

Sport NSW Disability Inclusion Project comes to Wagga Wagga

A Disability Inclusion Project aiming to support increasing opportunities for school aged children living with a disability to participate in sports activities, is coming to Wagga Wagga this October.

Delivered by Sport NSW, the project is an 18-month participation and community capacity and capability initiative funded by the NSW Government via the Community Sport Recovery Package 2021.

The project is being delivered in three key streams: multi-sport activity days, community information sessions and online webinar events.

Sport NSW has partnered with Disability Sports Australia to deliver the multi-sport days which aim to gain an understanding of the experience of participants and their carers participating in community sport.

The Wagga Wagga Activate Inclusion Sports Day will be held at the Wagga Wagga Multi-Purpose Stadium on Tuesday 17 October, 10am – 1pm.

The Sports day is an initiative focused on providing sporting pathways for students aged 5 – 18 years with physical, intellectual or sensory disability.

The program offers children, who are often segregated from mainstream school physical education, the opportunity to experience a variety of sport activities in a fun and inclusive environment, with the use of adaptive equipment.

Participants will experience a variety of modified sporting activities on the day, to be facilitated by specialised coaches with the support of students from local universities and community organisations.

Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Dallas Tout said it is great to see inclusive events such as these being delivered in Wagga Wagga, and all over NSW.

“Initiatives like Sports NSW’s Disability Inclusion Project are so important to ensure members of the community who are living with a disability have the same opportunities as everyone else,” Cr Tout said.

“The Activate Inclusion Sports Day at the Wagga Wagga Multi-Purpose Stadium is an excellent opportunity for young people living with a disability to get involved without fear of judgement or barriers.

“Sport is very important to the people of Wagga Wagga, and efforts to build upon sports inclusivity is something everyone can support.”

The sports day will be followed by the Adaptive/Inclusive Sport Community Information Session at the Rules Club Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 17 October from 6pm.

The information session for Wagga Wagga and surrounding communities is a great opportunity for information sharing and to discuss how local sports can be more accessible for all.

Sports NSW invites local sporting volunteers, sports clubs and associations, families/carers, participants living with a disability, service providers and interested parties

to join us and hear from Disability Sports Australia, Sports Medicine Australia, and local community service providers.

To register for the **Activate Inclusion Sports Day** at the Wagga Wagga Multi-Purpose Stadium, Copland St, East Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 17 October, 10am – 1pm, go to www.activateinclusion.com.au/events-1

The **Adaptive/Inclusive Sport Community Information Session** will be held at the Rules Club Wagga Wagga, Corner Fernleigh and Glenfield Roads, Glenfield Park, on Tuesday 17 October from 6pm. To register go to www.sportnsw.com.au/surveys/4554/

These events are free to attend. Places are expected to fill quickly, so make sure you register early to avoid missing out.

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Programs:

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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