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We have had a few massive week's of water polo and the summer season is just around the corner! What a great time to be involved in our community.

In the past few weeks we have welcomed Wagga Water Polo "officially" into the Water Polo ACT family, after the association and their clubs were accepted as members of WPACT. This is a major, and very exciting, development after we have worked closely with the Wagga Wagga community of the past few years. We extend a huge welcome to all our Wagga members!

We also had some recent fantastic results at the National State Championships where we had 4 teams compete. Congratulations to all teams on their fantastic efforts! We also wish to acknowledge the 6 ACT athletes that were selected into National Age Group Program squads at the NSC. Well done to Jade, Chloe, Lillian, Hamish, Lincoln and Ben on your selections, what a great achievement!

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Upcoming WPACT Events

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- Junior Summer Season Start
 0 14th October 2023
- Social Polo Term 4 Start
 0 15th October 2023
- Premier League Season Start
 0 17th October 2023
- Men's 2nd Grade Season Start
 0 18th October 2023
- Women's 2nd Grade Season Start
 - **19th October 2023**

Upcoming WPNSW Events

- NSW State Festival
 2-6 October 2023, Sydney
- NSW Senior Country Clubs
 - o 26-28 January 2024, Newcastle
- NSW Junior Country Clubs
- 9-11 February 2024, Wagga TBC

Upcoming WPA Events

- National State Championships
 - 19 Girls 8-13 Dec, Melbourne
 - 19 Boys 8-13 Dec, Perth
- 2024 AYC in Brisbane, QLD
 - 14s & 18s 5-10 January 2023
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APPOINTED DIRECTOR



WPACT is pleased to welcome Viviana Torres to the WPACT board as an appointed director.

Viv comes to the board with more than 15 years of experience leading communication and marketing areas across many different industries (including professional sports), countries, and divisions. Viv has created communication departments, and committees and formed part of groups that focused on creating communication and marketing strategies for large national and international audiences.



When asked about joining the board, Viv said "as someone deeply passionate about promoting sports within the community, I am very motivated by the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to Water Polo ACT, its growth and its success in achieving goals and bringing the community together."

"Effective communication and marketing strategies are pivotal to the organisation's success, and I am dedicated to collaborating with fellow board members in elevating the profile of Water Polo ACT, furthering its mission, and driving positive outcomes".

Viv will join the board on a one year appointment and will add tremendous experience in the media, communications and marketing space as well as a perspective from outside the water polo community.











Junior Comp Referee EOI

WPACT is seeking EOI to referee in this year's junior summer competition.

This is a new process to capture information more effectively and improve communication with referees.

All referees will be required to undertake online, practical and workshop training to help develop their skills and raise the level of refereeing in the ACT.

All referees will be required to complete the following: 1. WPA online learning -Community Referee Qualification 2. Pre-season training -Saturday 21st October 2023















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.

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.

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!

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.









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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.



Water Polo Act Social Polo Term 4, 2023 Starting Sunday 15th October

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