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Dear Wagga Wagga City Councillors,

RE: FEE WAIVER FOR WAGGA WAGGA ART GALLERY VENUE HIRE

As a part of Wagga Wagga City Council's FRESH program, ACON is hosting "LGBTQ&A" on Saturday 10 April. We are writing to you today to seek a fee waiver of \$300 for the venue hire of Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

ACON is NSW's leading health organisation specialising in community health, inclusion and HIV responses for people of diverse sexualities and genders. Established in 1985, ACON works to create opportunities for people in our communities to live their healthiest lives.

"LGBTQ&A" seeks to be a space for all members of the Wagga community to come together and learn from one another, at no cost to participants. We'll be supporting local community leaders to share their stories and help foster stronger community connections.

This event is in link with the aims set out in Wagga Wagga City Council's Community Strategic Plan 2040:

- Elevate community leaders
- Promote opportunities for community involvement
- Celebrate and value diversity
- Provide a diverse range of arts and cultural activities
- Hold events, recreational and cultural activities in public places
- LGBTQ+ people are increasingly visible, active, and living in rural and regional communities where diversity is celebrated.

ACON's contribution to the event includes event management, social media and marketing (in collaboration with Wagga Wagga City Council's FRESH project team), and covering staffing costs for additional Wagga Wagga Art Gallery personnel on the day of the event (as per the Wagga Wagga City Council venue hire guidelines).

ACON is committed to the Wagga Wagga community, and actively hosts and is involved in regular community events aimed at supporting the health and wellbeing of community members. As an NGO, we try to ensure our resources reach the greatest number of community members, so that we are able to have the greatest impact when supporting the communities we serve. We appreciate the support our work receives from Wagga Wagga City Council in ensuring that community members in Wagga Wagga and the surrounds can live their healthiest lives. Waiving the venue hire for this event will help us reach more community members in the work we do.

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