Craig Katsoolis Senior Revenue Accountant – Chief Financial Office Wagga Wagga City Council

Dear Craig,

I am writing to you with a request that the Oasis Aquatic Centre Pool Booking Fee of \$3,700 for the pool space hire required for the 2022 NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championship be waived. The Championships will be held on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th February 2022. The NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championship will benefit the Wagga Wagga Water-Polo Association, its members, growth of local sport, many local business and tourism within our town of Wagga Wagga when I'm sure you would agree it they need it most.

The 2022 NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championship will be the biggest Junior Country Event NSW Water-Polo has ever had with 50 teams nominated to attend the Championships over the weekend. With over 500 registered players attending, the Event will bring over 750 people to Wagga over 3 days to participate and spectate. The 2022 Championships and amount of participation will be an incredible benefit to our local tourism and local business within our City.

Wagga Wagga Water-Polo Association have invested over \$30,000 into the improvement of the infrastructure and assets we provide our player and members in recent years. This sizeable investment has resulted in our Association being recognised as having the best facilities and infrastructure within Regionals NSW and as a result have been awarded for the second time in 3 years the opportunity to host the 2022 NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championship.

To be able to host the event Wagga Wagga Water Polo will cover the cost of installing a scaffold beam across the 50m Outside Pool to have the ability to play two games simultaneously in the 50metre Pool. The cost of the scaffold is \$4400.00 and as an Association we understand this is a small price to pay for the benefit that hosting such events and the amount of people and money this brings to our town, our people and our local community.

If the Wagga Wagga City Council agree in waiving the hire fees of \$3,700.00 with the understanding of what the event will bring to the town it will allow our local Association to keep putting our facilities in front of NSW and Australia Water Polo to host further events without it becoming a burden on our Local Association and its members.

Our Association like so many are built on the generosity, commitment and dedication of our volunteers. Our volunteers will put many hours into making this year's event a success and without the burden of the cost of the Pool hire our volunteers will see a huge benefit of the time they put in and the benefit it brings to again our members, our community and our local economy as a whole.

We thank you in considering our request to waive the Pool Hire Fee of \$3,700.00 for the 2022 NSW Water-Polo Junior Country Championship. If you have any questions in regard to this request please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

Kind regards,

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