



## 2024 Summer Edition Wagga Wagga

### What's Happening?

#### Wagga Wagga Mardi Gras Festival

This is an annual event that aims to raise the visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex communities in the Riverina.

It is family friendly and takes place down Wagga's main strip, Baylis Street on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 between 5pm and 10pm

#### Bidgee Strawberries and Cream Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt

4 Billagha St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 4pm  
\$10-\$15 per person  
A day filled with Pony rides, Face Painting, Live Music and the Easter Egg Hunt through the Strawberry Patch!

#### Acknowledgement of Country.

Argyle Housing acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

### HARD WASTE DISPOSAL

The Hard Waste collection helps residents that cannot travel to the waste management centre dispose of larger household items that cannot be disposed of through regular kerbside collection service.

Clients can access one free hard waste collection per calendar year to dispose of up to two cubic metres of hard waste.

Examples of unacceptable items are such as the following:

Air conditioners, chemical waste, mattresses, whitegoods, Electrical goods and barbeques.

**Book a hard waste collection online on the JJ Richards website, or by calling (02) 5942 6150**

Argyle would like to remind tenants that you are risking your tenancy and will be breached if found to be responsible for the dumping of Rubbish in the communal areas of complexes.

Please utilise the Hard Waste disposal as well as your general kerbside garbage collection.

## Active and Creative Kids Vouchers



From February 2024, eligible parent, guardians and carers of school-aged children can apply for a new voucher. Voucher is valued at \$50 and :

- Will be available twice a year, starting from February 2024
- Can be used for eligible active or creative activities with registered providers

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-to-be-an-active-and-creative-kids-voucher-provider>

## Carevan Night Meals – No Cost

Carevan will be at:

- Tolland Hub at 6.00pm
- St Albans Church Hall, Lake Albert Rd, Koorinal – 6pm, March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ngurra Hub, Blakemore St, Ashmont – 6pm, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## Tips for Fire Safety

Report faulty smoke alarms

Plan your escape from fire

Keep roof gutters clear of leaves

Keep an eye on smokers

Cook carefully

Do not use faulty appliances

Report any electrical issues or faults

Portable air conditioner safety

Matches & lighters are tools not toys

**STOP, DROP & ROLL**

**AH Maintenance**

**1300 274 953**

## Services and Support

### Tolland Community Centre:

41 Bruce St, Tolland NSW 2650:

Come down on Thursdays between 10-3.30pm to the Tolland Community Centre.

Our Client Support Specialist Georgia is there every Thursday as well as DCJ and Birribee to help with questions regarding the Tolland relocation, the process and applications.

Georgia can assist with transfers, housing applications, neighbourhood worries and help source relief such as food and where and how they can shower and washing clothing and bed linen.

There is lunch cooked for everyone and there is a safe space for community members to talk to Georgia if you are having trouble and don't feel as though you can speak to anyone and offer suggestions and make referrals for you. Contact: 0436 804 340

### Ngurra Hub Ashmont

**15 Blakemore Ave, Ashmont NSW 2650**

**Contact: 0458 031 277**

**Mon – Thurs: 9am to 4pm Fri: 9-1pm**

The Ashmont Hub provides: Parenting Support, Domestic and Family Violence Support, Drug and Alcohol Counselling, Mental Health Support and food security and many more support services.

**Reminder:** Smoke Alarms are required by law to be tested every year. We have arranged for the Smoke Alarms Australia to conduct these tests. Letters have been sent, so please provide access. If you are required to change the appointment. Please contact Smoke Alarms Australia on **1300 125 276**