

# Our Community Matters



Rural City of Wangaratta

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*What's on in Spring  
at the WPACC*

*A day at the Child Services  
Centre's Kindergarten*

*Reconnect at the Grit  
and Resilience Festival*

*T20 Cricket is coming  
to Wangaratta!*

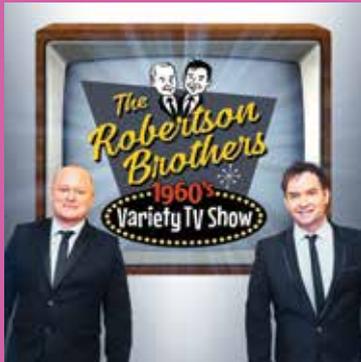
*Swap the traffic for trails  
with Visit Wangaratta*

*Join the gym at  
WSAC this Spring*

# Season 2022

# What's On

Wangaratta  
Performing Arts &  
Convention Centre



**17**

SEPT  
SAT 8.00pm

The Robertson  
Brothers



**21**

SEPT  
WED 10.30am

Teeny Tiny Stevies



**27&28**  
SEPT

TUES 2.00pm  
WED 10.00am

The Box Show by  
Junkyard Beats



**8**

OCT  
SAT 7.30pm

Summer of the  
Seventeenth Doll



**14**

OCT  
FRI 10.30am

Denis Walter -  
Yesterday  
Once More



**19**

OCT  
WED 7.30pm

An Evening  
with the MSO



**20**

OCT  
THU 10.00am  
& 11.30am

MSO for Kids



**26**

OCT  
WED 7.30pm

By A Thread



**28, 29  
& 30**

OCT  
FRI, SAT, SUN

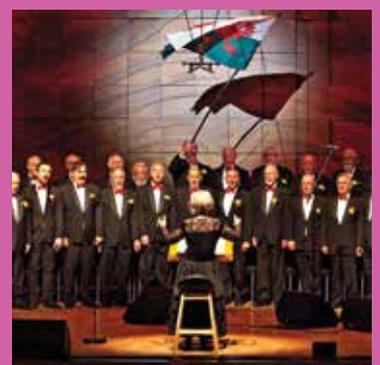
Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues  
Back with an adventurous and eclectic program!



**8**

NOV  
TUE 7.00pm

David Strassman  
in the  
Chocolate Diet



**13**

NOV  
SUN 2.00pm

Victoria  
Welsh Choir

# Mayor's Message



## Did you know you can...

Welcome to the Spring 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 our community and how to get the most out of this season in our region.

Spring is a time of new growth, shaking off those winter blues, and getting out there with friends and family. It's also a time for new beginnings; starting a new exercise routine at Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre or picking up a new book from the Wangaratta Library. This spring, there's sure to be something for you in our region and we'll share some exciting events and activities with you throughout this newsletter.

Do you have a little one starting kinder next year? The team at the Wangaratta Children's Services Centre has given us a glimpse into the daily routine, to help you make a choice for when enrolments come around. With Senior's Festival fast approaching, we've also put the spotlight on the brilliant job our Aged and Community Care team does for our older community members in a special, and moving, Humans of Wangaratta story.

Spring also brings with it some exciting events, so make sure to check out 'What's On' around the region over the next few months.

Don't forget to also take a look at the upcoming exhibitions at our wonderful Art Gallery, and the jam-packed calendar of incredible offerings from Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre. Here's hoping Spring brings you something to delight the entire family.

Mayor Dean Rees



Want to listen to this newsletter online?

Visit [wangeratta.vic.gov.au/communitynews](http://wangeratta.vic.gov.au/communitynews) for an Mp3 version of this newsletter.

### 1 Connect with us anytime:

Phone: 03 5722 0888

Email: [council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au)

### In person:

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

### 2 Stay up to date on our social media channels

- @wangerattacouncil
- @Wangeratta\_Council
- @RuralCityofWangeratta



### 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@wangeratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au). Questions can be received until 10am the day of the council meeting.



### 4 Tell us when something needs fixing

Bins not been picked up? Public toilet leaking? A stray paving stone come loose? Let us know at: [wangeratta.vic.gov.au/reportrequest](http://wangeratta.vic.gov.au/reportrequest)



### 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.



# Kindergarten Enrolments Open Now



The Wangaratta Children's Services Centre Kindergarten Program presents the children in our care with the opportunities for exploration, curiosity and independent thought while we support them to listen, respect and collaborate with others.

## morning



## afternoon



**Children's  
Services  
Centre**

Enquire for an enrolment pack  
at reception or call **03 5721 2635**

# The Grit and Resilience Festival



10 October | 4pm- 6pm  
King George Gardens, Wangaratta

We all recognise the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and that when we feel connected within our communities and to each other we are more resilient and better able to respond to the challenges of life as they arise.

That's why this World Mental Health Day on Monday 10 October, the Grit and Resilience Program have partnered with Mind Australia and Centre Against Violence to host the Grit and Resilience Festival for The Rural City of Wangaratta.

After the turmoil of the last couple of years, there has never been a better time to reconnect, to learn about the supports that are here in our community, to take some time for self-care and to have some fun.

**Join us between 4pm - 6pm at King George Gardens to connect and share in a bit of wellbeing focused frivolity!**



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## SPORTS & EVENTS PRECINCT

### 2022 Wangaratta World Cup Preparation Tournament

# T20

5 World Class T20 teams are hitting the pitch in Wangaratta!

**5, 6, 8 October 2022**  
at HP Barr Reserve



Scan for the schedule

**FREE EVENT**

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# What's On



Scan for further details about these events and more!

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.

## SEPTEMBER

**Gravelista High Country**  
3-4 September 2022 | 10am-4pm  
Beechworth / Eldorado

## OCTOBER

**Victorian Salami Festival**  
1 October 2022  
Dal Zotto Winery, Whitfield

**The 16th National Chrysler Rally**  
1 October 2022  
Apex Park, Wangaratta

**Wangaratta T20 World Cup Preparation Tournament**  
5, 6, 8 October 2022  
Barr Reserve Sporting Precinct, Wangaratta

**Wangaratta Show**  
7-8 October 2022  
Wangaratta Showgrounds

**Self Made Market**  
9 October 2022  
Apex Park, Wangaratta

**Mental Health Festival**  
10 October 2022  
King George Gardens, Wangaratta

**Great Aussie Hike**  
15 October 2022  
Beechworth / Murray to Mountains Rail Trail

**Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues**  
28-30 October 2022  
Various Locations, Wangaratta

**Oxley Bush Market**  
29 October 2022 | 9am-3pm  
Oxley Shire Hall

**Children's Week Learn & Play**  
29 October 2022  
King George Gardens, Wangaratta

## NOVEMBER

**King Valley Challenge**  
5 November 2022  
Powers Lookout

**Australian Arena Cross**  
5 November 2022  
Wangaratta Speedway

**Remembrance Day**  
11 November 2022  
Wangaratta Cenotaph

**Self Made Market**  
13 November 2022  
Apex Park, Wangaratta

**La Dolce Vita Festival**  
19-20 November 2022  
King Valley

**Wangaratta Swap Meet**  
20 November 2022  
Wangaratta Showgrounds



The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is available for free with a Wangaratta Library membership card.



## Library

Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favourites, indie and classic films, and world cinema as well as many more popular titles and fan favourites.

Library members can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting [www.hcln.vic.gov.au](http://www.hcln.vic.gov.au). Up to 5 FREE films can be streamed each month, from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV or Chromecast.



## Get away from the everyday.

Been to Melbourne recently? If so, you may have seen The Rural City of Wangaratta on show to over 1.4m people a week through our recent visitation campaign in Southern Cross Station!

Melburnians were invited to "swap that sandwich for the scenery", "the traffic for the trails" or the "stairs for the skies" by appealing to the idea of getting out of the weekly grind; positioning a series of scenarios that compares an everyday activity with a 'get away' moment. Beautiful imagery of the outdoors, iconic wineries, lookouts, lakes and trails took centre stage.

The aim of the campaign is to drive visitation to the area and showcase our incredible region as a premier travel destination!

Explore [visitwangaratta.com.au](http://visitwangaratta.com.au)

Visit                       
**Wangaratta**

Being a community legend has never been easier...



Report local issues with

### Snap Send Solve

Did you know you can report pavement problems, graffiti, dumped rubbish and other issues on the spot?

Take a photo and make a report in just a few clicks!



## Humans of Wangaratta

Hello, I am Patricia Ruehmer. I came to Wangaratta 15 years ago from Mordialloc with my husband, Harry. From his time at Bonegilla migrant centre in the '60s, Harry knew the Wangaratta area and had always wanted to live here. So, when we had the chance, we moved up. It's such a lovely place, close to the mountains and everything else is in within reach.

When I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, I was put in touch with the council's Aged and Community Care team, they came around and helped me with the cleaning and I really enjoyed their company. I loved the way I was treated by the team and they made such a difficult time much easier.

Recently, I suffered a stroke. Now, not only do the team take care of the housework, but they also go above and beyond with gardening and also trips to Melbourne to access medical services. I have developed a great relationship with the carers and all those involved with my care.

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Honestly, council's Aged and Community Care team have made such a difference to my life, I cannot thank them enough.

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# SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

2 WEEKS  
**FREE!**  
NO FEES!

# The Fun Starts Here! Join the gym this Spring!

September to  
November 2022

- No joining fee
- No commitment fee
- 2 weeks FREE
- FREE gym assessment



For more details, visit  
[wsac.vic.gov.au](https://wsac.vic.gov.au)

