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\$23 million Wagga Wagga PCYC club set to open November 25th

Police Citizens Youth Club NSW's brand new \$23 million development of the multi-purpose Wagga Wagga club is set for its grand opening on November 25th, 2022.

Designed by Allen Jack + Cottier Architects, built by Lipman, this is PCYC NSW's largest development to date, having secured \$10million from the Federal Government, State Government having committed \$10million and Wagga Wagga City Council \$3million.

The 10,000 square metre multifaceted sports facility includes 4 full-size multi use sports courts within a naturally lit 3,200 square-metre sports hall. Innovations include using side-folding FIBA-certified basketball systems, triple-glazed prismatic polycarbonate skylights and a super-efficient Climate Wizard indirect evaporative air conditioning system which uses 100% outside air.

Dominic Teakle, CEO of PCYC NSW says "This is an exciting chapter in PCYC's strategic growth; not only is the new Wagga Wagga club our biggest development to date, but it is an incredibly functional, sustainable and varied space. Being a fully integrated facility, it covers health and wellbeing, social resilience, and educational needs with specifically designed programs for the community in which we serve."

NSW Minister for Lands and Water Kevin Anderson said the new home for Wagga Wagga's PCYC is on Crown land and is made available through a lease.

"It's fantastic to see Crown land supporting outstanding community facilities and encouraging healthy lifestyles through PCYC, which is one of NSW's leading not-for-profits," Mr Anderson said.

Mr Teakle said well run and supervised sports activities provide a vehicle for young people to keep active, build a sense of teamwork and find a sense of belonging. "But it's not just about sport. The multifunctional spaces facilitate social, creative, and educational programs and activities which develop life changing skills and resilience for young people. Building on PCYC's strong 59-year history in Wagga Wagga, our brand-new multi-sport facility aims to continue to keep young people active, giving them a safe place to belong."

At the heart of any PCYC club is its mission to empower disengaged and disadvantaged young people to reach their full potential through Police and community partnerships. The brand-new Wagga Wagga club's main impact will come through the programs that work with at-risk youth to break the cycle through crime prevention, vocational education, youth

capacity building and social responsibility programs to change the life outcomes of countless youth.

Community facilities include studios for martial arts, boxing, dance and yoga, a public café, conference and meeting facilities, an out-of-school-hours-care centre, a youth drop-in hub and over 100 under cover parking spots. The club will offer a driver education program, extensive school holiday activities, various court sports for both adults and youth, amongst the many programs and activities available at the new Wagga Wagga club.

PCYC also caters for the young at heart with gentle movement sports, exercise programs and activities such as pickleball, providing all members of the community a chance to get active in life.

PCYC, a registered charity in its 85th year, operates 66 clubs across the state, with more than 95,000 members and 63,000 youth members, allowing police to engage with community members through sporting, recreational, cultural and educational activities.

Interviews

We welcome media at the opening ceremony of the Wagga Wagga club at 9.30am on Friday 25th November 2022. For quotes, photos or interviews please contact PCYC NSW Media & Communications Officer, Jeanette Lasorsa, on [0482163885](tel:0482163885) or jlasorsa@pcycnsw.org.au. or Simon Gerathy (on site contact), General Manager of Brand and Philanthropy on 0424 417 844.

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