

City Beach Water Polo Club Inc

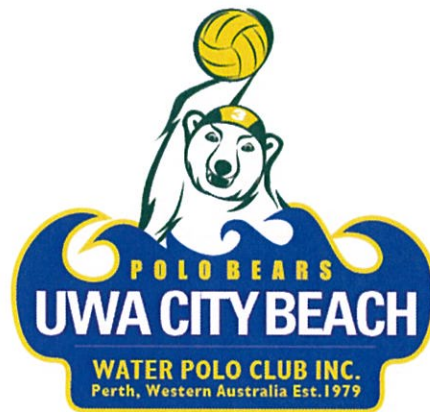
Proposal to Change the Name of
City Beach Water Polo Club Inc

to

UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc



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In simple terms, what is happening?

The proposal

The committee of the City Beach Water Polo Club Inc is proposing to members that the club change its name to the UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc and become an affiliated member club of the University of Western Australia. From the commencement of season 2018/19 the club will automatically change its name to the University of Western Australia Water Polo Club Inc.

Does the proposal have the full support of the Committee?

At its March meeting this year, the committee after many months of fact finding and deliberation unanimously supported the proposal.

How is the name change going to be undertaken?

The name change will be proposed as a Special Resolution at a General Meeting called for the purpose of formally adopting the name change.

How do members get a say in this proposed name change?

Notice of the general meeting date together with the resolution to change the constitution to incorporate the name change to UWA City Beach Water Polo Club will be posted to all members at least 21 days before the General Meeting. The likely date for the General Meeting to consider the affiliation with UWA and the name change is mid October, 2015.

Do I get a vote to adopt or reject this name change?

All senior playing members (18 years or older), Committee Members and Life Members get a vote on this proposed name change.

Does the name change affect my membership rights in any way?

There will be no change in your membership rights. Being a University Club the future will see an infusion of younger members (students) into the club.

If the name change is adopted what will I notice when I play for the club this season?

The club will be called the UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc and the colours of the club will transform over a three year period to the University's colours of Dark Green, Navy Blue and Gold. Current caps and uniforms can still be worn by members during the transitional period. Everything else will remain as it is today including the club mascot, the Polar Bear.

What about the history of the club, will it be lost or continued?

The club is changing its name not starting anew. All records relating to the History of the club which include Management Committee, Life members, Games Played, State & National selection and Honour Boards will continue to be updated as if the club has always been the UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc.

Will we shift to the UWA Pool?

It is proposed that the club will use both the UWA Pool and the HBF Stadium Pools and remain using the clubrooms located at HBF Stadium as our club house. The possibility of a future clubhouse at the university pool is a likely scenario.

What benefits would I expect from being a UWA Club member?

The new club would benefit from access to University facilities including the swimming pool, gym and hospitality buildings. Being a UWA affiliated club these facilities would be accessed at discount to the usual charge rate to non UWA sporting groups. The Club's premises situated at HBF Stadium is also erected on land owned by the University of Western Australia.

FAQ'S

For the proposal of the CITY BEACH WATER POLO CLUB Inc changing its name to the UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc

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Background

1. CBWPC is one of the largest clubs in Australia with approximately 800 registered playing members. Pool space is a major problem in facilitating adequate training for our members.
2. The club has 14 junior teams travelling to National Championships this year and is committed to this number of teams in the future.
3. To be competitive in these national championships each team is training 3-4 times per week for at least 25 weeks prior to the tournaments.
4. This year there are 40 Flippa ball Teams playing on a Friday Night at HBF Stadium. In addition there are 20 teams playing in our district school competition on Saturday mornings. We have massive growth in our junior ranks and we need pool space to give our juniors a chance to move forward and underpin the future success of the Club.
5. In addition to the junior teams, there is an ongoing need for training for our Senior Men's & Women's teams including the Masters teams.

Do we have enough pool use to meet the club's the development programs?

6. There is insufficient pool space currently at HBF Stadium to meet the current requirements and this will not improve moving forward.
7. HBF Stadium is a facility for High Performance programs such as WAIS and International training / events.
8. CBWPC is 7th in line for priority use of HBF Stadium pools after international competitions, national competitions, national team training, WAIS, state competitions and school competitions.
9. City Beach's low priority for pool use at HBF Stadium is unlikely to improve in the future and with the growth of water polo showing significant increase it may get even worse than the current position.

So how are we currently meeting this pool space demand?

10. We are already doing over flow sessions at UWA pool and yet the club has no direct affiliation with UWA.
11. This is not sustainable and is being achieved due to favourable treatment the club is receiving from an association with the UWA Torpedoes. There is no basis for this to be an ongoing situation and could be terminated at any time in the near future.

What are the costs associated with current and future pool use?

12. Venues West is run as a business and has revenue outcomes that require user groups to pay a commercial rate for the hire of their pools.
13. UWA Pool is a facility for the use of the University's School of Sports Science, Environment and Health (SSEH) students and the University's aquatic clubs.
14. UWA Sports / SSEH will charge pool hire to the newly formed UWA Water Polo Club but at University affiliated club rates which are currently discounted to the commercial rate charged to non UWA sporting groups.

What is actually proposed in changing the name of the club to UWA?

15. City Beach Water Polo Club changes its constitution to become UWA Water Polo Club thereby becoming a member of the UWA sporting fraternity.
16. The logo (Polo Bear) stays the same but the colours change.
17. A newly created committee position of the new club is that of a senior playing Member of the Club, who is also a UWA student, will be elected as the Club Captain and attend committee meetings to represent all student members.
18. The Club Captain will also attend UWA Sports Council meetings representing the interests of the UWA Water Polo Club.

What future benefits could I see in this proposal?

19. The UWA Tennis Club or UWA Hockey Club have received fantastic support from the University by being associated with the UWA sporting fraternity. Just look at their clubrooms and facilities!
20. Recruiting UWA students as new members during Orientation Week.
21. Funding support of water polo through the UWA Sports.
22. Realistic opportunity for clubrooms at the UWA Pool within the next 5 - 10 years.
23. Increased social activity from the many hospitality options at the UWA Crawley campus.
We have many graduates and present day students of UWA. Our connection with UWA is quite strong anyway.

Has the club changed its name before?

24. The club has already changed its name three times. Established as Nedlands / Claremont in 1975 the club changed its name to Rangers the following year, then merged with Flotsam in 1979 to form the City Beach Water Polo Club Inc. The club has changed its name as required to meet the needs of its members. This is once again the reason behind the current proposal.

What is the down side?

25. The emotional cost of changing the historical name from City Beach Polo Bears to UWA City Beach Polo Bears
26. The caps and uniforms will need to change – it is proposed to do this over a transition period of 3 years.

What changes are proposed to the constitution?

27. The proposed amendments to the constitution have been kept to a minimum but as the club is proposing to become a sporting club of the University of Western Australia there are certain mandatory changes necessary to make our current constitution comply with the University's Sporting Association. These amendments are as follows:
 - a. Change the name of the club from City Beach Water Polo Club Inc to the UWA City Beach Water Polo Club Inc.
 - b. Change the colours of the club from red, black and white to dark green, navy blue and gold.
 - c. Include in the objects section of the constitution reference to the provision of interfaculty & intervarsity activities and encourage co-operation with other UWA Sporting clubs.
 - d. Increase the scope of membership categories to include students, staff and alumni of UWA together with members of the senate.

- e. Create the position of Club Captain as a committee position whose function is to represent the club on the UWA Sports Association.

Is there an alternative to changing our club name?

28. Finding the \$Millions to build our own pool somewhere in the western suburbs of Perth would be the best outcome possible but how could this ever be a realistic consideration. Where is the money coming from?
29. Schools or councils have multiple agendas which puts us back where we are today, competing for pool use and uncontrolled pool hire cost issues.

Is there another agenda going on here?

30. Are we merging with UWA Torpedoes? No we are not merging with the UWA Torpedoes. UWA Torpedoes is a separate club with its own constitution and membership. The UWA Torpedoes also competes in a different competition, the NWPL whereas City Beach competes in the State League.
31. Are assets changing hands? There are no assets changing hands. City Beach's main asset, the clubrooms will continue to be an asset of the new UWA City Beach Water Polo Club.

Do we lose our assets?

32. The major assets of the club are the clubhouse / surrounds and playing equipment - goals, caps & balls.
33. Intangible assets including access to HBF pools, sponsors, Intellectual Property comprising training programs, coaching staff, dedicated personnel all remain with the new club.
34. We maintain the use of our Clubrooms and pool space at HBF stadium but we get sustainable and reliable access to UWA pool space.
35. There is no transfer of assets as the Club is changing its name not its structure.

Will it cost me more to be a member of the new UWA club?

36. There is no reason to suggest that changing the name of the club to UWA City Beach will increase membership fees. In fact with access to the UWA Pool it would be more likely that fees will be contained to small annual increases or even reduce with the assistance from the University.
37. A check on membership fees of other UWA Sporting Clubs has revealed that as a general rule UWA Sporting clubs have consistently lower membership fees than other non-university clubs competing in the same sport.

If I choose the "I don't want any changes view"

38. The present use of the UWA pool by City Beach is unsustainable at the current discounted pool use charges as only UWA Clubs are offered the discounted rate. Training costs will soar placing significant upward pressure on membership fees if we cannot access the UWA Pool at discounted rates.
39. HBF Stadium is operated as a commercial enterprise and therefore discounted pool hire charges are difficult to obtain. The CBWPC committee must always remain vigilant to keep pool hire charges to a sustainable cost. Access to discounted pool hire such as the UWA Pool can alleviate the overall pool hire costs to the club thus keeping membership fees to an affordable cost.

40. We are just another community sporting group at HBF stadium with the state government not really having any vested interest in our success or wellbeing. Being a UWA Club we will have a leading community organisation with genuine interest in our future success'.
41. For the Junior Programme to continue to operate and even grow we need access to pool space at sustainable discounted hire charges.

What record of the City Beach Water Polo Club's history is proposed?

42. The committee will appoint a delegation of members to produce a booklet to commemorate the past 36 year history of the club. The document will cover all triumph's and successes as a permanent record of the club's history prior to the change of name.

Ok, what do I need to do?

43. Consider this proposal to change the name of the club and affiliation with the University of Western Australia. Form a view of what you consider is the best way forward for the future of the club.
44. Attend the General meeting (GM) where the formal process to adopt the name change and affiliation with UWA will be put to members for their approval.
45. If I can't make the GM can I appoint a proxy? The constitution does not permit a proxy vote so if you want your vote to count you must be in attendance at the GM.
46. If you have questions meet with any of the Committee but particularly Dan Toleman, Paul Lilleyman, Leigh Farnell, Peter Hughes, Mark Enright, Stephen O'Keefe and Alan Marsh to discuss this proposal in more detail.
47. When it comes to the vote, the committee asks you to vote yes.