

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY Returns in 2024!

Wagga Wagga City Council is proud to announce the return of our BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY thanks to funding from the NSW Premier's Department under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Grants Program.

This free event will be kicking off from 5pm on Saturday 27 January 2024 at Chambers Park in Tolland.

People of all ages are invited to come along for a relaxed afternoon with live music from young local artists, free barbeque, giant lawn games, free haircuts, pop-up library and giveaways.

Council's Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood said the event was a direct result of Council's OUTLOUD WAGGA youth consultation held in 2022 and follows on from the successful 2023 event.

"We heard from young people that they want to see more free, all ages, alcohol-free events targeted towards 12 to 25-year-olds and we were really excited to see such a positive response at the first event earlier this year," Alex Osgood said.

"The 2024 event will include more local organisations bringing along food offerings and important supplies for young people and families getting ready to return to studies in 2024. This event will also be a lot of fun!"

Community partners Rapid Relief Team Wagga, Vinnies Riverina and Mission Australia are returning alongside NSW Youth Justice, headspace Wagga, Ngurra Connected Beginnings and Basketball NSW.

Headspace Wagga will be bringing the chill-factor with their mindfulness tent and the Agile Library Van will also be there.

Access is a key focus with free city loop buses operating throughout the event, disability permit parking and wheelchair accessible bathrooms will be available.

"We'll have everything there for you, just bring a hat and sunscreen," Alex Osgood said.

"Bring your friends and family to enjoy the afternoon. This is a great chance to chill out before the new school, TAFE or university year kicks off. Everyone is welcome."

The BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY is an all-ages, alcohol and drug free event proudly hosted and funded by the Wagga Wagga City Council and the NSW Premier's Department with thanks to our community partners: Mission Australia, Rapid Relief Team, Vinnies Riverina, NSW Youth Justice, Basketball NSW, Ngurra Connected Beginnings and Headspace Wagga.

For more information including the free bus loop stops, visit wagga.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-party

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Media Opportunity

What: Hear about the BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY which will be held Saturday 27 January at 5pm at Chambers Park Tolland.

Who: Council Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood, accompanied by community partners Youth Justice, Wagga Wagga Agile Library, Headspace Wagga, Mission Australia, and Rapid Relief Team Wagga.

When: Thursday 18 January 2023 at 10am.

Where: Chambers Park, Bruce Street, Tolland, Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri Country.

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 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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