

Save the date: Spring Jam set to bloom this September

Wagga Wagga's largest children's festival is returning to the beautiful Botanic Gardens Precinct next month, offering a family-friendly jam-packed day out for all.

The Spring Jam children's festival will be held on Saturday 28 September 2024, from 10am to 3pm.

Wagga Wagga City Council's Events Officer Emma Corbett said as the weather warms up, it is the ideal time for everyone to head out and enjoy the amazing Botanic Gardens space and everything this free festival has to offer.

"This is the perfect outdoor event for kids aged two to 12 years and their families and is a great way to kick off the school holidays," Ms Corbett said.

"Spring Jam caters to all children, whether they like to dance to live music performances, get their hands dirty at creative workshops or get up close and personal with some of the animals from the on-site zoo.

"There will also be plenty of outdoor activities, a quiet book nook with scheduled book readings, tasty snacks to enjoy and more."

Live entertainment from Australian children's performers: The Mudcakes, Mr Snotbottom, Emily Who and The Ukumamas will light up the main stage throughout the day.

Also, keep an eye out for the roving dinosaurs who will roam throughout the festival space sharing playful encounters with festivalgoers.

These life-like creatures are unmistakably 'alive' and 'mostly friendly', in this fun, educational performance, connecting young audiences to the real science of palaeontology.

At the Mini Makers Marquee, you can find curated workshops where littlies can get hands on making pressed floral cards, dinosaur fossils, and Wiradjuri bush bombs and bush scents with Felicity Kerslake.

"You can also join in on a Zoo Safari and ask our friendly and expert zoo staff all of your animal questions, and maybe even meet a new furry friend or two," Ms Corbett said.

"Be sure to pack a picnic or buy snacks from Spring Jam's Food Alley. From dumplings and toasties to ice cream and fresh juice - there's something to give your tastebuds a treat."

Bring the whole family along for a day of outdoor fun and excitement at this free festival, from 10am to 3pm.

To find out more details and see the full Spring Jam program, go to the festival webpage at www.visitwagga.com/springjam

EVENT:

Spring Jam Festival

Saturday 28 September 2024, 10am to 3pm

Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens, MacLeay Street, Turvey Park

Free event www.visitwagga.com/springjam

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Hear about the Spring Jam Children's Festival, curated and delivered by Wagga Wagga City Council.

Who: Council's Events Officer, Emma Corbett.

When: Thursday 29 August 2024 at 9.30am.

Where: Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens, near the Brolga Pond.

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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