



MUSIC AT MIDDAY

Wednesday 23 November 12:00 – 1:00 PM

The Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre proudly presents the 2011 Season of Music at Midday featuring Australian Army Band Kapooka. Conducted by Major Peter Thomas.

Tickets available the day before each concert.

Prior notification of group bookings will be accepted.

All unoccupied seats at 10 minutes prior to concert start time (midday) will be reallocated.

This is a free event.

Venue: Civic Theatre Burns Way & Tarcutta Street

Phone: 6926 9688

Website: www.civictheatre.com.au



COMMITTEE TRAINING - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

It is that time once again - Defence Community Groups interested in committee training.

Committee Training will outline the roles of each member, provide information on what types of responsibilities exist and how to problem solve around the difficult situations.

Please contact the DCO office on 6931 0011 to put your name down.

From DCO - PARTNER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEEP)

Tier 2 will be opening up soon.

The Partner Education and Employment Program (PEEP) is a Defence funded program developed to provide a comprehensive range of education and employment initiatives to assist partners of ADF members to become job ready in order to access the workforce when posted. The program is divided into two Tiers.

Tier 1 provides an Education and Employment allowance of \$12,000 allocated for a period of ten years to assist partners to self manage all of the initiatives available under PEEP Tier 1. The funding is capped at \$6,000 per posting locality for the approved initiatives.

Tier 2 provides an in-financial year 'one off' payment of up to \$3000 for course costs only. Courses covered include vocational courses up to and including first time undergraduate courses. Tier 2 is restricted to partners of the more junior offices and enlisted ranks.

Policy and eligibility criteria can be found on the [PEEP](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco) page of the www.defence.gov.au/dco

Child Development Officer - Wagga Wagga Regional Family Day Care

In response to the claim that there are no child care vacancies within the Wagga Wagga Regional Family Day Care the following information has been issued regarding the number of vacancies existing with child 'Educators'. Please contact Katie Burkinshaw for more information.

Childcare Vacancies –

“We have Australian Defence Force Employer Sponsored Child Care places. I’m correctly acting in the position of Family Liaison Officer for Wagga Wagga Regional Family Day Care. Currently we have four Educators and one perspective Educator within the suburb of Forest Hill. The majority of these Educators, along with a select few within other Wagga Wagga suburbs, have existing child care vacancies”.

Kind Regards **Katie Burkinshaw**

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Chaplain's Corner

This week I was reminded of an old peanuts cartoon in which Lucy asks Charlie Brown: “Why do you think we were put on earth?”

Charlie answers: “To make people happy!”

Lucy replies: “I don’t think I’m making anyone happy... nobody’s making me happy either... somebody’s not doing their job!”

Over the last few days I have talked to a number of people who were just not happy. They complained about the cold, the weather, the job, their family situation or their work problems and I suspect, wanted me to somehow “make them happy!” The fact is there are many who, though they may not say it, think that happiness is a right, something they deserve and when they don’t “get it” feel cheated or at least short-changed! These people seem to be so preoccupied with what they don’t have and what they don’t like that they don’t even begin to enjoy what they do have.

If that is you what are you going to do about it? The fact is, it is rarely about “things” it is more likely to be about “attitudes”. If you want to feel happier, you need to take your focus off yourself and think about how you can help someone else feel “better”. Look for some practical way to brighten the day of somebody close to you. Give a word of encouragement to your boss. Purchase a small gift for your partner. Take your child to the park. Smile at your co-worker. Do the unexpected, lighten up, relax and before you know it you will feel happier!

Somewhere in all that we need to pause and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for: A job, food, clothing, house, stable government and a whole host of other things. When was the last time you stopped to thank God for all that?

Chaplain Ian Whitley
RAAF Base Wagga

RAAF Wagga

CHRISTMASTREAT

*Children will receive a Santa gift, show bag
sausage sizzle & a drink*

Lots of fun things to do like..

Ride the Cha Cha or a Pony

*Face Painting, Jumping Castle and
heaps more...*

Where ~ Community Centre

When ~ Friday 25th November

Time ~ 4 to 7pm

Cost ~ \$10 per child or

\$25 for family 3 or more..

(please include age and gender of each child)
to order tickets click here...



Please contact jessica.carr@defence.gov.au if you would like to attend.

NEW TO WAGGA?

Hi welcome to Wagga, please look at the following links to find out what is on in Wagga.

Map of Wagga - www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/www/default.asp?guiValue

Information on Wagga www.vistiwaggawagga.com

Wagga Council information www.waga.nsw.gov.au

Bus information www.fearnest.com.au or www.fearnest.com.au/timetables.html

Employment agencies can be located at the following sites: www.rcc.nsw.edu.au;

www.gwspersonnel.com.au; www.sureway.com.au; www.workforceontap.com.au;

www.gtes.com.au; www.kurrajongwaratah.org.au;

Childcare - www.mychild.gov.au and for schools www.myschool.edu.au and

www.myschool.com.au. Post code for Wagga is 2650.

Local paper - www.dailyadvertiser.com.au.

WHAT'S ON IN WAGGA WAGGA

Children's Medical Research Institute Christmas Fair

Friday 4 to– Saturday 5 November

The Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) is an independent organisation committed to unlocking the mysteries of disease. CMRI scientists investigate conditions such as birth defects, cancer, and epilepsy. They conduct fundamental genetic research to understand the genes important for health and development, and the underlying causes of disease.

The philosophy of CMRI is that major advances in prevention and treatment come from research into the fundamental processes of life. The work of CMRI is made possible by the community of supporters and Jeans for Genes®.

Support CMRI: CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS FAIR. Please support this fund raising venture as it features over 90 stalls with a beautiful selection of fine handicrafts, specialty plants, clothing, jewellery, Christmas gifts, culinary delights and other gift opportunities.

Open Fri 10am to 6pm Sat 9.30am to 4pm Murrumbidgee Turf Club, Travers St
Admission: \$5.00 Adults, 14 years and under free Children

Literary Luncheon - Belinda Alexandra

Saturday 12 November

Much loved author, Belinda Alexandra, whose books have sold more than 350,000 copies in Australia alone and have been published to wide acclaim in New Zealand and across Europe, will be Northcott's special guest. Tickets for the two course meal with beverage on arrival can be purchased at Collins Booksellers, Wagga. All proceeds from the event go towards the support of people with disabilities in the Riverina.

11:30am for 12 midday start Magpies Nest

Tickets \$45 include 2 course lunch and beverage on arrival

Bookings at Collins Booksellers Wagga Ph: 6921 8933

Lunch proceeds to Northcott Riverina



South Wagga Public School Fete

Wednesday 16 November 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Kids games, rides, amusements, jumping castle, cake stall, Christmas ham wheel, raffles, fairy floss and international food.

South Wagga Public School

Cnr Edmondson St and Edward St

Phone: 6921 2947

Santas Arrival at the Wagga Wagga Marketplace

Thursday 17 November

It's Christmas at the Wagga Wagga Marketplace, with Santa arriving on Thursday 17 November. Join us this afternoon for a great family event and loads of festive fun. Santa will be arriving in his sleigh with real reindeers. Entertainment starts 3pm with lots of different activities to entertain all ages. Jumping Roos, mascots, face painting, singing, dancing, activity zone. All starting approx 3pm till 9pm.

Event Website: www.waggamarketplace.com



Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Fete

Saturday 19 November

Large variety of stalls including cakes, books, crafts, chocolate wheel, huge range of bric-a-brac, children's activities including rides and face painting, BBQ and entertainment 9.30am to 2.30pm, Civic Centre Precinct, Off Tarcutta St

General Enquiries Carole Parkinson Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Auxiliary

Phone: 6925 5283 cawole@bigpond.com.au

Markets by the Lake

Saturday 26 November

A great family day out at Apex Park on the shores of Lake Albert!

Art and craft, fresh food, handmade gifts, local produce, bric-a-brac, sausage sizzle, jumping castle, coffee and much more. Stall holders only \$20 per site. 10am to 3pm, at Apex Park Lake Albert

Stall Holder bookings: Norrice Maher Ph: 6926 1859

TriWagga Triathlon Festival

Saturday 26 November to– Sunday 27 November

With an exciting new schedule the Ultimate Triathlon will start mid morning and culminate with a massive twilight finish line party on the shoreline of Lake Albert. The

TriWagga festival has an action packed program with Sprint, Enticer & MINIMAN triathlons, Loop De Lake Fun Runs, the 1000m Ramp to Ramp Open Water Swim Classic & 500m Shoreline Sprint Swim.

Event Website: www.eliteenergy.com.au/wagga

General Enquiries Elite Energy Phone: (02) 4422 9000, office@eliteenergy.com.au



Be Inspired Sunday 27 November

Be Inspired Wagga Wagga Showground Markets have a vast range of local products and businesses on display.

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Wagga Wagga Showgrounds, Cnr Bourke Street & Urana Street

Email: beinspiredwagga@live.com.au

Phone: 0408 266 330

Or find us on Facebook - Be Inspired Wagga

Venue: Wagga Wagga Showgrounds, Bourke Street



SUBMISSION FROM DEFENCE COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR THE DCO BULLETIN

If Defence community groups have information for the bulletin it will need to be at the DCO office by the 15 of the month. Either on a disc, CD, or emailed to dco.wagga@defence.gov.au.

Do you have any feedback/suggestions you would like to give on our Bulletin, please contact DCO through our email address

RED BACK SPIDER BISCUITS RECIPE



Special Info:

Egg free, Nut free

Ingredients:

- 12 Marie biscuits
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons water
- 55g packet Cadbury rolls
- 12 red M&Ms or smarties
- 12 brown M&Ms or smarties
- 2 straps liquorice

Method:

Sift icing sugar into a bowl; add enough water to make a spreadable paste. Cut 24 x 4cm lengths from the liquorice strap and cut each into four strips. Spread about a teaspoon of icing onto each biscuit. Place a chocolate roll on one side of the biscuit and use a little bit of icing to stick a red lolly on the chocolate roll. Stick a brown lolly in front of the red back. Stick four liquorice legs on each side of the spider body. Allow the icing to set before serving.

The biscuits will keep in an air-tight container for a few days if you want to make them in advance.

Notes:

- Recipe created by Melissa Hughes for [Kidspot](#).

DCO Contact Details

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Email: dco.wagga@defence.gov.au

Web: www.defence.gov.au/dco

After Hours Emergency Contact: National Welfare Coordination Centre (NWCC) 1800 801 026

DEFENCE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

BLAMEY COMMUNITY GROUP

Is a social group for Defence partners and provides a range of social events and activities. Currently, weekly morning teas are held at the Kapooka Community Centre and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mothers Group 1st & 3rd Friday 9.30am – 12 noon Come along and meet some other Mums and children. Please bring some morning tea to share.

KAPOOKA PLAYGROUP

Kapooka Playgroup meets at the Kapooka Community Centre on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am until 12 noon. The Playgroup committee would like to invite all Defence families with children under school age, to come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and child friendly play areas. For more information call DCO on 6931 0011.

FOREST HILL DEFENCE COMMUNITY GROUP

The FHDCG was established to support Defence Members and their families. It provides an opportunity for individuals to meet new people and have fun. The group provides a range of recreational and social activities. This group meets at the RAAF Army Navy Community House (RANCH) behind the gym on RAAF Base Wagga. Call DCO on (02) 6931 0011 for contact details.

RAAF WAGGA PLAYGROUP

Riverina Zone Playgroup provides play activities in an informal setting. The group meets Tuesday & Thursday 10 am – 12 noon The playgroup has an inside and outside play area and is situated at the RAAF Army Navy Community House (RANCH) (behind the gym). All Welcome.

Contacts : For information on the playgroup

please contact the DCO Wagga Office on 02 6931 0011

BUDDIES IN THE SUBURBS (FRIENDSHIP SUPPORT GROUP)

We have some wonderful volunteers in a suburb close to you. They can help with local information for example where the local shops are or Doctors. DCO would like to encourage **all Defence Families** to contact the Buddy in your suburb; it's a great way to make new friends and establish a support network in Wagga Wagga.

Our Buddies can be contacted in the following suburbs:

Bourkelands

Stacey

Central Wagga

Esther

Forest Hill

Maria

Glenfield Park / Lloyd

Hannah

Kapooka

Danna

Koorlingal / Lake Albert

Vacant

Tatton

Paula

Special Needs Buddy

Kim

For more information about Buddies in the Suburbs please call the DCO on 6931 0011.

