

Countdown on to Wagga Wagga's New Year's Eve community event

Get ready to celebrate New Year's Eve in Wagga Wagga at a free community event at Lake Albert, which will culminate with a spectacular on-water fireworks display.

Wagga Wagga City Council is hosting the family-friendly event at Apex Park, Lake Albert, from 6.30pm on Tuesday 31 December 2024.

Council's Destination & Events Coordinator Kimberly Parker says residents from the city and surrounding communities are invited to join in the celebrations.

"It will be great way for families and friends to get together to say farewell to 2024 and welcome in 2025," Ms Parker said.

"It's a beautiful spot to sit back in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere and enjoy good company, good food and a great fireworks display.

"This year we are anticipating between 10,000-12,000 people will flock to the lake for the event, so we're encouraging those planning to attend to head down early.

"Find a spot along the foreshore of the lake to set up your camp chairs or picnic rug and then settle in and enjoy a family evening.

"You can bring along a picnic to share with friends and family, and there will also be a range of local food vendors located at Apex Park offering a range of delicious, sweet treats, small snacks and refreshments throughout the evening."

The evening will conclude with a 15-minute fireworks display at 9.30pm.

When the fireworks finish, attendees can head home to continue their celebrations or venture out to other venues across the city where more local celebrations are being held.

Residents and eventgoers are advised there will be changed traffic conditions on Eastlake Drive, Lakeside Drive and Lansdowne Avenue for the event. Detours and traffic management will be in place.

"If you live within walking distance of the lake, we encourage you to leave your vehicle at home and walk instead so you don't have to worry about parking," Ms Parker said.

"For those planning to drive to the event, remember to allow extra travel time to take those traffic changes into account and to find parking."

Regular bus and taxi services will be available for the event.

For more information and FAQs about the New Year's Eve celebrations and fireworks display, head to www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/nye

Media Opportunity

What: Find out what's in store at Wagga Wagga's free New Year's Eve community event at Apex Park, Lake Albert.

Who: Council's Destination & Events Coordinator Kimberly Parker.

When: Thursday 12 December 2024 at **9.30am**.

Where: Apex Park, Lake Albert.

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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 \$240 million.

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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