

Youth Week is back with a full program!

Wagga Wagga City Council is proud to announce the Youth Week 2025 program that will be celebrated across the month of April and organised with young people, for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

This year's program has been led by Council's Youth Week Crew, a group of local young people who have volunteered to lead the delivery of this year's Youth Week celebrations. They have worked alongside Council's Youth and Community Development Officer to develop a packed program for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you want to bedazzle your favourite book at the Wagga Wagga City Library after hours, test your gaming and teamwork skills at Game ON!, level up by learning how to be an independent YOUng person or empower yourself as a young femme in today's world – the choice is yours!

Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore said this annual program is bigger and better than ever.

"Not only does Youth Week directly represent our local young people and their interests, but it is a way for local young people to lead this program," Ms Fattore said.

"The 2025 Youth Week Crew have advocated for local young people to have access to an abundance of low-cost certificate-based learning opportunities, enjoy indoor and outdoor social events to meet and connect with others, and have fun.

"In 2025, with the help of our Youth Week Crew, we really wanted to collaborate with local youth-focused services to create events, workshops and upskilling opportunities that are current with the needs of young people and respond to youth interests."

Practical workshops are being provided by community partners Riverina Community College, Murrumbidgee Local Health District, Liquid Gold, Wagga Wagga First Aid Training, Headspace Wagga Wagga, Argyle Housing, HOMES NSW and Anglicare Financial Counselling. These workshops will help local young people move through life as more informed and resourceful individuals.

Ms Fattore also said access and safety for all attendees is a key focus with quiet rooms and sensitive sound levels considered so everyone can enjoy the fun. Venues have also been selected for their accessible parking, wheelchair accessible bathrooms and functionality.

"Our friendly 2025 Youth Week Crew will be attending a range of Youth Week 2025 events and will ensure all young people feel welcome and included." Ms Fattore said.

“Check out this year’s Youth Week program and be sure to join in the fun. This is an awesome opportunity to see what young people in our community have done and can do!”

To view and book events, visit wagga.nsw.gov.au/youth-week

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Hear about Council's 2025 Youth Week program that will be celebrated across the month of April and organised with young people, for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

WHO: Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Mel Fattore, and Youth Week Crew.

WHEN: Monday 17 March 2025, 4.30pm.

WHERE: Wollundry Lagoon Precinct, on the grassed area near the lower library entrance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Game ON! [12 – 25 years + accessible + dinner and refreshments provided]

Saturday 12 April, 6pm-9pm

Museum of the Riverina – Botanic Gardens Site

Get ready for the ultimate Youth Week 2025 kick-off event! From MASSIVE projector Nintendo Switch tournaments and retro arcade games, card games and tabletop games + fresh buttered popcorn and pizza.

\$5 + booking fee // Booking Required // Limited tickets

Book Lovers Night with Wagga Wagga City Library [12 – 25 years + accessible + snacks and refreshments provided]

Tuesday 15 April, 7pm-9pm

Wagga Wagga City Library, Wollundry Lagoon Entry

Spend the evening with us in the Wagga Wagga City Library (after hours) while we bedazzle our favourite books, work as a team to create a Youth Week display of your book

recommendations, make personalised bookmarks and come up with the ultimate Youth Week reading challenge!

\$10 + booking fee, includes take home material // Booking Required // Limited tickets

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certificate [18 years plus + accessible + meals and refreshments provided]

Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 April, 10am-4pm

Wagga Wagga City Library, CLS 1 & 2

Learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health challenges in adolescents, with a Murrumbidgee Local Health District psychologist and how to respond to an emerging or worsening mental health challenge, and the treatments and supports available to young people locally and online.

\$30 + booking fee, includes take home material // Booking Required // Limited tickets

The Independent YOUng Person [all ages + accessible + lunch provided]

Tuesday 22 April, 11am-1pm

Ashmont Community Resource Centre, Tobruk Street

Becoming independent is what all YOUng people want, right? This event will help you with information on how to work, play and live life independently!

In this one-off session, you will have the chance to learn key skills in:

- budgeting, loans and automatic payments
- setting up MyGov and eligible support payments for young people
- writing resumes and getting job ready
- navigating peer pressure around drugs and alcohol and having a 'make it home safe' plan
- creating healthy daily routines in life and at work
- understanding rental agreements and how to be a good tenant

FREE, includes take home material // Registration Preferred

Barista Basics workshops [12 – 25 years + accessible]

Riverina Community College

Wednesday 23 April, 9.30am-12.30pm

\$10 + booking fee // Booking Required // Limited spots available

Liquid Gold Coffee Training at the Brew Café, Coleman Street

Wednesday 23 April, 5pm-6.30pm

\$10 + booking fee // Booking Required // Limited spots available

Fearless Femme [12 - 18 years + accessible + breakfast and lunch provided]

Thursday 24 April, 9am-4pm

The Gardens Café & Function Centre - Botanic Gardens

Feeling ready to foster that self-confidence energy? Learn to love our beautiful bodies a little more with Wagga based, Brooke Tilyard, Founder and self-confidence Educator from 'Bloom from Within', and understand how being kind to ourselves can create a better world for our mind and body to live in.

\$15 + booking fee, includes take home material // Booking Required // Limited tickets

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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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