



## Wagga Wagga Water-Polo

To the Manager of the Oasis Aquatic Centre & Wagga Wagga City Council,

I am writing to you with the request that the Oasis Aquatic Centre Pool Booking Fee of \$1,335.00 per day for the NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championships on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be waived for the benefit of Wagga Wagga Water-Polo and the growth of the Local Sport and tourism within our Town of Wagga Wagga.

Wagga Wagga Water-Polo has seen a huge growth in membership for the 2019 – 2020 Season. Water-Polo within our region has always played second fiddle to many of the more recognised sports within our region. However, we are seeing a change in this perspective within our community and has resulted in a 28% increase in memberships for this current year.

Wagga Wagga Water-Polo have in the 2019/2020 year invested almost \$30,000 into the improvement of the infrastructure and assets we provide our players and members. We as a Association have purchase new field ropes, new goals, new scoreboards and playing equipment. This amount of investment is significant for a regional sporting association. The Wagga Water-Polo Association thought however this sizeable investment was a necessity to bring our regions facilities to the level of some of our State and Countries Water-Polo Facilities. With the investment made Wagga Wagga Water-Polo has been recognised as having the best facilities within regional NSW and as a result have been awarded the hosts of the NSW Junior Country Championships to be held at the Regional Aquatic Centre.

The NSW Junior Country Championships 2020 will see an estimated 370 players and an estimated 215 spectators travel to Wagga over 3 days to participate in the Championship. This Championship and amount of participation will be a huge benefit to our local tourism and local business within our City. It will be a significant benefit to our local players and families who will not have the expense they normally would have due to travelling to such championships within our state. It will also bring a benefit to our local players in the standard of Water-Polo that these Championships will bring.

The benefits of this championship to our City, the benefits of this Championship to our local players, the benefits of this Championship to our Regional Aquatic Centre, the benefit of all facets of hosting the NSW Junior Country Championship is with out a doubt a result to the investment made to Wagga Wagga Water-Polo from the association in bringing our facilities up to the standard that matches and surpasses that of our large Metropolitan Cities can offer.

Wagga Wagga Water-Polo will also be covering the cost of the scaffold need to play two games simultaneously in the 50m outside swimming pool at a cost of \$3850.00 to have the opportunity to host the Championships. We as an association have agreed to cover this cost so we as a regional city can have the opportunity of offering two playing fields within the one pool and therefore have the ability to hoist such Championships.

With the amount of benefits this Championship will bring our City and the Regional Aquatic Centre and the amount already invested from our local association to host the event we as an Association are asking that Wagga Wagga City Council cover the \$1,335.00 per day pool Hire at a total cost of \$2,670.00. In adding this hire to the expenses our association have already and will in the future incur to host this event, the benefit of bringing such events to our Region for the benefit of our entire community will be diminished.

We thank you in considering our request and ask that if you have any further questions in regard to this request you do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

Kind Regards,

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