



# Twin Cities Fancy Pigeon Club

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## SUBMISSION FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FOR A GRANT TO ASSIST OUR REGIONAL CLUB TO HOST A NATIONAL PIGEON SHOW FOR AUSTRALIA

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors, Wagga Wagga City Council

This submission seeks to obtain your favourable consideration to financially assist our regional club to host the Australian National Pigeon Association (ANPA) National Show in Wagga Wagga in July 2021, at the same venue where ANPA was born in July 1981 at the Wagga Showgrounds.

### WHO WE ARE

Our Twin Cities Fancy Pigeon Club has catered for exhibition pigeon members in the border region, the Riverina and beyond since the early 1970's. This hobby has seen excellent support for our club in recent years from Association members from all over Australia as one of the foremost regional shows in the country. The border and Riverina regions have never before had an opportunity to host this ultimate event, the Australian National Pigeon Show.

### THE EVENT

The annual ANPA National Show has traditionally been held in all the Capital cities on a rotational basis but hosted by larger clubs in each State which are financially strong and can host by at least self-funding. For next year, we are hoping to break with tradition and bring it back to the grass roots where it all began 40 years ago. This purpose also has positive spin offs - in particular, the opportunity to bring our wider community to the region. Enjoying and appreciating its cleaner environment and all it has to offer in tourism while they experience the more relaxed country lifestyle.

The ANPA National Show has also attracted many international visitors and show judges over recent years, including those from countries including the UK, USA, Canada, China, the Arab States, Norway, Germany and France. The show has achieved a global status in its planning, displays and quality of the birds exhibited and has been a focal point for some of the most prominent international pigeon fanciers.



#### THE EVENT COST

The cost to host the 2021 ANPA National Show and meet established expectations is somewhat beyond our present financial capability but we are working diligently to close the financial gap. The last ANPA National Show in NSW was held in 2015 with expenses just over \$41,000. THE BENEFITS

We believe that if the event is held in Wagga that a minimum of \$120,000 will be added to your local economy by way of accommodation, services and general retail spending by our participants and visitors. Their stays will be at least 3 days to cover the duration of the event and we anticipate that the majority of the expected 100 exhibitors will be driving with their exhibits to the show except those from West Australia and Internationals who will take advantage of your Wagga Wagga Airport.

#### IN SUMMARY

Your agreement to offer financial assistance of the order of \$20,000 would enable us to proceed with our bid to host the Show.

We thank you for at least listening to our plea and look forward to a favourable consideration at your convenience.

Above presented by Dennis Murphy of Mangoplah.

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