

# Local Buzzzz

## Wendouree March Edition



Strengthening Community Connections

March 2024

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people and their ancestors who have been custodians of the Ballarat area for thousands of years, performing age-old cultural ceremonies, celebrations and traditions. We would like to acknowledge the Ballarat Aboriginal community, many of whom were forcibly removed from their families during the Stolen Generations decades and brought to Ballarat. We would also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



## Community Shed Wendouree



The Community Shed has opened in Wendouree. We are still running the Wendouree Mens Shed Program one day a week (Wednesdays 9-2) where you can drop in to work on a group project, brainstorm ideas for home or work on your own project. Pay an annual membership and drop in whenever you want. Join us for a cuppa or just have a chat.

Looking for something to keep you busy and aged 18—70 then try the Community Shed. Currently open Mondays and Tuesdays and soon to open on a Thursday as well. Learn new skills and contribute to the community. Everyone welcome.

We are also running various learning opportunities in the shed. Drop in to find out more. Located in the Reserve at 16 Holly Grove, Wendouree.

## Welcome

Finally summer days have hit us and I hope everyone has been able to keep cool.

Its been a very busy month so our next newsletter wont be out until after Easter.

As always we welcome photos and stories of upcoming and past events in the Wendouree area. Keep safe until next time.

## Women's Shed Ballarat



Keep your eye on their facebook page. They will be opening soon locally in Wendouree



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# What's happening at the Community Hub



Unlocking your creative skills has never been easier with a growing list of creative activities at the Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre. Local artist Susan Clarke is dedicated to sharing her knowledge in Printing using various techniques. Susan helps build skills and confidence to be creative. New classes starting Term 2.



New Program out soon.

## COOKING FOR COMMUNITY

*Learn how to cook for a crowd while supporting our community's access to affordable & healthy food.*



*Do you enjoy being in the kitchen and want to put your enthusiasm to good use?*

In cooking for the community classes, participants make use of our registered kitchen to learn how to cook in larger quantities, practice safe food handling and safe work practices.

This program supports our local community by providing affordable take-away or sit-down meals. Cooking for the community is designed to build learners confidence, practice team working skills and increase employability and volunteering skills.



### Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre

We have many classes starting soon including cooking, reading, writing, maths, volunteering and help to get your L's.

If you are looking for work, try one of our courses such as **Office skills, Café Skills or Retail Skills.**



Hospitality and retail



Job and study skills



Computers and online



Business



Reading, writing and maths



# SERVICES & SUPPORT

AT THE  
**WENDOUREE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

FOOD ASSISTANCE  
Call 5334 2844

*(Please leave a message & you will get a call back)*  
Available in 14 Violet Grove  
(Mon, Wed and Friday 9:30-11am)

## SOUL FOOD

Seventh-Day Adventist  
Good Samaritan Centre  
Cnr of Grevillea & Learmonth Road,  
Wendouree

*Dry & canned foods, bread & fresh produce available*

**THURSDAYS 9am for Ticket then Shop at 11am**

\$10 for trolley load of food  
(if you can afford it)

## Hearing Voices Support Group

Meets fortnightly Thursdays 1-3 pm at Violet Grove  
Supportive environment. P: 5303 0507 for more details

## Provisional Psychologist

Available fortnightly at Holly Grove  
Bookings Essential. Phone 5303 0507 for more details.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Mon 9 - 10:30am  
Wed 11 - 1pm

**Justice of the Peace.  
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& Independent**

## Document Signing Centre

Wendouree NHC, 12 Holly Grove, Wendouree  
Ph 03 5303 0507

Mondays 9:00am to 10:30am  
Wednesdays 11:00am to 1pm

**Wayne Jones JP 14143 Ph: 0422 833 262**

# FLASH DRIVE

## FLASH DRIVE OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays and Fridays Only  
from 10am—2pm

1223 Grevillea Road, Wendouree  
Phone Vicki or Diane on 5339 9537



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Empowering Individuals  
...One Megabyte at a time!

## AFFORDABLE MEALS

available every week-day at the  
**WENDOUREE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

*We have frozen meals all \$2 -\$3  
And soups for \$1 ready to go.*

*Also available  
“Food Pantry” emergency supplies*

## SOUP BUS

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Starting 31st October  
6.30-8pm

FREE  
2 course sit down meal

14 VIOLET GROVE  
WENDOUREE



# SNAP SEND AND SOLVE

## Helping Wendouree fix local problems



Download the Snap Send Solve app.

It's a quick and simple way to report problems.

Residents in Wendouree can now easily report issues to the City of Ballarat 24/7 in less than 30 seconds. Report issues from dumped rubbish, broken footpaths to trolleys lost and council will send the information to the right authority.

You can alternatively still report via 5320 5500 or online via [ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://ballarat.vic.gov.au)



### SONS OF THE WEST

Sons of the West is a **FREE** 10-week health program for men over 18 .

The program aims to provide participants with the tools, knowledge and access to experts to improve their health and wellbeing in a supportive environment.

STILL TIME TO JOIN THE WENDOUREE PROGRAM

[foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au](mailto:foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au)



### Forest Rangers Soccer Club

[info@forestrangersfc.com.au](mailto:info@forestrangersfc.com.au)

The fantastic sports pavilion is the home of the Forest Rangers Soccer Club and used by cricket and school groups. The new facilities are female friendly, have all new pitches and lighting and is a great asset for the Wendouree community. Please call Marilyn if you would like more information about the soccer activities on 0419 321 546. or find them on facebook.



### Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre

#### Supported Playgroup

- ◆ Come along and meet other families
- ◆ Fun engaging activities
- ◆ Learn about play & children's development
- ◆ For children 0-5 years

**WHEN:** Wednesdays  
**TIME:** 9:30am to 10:30 am  
**COST:** FREE

CITY OF BALLARAT SUPPORTED PLAY-GROUPS



### Storytime is HERE at the Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre.

Come along to join in on the fun with stories and rhymes for you and your little ones to enjoy.

Starts 10:30am—just drop in Wednesdays during school term.

Run by the Ballarat Libraries



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