

## ***Introduction:***

Wagga Agricultural Rugby Union Club (WAC, Ag College) is a proud community rugby union club with over 75 years of history. It comprises mainly of university students and other young people in Wagga, such as apprentices and younger Wagga Wagga locals looking to increase their social and rugby network in the broader community. The club has a strong culture and presence in the wider Riverina community as Wagga's oldest standing rugby union club. The founding team from 1949 consisted of young men attending Wagga Agricultural College, many ex-servicemen. Over these years, the cultural values of larrikinism, mateship and solidarity have stood the test of time.

Ag College consists of three men's grades with strong participation and a women's 13-a-side team. Over the years, Ag College has won premierships in all grades under the Southern Inland Rugby Competition. The average age of registered players in the side in 2024 was 21 years old, and it is estimated that just under half of registered players had not played rugby before joining university. Many of these players play country and community rugby in Australia upon graduation. The club naturally experiences a high turnover of players, with most students studying Agriculture or Veterinary Science having four and six-year degrees, respectively. This turnover has been well managed, and the 1<sup>st</sup> XV has finished in the top four for the last three regular seasons.

## ***Position:***

Wagga Agricultural Rugby Union Football Club seeks a 1<sup>st</sup> XV Head Coach for the 2025 rugby union season. The role would begin officially after the 2024 season, with the official pre-season starting in March and all grades training on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week.

Although the position is not paid, it would offer an excellent opportunity to enhance rugby in Country NSW and provide a rugby experience for young men as they become professionals. It is also an opportunity to join one of the most culturally renowned sporting clubs/networks in the local area and beyond.

## ***Successful applicants will possess:***

- **Training and Strategy:** Plan and execute training and game strategies for players of various experience levels up to a 1st XV standard in the SIRU competition.
- **Leadership and Management:** Provide strong leadership by overseeing and collaborating with assistant coaches, support staff, and the WAC committee to enhance the rugby experience for players of all abilities.
- **Administrative and Strategic Knowledge:** Stay updated with rugby union from an administrative and strategic perspective within the club.
- **Positive Attitude:** Foster the growth of rugby developmentally and culturally within the club.
- **Qualifications and Experience:** Hold a level 2 coach certification (or higher) and have several years of experience coaching, playing, or refereeing rugby at a relevant level.
- **Willingness to Learn:** Be willing to obtain a level 2 coaching certification and other relevant certifications at the club's expense.
- **Time Commitment:** Meet the time commitment expected of a head coach.
- **Cultural Understanding:** Understand the club's unique culture, proud history, and traditions, and foster its values as a leader in its ongoing growth.

**All resumes should be sent to [mattorafferty5@gmail.com](mailto:mattorafferty5@gmail.com) or contact the Club President, Matthew O'Rafferty on 04487271217.**