

Connect with local services to keep youth safe online

Wagga Wagga City Council is partnering with a range of local support services to help parents and carers get the facts and find the support they need to have respectful discussions about being safe online with young people.

Council's Community Development team regularly receives enquiries from parents and carers seeking information to keep the youth in their care safe online.

Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore says Council, in consultation with local services and education support workers, has developed an information session to help address this knowledge gap, to be held on Tuesday 22 October.

"The evening information session is designed to bring parents, carers and the services that locally work in this space together to have a conversation and provide an after-hours opportunity for parents and carers to seek advice," Ms Fattore said.

"The session will help parents and carers to understand the support services available in our city for them and their young people, as well as gain the tools to speak with young people about safely engaging online."

Youth liaison officers from Riverina District Police, clinical psychologists and community engagement officers from local services and high schools will be presenting and available for questions on the night.

This opportunity is free-of-charge and includes light refreshments.

"The content of the information session will be for parents and carers over 18 years old," Ms Fattore said.

"To help make it accessible for parents and carers with caring responsibilities of children and young people, we have arranged a family-friendly movie, snacks and supervised activities in the adjoining room."

The free information session is being held on Tuesday 22 October 2024, from 5pm to 7pm in the Council Meeting Room at the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre.

Registration is required as places are limited: events.humanitix.com/safety-and-social-media

This information session is a part of the community training series for 2024 presented by Wagga Wagga City Council.

To learn more about other free and low-cost training opportunities across a broad range of topics, visit wagga.nsw.gov.au/community-training

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If you need this information in another format, have any questions or suggestions, please contact the Community Development Team on 1300 292 442 or email youth@wagga.nsw.gov.au.

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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.

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