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## Media Release

## **Celebrating Our Volunteers**

Volunteers from across the Rural City of Wangaratta will be recognised at a morning tea being held in their honour at the Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre on 24 July 2023.

Volunteers are integral to the day-to-day running of many local organisations. From the wellknown work of clubs such as Rotary, Lions and CWA to emergency services such as the CFA and SES. Local community markets and gardens, through to charity shops and care services. Our community relies on a strong volunteer base for the provision of many activities, events, and services.

"Rural City of Wangaratta recognises the great contribution made by volunteers. This morning tea is a chance to personally thank the volunteers across our region for all the work they do," said Rural City of Wangaratta Acting Mayor Cr Harry Bussell.

"Our community has a richness and strength because of the work of volunteers."

"It has been said that we have two hands, one to help ourselves and the second to help others. If this makes you stop and think, join in! Whether it's working with a local community group or coaching a sports team there are a wide range of volunteer roles across the Rural City of Wangaratta."

"Council to has a large group of volunteers who do an incredible job and create the welcoming atmosphere at the Library, Performing Arts Centre and Gallery that we all recognise."

"Volunteering helps people develop new skills, make friends and stay connected while also making a difference in other people's lives."

Local volunteer Fiona Evans offered her thoughts, "I think volunteering is really satisfying, you get to help people have a great time."

Fiona is currently serving as President in her eighteenth year on the Wangaratta Show Society Committee, she also volunteers as an usher at WPACC, and as a member of the Wangaratta Players.

The morning tea will be held from 10 - 11am on 24 July, at Memorial Hall at WPACC and volunteers from across our community are invited to attend.

To attend please visit, <a href="https://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Residents/Whats-On">https://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/Residents/Whats-On</a> or email recreation@wangaratta.vic.gov.au.

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