New bans on smoking

SMOKING will be banned at public places frequented by children under new state reforms. From April 1, the Victorian smoking bans will prohibit smoking within 10 metres – about two car lengths – of children’s playgrounds, skate parks, junior sporting events and within public outdoor pool complexes.

The aim of the bans is to create a smoke-free environment for children and young people to play without being exposed to second-hand tobacco smoke.

The 10-metre ban applies to an area from any play equipment at playgrounds and from the edge of the skate park. It includes dining areas and car parks within the zone.

In regard to sporting events, the ban applies to an area within 10 metres of an outdoor sporting venue for training and practice sessions, at breaks and intervals during the course of an sporting event involving those under 18.

Wodonga mayor Cr Rodney Wangman said the bans would help protect our children while encouraging smokers to quit and help former smokers from relapsing.

“We know there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke and it is important to protect our young people from this danger,” he said.

“We expect most people will comply with the bans and that the community will be self-regulating in ensuring people are aware of the bans.”

Council inspectors, under the Tobacco Act 1987, will provide information about the bans as well as issue fines.

More than 100 signs will be erected around the city at the smoke-free sites informing the community of the new bans.

ALTHOUGH Tim Podesta and Andy Howitt studied and trained as dancers on opposite sides of the world, their discovery of dance was under very similar circumstances.

Both were young men and late starters in dancing terms but both loved sports and moving and upon finding dance, started a journey that would see them travel and perform all over the world. It almost seems that destiny had a hand in bringing them together to create and perform in the upcoming adaptation of the classic novella Of Mice and Men which will have its world premiere at The Cube Wodonga this month.

Tim is artistic director of local dance company PROJECTion Dance, performing and creating work all over the world. Andy is director and chief executive of Ausdance Victoria, the governing body of everything dance across the state.

It is their love for making dance accessible to everyone that got Tim and Andy together to discuss ways to create community projects.

“We have performances across Victoria, the UK and Europe later this year and are so excited to have the support of the City of Wodonga so that we can have our world premiere right here in my hometown.”

Of Mice and Men will be playing at The Cube Wodonga on Thursday, April 24, and Saturday, April 26, at 7.30pm.

Book online at thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

Tim Podesta and Andy Howitt in rehearsals for Of Mice and Men
I THINK it is important to take the time to recognise what we do have and making the most of it. It seems like every time we turn on the TV, pick up a newspaper, or log on to the internet, we are told about all of the bad things we have to deal with every day, and how we need more resources or more dollars to make things better.

We don’t celebrate how well Hawthorn played to win the flag, or that “Gazza” got another 45 touches. All we hear about is the “supplements scandal”, it’s all over the front and back pages. It was a bit like that when I took those first steps into the inner sanctum of “the council”. Everyone was telling me how bad things were, and how much work needed to be done to get it fixed.

And I must admit, I was looking forward to getting in there and finding out what was really happening.

And... while I did find there are things that need a lot of focus, the first thing that stood out was the tremendous amount of good work and stories that were not being told or appreciated within our community.

We talk about our youth and the problems they face.

Having seen the calibre of our monthly young achievers at every council meeting, the efforts and dedication of every finalist presented at RED Carpet awards, the talent presented at the many schools we attend I can tell you there are just as many good news stories as there might be bad. At the other end of the life cycle, I will never cease to be amazed by the energy, dedication and sense of fun shown by the senior members of our community.

The bodies might not move as quickly as they used to, but we should never underestimate what can be done when this group put their minds to it.

Add to this the thousands of hours of unseen volunteer work carried out by the many service, sporting and community groups that we have in our city and you quickly realise we have a community which — while having a few things to work on — also has a lot more positives of which we should all be very proud.

Recently I was quoted as saying that we are all getting older and fatter, and as a community it’s true. Advances in medical science has meant we are living longer than we used to and the average age of our population is increasing. We are getting older.

In Australia, 60% of adults and 30% of children are considered to be overweight or obese and these figures continue to increase.

While our city might be a bit better than the rest of the country, we are not that much better.

One of my first “jobs” in the council was to speak at the launch of the Healthy Together Wodonga initiative. This is funded by federal and state governments, coordinated locally by the council and Gateway Health and is aimed at assisting the community to get healthy together to tackle obesity and enhance community health and well-being.

The council plays a key role in providing the parks, outdoor and indoor sports centres, playgrounds and open spaces that encourage people to get up, get moving, and make the most of those extra years medical advances have been given us.

Having recently inherited custody of a blue heeler, left at home while his owner went off to university, I now find myself spending a lot more time using our many parks and walking paths that we have in our city.

It is amazing how many people are now out pounding the pavement. People of all ages at any time of day, walking, jogging, riding or pushing all different kinds of strollers with smaller passengers inside.

When we moved to Wodonga, the first thing that stood out was the huge amount of space in the city and the variety of sports available to anyone who wanted to have a go.

I came from a place where we played footy (AFL) in winter and tennis in summer (not enough players for a cricket side) and that was it.

With the space, sports, and recreation options that we all have available to us in our city there really is no excuse for us not being up and moving and making sure we make the most of the time we have.

A few years ago a wise lady, who I still see playing croquet every time there’s a game on, told a group of us young bucks to stop whining about the world and remember: “If it’s to be, it’s up to me”.

I think those are eight simple words that will stay with me for a very long time.

My short time as a councillor has confirmed that while there is always a pile of work, there is a lot more that we can be proud of and it is even more important to make time to appreciate what we do have, while we work on getting the other items we need.

Keep smiling and remember, “if it’s to be, it’s up to me”.

Be aware of changes to roads, limits

Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Monday of the month. The next upcoming meeting is scheduled for April 14. Meetings are held in the council chambers, level two, city offices, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga and commence at 6pm. Agendas can be downloaded from the council’s website the Friday prior to the meeting.
A NEW family and disabled change room is part of a $200,000 upgrade at the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre by Wodonga Council. The works include a $125,000 upgrade to the aquatic change facilities to include the development of change rooms for families and for people with a disability. Another $77,000 will be reinvested on the redevelopment of the health club facilities and comes after the replacement and update of equipment. Manager of community lifestyle Debbie Mackinlay said it had become apparent the facilities, which included only one shared family and disabled change room, had become inadequate. “These works come in the response to the needs of the community and the users of the leisure centre,” she said. “The YMCA has experienced strong growth in membership and it is the aim of these works to make the centre more attractive and accessible for more members of the community.” The change room works will convert an aquatic storeroom for the new change room which will also provide facilities for the centre’s aquatic staff. Refurbishment works include replacing vanity units, fitting doors and privacy screens as well as tiling works. The redevelopment of the health club aims to make it more inclusive and inviting. “Our feedback from the YMCA and the users of the health club was that the equipment was outdated and that the area was looking tired,” Ms Mackinlay said. “To continue to provide a modern, attractive service for our community it was determined to rejuvenate the health club making it a welcoming and accessible place for all users.” The works bring the council’s spend at the centre over the past five years to just more than $1 million. The works started in March and are expected to be completed by the end of next month.

Mini cars set for big weekend of racing

DRIVERS from Taiwan, Singapore and across Australia will converge on Wodonga for the 2014 Mini Nationals. The Wodonga Radio Control Car Club will be hosting the championships for the second time after kicking off the titles in 2010. The event, on April 26 and 27, is the only dedicated Mini event in Australia. Club spokesman Chris McHale said the weekend was a great time for those interested in radio control car racing to come down, see the action and talk with members. The weekend resembles a V8 Supercar round, just on a smaller scale. “Everyone involved is passionate about this, it’s a great community to be a part of,” he said. “The public can come, walk through the pits, talk to the drivers and see the gear involved which includes everything from battery charges to tyre warmers.”

Saturday will include five rounds of qualifying based on time. Finals will feature a traditional race format with a grid start. The titles are separated into three classes – M-chassis, open and four-wheel-drive. Up to 70 competitors are expected at the event and members of the public are welcome to go along and check out the action with plenty of standing room around the track’s perimeter.

Mr McHale said the club, which has its home at Diamond Park on the Lincoln Causeway with bitumen and off-road tracks, was always looking for new members. The club holds two race days a month. “If someone is interested they should come down and speak to someone and we can help them get started with the right gear,” he said. “It’s good fun, it’s competitive but it’s socially competitive. It’s a great family day out and we have all ages participating.”

Qualifying starts at 11am on Saturday with the finals on Sunday from 9am at the Diamond Park track. Contact the club can email wodongarccc@gmail.com, go to wrccc.asn.au.

When: Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27
Time: From 11am Saturday and 9am Sunday
Venue: Diamond Park
Company's expansion sparks jobs growth

WODONGA mayor Cr Rodney Wangman was delighted to be on hand when Electrical Design and Construction announced its move to bigger and better premises in a $1.2m relocation.

The Wodonga electrical engineering business will move to purpose-built premises in Trafalgar St next month, an expansion which will create 20 full-time jobs.

Member for Benambra Bill Tilley announced the Victorian Government made a $150,000 contribution to the expansion from the Industries for Today and Tomorrow program.

He said the investment was a vote of confidence in Wodonga as a place to do business.

EDC started in 1999 with just eight employees and now employs 60 people. It has recently won several multimillion-dollar contracts.

The new building will allow EDC to offer complete turnkey solutions to clients with the room to manufacture specialised switchboards.

EDC specialises in industrial automation projects, high-voltage installations, safety design and assessments and detailed electrical design. “EDC sees a bright future for the industry in competitive markets and is pleased to be a part of the Wodonga economy,” owner of EDC Jason Flower said.

transit exhibition

Date: Friday, March 28 to Saturday, April 26
Cost: Free
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga, cnr Lawrence and Hovell streets, Wodonga

Official opening and artist floor talk: Thursday, March 27 at 5.30pm

Australia Wide Three is the latest travelling exhibition by Australia’s national organisation for art quilters, Ozquilt Network Inc. The exhibition of 34 original stitched works will showcase diverse interpretations of contemporary textile art from Australia’s leading and emerging quilt artists. Ozquilt Network Inc has a long and respected history promoting excellence within contemporary quilt making in Australia.

Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600

Battle Of The Bands

Bands and solo acts wanted.

Applications close on Friday, July 25.

For more information and an application form, please visit:
facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

Government partner: wodonga.vic.gov.au
RESIDENTS are being encouraged to share their favourite spots, landmarks, shops and activities in Wodonga as part of the council’s #loveWodonga campaign.

In conjunction with a print campaign which started last month, showcasing some of the city’s fresh and unique traders, the council is launching the #loveWodonga campaign on social media.

Residents and visitors alike can share snippets and images on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Vine showcasing what they love about Wodonga.

The council will be sharing the captures through its own social media channels and its website.

Wodonga mayor Cr Rodney Wangman said the idea came about as the council looked at ways to reinvigorate the city, particularly during the roadworks in the central business area.

“One thing that we have really noticed through this process of the roadworks and through the consultation for the Draft CBA Revitalisation Plan is how much people love and care for their city,” Cr Wangman said.

“A lot of people are excited by the future and the long-term vision for the city heart and we want to harness that momentum now and continue it forward as the new CBA takes shape.

“We want to give them an avenue to share that civic pride so they can share with us and the world what they love about Wodonga.

“And really it might be anything – the hamburgers at your local footy club or the sunrise from Huon Hill – but we want them to shout it aloud and what better way than through social media.

“We really want this to be something positive for the city and something everyone can get involved in.”

#loveWodonga

A view overlooking Wodonga from Huon Hill.

LOVE shopping LOVE Wodonga

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Supported by
Garden helps community to blossom and grow

GETTING children to eat their vegetables can sometimes be a challenge but not at Baranduda Preschool. When students from the Baranduda Primary School cooked up a batch of their own “veggie pasta” and offered it to the Baranduda preschoolers, they had no shortage of takers.

All the students had been involved in the planting, caring and picking of the vegetables as part of the Baranduda Community Garden.

The initiative came about through Healthy Together Wodonga, who facilitated the connection between the schools and the Baranduda Community Centre to encourage healthy eating. A committee was formed, bringing in some green-thumbed volunteers from the community, which rebuilt a garden at the primary school into a thriving vegetable patch.

It led to a garden also being set up at the preschool and has seen all the students involved in planting, growing and harvesting the vegetables and learning about how food grows.

They then used the community kitchen facilities at the community centre to prepare the vegetables into some gourmet delights.

Baranduda Community Centre co-ordinator Shelly Riddell said the community garden had been a great exercise in bringing the community together and building relationships. “This was the perfect opportunity to partner with the schools and it has seen a greater community connection between the groups involved and the volunteers,” she said.

“Healthy Together Wodonga did a wonderful thing of making that vital initial connection and then letting us run with it. “We’ve been able to help in times of need and the teachers say it has been a great tool in helping the preschoolers make the transition to school.”

Mrs Riddell said the next step was to make the community garden more eco-friendly.

The schools have been successful in getting a Neighbourhood Power grant from the council to buy and install water tanks and pumps.

Baranduda Primary School children cook up a feast from the veggie garden harvest.

Wodonga Building Services

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 court appearance before a magistrate and prescribed penalty of up to $10,000.

A common misconception is works with a value of less than $5000 are exempt. This is not correct. If you are unsure if your project requires a building permit, please contact a member of the building services team on (02) 6022 9300.

Recycling bins for reserves

WODONGA Council has secured a grant to install recycling bins at reserves at Lake Hume. The funds will be used to install 20 recycling bins at Jackson Point, Kookaburra Point, Ludlows and Ebden reserves. Studies have indicated the waste collected from the reserves is of 70% recyclable content.

The grant will pay for the installation of bins and some contractor costs.

The bins will be rolled out over the four locations in the next few months. It follows on from a campaign over the summer to remind visitors of the no-glass policy at the lake’s reserves.

All the reserves are clearly signposted with the glass and litter bans and designated barbecue areas are clearly marked.

This project is supported by the state government’s Regional Public Place Recycling grants program and Sustainability Victoria.

WODONGA Council preschools will be holding open days to help parents make decisions on where to send their children to preschool.

The open days provide an opportunity to see the preschool programs, view the facilities and have a chat to staff before making a final decision.

Parents and children are welcome to visit the centres on the open days between 9.30am and 11.30am.

For information, phone early years on (02) 6022 9300.

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Nominate someone for RED Carpet

KNOW a young person who has made a contribution to our community?

Then why not nominate them for the RED Carpet Youth Awards.

Young people aged between 14 and 24 years who work, live, study or volunteer in Wodonga are eligible to be nominated for Wodonga Council's sixth annual youth awards.

Wodonga Councillor and 2011 RED Carpet committee member Cr Eric Kerr said many young people made a vital contribution to our city.

“Often these contributions go unnoticed and this is a great opportunity to recognise those young people who give of their time to make our community better,” he said.

Committee member Heidi Nicholson said the awards were a fantastic way for the community to recognise and acknowledge all the amazing contributions that young people are making to the community.

The information pack and nomination forms can be downloaded from wodonga.vic.gov.au/youth/rca-2014 or collect a hardcopy from youth services officer Anthony Nicholson at the council’s Howel St offices. Alternatively, email anicholson@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday, May 16.

REDfest 2014 will be bigger and better than ever.

So says the hard-working committee behind this year’s event.

This year the group have turned the one-day event into a festival over nine days, including a range of activities covering different interests and activities, proving there is plenty of scope for youth in a regional area.

“This is a celebration and a recognition of youth in Wodonga,” committee member Jacob Mildren said.

“If youth are motivated and want to do something then they can do it, and they can do it as a collective. “It’s quite broad, there’s music to skating and it encompasses a lot of different groups of people.”

“It brings youth together, from the ages of nine to 24 through different activities,” Kate Freeman said.

And it’s hard work but the committee says it will be worth it.

“To see people enjoying what we’ve worked on and what we’ve produced, there’s a sense of achievement,” Kate said.

For Claudia Padilla, who has only been in the country for a few months, it’s about getting involved.

“Sometimes people want to do things but don’t know how to get involved, and so it’s good to come along and see what something is about,” she said.

And there’s always the chance for you to have your say.

“If people have ideas they should come along and be part of next year’s committee,” Kate said.

Packed program gives festival broader appeal

FReeZa Movie Marathon

Date: Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 3pm to 10pm at The Cube Wodonga
Cost: Free
Facebook: facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

Monday, April 7:
- WRECK-IT RALPH
- POCH-PERFECT
- LAND BEFORE TIME
- KING KONG
- SHREK

Tuesday, April 8:
- FREE PIZZA DAY
Schools ready to rock
Kool music program

STUDENTS from four Wodonga secondary schools will come together to record their own professional music CD as part of the 2014 Kool Skools project.

The students from Wodonga Senior Secondary College, Catholic College Wodonga, Victory Lutheran College and Mt Carmel Christian School will travel to Studio 52 in Melbourne to produce the compilation CD representing the Wodonga region.

It is hoped the recording can achieve similar success to last year when the Wodonga entry took out the award for best artwork and a special judges award for a band.

Kool Skools is an annual, subsidised recording and multimedia project open to all secondary schools and council youth agencies in Victoria and NSW.

It offers young bands and solo artists the opportunity to record their music in a professional studio environment, and be involved in all facets of the CD development including the design of artwork.

Previous entrants in the Kool Skools project have included Missy Higgins, Delta Goodrem, Dean Geyer and Axle Whitehead.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College music co-ordinator, Janet Turewicz, said the project locally has been funded by Wodonga Council and involves a mix of government and non-government schools.

“It’s seen as a project that council has initiated the money for and it’s not directed at any particular school,” she said.

“Kids from all walks of life get to compose music, record in a professional environment, do the artwork and take the CD all the way through to the end, accepting all of the direction and stuff that the producers say along the way.”

The Wodonga Kool Skools CD last year comprised 12 tracks divided between the four schools.

It won an award for the best artwork, designed by Catholic College Wodonga students, while The Thieves, of Wodonga Senior Secondary College, won a special judges award for a band.

Mrs Turewicz said it was an invaluable life experience for the students who worked as a team to represent the region.

“It was a really good community project because the kids all realised it wasn’t just about their music or their school, it was about doing a project for Wodonga,” she said.

The students are expected to record the CD in June and hold an official launch at The Cube Wodonga in September.

New state website for youth

YOUTH have a new way to connect and share ideas. The Exchange website has been designed to provide young Victorians with a place where they can have their say and communicate directly with the state government. It gives young people access to information and resources and supports them to be actively involved in their communities and with youth from across the state.

The Exchange is a part of $3.2m investment in youth over five years. Visit The Exchange at theexchange.vic.gov.au

Baraduda Community Centre youth group

The Baranduda Community Centre is organising a youth group on Friday nights as a safe and supervised place for the city’s young people. Activities include music, barbecues, sports, games, PlayStation, cooking classes, bootcamp, guest speakers.

Date: Friday, May 2 to Friday, June 27
Time: 5pm to 7pm
Age group: 12 to 15 years
Cost: $5 per session (includes activity and snack)
Venue: Baranduda Community Centre
Enquiries: Baranduda Community Centre on (02) 6020 8643

Join the 2014 FReeZA Crew

What is FReeZA?

FReeZA is an innovative youth development program providing young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with the opportunity to attend affordable and accessible music and cultural events.

Through funding provided by the Office for Youth, FReeZA presents you with the opportunity to become part of a local FReeZA committee to plan and deliver these events.

As a committee member, you will determine what type of events suit your community, put on events for 14 to 18 year olds, be involved in decision making and volunteer your time to contribute to your community. The types of music and cultural events you will help run may include: youth stages and performances at community cultural and music festivals; skating and BMX competitions; art, film and fashion exhibitions; a battle of the bands competition or music, song-writing and dance workshops.

If this sounds like something you might like to do, join the FReeZA committee.

This is your opportunity to:

• Stage events for other young people in your local community;
• Develop a broad range of skills;
• Work in a fun, supportive environment;
• Be recognised for your work; and
• Meet other young people.

Want to sign up?

For more information, please contact Wodonga Council’s team leader events Kim Strang on (02) 6022 9300 or kstrang@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Follow FReeZA at facebook.com/freeza.wodonga
Samantha Treffers, second from the left at the back, during her trip to India.

Sense of community is really important

BY CATHERINE WEBB
2013 YOUTH AMBASSADOR

LAST year I was privileged enough to be named the RACV Youth Ambassador for 2013.

I was given the award at The RED Carpet Youth Awards, these awards recognise the hard work and contribution of our youth within the community.

The RED Carpet Youth Awards were a great night to be at, with all of those nominated inspiring the other guests of the evening.

From entertainment by some of the nominees, to the fantastic MC’ing by the award panel it was a wonderful and fun atmosphere to be a part of.

The night highlighted the importance of community.

How through our small actions we can have a huge impact on those around us, and together can create a warm and energetic community that caters to everyone.

Community holds people together, it encourages: learning, acceptance, friendships, hard work, and gives extra meaning to the town in which you live.

Turning a street into a neighborhood and a town into a home.

From a youth perspective, community is important for the above-mentioned reasons but also because it offers us opportunities. Opportunities to just hang out, and take time out - like REDfest for example - where we can just be with our friends.

It offers opportunities to volunteer, to work and to grow in our interests.

For me personally it is my love of teaching and youth ministry that led me to become more involved in the community.

My ambition to be a teacher saw me take a gap year at Catholic College. It meant many late nights and early starts as I went from camp to camp, youth group to youth group and the daily duties of the job - allowing for the great honour of being nominated for the Trainee of the Year award.

But it was my love of working with children with additional needs that saw my biggest, and personally most rewarding, involvement in the community.

Working with Interchange, a local organisation, and volunteering at church and various other events allowed me to gain an understanding of children with special needs.

Creating a pathway for me to help in a way that I care about, as it is something close to my heart, and to have great fun whilst doing it.

I never expected that my volunteering or work would rewarded with nominations for the Young Carer award or the Individual Community Service award, but it is something I shall not forget.

For me I don’t see it as a chore, but as a pleasure.

This year I am in Canberra studying to be a primary school teacher and through the Wodonga community I am looking into possibly doing the additional qualifications to work in special needs.

I still manage to work with the CSYMA National Post School team (which works in ministry in primary and high schools, running retreats, reflection days and so forth) and I am enjoying the work that I do.

Yet I do miss my volunteering, and I hope I can find a way to contribute to my new community.

Be-Dazzle Your Bike

Explore Wodonga’s bike trails and go on a treasure hunt for things to transform your bike. At the end destination artists Melanie Ruth and Bessie McGaffin will be on hand to help you dress your bike. Join in a bike photo shoot and see your glammed up wheels pictured on The Cube Wodonga Big Screen. Parental supervision required.

Date: Thursday, April 10
Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Venue: Meet at Huon St car park, Belvoir Park, Wodonga
Cost: Free

For more information, please phone Wodonga Council’s cultural development co-ordinator Verity Brookes on (02) 6022 9300.

IN 2013 I was accepted into a program run by Antipodeans that allowed me to volunteer as an international youth aid worker.

Because of this and my volunteering in the local community I was chosen to be Wodonga Young Citizen of the Year.

The importance of volunteering cannot be stressed enough.

So many crucial programs depend on volunteer work.

Volunteering is fulfilling and gives you a sense of purpose.

The most fulfilling thing I have done personally comes from volunteering.

In 2014 I travelled to India to volunteer. I worked in primary schools and an orphanage teaching basic English and maths.

The children I taught were from an extremely isolated area in Rajasthan. They were mostly around the age of six but due to the lack of daycare in the village some children brought siblings and we taught them, too.

As eager as the kids were to learn, they also loved the concept of teaching us as well.

In class I’d have kids try to teach me Hindi when they got bored of learning English.

It was a never-ending challenge but I was constantly getting back everything I put into it through love and life experience.

I’m going to be forever grateful for my opportunity to volunteer abroad.

Not only did I get to share my knowledge with others but I also got to see a part of the world. I got to see the Taj Mahal, ride a camel and watch a sunrise break over a city.

Volunteering sells itself. There’s never been a time that I’ve regretted it, or that I haven’t received as much or even more than what I’ve put in.

Volunteers help the homeless, fight fires and help at community events.

I urge everyone to give volunteering ago.

You’ve got nothing to lose.

Give and get even more back
**Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 13, 2014**

**Building Resilience in Young People with Dr Andrew Fuller**
- **Date:** Monday, March 31
- **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga
- **Time:** 6pm to 9pm
- **Cost:** $15
- As a clinical psychologist, Dr Andrew Fuller works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the well-being of young people and their families.

**Bookings required:** thecubewodonga.com.au or (02) 6022 9311
**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**Meet the Author - Jack Heath**
- **Date:** Friday, April 4
- **Venue:** Wodonga Library
- **Time:** 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Jack Heath started writing his first book, *The Lab*, at 13 and has not slowed down at just 18 years of age. He followed its success with more action-packed thrillers such as *But I’m a Cheerleader* and *Controlled Falling*. Jack Heath started writing at just 18 years of age. He followed its success with more action-packed thrillers such as *But I’m a Cheerleader* and *Controlled Falling*. He has been a suspect of being attracted to his own dress for the best dressed “running fish”. We will be giving out prize packs. No helmet, no ride.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/skateboardingaustralia
**Website:** sba.org.au

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**The Vibe**
- **Date:** Friday, April 4
- **Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga
- **Time:** 6pm to 9pm
- **Cost:** $6.50
- The Vibe features headline and gain live performance opportunities. To participate in the open mic segment, performers can sign up on the night. The vibe is a great opportunity to network and gain live performance experience. Snacks, food and beverages will be available for purchase on the night.

**Bookings:** The Cube Wodonga box office, (02) 6022 9311, or thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

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**For the Animals activity at Mars Petcare Paws in the Park**
- **Date:** Sunday, April 6
- **Venue:** Willow Park
- **Time:** 8am to noon
- For the animals volunteers will conduct youth classes on the best ways to approach strange dogs, as well as safety tips for your own dogs and ways to read a dog’s body language.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** youthfortheanimals.com
  - **Facebook:** facebook.com/groups/fortheanimals

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**Fishy Trail Run and Half Marathon**
- **Date:** Sunday, April 6
- **Venue:** Murray River and its tributaries
- **Time:** 9am for 21km start, 9.30am for 12km run, 10am for 6km run
- **Cost:** $5 (6km), $10 (12km) and $20 (21km)
- Dust off your fancy dress as there will be spot prizes for the best dressed “running fish”.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/pages/Parklands-Albury-Wodonga/25416981271251
**Website:** wodongayouthservices.com.au

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**Pedal Power Disco**
- **Date:** Monday, April 7
- **Venue:** The Cube Courtyard
- **Time:** 10am to 2pm
- **Cost:** Free
- The Pedal Power Disco is a stationary bike that powers a media player and light show when you pedal.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**Free Sausage Sizzle for Justice**
- **Date:** Wednesday, April 9
- **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga
- **Time:** 10am to 2pm
- **Cost:** Free
- **Enquiries:** skateboardingaustralia.org.au

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**Holiday Hip-Hop**
- **Date:** Thursday, April 10
- **Venue:** Baranduda Community Centre
- **Time:** 10am to 11.30am
- **Cost:** $10
- As part of REDfest 2014, the FreeZe crew will be holding a hip-hop marathon for young people in Wodonga.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**PlayStation Play-offs**
- **Date:** Thursday, April 10
- **Venue:** Wodonga Library
- **Time:** 2pm to 4pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Try out your skills against other players to find the ultimate gamer! We’ll have PlayStation, Sonic Racing and more. Bookings required.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**R-E-D Fest Scavenger Hunt**
- **Date:** Thursday, April 10
- **Venue:** Start and finish at Woodland Grove
- **Time:** 1:30pm to 4pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Teams of up to five members will have four hours to find stuff, take pictures and answer questions dreamed up by the R-E-D Fest Youth Committee. Prizes will be on offer for those teams who score the highest.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**Music in the Park**
- **Date:** Wednesday, April 9
- **Venue:** The Cube Courtyard, Time: 4pm to 6pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Celebrate REDfest 2014 with your friends and local live music in The Cube Courtyard. This free event is open to all to come along and enjoy. BYO picnic, dance shoes and chair/rug.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**But I’m a Cheerleader - Diversity movie night!**
- **Date:** Thursday, April 10
- **Venue:** La Trobe University, Wodonga - Main Lecture Theatre (room 6101)
- **Time:** 7pm to 9.30pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Avi, I’m a Cheerleader is a quirky, funny movie about a young cheerleader who is suspected of being attracted to the same sex. A member of the Alphabet Crew, Albury-Wodonga’s new youth diversity group, will speak before the film. Join us in a night of laughs and a free barbecue.

**Enquiries:** Sarah Roberts, phone (02) 6022 8888
**Facebook:** facebook.com/WayOutWodonga

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**Freeza Movie Marathon**
- **Date:** Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8
- **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga
- **Time:** 3pm to 10pm
- **Cost:** Free
- As part of REDfest 2014, the FreeZe crew will be holding a movie marathon for young people in Wodonga.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

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**Be Dazzle Your Bike**
- **Date:** Thursday, April 10
- **Venue:** Meet at Huon St car park, Belvoir Park, Wodonga
- **Time:** 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Explore Wodonga’s bike trails and go on a treasure hunt for things to decorate your bike. At the end destination artists will be on hand to help you dress your bike. Parental supervision required.

**Enquiries:** (02) 6022 9330
**Website:** wodongayouthservices.com.au

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**Controlled Falling Project**
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- **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga
- **Time:** 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- **Cost:** Free
- Skateboarding Australia will be giving out prize packs. No helmet, no ride.

**Facebook:** facebook.com/skateboardingaustralia
**Website:** sba.org.au

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**Early Easter Egg Hunt at WAVES**
- **Date:** Sunday, April 13
- **Venue:** WAVES, 8 Mactier Ave
- **Time:** 9am
- As the WAVES pool season and REDfest 2014 come to end, the REDfest Youth Committee invite all young people to come down to WAVES for a final day of fun with an Early Easter Egg hunt.

**Cost:** Pool entry fees
**Enquiries:** WAVES on (02) 6055 2888
TWO netballers and a basketballer were the recipients of YASS grants in March.

Netballers Jane Cook and Jacqueline Newton are both part of the North East Zone Academy and have been selected in the Victorian under-17 state team to compete at the nationals at Glen Waverly next month.

The pair, the only regional representatives in the side, make regular trips to Melbourne for state team training.

Jacqueline plays with North Albury in the O and M and won the league’s B-grade best and fairest award last year.

She has been a member of the Albury representative team, a Melbourne association championship player and represented the O and M in the under-17s team.

Jonathon Sharp has played representative basketball with Wodonga since he was 10.

Now 16, he has been named the Wodonga association’s MVP in the under 12s and the under 18s and was named most improved in the under 14s.

The YASS funding will go towards his costs when he represents Country Victoria at the national Under-18 Basketball Championships in Canberra next month.

The council’s Young Achiever Support Scheme is aimed at financially assisting young people in their pursuits to participate at a state or national level for activities, events or competitions in their chosen fields.

YASS: where are they now

COMBINING her love of the environment with her duties as school captain has kept Natasa Sojic busy since she won a YASS award last year.

Natasa says she still finds time to help with tree planting with the Friends of Willow Park group but shifted her focus to include a broad range of causes, fund-raising and organising activities at Wodonga Senior Secondary College.

She hopes to have a future in the environmental field, hoping her science-based courses will lead to a university degree and a career in conservation.

Caitlin Jonker has made the move to Melbourne to study ballet full-time at Ballet Theatre Australia.

With the help of a YASS grant, Caitlin Jonker went to New Zealand for a major ballet competition, competing against 128 competitors.

Mum Rebecca Jonker, said Caitlin, who has just turned 14, had big goals.

“She studied with the Regional Academy of Performing Arts and Tim Podesta and they were awesome but she has such amazing opportunities in Melbourne,” she said.

“Going to New Zealand was a great experience for her and she gained a lot from that trip.”

Last month she danced during Melbourne Fashion Week.

Ella Maclean has continued her athletic pursuits in 2014, competing at national level. Ella came 18th at the youth national triathlon.

Next is the final national event of the season in the Triathlon All Schools Nationals, where she qualified second in her age category.

She trains daily and has terrific coaches including Ken and Rachel Little (Team Velocity), Micheal Ursu (Wodonga Swim Club) and Fabrizio Andreoni (Fabfitness).
The Easter bunny will be hopping into High St next month. In the lead-up to Easter, the Easter bunny will be in the city’s main street, handing out Easter eggs, on Wednesday, April 16, Thursday, April 17 and Saturday, April 19 from 10am to noon. Eager eyes will be able to spot our floppy-eared friend anywhere from Woodland Grove to South St and down Stanley St. The Easter bunny is dropping by at his busiest time of year to assist the council in promoting businesses during the High St roadworks.

The council is encouraging residents to shop local and to support local businesses to ensure a vibrant city heart into the future.

The visits follow on from the successful morning of activities in March.
Long-time Wodonga business owners Geoff and Kay Pollard were presented with Wodonga Council’s Eagle award at the March council meeting.

When presented with the award by mayor Cr Rodney Wangman, they remarked how much they loved Wodonga.

They also mentioned the great community pride that existed in regional towns.

Mr Pollard has been in Rotary for 36 years, been involved with the Wodonga Bowling Club for more than 20 years and the Baranduda CFA for 10 years.

Mrs Pollard is a founding member of the Border Ovarian Cancer Awareness group, is involved in the Rotary club, and is an active member of the Wodonga Tennis Club.

Both were described community leaders and Cr Wangman said he would be hard-pressed to find a kinder, more generous couple.

Health and beauty volunteers needed

Hairdressers, massage therapists and other health and beauty specialists are needed to help staff a community well-being clinic in Wodonga.

Revive is an outreach service of St John's Anglican Church Wodonga.

It offers a range of low-cost health and well-being treatments to people in need.

Run and staffed entirely by volunteers, the service has grown from just a couple of clients two years ago to about 120 today.

It runs every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the St John’s Anglican Church hall.

Senior therapist Kate Ashley said Revive was the first clinic of its kind in the area, offering both hospitality and therapeutic treatments to those who wouldn't normally be able to afford it.

“We provide not only therapy to people in need but also hospitality,” she said.

“We’re building community and showing care to people who are isolated, and giving them the opportunity to connect with other people.”

Ms Ashley said Revive was in desperate need of more remedial massage therapists and hairdressers, as well as any other health or beauty professionals, to volunteer their time.

More committee members and hospitality workers are also needed.

Volunteers need to commit at least two hours a month to the cause.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Ms Ashley on 0408 430 058.

Applause for our clown

Our class clown was the runner-up at the state final.

Gregor Tarrant was runner-up in the state final of Class Clowns after winning the heat at The Cube Wodonga in February.

Gregor, who attends the Felltimber campus of Wodonga Secondary School, will now move to the national competition to compete against 12 other state finalists at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Thanks must go to Gregor’s teacher Kim O’Shea, who was a great support to him and looked after several acts on the night.

Eagle award for couple

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Arts and Cultural Contribution Program 2014

Wodonga Council values art and culture, and the contribution it makes to a dynamic, diverse and holistic community.

The Arts and Cultural Contribution Program is one way the council seeks to support a range of cultural practices, community development and entertainment opportunities.

Applications are invited from eligible community and professional arts and cultural organisations towards their core operational costs; and for creative community projects within Wodonga.

For guidelines and an application form, please visit wodonga.vic.gov.au/about-us/grants-funds/arts-cultural-program

Applications close on Wednesday, April 30. Late applications will not be considered.

vbrookes@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Applications are invited from eligible community and professional arts and cultural organisations towards their submission with council’s cultural-program

An artist’s impression of the completed Elmwood Estate.

ELMWOOD estate, off Beechworth Rd, was the winner of the Best Integrated Housing Development at the 2013 Master Builders Association of Victoria awards.

This award-winning development includes 130 medium-density houses, a medical centre, pharmacy and cafe. A community centre comprising a park, outdoor kitchen, pizza oven, toolshed and community garden will complete the project.

Developer Brendon Collins said the estate was driven by market demand for smaller, energy-efficient housing. He said he aimed for housing that was beautiful but not expensive to buy and run. “To win the award against more than 20 other entrants, many

from Melbourne, was a fantastic testimonial to the work we are doing here,” he said.

“The focus on sustainable housing flows right through the development from the concept through to the execution because we take care of everything.”

The design of the houses focuses on orientation with features including double glazing and insulation, and many have solar power. “At the moment we have five houses which are essentially running without paying power bills and one case is in credit more than $250 per quarter,” he said.

The houses, which include one to four bedroom properties on one or two storeys, are built with a seven to nine star energy rating.

“This is a premium development for Victoria and we have it right here in Wodonga, which is great for the city,” Mr Collins said.

PROJECTion Dance presents

Of Mice and Men

Date: Thursday, April 24 and Saturday, April 26
Time: 7:30pm
Duration: One hour, 40 minutes
Bookings: (02) 6022 9311
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member $20, all other tickets $28

Of Mice and Men is a novel written by Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck. Published in 1937, it tells the tragic story of George and his big childlike friend Lennie, two displaced migrant ranch workers, who move from place to place in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression. They have nothing except the clothes on their back, and a hope that one day they’ll find a place to call home.

Tim Podesta and Andy Howitt created a duet inspired by this classic tale of friendship and trust after meeting in mid 2013. Their aim was to create work that was accessible, artistically bold and theatrical and that responded to the text of a great novel. In this partnership they have found a shared passion for creativity via dance.

Music by Ry Cooder Paris, Texas/The Great Depression: American Music in the 1930s

Final rate instalment for financial year

FOURTH and final instalment

REMEMBER notices will be issued this month for the fourth rate instalment of the 2013-2014 rates and charges. The due date for payment is June 2 and also any arrears of previous instalments.

In addition to the above, final notices have been issued for certain properties that are in arrears of previous instalments. These properties will be referred to the council’s commercial collection agency for legal proceedings if payment is not made or an acceptable payment arrangement put in place.

The costs of any legal action can be considerable and remain as a charge against the property until paid.

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 reminder notices for the fourth instalment due June 2 will be issued as a courtesy reminder of the pending payment.

The direct debit nine instalment payers were issued with their 2013-2014 notice with a covering letter advising of the nine monthly amounts that will be extracted from their nominated account on the 20th day of the month, which commenced last September and will continue through to May. Due to Easter, this month’s direct debit will come out on April 22.

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

For further information on payment options or other enquiries about your rates, please contact the customer focus team on (02) 6022 9300.
## PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL

### JOIN THE FUN!

### SUNDAY
- Parklands Albury Wodonga Fishy Trail Run
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes

### MONDAY
- Wodonga Hockey Club
  - Muked Hockey: Come and try day
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes
  - Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### TUESDAY
- Bootcamps Australia
  - Albury-Wodonga Beginners Bootcamp Class: Come and try day
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes
  - Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### WEDNESDAY
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes
  - Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### THURSDAY
- Birallee Park Neighbourhood Centre
  - Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### FRIDAY
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes
  - No Lights, No Lycra

### SATURDAY
- Albury-Wodonga Park Run

### EVENTS
- Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis
- Bootcamps Australia
  - Beginners Bootcamp Class: Come and try day
- Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre YMCA Group Fitness Classes

### PARKLANDS ACTIVITIES
- Meet and greet barbecue lunch followed by some lawn games
- Wodonga Life Activities Club
  - Casserole and games night

### TAI CHI
- Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### WODONGA SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE YMCA
- Group Fitness Classes
  - Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis

### ALBURY-WODONGA
- Beginners Bootcamp Class: Come and try day
- Albury-Wodonga Park Run

### WODONGA SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE YMCA
- Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Arthritis
- Bootcamps Australia
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- Albury-Wodonga Pedal Power ANZAC Day ride to Barnawartha

### WODONGA LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB
- Meet and greet barbecue lunch followed by some lawn games
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### HEALTHY TOGETHER WODONGA

### VICHEALTH

### VICTORIA
enquiry@wodonga.vic.gov.au

What’s on

**transit exhibition**

Date: Now to Saturday, April 26.
Time: Opening hours, Arts Space Wodonga
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Fees and co-ordinator Melissa Nagle
Phone: (02) 6022 9300

**Fishy Trail Run and Half Marathon**

Date: Sunday, April 6
Time: 9am
Venue: Starts on the Kiewa River at Killara. Courtesy buses to leave Wodonga Creek at 8am and 8.30am from the northern side (Gateway Island) of the Stocktice bridge.
Cost: $20/21km $10/12km $5/6km
21km Half Marathon and 12km Trail Run start at 9am on the Kiewa River at Killara and finish at the Stocktice Bridge. All proceeds support Border trust charity and regional parklands.
Enquiries: (02) 6023 6714 or parklands-alburywodonga.org.au

**Arts Space Echoes**

Date: Monday, April 7
Time: 10.30am to noon (arrive 10.15am)
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga public programs officer Stacey Harrison on (02) 6022 9609
Bookings: The Cube Wodonga box office
Phone: (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

**Movie marathon**

Date: April 7 and 8
Time: 3pm to 10pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: Free
As part of REDfest 2014, The Free2a Crew will run free movies sessions for youth. Movie titles and session times will be available at facebook.com/wodongayouthservices.

**Holiday program - fun at the centre**

For children aged six to 12 years who want to have some fun with other children during the school holidays. Come and join us at the Felltimber Community Centre.
Monday, April 7: Basketball - Goal shooting
Tuesday, April 8: Mario Kart – round-robin championship
Wednesday, April 9: How to be a fisherman
Thursday, April 10: Bicycle awareness
Friday, April 11: Guitar for kids and jam session
Time: 10am to noon
Cost: $5 per session
Contact: (02) 6043 4550

**School holiday activities at Wodonga Library**

Date: Tuesday, April 8 and 15
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Venue: Wodonga Library
Cost: Free
Age: Primary school
Creation Station: Come along and join in the fun with a story and craft morning. We’ll be using our imaginations to create around the theme of “Space”. Bookings essential.

**Playstation Play-offs**

Date: Thursday, April 10 and 17
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Wodonga Library
Cost: Free
Age: School-aged
Try out your skills against other players to find the ultimate gamer! Bookings essential.

**Holiday Hip-Hop**

Date: Thursday, April 10
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Venue: Baranduda Community Centre
Cost: $10
Conducted by Adrenalin Dance. Appropriate for nine to 13 year olds. Bookings essential.
Enquiries and bookings: Baranduda Community Centre
Phone: (02) 6020 8643

**Concluded Falling Project**

Date: Friday, April 11 at 7pm
Saturday, April 12 at 11am and 6pm
Workshop Saturday, April 12 at 1pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member $15 All other tickets $20. Workshop $8 (limited places).
This SideUp acrobatics bring their audacious, heart-stopping circus spectacular to Wodonga.
Enquiries and bookings: The Cube Wodonga box office
Phone: (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

**Winter veggie and composting**

Date: Friday, April 11
Time: 10am to noon
Cost: $25
Want to know what vegies to plant and when to plant them. Come along and let Milton “Gumboots” Kimball share with you an easy, no-fuss approach to your own winter garden.
Contact: (02) 6043 4550

**Hume Murray Farmers Market**

Date: Saturdays, April 12 and 26
Time: 8am to noon
Venue: Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
Come along for fresh produce and prepared foods grown and made on the region’s doorstep.
Enquiries: Hume Murray Food Bowl on (02) 6058 2996, email info@hmfb.org or visit hmf.org

**The Deep**

Date: Wednesday, April 16 at 6pm, Thursday, April 17 at 10.30am
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Spares Parts Puppet Theatre presents The Deep, based on the book.
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member $15 All other tickets $20
Enquiries and bookings: The Cube Wodonga box office
Phone: (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

**Fluff and Stuff mini workshops**

Date: Thursday, April 17 and May 15
Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: $12
30 minute series of mini workshops facilitated by local textile artists. April 17 – Oragami Box May 15 – Revamp your old T-shirt to make something new
Enquiries and bookings: Arts Space Wodonga programs officer Stacey Harrison
Phone: (02) 6022 9609

**Artyfacts**

Date: Wednesday, April 23 to Wednesday, May 26
Time: 3.45pm to 5.15pm
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: $10 per term (pre-paid)
Be inspired by the exhibitions to create your own artwork. Year 5 to Year 8. Bookings essential.
Enquiries and bookings: Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte
Phone: (02) 6022 9609
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au

**PROJECTion Dance presents Of Mice and Men**

Date: Thursday, April 24 and Saturday, April 26
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: $25
Vote for The Cube Wodonga Cube a Wodonga member $20. All other tickets $28 Dance work, based on the novel written by Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck.
Phone: (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au

**ANZAC Day**

Date: Friday, April 25
Time: Dawn
Venue: Woodward Grove
Cost: Free
Dawn Service, Memorial March and Memorial Service.

**2014 Murray Grey National Show and Sale**

Date: Sunday April 27 to Tuesday, April 29.
Venue: Wodonga Exhibition Centre
Enquiries: (02) 6773 2022 or email mg@abrli.unite.edu.au or murraygrey.com.au

**Closing the gap on information technology (IT) - two groups**

Dates: Eight weeks from April 30
Time: 12.30pm to 2pm and 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Venue: Felltimber Community Centre
Contact: (02) 6043 4550

**Art Buzz**

Dates: Fridays during school terms
Term two: Friday, May 9 to Friday, June 27
Time: 10.30am to 11.30am
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Free
Dining Room donation
Visual art workshops for little hands, relating to exhibition. For ages three to five years and parent/guardian. Bookings essential.
Enquiries and bookings: Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte
Phone: (02) 6022 9609

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