

Plaque for 2024 Walk of Honour recipient officially unveiled

A plaque for Wagga Wagga's 2024 Walk of Honour recipient, Peter Cox, was officially unveiled in the city's Baylis Street precinct today.

The Walk of Honour was established in 1998 and recognises individuals who have made significant contributions to the community of Wagga Wagga.

Deputy Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Amelia Parkins says she is pleased to see the late Peter Cox become the 41st inductee.

"Peter was a dedicated and passionate leader whose life's work focused on developing our community's creative, intellectual and artistic life," Cr Parkins said.

"Peter stands as an exemplary figure within our community, embodying the spirit of inspiration, generosity and selfless dedication that spanned many decades.

Peter Cox was named as the 41st Walk of Honour inductee during Wagga Wagga's Australia Day Awards ceremony in January. His plaque is displayed near the Wollundry Lagoon bridge and Civic Centre forecourt.

Peter Cox was widely respected as a teacher, actor, writer, director, producer and mentor within our local community.

His career contributed largely to the local arts scene, and the nurturing of countless creative minds.

Notable achievements from Peter's work include his involvement in feature films *Backyard Ashes* and *The Merger*, both of which turned the spotlight towards our local community and have been celebrated across international audiences.

Peter directed and produced a long list of musical tributes, stage productions, and interactive performances in Wagga Wagga, and fostered the education and upskilling of young emerging artists through his teaching career spanning 40 years, a majority of which took place at Koorinal High School.

"Peter's enduring legacy lives on through the countless students, artists, musicians and crew he influenced," Cr Parkins said.

"He taught us to care deeply for each other and our community, to nurture and care for the creativity that lives within all of us and to live our lives to the fullest.

"It is therefore very fitting that we acknowledge this incredible individual through a Walk of Honour placement here in Wagga Wagga."

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Walk of Honour Plaque unveiling

WHO: Samantha Dellamarta on behalf of the late Peter Cox 2024, Walk of Honour recipient, and Deputy Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga Councillor Amelia Parkins

WHEN: Wednesday 12 June 2024 at **9.30am**

WHERE: 243 Baylis Street (entrance to the Civic Centre)

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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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