

Wear it Purple DISCO

Wagga Wagga City Council in collaboration with Headspace Wagga Wagga is inviting local LGBTQIA+ young people and allies to celebrate the national Wear It Purple Day on Friday 29 August with an evening disco!

The Wagga Wagga Civic Centre will come alive from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with purple lighting, spontaneous line dancing lessons, low-sensory craft activities, and culminate with a youth disco featuring a DJ who'll be spinning queer anthems.

Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore said Wear It Purple Day is an important opportunity to come together and show what it means to cultivate supportive relationships that encourage and build trust between LGBTQIA+ young people and their allies.

"We know from consultation with local young people that they want to see more social connection opportunities – primarily ones that occur in the evening, in non-alcohol spaces, and that seek to engage with local youth support services in a fun way," Mel said.

"This initiative was identified as an opportunity to upskill local young people on how to plan and deliver an event so that they can confidently lead their own initiatives in the future."

Wear it Purple Day is a national initiative to raise awareness and create supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people, and is celebrated on the last Friday in August each year.

"This disco is for 12-to-25-year-olds who identify as queer, and their friends," Mel said.

"It's a safe, accessible space that is drug and alcohol free and will have allies present all night to ensure each young person feels supported to have fun and be themselves!"

Headspace Wagga Wagga's Community Engagement Officer Kane Stewart is equally keen to see young people find new friends and build confidence.

"Headspace is proud to support the Wear It Purple Disco in Wagga Wagga," Kane said.

"Events like this help break down stigma, foster inclusion, and create safe spaces where young people feel valued, supported, and free to be themselves."

Wear It Purple Disco is proudly presented by Wagga Wagga City Council in partnership with Headspace Wagga Wagga.

For more information and to book a ticket, please visit
wagga.nsw.gov.au/wearitpurledisco

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EVENT - Wear It Purple Disco

When: Friday 29 August 2025 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Wagga Wagga Civic Centre Arcade, 243 Baylis Street.

Tickets: \$5 + booking fee via wagga.nsw.gov.au/wearitpurpledisco



Image courtesy of Wagga Wagga City Council. Pictured (from left): Headspace Wagga Wagga's Community Engagement Officer Kane Stewart and Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore.

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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 \$277.1 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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