

April 2024 is live music month at the Civic Theatre!

The Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre will be bringing the theatre's first ever live music festival to our community throughout April, utilising the balcony and foyer space for a relaxing live music experience.

The space will be revamped into a moody, intimate gig venue that will host 11 performances over two weeks, featuring a collection of local performers and high-profile touring artists.

Manager Civic Theatre Claire Harris says eventgoers can expect to see some of our nation's best live musicians and a healthy dose of local talent too.

"We are transforming our upper foyer into an intimate live music venue for 15 days in April for our inaugural Sundown Sessions," Ms Harris said.

"The series of live music events is a combination of high-profile touring acts, emerging artists and a swag of local talent including: the Bidgee Blues Club, Riverina Conservatorium of Music, The Curious Rabbit's Live Local Original Jazz and a special performance by seven up-and-coming musical theatre stars with Broadway on the Balcony.

Community can choose to attend a lively mid-week performance or end your weekend with a relaxing Sunday afternoon experience accompanied by the stunning view of the Wollundry Lagoon.

Other notable highlights include Triple J Top 30 artist D'Arcy Spiller, infectious riff and groove based blue-billy-grass-rockin'-roots band 19 Twenty, as well as Tibetan-Australian singer-songwriter Tenzin Cheogyal.

Claire Harris says this program of performances is part of engaging with Australian artists near and far to awaken the live music scene here in Wagga Wagga.

"We thrive on activating every corner of the Civic Theatre, Sundown Sessions being no exception," Ms Harris said.

"The Civic Theatre balcony and foyer gigs are becoming part of our regular programming and audiences love the vibe of it, and dancing is allowed!

"There is something for everyone with themed cocktails, jazz bar vibes and exceptional musical talent. Order a cheese platter and settle in. We can't wait."

Tickets for each session start at \$25.00, with the option for audience to book a joint ticket and platter deal at \$50.00.

Seats are limited so it is encouraged that audience get in early to book tickets, which can be purchased online via civictheatre.com.au or by chatting to the friendly Civic Theatre Box Office staff in-person or by calling 69269688.

The full lineup of performances can be viewed online via the Civic Theatre website: <https://civictheatre.com.au/whats-on/sundown-sessions>

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Hear about the upcoming Sundown Sessions on at the Civic Theatre during the month of April.

WHO: Manager Civic Theatre Claire Harris and local performing artists: Broadway on the Balcony, Bidgee Blues and Larissa Burak.

WHEN: Monday 25 March at 10am.

WHERE: Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Burns Way, Wagga Wagga.

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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