

Wagga Wagga's media story comes to life in new exhibition

A new exhibition that takes visitors on a tour of Wagga Wagga's homegrown media landscape, *Wagga Wagga AUDIO/VISUAL*, opens at the Museum of the Riverina's Historic Council Chambers site on Wednesday 11 June.

The exhibition revisits a time when the newspapers, radio and television that people in the Riverina consumed were predominantly made locally.

"I wanted to capture a world where the names behind the paper, the voices on the radio and the faces on the TV were recognisable on the street," said curator John Riddell.

"Wagga loves seeing itself on screen and hearing itself on the radio. This exhibition provides a snapshot tour of 150 years of the local media landscape."

Featuring vintage equipment once used by Wagga Wagga's media outlets, interviews with local media legends, and interactive displays, the exhibition invites all generations to connect with this chapter of local history.

Museum Manager Tim Kurylowicz said visitors can see up close how tasks that we now do on a phone, once required rooms full of specialised equipment and skilled operators.

"It's a chance for those people who lived it to reminisce, and for younger audiences to discover a whole different media world," Mr Kurylowicz said.

"Among the objects visitors can see is an original spotlight from Wagga's RVN2 television studio, an 8-track recorder used at 2WG, a hand-made television set built in Wagga Wagga.

"It shows the evolution of media technology, and the ways we use them, from the typewriter to the start of the iPhone generation."

As part of the exhibition, a special curator's talk and tour with John Riddell will take place on Saturday 21 June at 11am.

RSVP are appreciated via www.museumriverina.com.au

Wagga Wagga AUDIO/VISUAL runs until 14 December 2025. Entry is free.

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Media Opportunity

What: A sneak peek of the Museum of the Riverina's new *Wagga Wagga AUDIO/VISUAL* exhibition ahead of its opening.

Who: Museum Manager Tim Kurylowicz and Curator John Riddell.

When: Tuesday 10 June 2025 at **10am**.

Where: Museum of the Riverina – Historic Council Chambers, Cnr Baylis and Morrow Street, Wagga Wagga.

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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 \$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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