

Apply for a slice of Council's Annual Grants funding pie

Individuals, community organisations, and local businesses who have a project, event or great idea for the local community are being invited to apply for funding under Wagga Wagga City Council's Annual Grants Program.

Applications for the 2024/25 program open on Monday 19 February, with a total of \$217,450 available across 10 categories: Community Programs and Projects, Recreational and Community Facilities, Neighbourhood and Rural Villages, Rural Halls, Arts, Culture and Creative Industries, Local Heritage, Events, Environment, Youth Programs and Projects and Small Business.

The Annual Grants Program is part of Council's commitment to developing a vibrant and diverse community in line with the goals of the *Community Strategic Plan 2040*.

Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Dallas Tout said the Annual Grants Program allows Council to offer significant financial support to community-based initiatives.

"This program supports a diverse range of projects that directly benefit our community," Cr Tout said.

"It's one of many ways Council can support our community at a grassroots level, whether you live in a city suburb, a village or in a rural area.

"It is always encouraging to see a strong response to the program, and I look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition over the next year.

"The grants cover a wide range of projects and initiatives which reinforces how diverse, inclusive and progressive our region is, and is part of our commitment to helping foster a strong, inclusive and vibrant community."

Director Community Janice Summerhayes said "the Annual Grants Program continues to support a wide range of services and activities that contribute to meeting important needs and priorities in our community.

"The program also fosters social networks and builds on existing strengths of the people of Wagga Wagga and surrounds.

"We will be holding a community consultation session on Thursday 14 March 2024. I encourage anyone interested to attend to learn more about the application process and discuss their project ideas and plans with the relevant grants officer for their category."

Applications for the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 close on Monday 6 May 2024 at 11.59pm.

For more information, visit wagga.nsw.gov.au/grants

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<https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-and-sponsorships/annual-grants-program>

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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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