



Latest Update

It's been a big couple of weeks in Water Polo ACT. Junior Winter Comp, Senior Winter Comp, National Champs team selections and of course our Annual General Meeting. Taking a moment to reflect on the year that has been here are some quick highlights:

- New constitution voted in by members
- 25% membership growth
- Becoming a member of the ACT Aquatic Alliance
- New WPACT Operational Plan 2023-25
- Sharyn Arnold winning Coach of the Year!
- Strong performances from the Canberra Dolphins representative teams
- A number of WPACT athletes selected in national squads, with some being recruited to US College programs and European clubs.

Make sure to keep an eye out for our 50th issue of the counter attack in 2-weeks, it'll be a big one!

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Upcoming WPACT Events

- **Junior Winter Comp - Round 4**
 - 12s-16s - 2nd Sept 2023, AIS
 - Youth League - 3rd Sept 2023, AIS
- **Referee Workshop**
 - 2nd September 2023, AIS
- **Senior Winter Comp - Round 2**
 - 10th September 2023, AIS
- **2023/24 Memberships Open**
 - 5th September 2023
- **Junior Summer Season Start**
 - 14th October 2023
- **Senior Summer Season Start**
 - 17th October 2023

Upcoming WPNSW Events

- **NSW State Festival**
 - 2-6 October 2023, Sydney

Upcoming WPA Events

- **National State Championships**
 - 15/17 Girls - 24-29 Sept, Canberra
 - 15/17 Boys - 24-29 Sept, Sydney
 - 19 Girls - 8-13 Dec, Melbourne
 - 19 Boys - 8-13 Dec, Perth
- **2024 AYC in Brisbane, QLD**
 - [More info HERE](#)

AGM RECAP

The Water Polo ACT Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 20th August 2023 at Ainslie Football Club.

For the first time, the new voting and board structure was used after changes were made to the WPACT constitution in 2022. We wish to thank the club delegates for their continued service on the board while we transitioned to the new structures and developed the community water polo committee structure.

The following elected directors were appointed to the WPACT board:

- Tim Bennett
- Liam Shepherd
- Alexandra (Sandy) Spark
- Matthew Turnbull

A president will be chosen at the first meeting of the elected members in September.

Appointed directors may also be introduced onto the board at the September board meeting. Nominations are now open [HERE](#).

The Annual, President's and Financial Report's were passed. The Annual report is available [HERE](#).

We thank everyone's attendance at the meeting and look forward to working with the community to see positive results in 2023/24.



Tim Bennett

Liam Shepherd

Sandy Spark

Matt Turnbull

Elected Director

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APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Water Polo ACT (WPACT) is inviting nominations for the position of Appointed Director of the Board of Water Polo ACT.

WPACT is the governing body for the sport of water polo in the ACT. There are over 950 registered water polo members in the ACT.

The WPACT Board of Directors plays a critical role in supporting the CEO and enabling the organisation to achieve its goals across strategy, risk management, governance and financial performance. Our Mission is to create a sustainable sporting community that is inclusive and will prosper into the future.

Our Vision is a community that embraces all members, inspires and enables them to achieve success.

Nominations are sought from members of our community who have a genuine desire to commit their time and capabilities to enhance the work of WPACT.

The WPACT Board of Directors is seeking to complement its existing membership with the following specialist skills and experience:

- Marketing & Branding
- Legal Acumen
- Broadcast and Digital Media

Nomination Forms should be submitted before 5:00pm (AEST) Monday 4th September 2023.

We welcome applications from people independent of the association (non-members).

EOIs received will be reviewed by the elected members of the WPACT Board with interviews held on 13th September 2023 if required.

Those expressing interest should note the nomination and interview process and timelines and respond in their expression of interest to the key skills and experience sought.

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LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEES

A special resolution was passed by those members in attendance, to confer life membership on Mr Don Cameron and Mr Martin Tye.

Don was in attendance along with his children Andrew, Julia and Matthew in what was a proud day for the Cameron family.

Whilst Martin wasn't in attendance he did say, "it is an honour to formally accept the life membership offered to me by Water Polo ACT".

Congratulations to both individuals and thank you for your outstanding service to Water Polo ACT.

Read their bio's at the link below:

[**MORE INFO**](#)



Don Cameron
WPACT Life Member



Martin Tye
WPACT Life Member

EVENT CALENDAR

In order to accommodate our expanding membership base and foster inclusivity at events, there have been several adjustments made to the attendees of certain events throughout the year. Most of these modifications have taken place within the past 2-3 years, coinciding with a remarkable 170% surge in membership since 2018/2019. Our aim is to provide clarity regarding the events that WPACT will be sending teams to, as well as the events where clubs will be encouraged to participate with their teams.

12&U, 13&U & 14&U

WPACT will not send ACT teams to any 12&U, 13&U or 14&U events. This will be up to clubs to attend. WPACT believes it is too young to be selecting/de-selecting athletes at this age group and encourage attendance at local events that are low cost but high value.

15&U & 16&U

WPACT will send ACT teams to competitions over the winter period with clubs encouraged to send teams to events over the summer period. For the most part this means ACT teams attend state level events and clubs attend club level events - for the most part!

17&U, 18&U & 19&U Events

WPACT will send teams to all National 17&U and 18&U events, This includes AYC, NSC and Interstate Challenge events. Clubs are encouraged to attend NSW events as clubs such as the NSW State Club/Country Championships.

22&U and Open Events

WPACT will attempt to send teams to events if clubs are not attending the event. National level events will be attended by ACT Teams. We encourage athletes to participate in our pathway but understand that this isn't always possible.

Important to Remember

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

WPA
EVENTS

REFEREES WORKSHOP



WPACT will be hosting a referees workshop for ALL our Junior Competition referees before round 4 of the winter competition.

The workshop will cover:

- **Recent Developments and trends in refereeing, as seen at an international level.**

The workshop is for existing and new referees wishing to pick up the whistle. Coaches and players are welcome to attend the session as well.

If you wish to attend, please follow the link below to register for the course.

MORE INFO

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.

BOOK HERE

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.





Social Polo

Term 3, 2023

Starting
Sunday 23rd
July



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

[HERE](#)