Summer in the Parks

DECEMBER 2010 - FEBRUARY 2011
Welcome

Hat? CHECK. Sunscreen? CHECK. Thongs? CHECK. Summer is here and so is the Rural City of Wangaratta’s line-up of summer events! As the weather warms up, the fun begins.

This season, you are invited to discover, experience and enjoy a range of exciting events throughout the municipality. There are plenty of unique free or low cost events that are a great way to keep you amused throughout the summer. If your interests are music, arts, culture, food and wine, or you just like to have fun, we have you covered. There is sure to be an event that allows you to celebrate summer in style.

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Sunday 12 December
Wangaratta Lions Club Carols by Candlelight
6.30pm Pre Carols Entertainment
7.30pm-9.30pm Carols followed by fireworks

A true family event, the Wangaratta Lions Club Carols by Candlelight promises an array of vibrant talent for all ages. The magic of Christmas will be celebrated in song with more than 20 acts by acclaimed entertainers and local performers including Rod Vincent, The Wangaratta Ukulele Showband, the Sing Australia Choir and a special performance by the students of Yarrunga Primary School - all directed by Wayne Robinson of Northern Rivers Academy of Music.

Santa will be paying a visit to say hello to the children and help draw the Community Raffle - some lucky winners will enjoy an extra special Christmas, walking away with a new car and/or travel vouchers. The grand finale will be a fireworks display for everyone to enjoy. Pack your own picnic or simply enjoy the wide variety of food and drinks including ice-cream, coffee and a BBQ, all available for purchase.

*If the weather is inclement, the Carols will be held in St Patrick’s Hall.*

Saturday 18 December
2010 Christmas Program
10.00am – 3.00pm
Wangaratta Central Business District

A range of festive activities will be presented in the CBD on the last Saturday before Christmas. Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit, as well as complete any last minute Christmas shopping.

The festive atmosphere will give local community groups the opportunity to showcase their talents. You will be able to buy their crafts and Christmas wares, as well as enjoy their performances. A Christmas Craft Centre and Gingerbread Making Stall will be setup for children to create their own decorations and treats. Santa will also be in town to collect any last minute wishes of the young and not so young before he heads back to the North Pole to fill the sleigh. Santa will be joined by a cast of merry sidekicks who will entertain you with street theatre, music and dancing. To help you further enjoy your day of shopping, there will be a community BBQ and a gift wrapping stall.
Moonlight Movies

Catch a movie in the great outdoors! Each year the Rural City of Wangaratta chooses different venues throughout the municipality for the community to view a range of the latest movies under the stars with your family and friends. Bring your own chair, blanket or beanbag and settle in for a great show on the big screen.

Friday 31 December
see over page for New Year’s Eve events

Friday 7 January
Greta Recreation Reserve
Kid’s Activities from 7.00pm / Film to begin at dusk

Up (PG)

Childhood sweethearts Carl and Ellie never quite manage to make their dream of a house at Paradise Falls in South America come true. After Ellie’s death, Carl, now 78 and retired from his balloon selling job, is being bullied by developers to sell the home they built. Adamant not to sell but forced to leave, he ties thousands of balloons to the roof, lifting the house into the air, and sets off for South America to fulfil that old promise. Carl’s plan is challenged with the discovery of an accidental stowaway, young adventure seeker Russell, but even bigger surprises are in store for the duo, from extreme weather and treacherous terrain - to the strange and dangerous inhabitants of a lost world.
Friday 14 January  
Everton Upper Community Centre  
Kid’s Activities from 7.00pm / Film to begin at dusk

**Coraline (PG)**  
After her family moves from Michigan to Oregon, 11 year old Coraline Jones is befriended by a local boy close to her age, Wybie Lovat. After visiting her older neighbours, eccentric British actresses Miss Spink and Miss Forcible as well as the even more eccentric Russian Mr. Bobinsky, Coraline seriously doubts that her new home can provide anything truly intriguing to her. Until she walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. On the surface, this parallel reality is eerily similar to her real life - only much better. But this incredibly off-kilter, fantastical adventure turns dangerous, when her counterfeit other mother tries to keep her forever.

Friday 4 February  
Yarrunga Pool  
DIVE IN MOVIE

Live music from 7.00pm / Film to begin at dusk  
Bring a floating tube and kick back in the pool for the film, or watch from the water’s edge.

**Where the Wild Things are (PG)**  
Max is a disobedient little boy who is sent to bed without his supper, after throwing a temper tantrum in front of his mother’s new boyfriend. He runs away to his secret world - a forest inhabited by ferocious wild creatures who crown Max as their king. Max and the wild things have a great wild rumpus, but when things start getting out of hand, Max questions if he should stay or go back home.
New Year’s Eve

Friday 31 December
Apex Park, Wangaratta
Entertainment from 7.00pm
Fireworks 9.15pm and Midnight
Film to begin at dusk
Wangaratta’s biggest and best New Year’s Eve party returns this year with a bang!
There will be an array of interactive entertainment before the sun goes down to keep the kids amused and the first fireworks commence at child-friendly 9.15pm.
For night owls, stick around as the big screen goes up, and check out the Moonlight Movie that will take you through to the midnight fireworks show, welcoming in 2011.

Bran Nue Dae (PG)
In the summer of 1967, young Willie is filled with the life in Broome - fishing, hanging out with his mates and hoping to get a date with the lovely Rosie. However his mother returns him to the religious mission in Perth for further schooling on the path to be a priest. After being punished for an act of youthful rebellion by Father Benedictus, he runs away from the mission and heads back to Broome, meeting a hippy couple and Uncle Tadpole along the way. Their trip takes them through adventures with Roadhouse Betty and Roxanne, before their final pit stop at the local watering hole, where Rosie is singing up a storm. When Father Benedictus finally catches up with the runaway, all kinds of family secrets tumble out on the splendid nearby beach.


Outdoor Ball

Saturday 22 January
King George Gardens
7.30pm – 11.00pm

It doesn’t get much better than enjoying a summer evening outdoors with good friends – unless you add live music by Vatos Locos, blending both original and modern Latin rhythms for a contemporary sound and top that off with a range of local beers, wines and gourmet food, all available for purchase on the evening. Sound interesting?

King George Gardens will come alive with music and culture for the 2011 Outdoor Ball. Vatos Locos will get your feet tapping and your hips shaking as you enjoy the great outdoors under the huge Plane Trees in the gardens.

Tables of 10 are available for $50 – this allows you to reserve a prime spot in the park or simply bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy a FREE night’s entertainment.
On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what’s great about Australia and being Australian. It’s the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It’s the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future. Australia Day is driven by communities throughout the Rural City of Wangaratta, and these celebrations are the foundation of Australia Day’s ongoing success.

**Wangaratta**
Wednesday 26 January
King George Gardens

**Australia Day BUGS Ride**
7.00am – Registration
7.30am – Ride commences
The Australia Bike Ride is a local tradition conducted by the Wangaratta Bicycle Users Group. The all ages ride is a great chance to start the morning off with a cycle around the City before the official proceedings commence.

**Official Ceremony**
8.00am – 10.30am
Stay cool in King George Gardens this year, as we celebrate Australia Day. The official event will include a flag raising, awards, citizenship ceremony, followed by a FREE BBQ morning tea. The 2010 Ambassadors address will be delivered by Christine Nixon APM. The Wangaratta Australia Day Ceremony is an alcohol free event.

**Boorhaman Recreation Reserve**
Wednesday 26 January, 8.30am
Free community breakfast and flag raising.
Contact: Mick McKenzie 5726 9213

**Carboor Soldiers Memorial Hall**
Wednesday 26 January, 6.00pm
Free community BBQ, flag lowering
Contact: Michael Hedderman 0418 953 654

**Cheshunt Hall**
Wednesday 26 January, 6.30pm
Free community BBQ
Contact: Julie White 5729 8383
Eldorado Memorial Hall  
Wednesday 26 January, from 6:00pm  
Dinner, flag lowering, entertainment, gold nugget hunt for children  
Contact: Cheryl Bell 5725 1728

Glenrowan Lions Park  
Wednesday 26 January, 10.00am  
Flag raising and live music by the Wangaratta Ukulele Showband  
Contact: Paddy Milne 0407 311 899

Milawa - John McAleese Community Park  
Wednesday 26 January, 6.30pm  
Free community BBQ, children’s games, music, donut eating competition, Australia Day Address, Achievement Awards, Milawa Oxley citizen of the year  
Contact: Col Reid 5727 3251

Moyhu - Lions Park  
Wednesday 26 January, 8.00am  
Traditional ‘Aussie’ breakfast in the park, flag raising and a presentation of young citizen award and local awards.  
Contact: Jill Graham 5727 9548

Murmungee - Old Murmungee Hall  
Wednesday 26 January, 7.30am  
Free community breakfast, flag raising/National Anthem followed by speeches and children’s games.  
Contact: Denise Rae 5728 1720

Springhurst Community Hall  
Friday 21 January, 5.00pm - 10.30pm  
Drinks, dinner, certificate presentations, flag raising and cricket.  
Contact: Kevin Attridge 0427 265 250

Tarrawinge Hall  
Wednesday 26 January, 7.30am  
Free community breakfast, flag raising and presentation of local awards.  
Contact: Alex McMillan 5725 1525

Whorouly Recreation Reserve  
Wednesday 26 January, 9.00am  
Flag raising, novelty events - face painting, gum boot throwing  
Contact: Pat Webb 5727 1281
Gallery Events

Mix It - Monday 17 January
Session 1: 10am – 12noon, 8 – 12 year olds
Session 2: 1pm - 3pm, 13 – 17 year olds
Mixed media workshop with Vera Rubega
Explore a range of mediums and techniques including drawing, painting and collage to create your own contemporary artwork.
Cost: $5.50, bookings essential

Plastic Fantastic - Tuesday 18 January
Session 1: 10am – 12noon, 6 – 12 year olds
Session 2: 1pm - 3pm, 13 – 17 year olds
Sculpture workshop with Jo Voigt
Plastic - it’s lightweight, strong, comes in many different colours and best of all...comes wrapped around food, a by-product of our ‘hungry’ consumerism. Let’s turn it all into something new!
Cost: $5.50, bookings essential

Mini ArtCloths - Wednesday 19 January
Session 1: 10am – 12noon, 6 – 12 year olds
Session 2: 1pm - 3pm, 13 – 17 year olds
Textile workshop with Sally Huguenin
Draw inspiration from the current ArtCloth exhibition to create beautiful textile art.
Cost: $5.50, bookings essential

Bookings & Information: Exhibitions Officer 03 5722 0761

Library Events

For the kids
Twilight Tales
Wednesday 5 January – 6.30pm

Pre-school Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10.00am and 11.00am
Every Friday at 10.00am and 11.00am

For the adults
Book chat
Monday 10 January – 1.30pm

Information: Wangaratta Library 5721 2366

Attention kids aged 5-12
Do you want a bit of extra fun for free this summer? Come into the library and grab a Summer Pass. A Summer Pass will give you cool things like discounts at some of your favourite places, entry into the Summer Reading Club and extra books to borrow. It’s FREE!
Saturday 15 January
Wangaratta Skate Park, HP Barr Reserve
BMX and Scooter comps throughout the day
Rego at 3.30pm
Comps 4pm-8.30pm
$10 to enter comp and FREE to jam!

Thursday 20 January
Olympic Pool, Swan St, Wangaratta
Come swim and listen to some music
Live local bands! 4pm - 9pm
$5 entry tickets at the gate only
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