

Get your skates on for Kooringal Kicks & Tricks free workshops

Wagga Wagga City Council is proud to present FREE youth skater workshops to coincide with KOORINGAL KICKS AND TRICKS in January 2025, thanks to funding from the NSW Government as part of the Holiday Break Program for Summer 2024/2025.

The free workshops will kick off at 3pm on Wednesday 29 January at Henwood Park, Kooringal.

Presented by Al's Skate Co., the workshops will feature a wide range of activities for children and young people, including skateboarding, scooter riding, rollerblading, and BMX-ing.

Council's Youth and Community Development Officer, Mel Fattore said this will be a fun and inclusive opportunity.

"Whether you're experienced with wheel sports or are looking to learn some clever tricks, these free workshops are the perfect way to level up your skills," Mel Fattore said. In addition to the action-packed sessions, Al's Skate Co. will lead a creative grip tape design activity, showing young people how they can personalise their own skateboards and scooters with unique designs.

"Al's Skate Co. is offering an experience that combines creativity and skill-building and they will be returning the following day on Thursday 30 January to host and judge our KOORINGAL KICKS AND TRICKS skate competition, kicking off at 2pm at Henwood Park," Mel Fattore said.

"The competition will be an exciting showcase of local talent and there will be some great prizes up for grabs."

Alongside the competition, young people, their friends, family, and circle of care will have the opportunity to engage with valuable local support services, and participate in fun and exciting activities like weaving, handball competitions, 3x3 basketball, and giant lawn games.

At the conclusion of the epic skate competition at 7pm, everyone is invited to stay around for a free family-friendly outdoor movie screening of *The Wild Robot* (PG) in partnership with Rural Outreach Counselling.

"With the cost-of-living pressures, Council wants to bring local youth services together to support young people and families returning to the new school year by finishing the school

holidays with one last fun, social, and jam-packed giveaway event that is positive and provides much-needed support to our community,” Ms Fattore said.

Community partners Rapid Relief Team Wagga, St Vincent’s de Paul Riverina, The Smith Family, and NSW Youth Justice will be providing free haircuts on the day, essential school resources, and free food.

KOORINGAL KICKS AND TRICKS is a youth and community, alcohol and drug-free event, proudly presented and funded by Wagga Wagga City Council, the NSW Government, and Wagga Wagga Community Drug Action Team, with thanks to our community partners Rural Outreach Counselling, Rapid Food Relief, St Vincent’s de Paul, and The Smith Family.

For more event information and to register for the free youth skater workshops visit: www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/kooringal-kicks-tricks

For further information please contact Council’s Youth and Community Development Officer on 1300 292 442.

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Media Opportunity

What: Hear about the free Skate Workshops – skateboarding, scooter, BMXing and rollerblading – being held at Henwood Park ahead of the KOORINGAL KICKS & TRICKS outdoor youth event. We will have young Wagga Wagga skater Nathaniel Brunt at the media opportunity, demonstrating his skills at the skatepark.

Who: Council’s Youth Development Officer Melissa Fattore, Wagga Wagga skater Nathaniel Brunt and his father Matthew Brunt.

When: Thursday 16 January 2025 at 9.30am.

Where: Henwood Park Skatepark, Lake Albert Road, Kooringal.

Contact 6926 9190 or media@wagga.nsw.gov.au

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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