# **Rural City Connection**

Friday 22 December 2023



#### **Public notices**



### **Late Night Shopping**

Late night shopping ends tonight! Are you struggling to find time to complete that last bit of shopping before the holidays? We have you covered! Several businesses in Wangaratta are keeping their doors open until 7pm tonight for that last minute dash! For a full list of participating stores head to our website and search Shop Local.

#### Club Development Survey

How has Council performed in helping you with your sporting club this year? We want to hear your feedback. We require at least one committee member, and at least one participant from each club to complete the survey. This survey is open until Friday 19 January and there is no limit to the number of individual responses accepted. The survey should take no longer than about 15-20mins for committee members and 5-10mins for participants.



Chocolate Starfish headline a New Year's Eve event not to be missed! They will be supported by soul band That Gold Street Sound, local legends Scott & Amanda, and Asha Bright a rising star from Beechworth. You will find activities to keep the whole family entertained: fireworks, inflatables, laser tag, rock climbing, face painting, hair braiding, and more. This is set to be an EPIC experience for all attendees. Free, no tickets required. Smoke, vape & drug free, strictly no glass or BYO alcohol. Service animals only no pets. Event starts 5:30pm 31 December 2023.

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# **Community Engagement Opportunities**

To have your say on the following policies please visit Connect Wangaratta www.connect.wangaratta.vic.gov.au or visit our website.

## **Draft Gambling Policy and Gambling Action Plan**

The policy outlines Council's future approach to protecting the Wangaratta community from gambling harm. The Policy also forms Council's position on gambling and will guide Council's roles and responsibilities in relation to all forms of gambling within the Rural City of Wangaratta. Submissions close 31 January 2024.



### 2024/2025 Budget - Have Your Say

We're seeking community input to help us shape the 2024/25 budget.

Each year council prepares an annual budget which enables us to manage and deliver our 50 plus services as well as invest in works like roads, footpaths, community facilities and other infrastructure. What should we fund next financial year. Submissions close 25 January 2024.



#### **Recreation & Open Space Strategy**

Recreation plays a part in our lives, whether its organised sport, walking a pet, or swimming in Wangaratta's beautiful rivers. As a part of Council's commitment to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to be active and connected through sport and recreation, we've developed a Draft Recreation and Open space Strategy (2024-2033) and we'd love your feedback. Submissions close 15 February 2024.

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## **Kerbside Bin Collection** Over the Public Holidays

There will be changes to kerbside bin collections over the Christmas period. If your general waste and/or organics kerbside bin collection day is Monday 25 December (Christmas Day), please note the following changes:

- · General waste (red bin) & Organics (green bin) will be collected on Saturday 23 December. Council is asking residents to leave general waste and/or organics bins out for collection the evening prior on Friday 22 December.
- Recycling (yellow bin) collection day is Monday 25 (Christmas Day) this will be collected as normal on
- If your normal bin collection day falls between Tuesday 26 December and Friday 29 December, please put your bin out as usual and leave it out until collected.
- Collections will resume as normal from Monday 1st

Visit the Services/Waste-Recycling page of our website for more information.

#### **Christmas and New Year Hours**

Council will be closed between 3pm Friday 22 December and 8.30am Tuesday 2 January 2024.

Wangaratta Transfer Station will be closed Christmas Day, Monday 25 December, and will reopen at 10am Tuesday 26 December.

If your matter is urgent, please visit https://www. wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Contact-us.

For after-hours emergency assistance, including dangerous road conditions, trees over roads, livestock on roads or animals at large, call 03 5722 0888.

For all other services including Children's Services Centre, Library, Ned Kelly Discovery Hub, Wangaratta Art Gallery, WPACC, and WSAC, please visit our website.



Communities across the Rural City of Wangaratta are preparing for a day of reflection, respect, and celebration on 26 January 2024.

Official proceedings including the announcement of the Australia Day awards will be held at King George V Garden, from 9am -12pm. Celebrations will include live music from Sing Australia and the Wangaratta Concert Band. Following the formalities, a free breakfast BBO will be prepared by Wangaratta Lions Club with food donated by Woolworths Wangaratta.

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