

Call for Expressions of Interest for FUSION BOTANICAL 2025

The much-loved springtime festival, FUSION BOTANCIAL is returning on Saturday 18 October to the spectacular Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens Precinct, and you can be part of it!

Wagga Wagga City Council and long-term cultural partners, the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, are inviting expressions of interest from local performers, and street food and drink vendors to help entertain and feed festival-goers.

Council's Director Community, Janice Summerhayes said this year's festival is expected to be well-supported by locals and draw crowds from across the Riverina region to our city this spring.

"The FUSION festival has grown to become a highlight on regional events calendar since its inception in 2011," Ms Summerhayes said.

"Planning is underway for FUSION BOTANICAL in October 2025 and we're curating a fun diverse line-up of music and entertainment to be announced closer to the event."

Along with the live music, the World Food Village is one of the most popular parts of this community event, with festival-folk looking forward to feasting on authentic and modern street-style food.

Many geographical regions are represented in the World Food Village from Europe to the Middle East, through to Asia and the Americas.

"There is an opportunity for to add your traditional cuisine to the food line-up by submitting your expression of interest," Ms Summerhayes said.

"We are also looking for community performers to help add to the vibrant festival atmosphere."

Council and the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga are pleased to announce that FUSION BOTANICAL is the beneficiary of a \$125,000, 2024/2025 Stronger Together Local Council Major Festival Grant.

This one-off Multicultural NSW grant will fund increased event traffic control management, attract national headliner acts, and develop multicultural media promotions for the 2025 festival.

For more information and to make a submission visit: wagga.nsw.gov.au/fusion

Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on Friday 15 August 2025.



To keep up to date with announcements for FUSION BOTANICAL, visit the website or like the FUSION Multicultural Festival <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages.

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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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