

## Only two weeks to go! Wagga Comedy Fest 2024

As the temperature drops, our city is heating up with excitement for Wagga Comedy Fest, returning this June for another four days of laughs.

The much-loved festival will be held from Thursday 6 June to Monday 10 June presenting 21 shows and workshops spread across three performance venues: the Civic Theatre, the CSU Riverina Playhouse and the Riverina Comedy Club House; an improvisational and interactive venue run by the Riverina Comedy Club in the Art Gallery's E3 Art Space.

Council Manager Civic Theatre Claire Harris says there are only two weeks left to secure your tickets.

"If you miss out on seeing your favourite comedian or act, take a risk and try something new! Some shows are already sold out but there are still plenty of laughs to be had," Ms Harris said.

"Located at the heart of our city, the Wagga Comedy Festival will bring world-class comedians, goods times, and much, much laughter."

"We are incredibly proud to be showcasing nationally acclaimed comedians as well as the incredible talent that we have right here in our own community."

For aspiring comedians as well as passionate fans there will be opportunities to get involved with comedy and clown workshops, open mic sessions, and shows featuring audience interaction.

For the kids and kids at heart, head along to *Mr Snot Bottom's Stinky Silly Show* and *Camp Culture*, or see the talent our community has to offer with the acts featuring local creatives, including: *TGIF – Thank God It's Friday* with Richard Glover, *The Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate*, *The Gong Show*, and *Are You Pulling My Leg?* - a free show on Thursday 6 June.

Amidst the excitement of the rapidly approaching festival, the Civic Theatre have also announced a recent last-minute addition to the line-up.

"Grab your mates, don your best 'flanno', and get ready to laugh until you snort because *Bogan Bingo* is hitting Wagga Comedy Fest on Sunday 9 June at 6pm," Ms Harris said.

"We will be on the hunt for the best dressed bogan in town, with prizes up for grabs. Don't forget to bring along your finest air guitar.

"This year we have also included *Are You Pulling My Leg?* as a free option on opening night. We want to make comedy accessible for all audiences and invite everyone in Wagga to experience the festival, be part of the fun and enjoy a night of laughs with friends."

Event participants will also have the option to cosy up in the Laugh Lounge, a heated food and drink marquee set against the backdrop of the picturesque Wollundry Lagoon Precinct on the Civic Theatre lawns.

Jump online now to plan your weekend of comedy by visiting [civictheatre.com.au/whats-on/comedy-fest](https://civictheatre.com.au/whats-on/comedy-fest) or chat to the friendly Civic Theatre staff by calling 69269688 or visiting the Box Office.

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## MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

**WHAT:** There are two weeks until Wagga Comedy Fest – hear about the lineup for the Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate as well as the new addition to the festival; Bogan Bingo, on Sunday 9 June at 6pm.

**WHO:** Manager Civic Theatre Claire Harris, local comedian Dane Simpson, and judge of The Great Wagga Comedy Fest Debate Leigh Ryan.

**WHEN:** Thursday 23 May at 9.30am.

**WHERE:** Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Burns Way, off Tarcutta Street.

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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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