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Come along to Family Community Safety Day

Wagga Wagga City Council in collaboration with police from the Wagga Wagga Local Area Command are inviting residents from across the Local Government Area to an upcoming Family Community Safety Day.

The family friendly event is being held at Jack Misson Oval in Ashmont, between 10am and 12pm on Sunday 13 April 2025 as part of the Wagga Youth Week 2025 program.

Council's Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood is encouraging young people, their families and friends to come along, connect with local first responders and learn more about volunteering opportunities with local services.

"We will have representatives from the police, fire services, and local emergency volunteer groups attending, and a free community barbeque," Alex Osgood said.

"The purpose of this Community Safety Day event is to work with local police to engage with residents on a regular basis about any community safety concerns and provide a relaxed opportunity for community to engage with their local first responders outside of crisis situations."

Professional Standards, Youth and Engagement Officer with the Police District, Inspector Jillian Gibson, believes the Family Community Safety Day events are an important initiative.

"Community safety is about recognising the need for all sections of the community to work together to create a safer environment for everyone," Inspector Gibson said.

"This means building partnerships between police, government agencies, council, community organisations, and residents to promote and strengthen community safety for all."

The Family Community Safety Day events align with Council's *Community Safety Action Plan 2022 - 2026* (CSAP), which outlines the strategies and actions to increase safety, reduce crime where possible, and work toward building a safe and vibrant community for everyone.

To read the *Community Safety Action Plan 2022 - 2026*, visit: www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/csap2026

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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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