

Hot Rocks and Popcorn: An evening of Landscapes in Art and Film

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery invites you to a new exhibition entitled *Cockies and Hot Rocks* by artist Andy Pye, exploring the landscapes of the Victorian High country through vibrant paintings.

Cockies and Hot Rocks demonstrates Pye's deep affinity for the natural world, with mountains, boulders, waterfalls and birdlife captured in vibrant, painted detail on canvas and board.

The exhibition will be officially launched on Friday 15 March, with Hot Rocks and Popcorn: An Evening of Landscape in Art and Film; an event of discussion, inspiration and celebration that includes an artist talk with Andy Pye, a tour of the exhibition, and a screening of Australian film *Satellite Boy*.

The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, where your ticket will get you a complimentary drink and bottomless popcorn.

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Officer Astrid Reed said "*Cockies and Hot Rocks* is an inspiring and vibrant exhibition that appeals to all.

"We look forward to hearing from Andy Pye at Friday's event and to show the Australian film *Satellite Boy*, which is rated PG so is suitable for a wide range of audiences including families.

"We encourage all to come along and support this Friends of the Gallery fundraiser which promotes the arts and culture of Wagga Wagga and supports the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's exhibitions, collections and programs."

If you would like to learn more about the Friends of the Gallery, the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery on Tuesday 26 March from 5:00pm.

"This is a great opportunity to hear about what it means to be a member, to review the achievements of the last year and hear about plans underway for the year ahead," Ms Reed said.

Hot Rocks and Popcorn: An evening of Landscape in Art and Film will be held on Friday 15 March from 6pm. Bookings are appreciated.

Andy Pye: Cockies and Hot Rocks is on exhibition at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery until Sunday 14 April 2024. For more information visit www.waggaartgallery.com.au

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Exhibition:

Andy Pye: Cockies and Hot Rocks

March 2 – April 14 2024

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

<https://waggaartgallery.com.au/whats-on/current-exhibitions/andy-pye>

Program:

Hot Rocks and popcorn: An evening of Landscape in Art and Film

Friday 15 March, 6pm – 9pm

\$20 (+bf) FOG members and \$25 (+bf) non members

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Bookings essential

<https://waggaartgallery.com.au/whats-on/programs-and-events/fog-fundraiser-launch-of-exhibition-cookies-and-hot-rocks-film-screening>

FOG AGM

Tuesday 26 March, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Free. Bookings appreciated

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<https://waggaartgallery.com.au/whats-on/programs-and-events/fog-2024-agm>

Image:

Andy Pye, *Gariwerd Doline 2.0* (at Sturgeon) 2023. oil on 4.5mm fibre cement board. On loan from private collection

Andy Pye in his exhibition *Cockies and Hot Rocks* at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery 2024. Image taken from ABC Riverina

Installation view *Cockies and Hot Rocks*, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery 2024

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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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