Rural City of Wangaratta

Hello Summer

EVENTS GUIDE 2026-2027



Welcome



Hello Summer is your guide to making the most of the season, with events, activities and experiences happening across our community. Celebrate the year at our signature New Year's Eve event, catch up with friends and family, try something new and enjoy being part of what's happening locally.

Explore the program, support local organisations and businesses, and make the most of everything our region has to offer this summer.

— Rural City of Wangaratta Councillors



Accessibility Legend

– Accessible Venue

– Accessible Toilets

– Accessible Event

FREE

Back and Back, Forever

Sat 24 Oct–Sun 10 Jan
10am-4pm daily except for Mondays

Sangeeta Sandrasegar constructs a continuous narrative centered upon the relationships between migrant communities to their homelands, and life in Australia, where she lives and works. Back and back, forever brings together two bodies of work created concurrently across 2025 which extend in multiple form the ways in which Sandrasegar explores place and belonging.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Art Gallery
Gallery 2 - 56-60 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Wangaratta Parkrun

Every Sat, plus Fri 25 Dec | 8am

Free weekly 5km walk, jog or run along the Ovens River.

No Booking Required
Apex Park, Clements St, Wangaratta
wangaratta@parkrun.com.au

FREE

Currents, Cycles, Connections

Fri 27 Nov–Wed 24 Feb | 10am-3pm

Wangaratta based artist Samuel Reiher explores the interconnected systems that shape both natural and human environments through printmaking and works on paper and fabric.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Performing Arts &
Convention Centre Foyer Gallery
33-37 Ford St, Wangaratta
exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Come and Try Croquet

Every Mon, Wed & Sat | 10am-12pm

Come and try croquet, a game of gentle exercise for the mind and body with no bending or twisting.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Croquet Club
46 Ryan Avenue, Wangaratta
t-j-wilson@hotmail.com

FREE

Creation Station

Ongoing throughout summer | 10am-4pm

The Creation Station is a free art making activity space for children and all ages. All materials are supplied and you can stay as little or as long as you like. The Creation Station is accessible at any time during gallery opening hours.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Art Gallery
Gallery 1 - 56-60 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Wangaratta Vision Loss Peer Support Group

1st Wed of each month | 10.30am-11.30am

Come along to a friendly and welcoming monthly catch-up for people with vision loss. Meet new people, have a chat, share experiences and information, and enjoy connecting with others in a relaxed and supportive environment. New members are always welcome!

No Booking Required
The Centre
17 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
tegan@blindsports.org.au

$20

Sweat to Swim

Tue 1, 8, 15 & 22 Dec | 7am

Start your morning with a high-energy group fitness session beside the outdoor pool. Work up a sweat in the fresh air before being rewarded with a dip in the pool. Bookings preferred.

Booking Required
Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre
41 Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
wsac@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

$12

"ZUMBA" – Jens Dance Class

Thu 3, 10 & 17 Dec; Thu 7, 14 & 28 Jan; Thu 4 & 11 Feb | 9.30-10.20am

Zumba combines Latin, international music and dance to create a dynamic, fun workout for people of all fitness levels and age groups. It's fun, boosts your heart health, improves mental wellbeing and develops coordination. Wear comfortable clothes and runners and bring a bottle of drink, the venue is air-conditioned.

No Booking Required
St Patrick's Hall, Ford St, Wangaratta

TBC

30th Anniversary / 19th Festival of Folk Rhythm and Life

Fri 4 to Sun 6 Dec | Fri 4pm-2am, Sat 10am-2am, Sun 10am-12am

The much-celebrated Festival of Folk Rhythm and Life brings over 200 musicians in 50 bands for three days of music, camping and swimming. Celebrating 30 years and 19 festivals, safe fun for all ages

Booking Required
Bilyana Natural Amphitheatre
225 Woolshed Road Eldorado
www.bilyana.com

FREE

Backchat

Sat 5 Dec–Sun 28 Feb | 10am-4pm daily except Mondays

Backchat brings together new and existing work by northeast Victorian artist Susie Losch, whose practice spans sculpture, installation and assemblage. Through casting and conjoining unexpected forms and objects, and influenced by the concept of play, Losch creates works infused with subtle humor and a materially rich sensibility.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Art Gallery
Gallery 1 - 56-60 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

That Thing at the Pool

Sat 5 Dec | 5-7pm

Free teen pool party with a BBQ sausage sizzle. From 5-7pm. Ages 12-21 years old. Inflatable. Tunes. Friends & fun

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre
41 Schilling Drive, Wangaratta

FREE

Peri-Urban Pest and Weed Control

Sat 5 Dec | 10am-12.30pm

This session will cover practical steps you can take on your property to control common and emerging weeds as well as effective options for managing rabbits, foxes, feral cats and common mynas on urban and peri-urban properties.

Booking Required
Glenrowan Recreation Reserve
5 Daniel Lane Glenrowan
https://events.humanitix.com/peri-urban-pest-and-weed-control

THE THING AT THE POOL

it's a Pool Party

Saturday 5 December

5.00 pm-7.00 pm

BBQ | Tunes | Inflatable

Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

12-21 years

Free



AMPLIFY

Youth@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Celebrate the Festive Season

Sun 6 Dec | 4-7pm

Calling all residents from Everton, Everton Upper, Tarrawingee, Londrigan and surrounding communities! Join us for an afternoon of festive fun as we bring our local communities together to celebrate the Christmas season. Catch up with neighbors, enjoy great food, listen to local music, and let the kids get creative. Whether you're new to the area or a long-time local, everyone is welcome. Sausages and burgers provided, bring a plate to share (salad or dessert), BYO drinks.

Booking Required
Everton Hall & BBQ Area,
2161 Great Alpine Road, Everton
https://events.humanitix.com/community-christmas-celebration

FREE

Campbells Sunset Drinks

Fri 11 Dec & Fri 15 Jan | 5pm-8pm

Join us to relax into the weekend with good food, excellent wine and great music by Patrick Russell. Vineyard platters can be ordered on the night at the cellar door. Some seating is provided; however, we encourage you to bring your own chairs and picnic blankets.
No outside drinks or food is welcome.

No Booking Required
Campbells Wines
4603 Murray Valley Highway Rutherglen
events@campbellswines.com.au

FREE

Wangaratta Farmers Market

Sat 12 Dec | 8am-12pm

Our monthly farmers market welcomes locals and tourists alike to taste and buy local and fresh food, sweet goodies, and handmade crafts. Stay for coffee or juice and relax with the sounds of local musicians.

No Booking Required
Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral
Corner of Ovens and Docker St, Wangaratta

$22

Drag Bingo Christmas Unwrapped

Wed 16 Dec | 7pm

Expect gorgeous gowns, extravagant beauty, and enough laughs to fill your stocking to the brim as the queens host you through multiple rounds of good old' fashioned BINGO! Dress in your best summer Santa gear or beachy elf attire for a chance to win our costume contest! All are welcome, bring your friends, your grandma, and your reindeer.
PRIZES GALORE!

Booking Required
Vine Hotel Wangaratta
27 Detour Road North Wangaratta
jimmy.ladgrove@thevinehotel.net.au

FREE

Monthly Board Game Night

Wed 16 Dec, 20 Jan & 17 Feb | 6.30-8pm

Join us for a night of modern board games, socialization and friendly chats.

No Booking Required
The Centre for Continuing Education
Chisholm St, Wangaratta
https://www.facebook.com/p/Wangaratta-Boardgames-Club-100064834894418/

FREE

Christmas Carols in Reid Street

Sat 19 Dec | 9.30am-12pm

The Christmas Carols in Reid Street on Saturday morning 19th December will add sparkle and joy to your Christmas shopping, playing traditional Christmas carols and Christmas-themed music.

No Booking Required
NAB Shade Sail, Reid St, Wangaratta
wangconcertband@gmail.com

FREE

Eldorado Twilight Christmas Market

Sat 19 Dec | 4pm

A free Christmas market highlighting arts, crafts and food from our local area. Featuring live entertainment, carols and even a visit from Santa.

No Booking Required
Eldorado Centennial Park Reserve Eldorado

FREE

Milawa's Carols in the Park

Sun 20 Dec | 6.30pm for Santa and 7pm for Carols

John McAleese Park will once again be filled with the sounds of Christmas on the 20th of December with Milawa's Annual Carols in the Park. Santa will be in his house from 6.30.pm, with Carols getting underway at 7pm. Food will be available from 6pm, make sure to get a ticket in the Raffle as there will be many draws throughout the night. BYO Chair and NO DOGS allowed.

No Booking Required
John McAleese Park, Milawa
181 Milawa- Bobinawarrah Rd Milawa
milawahall@gmail.com

FREE

Wangaratta Farmers Market - Twilight Christmas Market

Tue 22 Dec | 4pm-7pm

Get ready for Christmas Day and support local with the Wangaratta Farmers Market Twilight Christmas Market. Enjoy local and fresh food, sweet goodies, and handmade craft.

No Booking Required
Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral
Corner of Ovens and Docker St, Wangaratta

Rural City of Wangaratta

New Year's Eve

31 DECEMBER 2026 | **FROM 5PM** | WJ FINDLAY OVAL



FREE EVENT

Count Down to 2027 in Wangaratta!

Featuring **Pierce Brothers** *and local live acts.*

Enjoy free entertainment, family activities and fireworks. Bring your picnic rug, chair and snacks for a fun-filled night with family and friends.

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VICSWIM

Mon 4-Fri 8 Jan & Mon 11-Fri 15 Jan

Keep updated on the VICSWIM website to view session times and enrol. WSAC is thrilled to be a VICSWIM venue this summer. VICSWIM has offered fun, educational aquatic programs focused on swimming and water safety across Victoria for 50 years. The program ensures that all Victorians can access water safety and survival skills. Enrol at VICSWIM.com.au

$43 a week for members
$63 a week for non members

Booking Required
Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre
41 Schilling Drive

$20

Yoga by the Pool

Thu 7, 14, 21 & 28 Jan | 7pm

A relaxed outdoor yoga class beside the outdoor pool, combining gentle movement with a flowing style that connects movement and breath. Enjoy peaceful summer evenings in a welcoming outdoor setting while taking some time for yourself. Suitable for all experience levels, from beginners through to regular participants. Bookings preferred.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre,
Outdoor Pool
41 Schilling Drive
wsac@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

National Gallery of Victoria Kids on Tour

Thu 14 & Fri 15 Jan | 10.30am-12noon

This January, the National Gallery of Victoria comes to you through NGV Kids on Tour! From games to storytelling and drawing, there's fun for everyone. Enjoy free art-making activities for the whole family.

Booking Required
Wangaratta Art Gallery
Gallery 2 - 56-60 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
exhibitionsofficer@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Sport & Recreation Showcase

Sat 16 Jan | 10am-12pm

Learn about the clubs, programs and activities on offer at WSAC and find your next way to get active. Meet local sporting groups, connect with club representatives and explore opportunities for all ages and abilities. From competitive swimming and group fitness to basketball, pickleball, inline hockey, recreational gymnastics and volleyball, there's something for everyone to enjoy this summer.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre
41 Schilling Drive
wsac@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

10-year Anniversary of the formation of Boomerang Bags

Mon 18 Jan | 10am

We would like to invite people who have been involved directly or indirectly with our group over many years to celebrate our 10-year Anniversary of the formation of Boomerang Bags Wangaratta Inc. All money raised is to be used to produce more items which we then donate to local charities - including: - telemetry bags for the ICU unit @ NEHealth, various bags for Upper Murray Family Care for foster children, plant carriers for Park Lane Nursery & bags for local op shops are, just a small sample of what we do! It will be a wonderful opportunity to say thank you and reconnect with all our wonderful supporters!

Booking Required
The Centre
17 Chisholm Street, Wangaratta
wangarattabbags@gmail.com

$135

Bush Nippers

Mon 18–Wed 20 Jan
Sessions run between 9am-1.30pm

Give your child the skills and confidence to stay safe around water. Bush Nippers is a fun and active water safety program for primary school aged children. Delivered locally by Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre. Participants learn skills for staying safe around rivers, lakes, pools and other inland waterways.

Suitable for children aged 5- 12.

Booking Required
Delivered by Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre at 'Sydney Beach', Mundgee Place, Wangaratta

Gold Coin

Wangaratta Sports Carnival & Woodchop

Sat 23 Jan | 10am-4pm

Come along and watch one of Australia's oldest sports. A great day of woodchopping with competitors from all over Vic. Events include Underhand, Standing Block & Tree Climbing. Food and drinks are available for purchase from local community groups.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Showgrounds
Evans Street Entry
nebaa@y7mail.com

Rural City of Wangaratta

Australia Day

WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE

26 JANUARY 2027 | 9AM



FREE EVENT

Join us this Australia Day to celebrate the people and events that make our community special!

Welcome new citizens at the Citizenship Ceremony Honour locals and groups who make the Rural City of Wangaratta extraordinary through the Australia Day Awards. Free community BBQ to follow.

Scan or visit **wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Australia-Day**

FREE
FAMILY FUN!
10AM-4PM

Wangaratta
SPORTS
&AQUATIC
CENTRE

26 JANUARY 2027

FAMILY FUN DAY



POOL • DJ • BBQ

Bring family and friends together
for a FREE swim at WSAC!

For more information, **scan the QR** or visit
wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Family-Fun

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Wangaratta

$60

Wangaratta Traditional Karate-Go Goju-Kai

Tue 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb | 6.45pm

$60 for the 6-week program

Join Wangaratta Traditional Karate-Do Goju-Kai for a six-week Come and Try program designed for beginners. Discover the fundamentals of traditional karate, learn about its rich Okinawan origins and Japanese culture, and experience the discipline, focus and personal development that martial arts can offer. Our family-friendly, not-for-profit association is dedicated to preserving and practicing traditional Goju-Kai karate, with an emphasis on traditional movements, technique and discipline, making our training accessible to people with different abilities, fitness levels and goals.

Booking Required
Wangaratta Traditional Karate-Do Goju-Kai
Purbrick Hall, next to Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral
Cnr Ovens & Docker St, Wangaratta

FREE

2027 Season Launch

Wed 3 Feb | 5.30pm-7pm

Join us as we unveil an exciting line up of shows. Be the first to hear what's instore for the year ahead with show announcements, ticket giveaways and entertainment.

Following the launch in the theatre, join us for complimentary drinks and canapes in the foyer and meet the WPACC team.

No Booking Required
Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre
33-37 Ford Street, Wangaratta
boxoffice@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

FREE

Walk Club

Wed 3, 10, 17 & 24 Feb
Meeting at 9am, moving at 9.10am

Meet at WSAC and enjoy a social walk along a section of the Bullawah Cultural Trail. This easy 1 to 2km walk takes around 30 minutes and is a great way to stay active, connect with others and enjoy summer mornings. Stay afterwards for a coffee at the café. Prams welcome.

No Booking Required
Meet at Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre
41 Schilling Drive
wsac@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

$45*

Vineyards Twilight Running Festival

Sat 27 Feb | 4pm–9pm
Races start from 5.45pm

Run through the vineyards at twilight with half marathon, 10km and 5km distances, then celebrate at Brown Brothers with live music, local food and wine. A scenic summer evening for runners, supporters and visitors in the heart of Milawa.

*Prices from $45.

Booking Required
Brown Brothers Winery
239 Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road, Milawa
matt@fitcitytours.com.au

Rural City of Wangaratta

Bring the streets alive this summer!

Free Busking

in Wangaratta and Glenrowan!



Look for these spots!

wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Scan the QR code to register a **FREE buskers spot,** or visit

wangaratta.vic.gov.au/BuskersSpots

Summer 2027

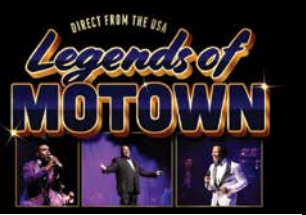
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27 JAN WED 6pm — **Cirque Nouvelle**



3 FEB WED 5.30pm — **2027 Season Launch - Free Event**



11 FEB THU 7.30pm — **Legends of Motown**



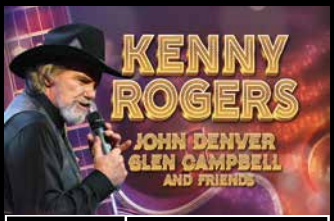
19 FEB FRI 8pm — **Joe Camilleri & The Black Sorrows**



20 FEB SAT 7.30pm — **The Neil Diamond Story – Beautiful Noise Tour**



27 FEB SAT 7.30pm — **Treasures & Tales from the Roadshow**



7 MAR SUN 7.30pm — **Kenny Rogers & Friends**



14 MAR SUN 2.30pm — **Off Broadway**



17 MAR WED 10.30am — **Tom Jones – The Voice The Hits with Matt Hetherington**

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Cnr Ford & Ovens Sts Wangaratta | **03 5722 8105**

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*The price displayed is the cost of a Max Access membership.