

You're invited to a Family Community Safety Day

Wagga Wagga City Council in collaboration with police from the Wagga Wagga Local Area Command are inviting residents from across the Local Government Area to head to the Riverside Park Precinct for our 2024 Family Community Safety Day.

The family-friendly event is being held adjacent to the Riverside Playground area near Wagga Beach between 10am and 12 midday on Saturday 7 December 2024 during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

Council's Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood is encouraging community members to come along, connect with local first responders and learn more about supports for people experiencing domestic and family violence.

"We will have representatives from the Wagga Domestic Violence Liaison Committee, police, Fire and Rescue NSW, the Rural Fire Service, and local emergency volunteer groups at Riverside," Alex Osgood said.

"The purpose of these events is to work with local police to engage with community on a regular basis about any community safety concerns and highlight local supports for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

"It is also an opportunity for community to engage with their local first responders in more positive settings instead of a crisis situation."

Professional Standards, Youth and Engagement Officer with the Police District Inspector Jillian Gibson believes the Family Community Safety Day is an important initiative.

"Community safety is about recognising the need for all sections of the community to work together to create a safer environment for people to work, live and travel, especially during the upcoming festive season," Inspector Gibson said.

"This means building partnerships between police, government agencies, local council, community organisations and individuals to promote and strengthen community safety for all."

The Family Community Safety Day aligns with Council's *Community Safety Action Plan 2022 – 2026* (CSAP), which outlines the strategies and actions to increase safety, reduce crime where possible, and work toward building a safe and vibrant city for the future.

To read the *Community Safety Action Plan 2022 – 2026*, visit www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/csap2026

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Media Opportunity

What: Council and police are encouraging community members to save the date the 2024 Family Community Safety Day at the Riverside Park Precinct, from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 7 December 2024.

The event is a great opportunity for community members to come along and connect with local first responders in more positive settings instead of a crisis situation.

Who: Council's Community Development Coordinator Alex Osgood and Professional Standards, Youth and Engagement Officer with the Police District Inspector Jillian Gibson.

When: Thursday 7 November 2024 at **12pm**.

Where: Adjacent to the Riverside Playground area, Wagga Beach.

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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