

UPCOMING EVENTS

City of Wagga Wagga



Kapooka and RAAF Open Days, new art glass exhibition and a scale modelling exhibition – it's all taking shape in Wagga Wagga!

A selection of key events: October – December 2009

Wagga Wagga has a wide variety of exciting events held throughout the year that attract and entertain thousands of local residents and tourists alike.

From the spectacular Kapooka and RAAF Open Days, to a cutting-edge new art glass exhibition, Christmas charity fair for kids and a fantastic scale modelling exhibition, here's a snapshot of what's coming up in October to December of 2009.

For a full event list of events, go to www.visitwaggawagga.com.

New art glass exhibition breaks the mould

The National Art Glass Gallery will feature an exciting new exhibition by Gerry King, one of Australia's most recognised glass artists, from **October 2009 to 10 January 2010**. The exhibition, *Into the Fourth Decade – a retrospective*, brings together works from *Cornerstones of the Journey* and *Hot off the Press* in a cutting-edge experience not to be missed. King, who has been at the forefront of Australian contemporary art glass since its origin in the 1970s, has long been acknowledged as an exceptional craftsman. Entry to the exhibition is free. For details, phone Michael Scarrone (02) 6926-9660.

Still on art ... artist Arthur Wicks' *Inside/Outside: Forwards/Backwards* exhibition

The Wagga Wagga Art Gallery will feature an exhibition of major works by Arthur Wicks – *Inside/Outside: Forwards/Backwards* – from **11 December 2009 – 10 January 2010**. The exhibition will showcase large-scale sculptural works, work on paper, photographs and video works depicting a history of significant performances. Since his first solo exhibition at Canberra's Nundah Galleries in 1966, Wicks' has held over 40 solo exhibitions and performances, and his work has been included in over 60 group shows of prints, sculpture, video and performance in Australia, USA, Germany, Holland, Poland, France and New Zealand. For details, phone (02) 6926-9660.

Kapooka Open Day

The Kapooka Army Base, home to the Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC), will open its doors to the public on **Saturday 10 October 2009**. The jam-packed program includes a range of demonstrations, from armoured vehicles, artillery and logistics, to working dogs displays, Federation Guard, a gun race and precision parachute display. One of the highlights will be the spectacular musical performance from the combined Kapooka

and Royal Military College Duntroon bands, culminating with the playing of the *1812 Overture* and fireworks finale. Food and drink will be available, bring your own seating. Cost: adults \$5, children \$2 – all proceeds going to local charities. Gates open from 3.30pm with live show beginning at 5pm. For details, phone: (02) 6933-8200.

RAAF Base Wagga Open Day takes you behind the hangar doors

Ever wondered what our Air Force do in a day's work? You're invited behind the hangar doors at the RAAF Base Wagga Open Day on **Sunday 18 October 2009**. The family-friendly program is designed to give locals and visitors the opportunity to explore the facilities, see flying displays from military and civilian aircraft, and be treated to a ceremonial parade! You can even watch the recruits in action as they tackle the obstacle course and battlefield physical training. Gates open at 9am – flying displays from 1.30-3pm. For details, visit: www.airforce.gov.au/WaggaOpenDay.

Children's Medical Research Institute Christmas Fair

Want to combine your Christmas shopping with contributing to a good cause? The Children's Medical Research Institute Christmas Fair (CMRI) will feature over 90 stalls including beautiful handicrafts, speciality plants, clothing, jewellery and culinary delights! The two-day event will be held at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club on **Friday 6 November 2009** and **Saturday 7 November 2009**. CMRI, an independent organisation committed to unlocking the mysteries of disease such as birth defects, cancer and epilepsy, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Contact Di Hutchings on (02) 6926-3725.

25th Annual Model Show and Exhibition

Cars, trucks, planes, sci-fi, farm machinery, military, motorcycles and figurines – the 25th Annual Model Show and Exhibition will showcase all styles and types of modelling at the Wagga Wagga Police Citizens Youth Club, Gurwood Street, on **17-18 October 2009** (Saturday: 12pm – 4pm, Sunday: 9am – 4pm). The variety of exhibits offers something for everyone, including children. Cost: adults \$5, children / seniors \$3, family of 4 \$10. For details, visit www.wdsmc.org.

10th Annual Model Railway and Hobby Exhibition

Whatever your modelling preference – scale modelling, that is – the 10th Annual Model Railway and Hobby Exhibition is your one-stop shop for modelling hobbies, including model railroading, war ships, and model planes. The friendly exhibitors will be on hand to chat about modelling, and give you a leg-up with your latest project. Food and drink will be available. There'll even be a bridge-building how-to demonstration! All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council. The two-day event will be held at Kyeamba Smith Hall on **Saturday 7 November 2009** and **Sunday 8 November 2009**. For details, phone Steven Ravenscroft on (02) 6922-9501 or email: sravens@dragnet.com.au.

For information on all Wagga Wagga events, contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1300-100-122 or visit: www.visitwaggawagga.com.

Interviews/photographs

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