



COMEDY FEST 2023 – For all the laughs

Wagga Comedy Fest will deliver all the laughs with its largest festival to date over the June long weekend from 8 to 11 June.

Presenting 22 comedy shows and workshops over four days and three venues, the line-up rivals its international festival counterparts and places Wagga Wagga's local comedy festival firmly in the annual calendar of touring comedians and audiences.

Tickets are now on sale for the Wagga Comedy Fest, which features names like Tommy Little, Tripod, Lano & Woodley, Karen From Finance, Dilruk Jayasinha and ABC Radio's *Thank God It's Friday*.

There are musical comedians like Jude Perl and Otto & Astrid, anything goes comedians like Garry Starr and Shad & Pet, clever stand-up gigs from David Quirk and Jennifer Wong, and family-friendly laughs with The Listies and the *Greatest Magic Show*.

"We say it every year, but this year there really is something for everyone!" Civic Theatre Manager Isobel MacCallum said.

"If you like your comedy from big name TV comedians, we've got you covered. If you like things a little crazier and more unpredictable, you need to get your tickets for Otto & Astrid or Garry Starr."

The Riverina Comedy Club House is a new Comedy Fest venue in 2023 and will play host to a program of workshops, improvised comedy and local talent curated by the Riverina Comedy Club. Local personalities will take to the stage in the inaugural *Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate* to open the Club House program on Thursday night.

Also new in 2023, Comedy Fest will deliver family friendly shows for the first time.

"We don't want kids to miss out on all the fun," Ms MacCallum said.

"This year, we have The Listies back in Wagga with their show *Rolling on the Floor Laughing* because who doesn't love a bit of toilet humour? And then we have the *Greatest Magic Show* on Sunday afternoon.

"The shows have staggered start times so you can catch as many comedians as possible each night.

"The Laugh Lounge provides a great chill out space to grab a drink and a bite with friends between those shows from Thursday to Saturday, and the heated marquee is also a great place to meet for drinks after work on Thursday and Friday night."

Happy Hour offers will be in place at the Laugh Lounge between 5-6pm Thursday and Friday to encourage local workers to pop in and sample the food, local wine and beer and of course the famous Wagga Comedy Fest Gluhwein (mulled wine).

To buy Comedy Fest tickets, visit www.civictheatre.com.au or contact the Box Office on 6926 9688.



WAGGA WAGGA
CIVIC THEATRE

Media Release
for immediate release

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Thursday 8 June

The Listies – *Rolling On The Floor Laughing*
Jennifer Wong – *Has No Peripheral Vision*
The Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate
The Funny Mummies Comedy Gala
Karen From Finance – *Doing Time*

Friday 9 June

Stand Up Comedy Workshop
Drive With Richard Glover Featuring *TGIF* – broadcast live on ABC Radio
David Quirk – *Astonishing Obscurity*
Open Mic – *Fresh Faces*
Tripod
Shad & Pete – *Save the World*
Otto & Astrid – *Joint Solo Project*

Saturday 10 June

Clowning Workshop with Jeromaia Detto
Dilruk Jayasinha – *Heart Stopper*
Garry Starr – *Performs Everything*
Lano & Woodley – *Moby Dick*
Jude Perl's Greatest Hits: *So Fresh Winter 2023*
Tommy Little – *LIVE!*
The Dane Simpson - *Variety Hour*
Otto & Astrid – *Joint Solo Project*

Sunday 11 June

The Greatest Magic Show
Adults Only Magic Show

Media Opportunity

What: All the details of 2023 Comedy Fest.

Who: Civic Theatre Manager Isobel MacCallum, Dave Cunneen and Sam Lloyd from the Riverina Comedy Club House, Jamie Way – one of the speakers in the *Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate*.

When: Wednesday 24 May @ **11.30am**.

Where: Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Burns Way, off Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga.

- Ends -

Contact the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre
Tracey Simond – Marketing and Education Officer
6926 9692 | simond.tracey@wagga.nsw.gov.au
A cultural facility of the City of Wagga Wagga



WAGGA WAGGA
CIVIC THEATRE

Media Release
for immediate release

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre

The Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre entertains more than 55,000 audience members each year.

From its annual Subscription Season, to the Wagga Comedy Fest, the Civic Theatre encourages discussion, enjoyment, learning and laughter throughout the community.

A cultural facility of the City of Wagga Wagga, the Civic Theatre features more than 180 productions and workshops each year.

The Civic Theatre was officially opened in 1963 and is now regarded as one of the best regional theatres in NSW.

Connect with us:

- www.civictheatre.com.au
- www.facebook.com/waggawaggacivictheatre
- www.instagram.com/waggacivictheatre
- www.facebook.com/WaggaComedyFest