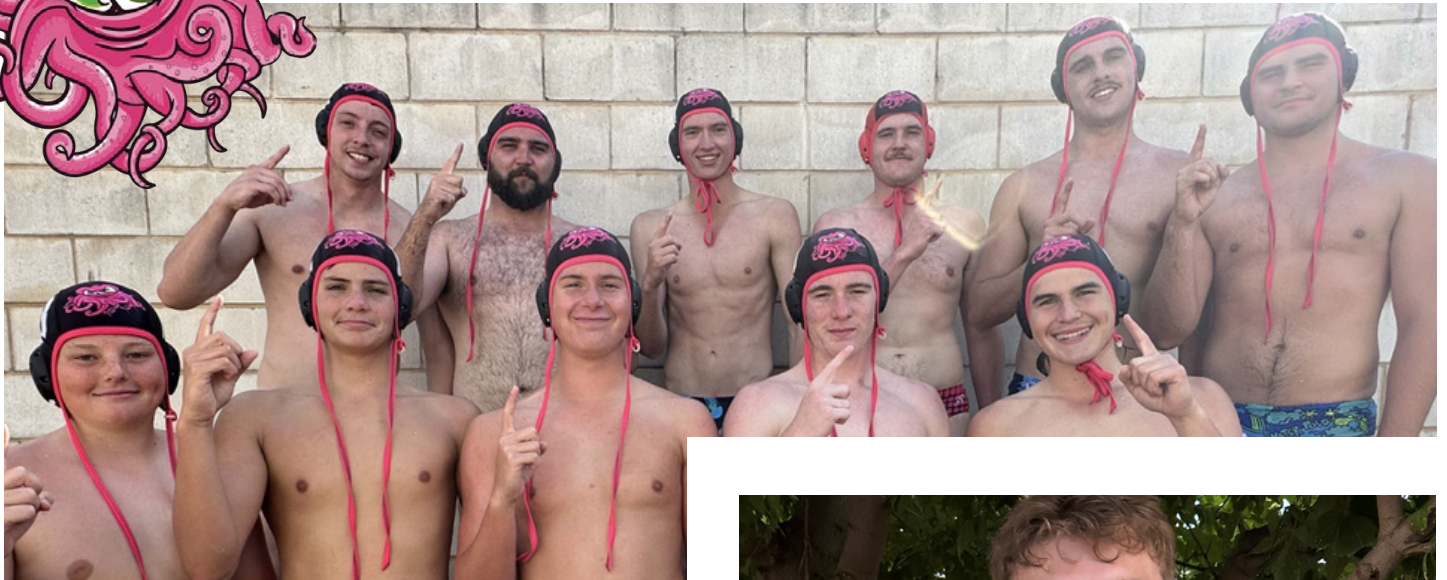
GRAND FINAL MVP -
SIANI SWARBRICK



PREMIER LEAGUE MENS



GRAND FINAL MVP - NICK TAYLOR



A GRADE MENS

GRAND FINAL MVP - SEBASTIAN BROWN



A GRADE WOMENS



GRAND FINAL MVP - KATE GALLAHERR