**Felltimber funds boost**

The Felltimber Community Centre and Felltimber Children’s Centre will be joined together, with community space provided in the process. The project, which is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Wodonga Council, will extend the existing community centre and redevelop the vacant space between it and the adjacent preschool and occasional care facilities. Wodonga Cr John Watson said the Felltimber precinct was an important area where community members could gather.

“In community engagement activities we organised earlier this year, it was evident from that feedback that people saw Felltimber as a central hub for this area of Wodonga,” Cr Watson said.

“We are thrilled that we have been able to act on that feedback and create a centre which will meet the needs of our growing Wodonga population,” Cr Watson said the community centre would be expanded to create four new meeting rooms and a joint reception space for local community groups to take part in a range of activities.

“It would be expected that arts workshops, as well as dance and fitness classes, will help attract increases in the number of people who visit the centre,” he said.

He said the children’s centre would be revamped and provide a better environment for those who used its facilities.

The work on the centre will start in September.

The Felltimber area is already highly popular with families, due to the lake and birdlife it attracts, as well as the close proximity to walking and cycle paths.

**Have say on recreation strategy**

PEOPLE with all levels of fitness are being encouraged to have their say into Wodonga Council’s revised recreation strategy.

With the chance to win a $300 sporting store voucher, Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt said the strategy – which replaces the 2007 Municipal Recreation Plan – will guide future planning, provision and management of various sport, recreation and physical activity programs, facilities and services for the city.

“The recreation strategy will consider a range of active recreation and sports such as walking, cycling, fishing, netball, and motocycling activities,” he said.

“Consideration of recreation is crucial in the health and well being of a growing regional city such as Wodonga.

“As part of the recreation strategy, the council is seeking to collect information from the community on the types of activities they are participating in and this information will help us understand what we like to participate in and where we like to participate.”

Cr Byatt said the project is separate to the Baranduda Fields concept work also being undertaken by the council and contact has been made with all sport and recreation organisations to understand some of their individual challenges and opportunities.

To take part in the survey, which takes about 10 minutes to complete, go to the council’s home page or to research.net/s/wodongarecsurvey.

If you wish to be entered into the competition, please leave your contact details when requested. The survey is open until Friday, August 16 at 5pm.

For further information, phone Mrs Williamson on (02) 6022 9300.

**Name soccer team**

**THINKING** caps on everyone.

Plans for a Victorian Premier League soccer side on the Border has a few hurdles left to clear but one of the most pressing is a name.

Now the crew behind the ambitious plan to be part of the state’s premier competition and effectively the second division to the A-League are calling for suggestions and even offering a prize.

They hope to have the likes of Josh Kennedy present the person who names the team with the very first shirt.

They have tentatively suggested Border Bushrangers, North East Warriors, Border United and Murray Goulburn FC.

Others have suggested River Rebels, Border Cobras and the Vikings.

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**Wodonga youth campaign for road safety**

A TEAM of Wodonga youths travelled to Melbourne in July to join 120 peers at this year’s Victorian YMCA Youth Parliament where they informed the state government on matters that affect them.

From July 1 to 4, the group joined other young Victorians in the Victorian Parliamentary Chambers to sit in a seat of power and raise issues and recommendations that may potentially influence key legislation.

The team’s mentor Wodonga Cr Eric Kerr, who was a team member of the Youth Parliament group in 2012, said that he was proud of the team and their achievements.

“Wodonga Council is proud to have funded the team this year. The group was able to make a real difference by formally debating bills and hand them to the Minister for Youth Affairs for consideration,” he said.

Wodonga team-member Jarryd Tormey, who was elected by his 120 peers as Premier of the Youth Parliament, said that the visit enabled the Wodonga team to present their Youth and Motor Vehicles Bill.

“It was an exciting opportunity to discuss an issue that is important to us. The team is all at the stage of getting on the road and we hope to make the roads a safer place for all Victorians,” he said.

Minister for Youth Affairs Ryan Smith said the Youth Parliament gives young people the opportunity to be in the driving seat and have their say.

“Youth Parliament is one of the key mechanisms for young Victorians to directly inform the Victorian Government on matters that affect them,” Mr Smith said.

In the past many bills that have been put forward by young Parliamentarians have gone on to influence changes to the law, including the mandatory wearing of bike helmets, nightclub safety reforms and the zero blood alcohol limit for those accompanying learner drivers.

**From left to right: Nataša Šojic, Wodonga Cr Eric Kerr, Shadow Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan, Youth Premier Jarryd Tormey, Ryan Tredrea, Claire Simpson, Timmothy Elliot, and Jasmina Radoicic**

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**Planting seed for lesson on bettering our environment**

**WATER** treatment, reducing waste, energy efficiency, biodiversity and indigenous tools will be among the topics of a major environmental education event coming up in Wodonga.

More than 190 year five students from the Wodonga area and beyond will attend the North East School Environment Day at The Cube Wodonga, on Thursday, August 8 from 10am to 2pm.

The event is being co-ordinated by the North East School Environment Education Directory (SEED) as the third of its annual program of four regional workshops for 2013 and is being run in conjunction with Wodonga Council.

SEED is a uniquely North East initiative, run in partnership by North East Catchment Management Authority and NevRwaste.

The School Environment Day will involve students from seven primary schools – Wodonga South, Wodonga West, Frayne College, Sacred Heart Corryong, Victory Lutheran College, Trinity College and St. Joseph’s Beechworth.

It will also involve workshops from Wodonga Council, the Australian Platypus Conservancy, Landcare, North East Water, the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Cleanaway, Wirriminha Education Centre, State Emergency Service, North East Catchment Management Authority and NevRwaste.

Secondary students from Frayne College will also be running a workshop.

Among other things, the attending students will learn:

- About being sustainable;
- How to reduce waste to help the environment;
- How traditional indigenous tools sustain life;
- How to survive natural disasters;
- About the environment needed by the platypus;
- How our stormwater system works and the impact of water pollution;
- The principles of reduce, reuse, recycle;
- The importance of biodiversity to the health of the planet;
- About working towards energy efficiency;
- How to test the quality of water;
- About native plants and the animals they support.

For information about the event, please contact Linda Anania, SEED project support officer, on (03) 5722 9232.
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Celebration time for The Cube

Baranduda Fields exciting project for an active future

WODONGA residents are being urged to attend a session during August to learn more about the Baranduda Fields project.

The council has purchased 100ha of land at Baranduda, which will service a large portion of the city’s future population sporting needs. Wodonga Cr Rodney Wangman said the council was confident about securing funding for the project in the next year or so, and it was important the pre-planning was done so when that occurred the project could meet community needs.

“The drop-in forum on Tuesday, August 13 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm is an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about a sporting precinct for the city,” he said.

“As Leneva and Baranduda grow, we can expect a population of around 30,000 people to live south of the existing Wodonga city centre.

“Given this growth, it is understandable that almost all existing sporting facilities which are now in Wodonga could be duplicated.

“There may be options for some existing sport/recreation facilities, which have either now, or will in the future, outgrow their sites, to relocate.

“Alternatively, there may be benefit in having multiple sites in Wodonga and at Baranduda Fields which are administered by existing organisations.”

Cr Wangman said the council had established a reference group, which was aiming to raise awareness of the Baranduda Fields concept.

“No funding exists at this point, what is obvious is that the space is large, can be multi-purpose and have great community benefit in possibly shared parking, meeting and change facilities, security, servicing, marketing, food delivery and other functions,” he said.

“We have written to potential user groups to discuss their thoughts, but the general community are also welcome and encouraged to take this opportunity to have their say.

The forum will be held at the Albury Wodonga Community College, located at 63 High St, Wodonga. For more information, please phone (02) 6022 9300.


First anniversary celebrations

Date: Sunday, August 25
Time: 11am to 2pm
Cost: Free
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Enquiries in person: 118 Hovell St, Wodonga
Phone: (02) 6022 9311

Join us for a free barbecue and see talented local artists perform.
• Flying Fruit Fly Circus;
• PROJECTion Dance;
• Murray Conservatorium;
• Launch of ABC Open Films; and
• Many more surprises.

There will be a free barbecue at The Cube Wodonga, as well as performances from the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, PROJECTion Dance, Murray Conservatorium and many more. There will also be a birthday cake to mark the occasion.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Financial Assistance to Community Groups

• Are you part of a community group, club or organisation?
• Do you want to work towards achieving the best possible lifestyle for your community?
• Do you have a project idea for a physical, community or learning activity?

Grants of up to $1500 are available from Wodonga Council. Applications are currently open for the Financial Assistance to Community Groups Fund and will close on Monday, October 1, 2013 at 5pm.

For guidelines and an application form, please phone the council’s fund co-ordinator on (02) 6022 9300.

Changes to parking restrictions

The parking restrictions in Hume St, between Lawrence St and Elgin Blvd, have been changed.

The parking in the central median strip is now all day parking and the outside lanes are two hours.

For more information please phone the council’s reception on (02) 6022 9300.

wodonga.vic.gov.au
WODONGA residents are advised of changes to entry fees at the Wodonga Waste Transfer Station in Kane Rd.

The following prices and conditions are in place:

- **Fee schedule**
  - **Load size** | **Greenwaste** | **Bricks/concrete** | **Landfill waste**
  - Bag, bin or 200-litre drum | $4 | $6.50 | $6.50
  - Car boot/station wagon | $9.50 | $6.50 | $14.50
  - Van/utility/single-axle trailer | $24.50 | $22.50 | $55
  - Tandem-axle trailer | $39 | $30 | $87
  - Oversized trailer - per cubic metre | $18.50 | $15.50 | $38.50
  - Car tyre | $3.50 each
  - Truck tyre | $11.50 each
  - Tractor tyre | $56.00 each
  - Loader tyre | $112 each
  - Mattresses - single | $20 each
  - Mattresses - double and larger | $25 each
  - Clean soil - per cubic metre | $6
  - Automotive gas cylinders | $40 each

- **Waste charge changes explained**
  - **Why has my waste charge changed?**
    - Every year your waste charge increases slightly in line with inflation.
  
    - This year there is an additional change due to the introduction of an organics bin to every Wodonga household from early 2014.

    - The two separate charges for waste on your rates notice reflect the retention of the current waste collection system for the first eight months of 2013–14, and the introduction of the new waste collection system for the final four months of 2013–14.

    - If you currently have three waste bins (red-lidded, yellow-lidded and green-lidded), your overall waste charge will be slightly lower.

    - If you currently have only two waste bins (red-lidded and yellow-lidded), your overall waste charge will be slightly higher as you will have an additional bin from early 2014.

    - Why will I be receiving an organics bin?
      - You will be receiving an organics bin, for your food scraps and garden matter, to reduce the quantity and content of waste going to landfill for the following reasons:
        - Approximately half the content of the average household rubbish bin is organic material.

    - Currently, this is sent to Albury landfill which will reach capacity rapidly without removing organic waste.

    - Landfill operators will be liable for carbon pollution charges associated with greenhouse gas emissions from organic matter in landfill.

    - Therefore, if council does not reduce the quantity and content of the waste going to landfill, prices will increase substantially. These costs will be passed on to ratepayers.

- **What will happen to the contents of the organics bins?**
  - The organics bins will be collected weekly and will be processed into compost.

- **Which other councils are introducing organics bins?**
  - Three other councils in this region – AlburyCity Council, Indigo Shire Council and Corowa Shire Council – are also introducing organics bins.

- **How can I find out more?**
  - You will be provided with detailed information about the new organics bin in the lead-up to its introduction.

    - In the meantime, you can find further information on the council’s website at wodonga.vic.gov.au or by phoning council’s customer focus team on (02) 6022 9300.

- **Disposal tips:**
  - Sort the waste contents in your trailer so it is easily identifiable. This will ensure that free products can be itemised from your general waste content, which will also save you time when asked to sort your load.

    - To avoid paying for the disposal of your mattress, strip off the material and place in your household bin and dispose of the inner spring wire for free as scrap metal product.

    - If you have a load of steel-based materials to dispose of consider bringing it in a single load to avoid paying:

    - Contact the re-use shop on (02) 6056 8618 and ask if any of your items may be able to be recycled/re-used to avoid paying a disposal fee.

    - Familiarise yourself with what items can be disposed of for free at the Waste Transfer Station at wodonga.vic.gov.au.

    - Have a garage sale before visiting the Waste Transfer Station to allow people to purchase your unwanted items. They get a good buy and you benefit from some pocket money and:

    - Many social media sites have an element of buy, swap and sell. Put your unwanted items on the internet and avoid paying for disposal fees.

- **Waste Transfer Station in Kane Rd. WODONGA**
  - Reducing waste is a way of avoiding fees.

- **TRIVIA & LIVE AUCTION NIGHT**

  - **WHEN:** Friday August 30th
  - **TIME:** 6:30pm
  - **WHERE:** The Cube Wodonga
  - **COST:** $30.00 per person, includes split roast dinner – tables of 10 available

- **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

  - **TICKETS AVAILABLE – Online:** www.thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets or at The Cube Wodonga box office (02) 6022 5311

- **Illegal works**

  - The Building Act 1993 (the act) and Building Regulations 2006 (the regulations) legislate that most building work is subject to the issuing of a building permit. This includes new construction, most alterations, all swimming pools and spas, demolitions and removals.

  - A building permit ensures that:
    - The builder is registered and insured;
    - Documentation is adequate and independently reviewed;
    - Key stages of the works are independently inspected; and
    - Once complete, the works are suitable for occupation/ use.

  - Undertaking building work without obtaining the necessary building permit is a serious offence and can result in severe penalties, including a building permit, please contact a member of the building services team on (02) 6022 9300.

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- **Artists to spread word**

  - **FAITH Colwell-Beaver believes everyone can be creative, and the medium she uses proves it.**

    - Faith is a local artist and a regular stall holder at the Rotary markets each Sunday and wants to teach people about the exciting world of work art.

    - She is very excited about a studio being built in her new home, where she can further expand her idea that is for everybody.

    - Faith will be conducting two workshops at the Baranduda Community Centre on August 18 and 25 from 3pm to 5pm.

    - Please contact the centre on (02) 6020 8643 for enquiries.
Waste charge changes explained

• Loads more than three cubic metres cannot be accepted and should Team on (02) 6022 9300.

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Rates notices issued this month

ANNUAL rates and valuation notices for all properties will be issued in August, 2013.

Residential and rural properties with garbage and recycle collection services will be issued with two vouchers for use at the Waste Transfer Station in Kane Rd, Wodonga.

These will be a tear-off portion on the notice and should be kept in a safe place until needed.

To assist in monitoring the use of the vouchers, a barcode using the rates assessment number will be included on the vouchers.

Overdue rates for 2012-2013

AS the fourth instalment of the 2012-2013 rates and charges was payable by May 31, 2013 final notices have been issued for certain properties.

These notices have been issued by council’s commercial collection agency for them to proceed to obtain payment of these overdue rates and charges.

Some properties may have already had action commenced earlier in 2013 due to there being arrears from previous periods.

Direct debit payers PLEASE be aware you have agreed to make payments on the dates specified in the letter of acceptance of the direct debit facility and note that the banking details for each assessment will be rolled to the 2013-2014 rating period.

Notices for the 2013-2014 year will have the details of the four instalment amounts and dates, which are:

• September 30, 2013;
• December 2, 2013;
• February 28, 2014; and
• June 2, 2014.

Instalment reminder notices will be issued a courtesy reminder for the instalments and pending payment.

The direct debit nine instalment payers will follow the same process of rolling to 2013-2014 and will be advised of the nine monthly amounts that will be extracted from their nominated account on the twentieth day of the month of September, 2013 through to May, 2014.

Any ratepayers wishing to consider utilising the direct debit method of payment can obtain details from the council’s website at wodonga.vic.gov.au/rates-payments

Alternatively, phone the customer focus team on (02) 6022 9300 for more information.

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Be inspired!

October 2013

For more information, please visit wodonga.vic.gov.au/snr_celebrations

Please see the September issue of CityLife for the full program.

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DIESEL headlines great line-up

WITH a career spanning 25 years (35 singles, 13 albums, six ARIA awards) and record sales edging one million, DIESEL the journeyman of music is on his way to The Cube Wodonga with The Velvet Curtain Tour next month.

With blues music in his ‘DNA’, an influence largely from his father’s saxophone playing and record collection, DIESEL has blended all styles to come up with a truly unique sound, punctuated with his distinct guitar playing and vocals.

DIESEL has evolved into a solo artist of great diversity and is one of the hardest working artists in Australian music; continually on the road with his band. The Velvet Curtain Tour has been travelling since February with new shows added due to demand.

He has also released his first studio album since 2008 titled Let It Fly (12 tracks). Once he finishes up this tour, he will head straight back out in October and November for the Let It Fly Tour (capital cities only).

Alongside the hits and rarities people have grown to expect from an artist of longevity, DIESEL blends his influences by also playing tracks from Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding and Neil Young.

Combined with the unique ‘theatre’ environment in The Cube Wodonga, it makes for an all encompassing musical experience.

Squaring The Wheel brings world mysteries to life. These and other world mysteries are revealed in a quirky and heart-warming story of a search for finding one’s place.

Squaring The Wheel brings together circus skills, puppetry, magic, wacky mechanisms, unexpected music and audience participation in a set full of delightful impractical contraptions.

Squaring The Wheel is a theatrical stage extravaganza with a comical and physical language. It features Jens Altheimer, who relocated from Europe to Melbourne in 2009, is a performer, director and teacher in circus and physical comedy with various internationally reputed teachers as well as with IS Theatre LTD in Tasmania.

In 2008 she completed RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Diploma.

For bookings on all shows at The Cube Wodonga, please phone: (02) 6022 9311.

For more information, go to thecubewodonga.com.au tickets

Neighbourhood Barbecues

Nominate your street for a free barbecue.

Barbecues are held between 6pm and 8pm on selected weekdays and Wodonga Council is looking for neighbours to host a free barbecue during daylight savings months. Come along, meet your neighbours and have some fun.

For more information, visit wodonga.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-bbq or phone events co-ordinator Kellie Miller on (02) 6022 9356.

Cost: Adult $12; Student/concession/child $8.
Age: Families and schools.

Everything Must Go: Nancy Brown is having a garage sale. There will be treasure like you can’t imagine. Like you really can’t imagine. Eccentric and reclusive Nancy has lived in the same house, the same town all her life, but now the valley is changing — farms are being sold and city people are moving in. The wider world has encroached.

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For local residents, registration for a key can be requested at Wodonga Council’s customer focus desk at 104 Hovell St, Wodonga (8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

Following registration, families will be issued with their own key at no cost within 48 hours. Families will be issued with their own key at no cost. When keys are no longer required, they can be returned to the council’s customer focus desk.

For visitors to the city or for occasional use, keys will be available at the Wodonga Visitor Information Centre at 69 to 73 Hovell St, Wodonga and from the Albury Visitor Information Centre at the corner of Smollett and Young streets, Albury (9am to 5pm, seven days). Visitors can return the key after use to the visitor information centres or in the return key box located at the Liberty Swing.

Several local disability agencies have also been issued with keys including Belvoir Special School, Aspire Support Services, Scope Wodonga and the Murray Valley Centre.

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Joining up for tourism

WODONGA Council and AlburyCity have launched the inaugural Albury-Wodonga Official Visitors Guide.

The new visitors guide has been developed in partnership between Wodonga Council and AlburyCity with the support of 130 tourism partners located on both sides of the border.

Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt said that without the support of tourism partners, the fantastic initiative would not have been possible.

“This is the first time that our council’s have joined forces to produce the visitor’s guide to strengthen the tourism industry,” he said.

“This is an important industry to Albury-Wodonga, with tourism generating more than $534 million both directly and indirectly to the local economy.

“By delivering consistent information and promoting our twin cities in unison, the guide will improve the stay of visitors to our twin cities.

“Together, Wodonga Council and AlburyCity have a strategic objective to increase tourism visitation, as well as the length that visitors stay and the amount spent on the border.”

Copies of the guide have been delivered to households. If you have not received your copy, or would like additional copies, please phone Wodonga Council’s Visitor Information centre on 1300 796 222 or call into the visitors’ centre in Hovell St, Wodonga.

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Quest apartments to open this month

THE highly anticipated opening of Quest Serviced Apartments in Wodonga is on track to open towards the end of August with the website now live and taking bookings.

Quest Wodonga Franchisee Natasha Callewaert has relocated from Melbourne, where she worked as a Quest Franchisee for many years, to take on this opportunity and is excited about joining the thriving business community in Wodonga.

“I have already been warmly welcomed by the locals and am lucky to be supported in this venture by the Quest Albury franchisees, Noel and Madeleine Wood who are well respected in the area.

They have built up a successful Quest business in Albury during the past four years and have seen first-hand the increasing demand for quality business accommodation in the region,” Ms Callewaert said.

Quest Wodonga will be located in the centre of town at 46 Reid St. The property will feature 80 brand new studio, one, two and three bedroom serviced apartments. Other features include a gym, pool and well-equipped conference room.

Guests will have the added convenience of a restaurant on site called Huon Hill.

Quest Serviced Apartments, which was established in 1988 by Paul Constantinou, now has more than 150 properties in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

The Quest Wodonga website, questwodonga.com.au is now live and taking bookings.

The Cube Wodonga is proud to form a partnership with Quest Wodonga as their preferred accommodation provider for venue hirers and performers. Quest Wodonga is a convenient location for all Cubbe Wodonga visitors.

Information session to help local charities

THE Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) is holding an information session in August.

The session will provide an overview of why the ACNC was set up, how it affects charities and practical tips, case studies and guidance on how to make the most of new legislations affecting organisations.

The details for the session are:

9.30am to 12.30pm, August 22 at Mirambeena Community Centre, Moore St, Livingston NSW

Register: cnacularwodongaforum.eventbrite.com

PilchConnect will also be providing training on changes to the legislation governing incorporated associations.

This training will run from 12.30pm to 3.30pm after the ACNC session and all are welcome.

Knocking doors for unregistered animals

WODONGA Council has begun its annual doorknock for unregistered dogs and cats.

All dogs and cats over the age of three months must be registered with the council by April 10 each year.

Failure to do so can result in a $289 infringement for each dog or cat not registered.

Any person who has accidentally failed to register their animal can still do so online or at the council’s offices in Hovell St.
High intensity exercise programs will be a hit

SMALL group high intensity interval training programs are changing the shape of this fitness model and Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre is showing the way with its great program HIT. HIT is a specialised form of interval training that involves short intervals of maximum intensity exercise separated by longer intervals of low to moderate intensity exercise. Because it involves briefly using a lot of your muscles, it can burn more calories in a shorter time than traditional steady-state exercise.

Personal trainer Matt Frost says “The benefits from HIT training are huge – efficient 30 minute workouts. Burn more fat during a session but most importantly while your body is recovering and decrease your body fat whilst not sacrificing lean muscle tissue.” “We all spend far too much time sitting in our lives and the majority of gyms models are encouraging this with sit down machines that don’t provide any enjoyment. HIT is fun, engaging, motivating and most importantly achievable.”

For further information contact the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre on (02) 6058 2555.
The man in black set to ignite Cube

FANS of iconic music legend Johnny Cash have the opportunity to see his music brought to life with Australia’s own Daniel Thompson playing at The Cube Wodonga in September.

This two-hour show will feature the tracks that made Johnny Cash’s career unforgettable, including his 1963 hit “Ring Of Fire”. Joining the tour is multi-award winning singer/songwriter Tamara Stewart. Tamara took home the Golden Guitar for vocal collaboration at this year’s Golden Guitar Awards for her self-penned hit, “Women in Song”, celebrating the long legacy of women in Australian Country Music.

The Johnny Cash Show: Saturday September 14: The Cube, Wodonga, Tickets from thecubewodonga.com.au or (02) 6022 9311

NOMINATIONS are now being sought from outstanding seniors in Wodonga’s community for the October Eagle Award.

The award regularly honours those who make an outstanding contribution to the community, but with October being Seniors Month, the award in that month is particularly aimed at those in the seniors age group making a huge contribution.

Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt said the Eagle Awards – named after those who wear alone and above others – was a great chance for community members to honour those they knew who were making Wodonga a better city in which to live.

“The nomination process is very easy, but we are looking for someone contributing to our city presently, rather than in the past,” he said.

“We often find that it is seniors – particularly those who have retired – who give so many extra hours to our city through volunteer work or simply lending a hand to those who need it most.”

A nomination form appears in this Citylife and close on September 2.

How to read your rates notice

Arrears - Any payments outstanding from previous rates notices.

Rates - This is the general rates charge based on the property type. General rates = V aluation x Rate in the dollar.

Garbage charge - This is a service charge for the provision of a red-lidded and yellow-lidded bin.

Green waste - If you have elected to have a green-lidded bin service, this is a service charge for the first eight months of 2013-14.

Government rebate - A rebate for eligible pensioners and veterans.

Fire Services Property Levy - A State Government property based levy collected with council rates. For more information visit firelevy.vic.gov.au

Fire Services Property Levy Concession - A $50 concession for eligible pensioners and veterans.

Due date for first instalment or full payment.

Capital Improved Value (CIV) - the total market value of the land plus buildings and other improvements. This is the Valuation on which your rates are calculated.

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TOWN (Take Off Weight Naturally) Clubs of Victoria is a non profit organisation with over 140 clubs in Victoria and southern N.S.W. The club has a membership of more than 7000 members and is primarily run by volunteer people, all ensuring and striving to work together to promote healthy weight loss for women, men and young people.

TOWN clubs offer support, ideas and education, enabling members to achieve and maintain a realistic weight. TOWN clubs encourage weight loss by promotion of a nutritionally balanced diet, giving support, encouragement and practical advice on how to lose weight and keep it off. Weight loss is encouraged via a weigh in and an educational group therapy session.

TOWN is low cost and this makes it affordable for everyone to take part in.

Members are given the opportunity to achieve awards and incentives on their weight loss journey.

Wodonga Town Club recently celebrated their annual award night with members being recognised for their achievements.

The 16 members of Wodonga TOWN Club had a combined weight loss of over 100kg for the TOWN year 2012-2013.

Wodonga TOWN Club meets each Monday night from 6pm, at Felltimber Community Centre, Melrose Drive, Wodonga.

More information can be found at townclubs.com.au or by contacting Wodonga TOWN representatives Rosanne on 0447 029 244 or Chris on 0404 171 857.
Community groups are rewarded for efforts

WODONGA Council has recognised the hard work of community organisations by supporting them financially.

The Arts and Cultural Contribution Program (ACCP) and the Festival and Event Contribution Program (FECP) have two funding rounds each year.

One of the six cultural organisations that will benefit from part of the $28,000 being handed out under the ACCP’s first round in 2013 is Creators’ Artspace.

Located at Gateway Village, Creators’ Artspace has used part of its funds to run print workshops. The workshops commenced in April and take place on three Saturday mornings each month, and explore various techniques with artists Mary-Rose Riley, Lindy Fish, Chris Dormer, and Abi Thompson.

Creators’ Artspace co-ordinator Ali Rowe said they are now planning their next series of workshops. “Mary-Rose Riley will be exploring bookmaking techniques, Abi Thompson will share her vast experience in surface decoration skills on fabric, and Barbel Ulrich will be showing her unique print techniques in a mixed media collagraph group of sessions,” she said.

The sessions will run on the first three Saturdays each month for three hours from 10am to 1pm. Each block of three sessions will concentrate on a particular aspect of printing. There will be six places on each session costing $45 each week plus materials fee ($135 each subject). There will be a discount for committing to the 12-week course.

Other successful recipients in this ACCP round include PROJECTion Dance (Tim Podesta), Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation (Matt Burke), Livid Productions (Leisa Whyte), Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod (Rad Gavrilovic), and Arts Wodonga (Janene Castillo).

Wodonga Cr Anna Speedie said supporting a diverse range of arts and cultural organisations and activities ensures that Wodonga benefits from being a culturally enriched and actively engaged city.

“A thriving cultural community attracts new citizens and visitors while supporting and encouraging existing community members to actively participate in their community,” she said.

Five organisations received a share of $37,550 funding under the FECP in the joint ceremony including Carols By Candlelight, BMX State of Origin, The Border Mail Fed Hill Challenge, Little Me Markets and the Wodonga Senior Citizens’ Christmas luncheon.
**Hume Murray Farmers Market**
- **Date:** Saturday, August 3, 17 and 24
- **Time:** 9am to 1pm
- **Venue:** The Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
- **Enquiries:** Hume Murray Food Bowl on (02) 6058 2996, email info@hmfb.org
- **Cost:** Come along for fresh produce, and prepared foods grown and made on the region’s doorstep.

**Film screening - *The Life Of Pi***
- **Date:** Tuesday, August 6
- **Time:** 7pm
- **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga (auditorium)
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
- **Follow us:**

**Woolley Up Wodonga**
- **Date:** Held the first Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, August 7, September 4 and October 2, 2013.
- **Time:** 4pm to 7pm
- **Venue:** Café Grove, 198A High St, Wodonga
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** Woolongong Council’s cultural development co-ordinator Bree McCulligan on 0409 425 290.
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**Italian gnocchi and sweet treats**
- **Date:** Saturday, August 10
- **Time:** 10.30am to 11.30am
- **Venue:** Cafe Grove, 198A High St, Wodonga
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** Tuesday, August 6
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- In Canada, a writer visits the zoo animals. Pi tells the story of which includes a shipwreck with Pi asks him to tell his life story and white narratives through practice from traditional black and Italian cooking with you. This term’s menu includes gnocchi, Tiramisu and Italian biscotti (biscuits). Come along and have some fun, while you learn to cook the best that Italian food has to offer. Bellissimo!

**Fluff and Stuff mini-workshop**
- **Date:** Thursday, August 15
- **Time:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- **Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga
- **Cost:** $12 per session includes materials. Bookings essential.
- **Enquiries and bookings:** Arts Space Wodonga public programs officer Stacey Harrison on (02) 6022 9600. Part of a series of mini-workshops facilitated by local textile artists. The August workshop is circular scarf.

**In The Shadows**
- **Date:** Friday, August 16 to Saturday, September 7
- **Enquiries and bookings:** Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600.
- In the Shadows is an installation exhibition by Melbourne-based artist Anne Rigg’s, of many small works including sculptures, ceramics, mixed media, books and paintings exploring the themes surrounding trauma and loss.

**Border RV and Camping Expo**
- **Date:** Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18
- **Time:** 9.30am to 5pm Friday and Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm Sunday
- **Venue:** Wodonga Racecourse, Hamilton Smith Dr, Wodonga
- **Cost:** Adults $10, pensioner/concession $8, children under 15 free if accompanied by an adult. Tickets can only be purchased at the gate.

**Book Week**
- **Date:** Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23
- **Time:** Opening hours Wodonga Library
- **Venue:** Wodonga Library
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** Wodonga Library on (02) 6022 9330. Get prepared to “Read Across the Universe” as the library explores Book Week 2013. The celebration blasts off with a very special Night Time Story Time on Thursday, August 15 at 6.30pm.

**The Border Mail**
- **Date:** Sunday, August 18 and Sunday, August 25
- **Time:** 3pm to 5pm
- **Venue:** Baranduda Community Centre
- **Cost:** $60 covers both sessions (includes materials)
- **Enquiries:** Baranduda Community Centre on (02) 6020 8643.
- **Follow us:**

**Film night at Arts Space Wodonga - *Quatermain***
- **Date:** Sunday, August 25
- **Time:** Doors open at 5.45pm, movie starts at 6pm
- **Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga
- **Cost:** $8.50 includes movie, complimentary popcorn and drink
- **Enquiries:** Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600. Come and enjoy a movie in the gallery. Bring your picnic and picnics, cushions and nibbles or, if preferred, take advantage of house seating.

**Artyfacts**
- **Date:** Every Wednesday during school terms. Term three: Now to September 18
- **Time:** 3.45pm to 5.15pm
- **Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga
- **Cost:** $60 per term (pre-paid)
- **Enquiries and bookings:** Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600. Be inspired by current exhibitions to create your own artwork. Learn new skills and techniques and enjoy being part of a fun creative group of young artists. Ages nine to 12 years.

**Art Buzz**
- **Date:** Every Friday during school terms. Term three: Now to September 20
- **Time:** 10.30am to 11.30am
- **Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga
- **Cost:** Gold coin donation
- **Enquiries and bookings:** Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600. Creative visual art workshops for little 015s, relating to the current exhibition. For ages three to five years and their parent/guardian.