Tuesday 18 March 2025



WAGGA COMEDY FEST 2025 – A long weekend of laughs awaits

Tickets on sale Wednesday, 19 March at 10am

Wagga Wagga's annual comedy celebration is back for another memorable year. The Wagga Comedy Fest 2025 will bring the region a weekend full of laughter, entertainment, and unforgettable performances over the June long weekend, from 5 to 8 June 2025.

This year's festival offers more than 20 performances, across four venues over four days. Civic Theatre Manager, Claire Harris promises that audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy some of the best comedic acts from across the country, with an exciting balance of well-established performers and more experimental, fringe-style acts.

"It's a chance to explore different kinds of comedy, from Cabaret and Musicals to Stand-up," Ms Harris said.

"If you plan to book a ticket for one of the more familiar faces – I encourage you to dive into something new and surprising as well."

Tickets for Wagga Comedy Fest go on sale on Wednesday at 10am, with the lineup featuring big names like Dave Hughes, Melanie Bracewell and Luke McGregor as well as more quirky fringe acts like *The Dilapidated Diva*, Garry Starr and *Gladys: A Musical Affair*.

"I am particularly excited to see Stephanie Broadbridge on stage for her parody *Breaking: the Musical,*" Ms Harris said,

"After seeing and hearing so much about the story of this show in the news following the infamous Paris Olympics, it is really exciting that the show is coming to Wagga Wagga".

Stephanie Broadbridge, the star and creator of *Breaking: The Musical*, visited the City for the launch of Comedy Fest on Monday night. Launch event attendees were treated to a sneak peek at some break dance moves and what might be in store when she returns in June with her show.

"It's my first time to Wagga and I'm looking forward to seeing the comedy scene that I've heard so much about," Ms Broadbridge said.

"We can't wait to bring *Breaking: The Musical*, a parody and unauthorised (but completely legal) telling of an Australian Olympian's journey to the Paris Olympics, to the people of the Riverina."

For the second year running, there will be a free show for festival goers. *Brown Women Comedy* will show on Friday night at 7.15pm, tickets are free but need to be pre-booked through the Civic Theatre's box office or online.

The Riverina Comedy Club House returns this year with a full schedule of local talent, stand-up and improvised comedy events. It's the perfect venue to experience the unique voices of Riverina-based performers in shows like The *Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate* and *The Gong Show*. The ClubHouse also brings bigger names in comedy with Richard Glover, Jermoaia Detto, and Shad & Pete promising plenty of laughs and surprises along the way.





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For those looking to make the most of the long weekend, the festival provides a wonderful opportunity to see a range of performances across multiple venues. With shows at the Civic Theatre, the CSU Riverina Playhouse, The Riverina Comedy Club House and the Laugh Lounge, it's easy to plan a full weekend of entertainment and laughter. The staggered showtimes mean you can catch more than one performance each night, making it possible to enjoy a variety of comedians and shows in a single visit.

Tickets go on sale **Wednesday**, **19 March at 10am** and can be purchased through <u>www.civictheatre.com.au</u> or by calling the Box Office at 6926 9688.

For full details on the schedule and lineup, see below.

Festival Schedule THURSDAY, 5 JUNE

- Gladys: A Musical Affair 5pm & 7.30pm, Civic Theatre
- The Great WCF Debate 6:30pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE

- Tommy Little I'm Not Proud 6pm, Civic Theatre
- Jeromaia Detto When I Grow Up 6pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse
- Brown Women Comedy FREE SHOW 7.15pm, CSU Riverina Playhouse
- The Gong Show Hosted by Dane Simpson 7:15pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse
- Melanie Bracewell A Little Treat 8.30pm, Civic Theatre
- Breaking: The Musical 9pm, CSU Riverina Playhouse

SATURDAY, 7 JUNE

- Chris Ryan Extreme Talent 5pm, CSU Riverina Playhouse
- Dave Hughes WTF? 6pm, Civic Theatre
- Dilapidated Diva On The Verge 7.15pm, CSU Riverina Playhouse
- Richard Glover How to Change the World 7.15pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse
- Richard Glover Behind the Fridays 8.30pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse
- Luke McGregor OKAY, WOW 8.30pm, Civic Theatre
- Garry Starr Classic Penguins 9am, CSU Riverina Playhouse
- Shad & Pete Save The World 9.30pm, Riverina Comedy ClubHouse

SUNDAY, 8 JUNE

- Karate Man A Live-action Video Game 4pm, Civic Theatre
- Bogan Bingo 6pm, The Laugh Lounge
- Sammy J The Kangaroo Effect 6pm, Civic Theatre
- The B.S. with Jamie & Leigh: Sunday Live & Late! 8.30pm, Civic Theatre

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Media Opportunity

What: All the details of 2025 Comedy Fest.

Who: Civic Theatre Manager Claire Harris. Stephanie Broadbridge – comedian and creator of

Breaking the Musical, Dane Simpson – Riverina Comedy Club

When: Tuesday 18 March @ 10am.

Where: Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Burns Way, off Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga.



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Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre

The Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre entertains more than 65,000 audience members each year.

From its annual Subscription Season, to the Wagga Comedy Fest, the Civic Theatre encourages discussion, enjoyment, learning and laughter throughout the community.

A cultural facility of the City of Wagga Wagga, the Civic Theatre features more than 180 productions and workshops each year.

The Civic Theatre was officially opened in 1963 and is now regarded as one of the best regional theatres in NSW.

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