Our Community Matters



Bring the streets alive! Register a Busking Spot in Wangaratta's CBD

What's on at the WPACC and the Art Gallery Find out about the Warm Winter Read at Wangaratta Library

Know Your Backyard Get out and explore! Locals with a story to tell – Humans of Wangaratta

Learn to swim at WSAC this school holidays



Bring the streets alive! Check the map below for Wangaratta's Buskers Spots



Mayor's Message

Welcome to the winter edition of your community newsletter, Our Community Matters.

This is a space for your council to share with you, the community, information about what is happening in your community and ways to make the most out of winter.

Perhaps your ideal winter is curling up in front of the fire with a good book? Or you plan to make a splash in the heated pool at the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre and get the kids ready for the warmer months with swimming lessons? Maybe you're keen for a kick of the footy? Whatever your winter looks like, we have some great ideas for you over the following pages.

Many among us enjoy getting out to explore in the cooler months. We have some great ideas to help you to discover more of our region as part of our Know Your Backyard campaign.

But there is still so much to do in Wangaratta CBD, especially with the Buskers Spots now a feature on so many footpaths around town. We've included a map of these spots so you can keep an eye out for emerging local talent. Show them your support, who knows they might be famous one day and remember your kind words or generosity.

This winter we also have a plenty of great events for visitors and residents alike to enjoy, including the return of Petite to the Gallery and a packed calendar at the WPACC!

Mayor Dean Rees





Want to listen to this newsletter online?

Visit wangaratta.vic.gov.au/ communitynews for an Mp3 version of this newsletter.

Did you know you can...

Connect with us anytime:

Phone: 03 5722 0888

Email: council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

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In person:

62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta Monday-Friday: 8.30am-5.30pm

Stay up to date on our social media channels

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3 Chat to your Councillors

Council meetings are held monthly and are streamed onto our YouTube channel. The agenda is made public a few days in advance, and you can submit a question to be answered during 'question time' at council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au. Questions can be received until 10am the day of the council meeting.

Tell us when something needs fixing

Bins not been picked up? Public toilet leaking? A stray paving stone come loose? Let us know at:







5 Recycle most household waste?

By knowing what goes in which bin and disposing of your waste correctly, you can contribute to more material recovery and less waste going to landfill. Check out the 5 R's of recycling on our 'what to put in your bins' web page.

Season 2022 What's On

Wangaratta **Performing Arts & Convention Centre**



Wangaratta **Art Gallery**

Petite Miniature Textiles

Petite Miniature Textiles marks the twelfth anniversary of this very popular, accessible exhibition. Showcasing the best small textile artworks from around the nation, Petite has become a highlight of the Gallery's program and focus for contemporary textile art practitioners.

This exhibition continues to grow in popularity with artists from around the country participating and displaying contemporary textiles of a small scale. This year Wangaratta Art Gallery received 214 entries with 93 art works being selected for exhibition. A diverse array of techniques and themes explore everything from colour, texture and decoration to social, political and environmental issues, propelling textiles into the realm of the visual arts.

The official opening is Saturday 25 June 2-3.30pm | All welcome to attend - this event is FREE

Please RSVP via the gallery website wangarattaartgallery.com.au For those who cannot attend the gallery between June and August the Gallery will launch online artist





Wangaratta Art Gallery 56 Ovens Street | 03 5722 0865 Art Gallery wangarattaartgallery.com.au 00

HURS 2p



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Victorian T7.30p State Ballet talks and catalogue showing all works on our website, go to wangarattaartgallery.com.au



18 June - 14 August 2022







Calling all early risers, morning motivators, lunchtime readers, after work relaxers, and bedtime snugglers! Join us for the Warm Winter Read at Wangaratta Library!

Grab your book, blanket and a beanie and find a time every day to cosy up with a book! Then just log the time you spend reading each day on the Beanstack tracker app, website or on the Warm Winter Read postcard available from the library.

Here are three top titles from Wangaratta Library to inspire you! Pop in and let us recommend some more great books to hibernate with this winter!



The Kelly Hunters Grantlee Kieza

When Ned Kelly and his gang ambushed and killed three brave policemen in 1878, they sparked the biggest manhunt Australia had seen. The search would end when Kelly, wearing his famous suit of armour, waged his final bloody gun battle with police in the small Victorian town of Glenrowan.



Wednesday 1 June - Sunday 31 July

Cutters End Margaret Hickey



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Jodi

NYE 1989. Eighteen-year-old Ingrid Mathers, hitchhiking hungover and separated from her friend, accepts a lift to the remote town of Cutters End. July 2021. Detective Sergeant Mark Ariti is seconded to a reopened case. As his investigations stall, he makes the long journey up the highway to Cutters End.

The Five Year Plan Jodi Gibson Gibson

At 33, Demi's five-year plan is on track. Boyfriend - check. Plans to take over the family café - check. But when her father blindsides her by handing the café to her older brother Nick, and discovers Wil is hiding something, Demi's five-year plan crumbles like crostoli



To take part, stop by and register at Wangaratta Library or online here:



Know Your Backyard

Winter is an exciting time to get out of the house and explore. However packing to go away at winter can be overwhelming; jackets, warm boots, extra clothes for when the kids fall into puddles, the list goes on, making winter one of the best times to explore your own backyard.

Explore our beautiful waterfalls, go on a hike to be rewarded with breathtaking snowcapped vistas, discover hidden treasures at local museums, or sit in front of a wood log fire at one of our country pubs, wineries or cafés and indulge in gourmet local produce.



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What's On

Our diverse and exciting calendar of events keep the community of Wangaratta buzzing all year round. Whether you're one for events in sport, entertainment, food, wine or art and culture; there's something for everyone in Wangaratta and surrounds.

JULY

Strictly Quilts 1 July 2022 | 10am-4pm St Bernard's School Hall

Salami and Salsicce Making classes at Politini Wines 2 July 2022 | 9am-3pm Politini Wines, Cheshunt

NAIDOC week 3-10 July | Kicks off 2 July 7.30pm CSU Campus

Wangaratta Community Market Every Sunday | 8am-12pm Avian Park Raceway

Wangaratta Farmers Market 9 July / 13 August / 10 Sept. | 8am-12pm Holy Trinity Cathedral Gardens

The Village Fire Garden 16-17 July 2022 | 6.30pm-9pm Wangaratta Rodeo Ground

Milawa Hall Market 30 July 2022 | 9am-12.30pm Wangaratta Turf Club

Roller Disco 31 July 2022 | 2pm-4pm Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

Humans of Wangaratta

Hi. My name is Amy Collins, born and raised in Wangaratta. My story is like a lot of the other players in women's football. We never had a chance to play footy growing up because that was something 'the boys played', but I spent plenty of time kicking the footy around growing up and I idolised James Hird and the Essendon Bombers. Back then I always dreamed of getting out on the field myself.

That dream became a reality in 2018, when I became part of the inaugural Wangaratta Rovers Female Football team, and I've played every game for them since.

We train every Wednesday and Thursday night and one skill I've been working on is my rucking, especially within forward 50. If I'm within range of the goals, I like to try to take possession out of the ruck instead of tapping it out, and quickly take a snap at goal. It's not official but I'm pretty sure I'll be getting goal of the year from doing this! But being serious, I'm very grateful for the team we have.

We never had a the boys played



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AUGUST

Victorian Junior Road Championships 13-14 August 2022 Glenrowan

STUTT'FEST 26 August 2022 Winton Motor Raceway

Scan for further details about these events and more!



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As Captain this season, I'm working on being a good leader and making sure everyone feels welcome and supported at our club. We are lucky that we have a great team of volunteers each week to make it all happen.

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But the best part of my football journey has been meeting my beautiful fiancé. She joined the Rovers in our second year, and through Thursday night team dinners at the Rovers, games and training we connected. I can't wait to marry her next year!

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Wangaratta SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

The instructors tailor the lessons to match the abilities of my two daughters with patience, enthusiasm, and fun. It's a joy to watch my girls swim with such confidence, knowing they are learning to be safe in the water. **Absolutely fantastic!**

Certain to Swim

5-DAY INTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR \$79

School Holidays Intensive Program

Get your kids swim ready for summer with a **5-day intensive program for \$79**

Monday 4 - Friday 8 July 2022

45 minute sessions | 10am - 12.30pm

Book and secure your place WSAC.VIC.GOV.AU or call 03 5722 1723