



Wingate Avenue  
Community Centre

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# Wingate news

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## 2025: A Year of Celebrating

Wingate Avenue Community Centre is celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the community this year. We invite everyone in the community to celebrate with us throughout the year.

### Official Celebration Open, Friday 21 February, 10:30am

Celebrates start with an official opening on Friday 21 February. Drop in at 10:30 to help us kick off the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This event will start with a Welcome to Country and digeridoo, followed by an official opening by Hon. Danny Pearson and morning tea.



### We Are Wingate: Our History Told Through Community Photos, from March Onwards

We are very proud to have been a part of the community since 1985 and we'd like to celebrate the community through a photo and story exhibition. We invite you to contribute to the exhibition by sharing your memories of the community and area. So, pull out the old photo albums and contact Tristan, our Community Lead to make a time to share your story and add to the exhibition.

### FREE

Travel cot. High chair.  
Children's books. Potty  
training equipment.  
Contact Johanna by text  
only 0431 922 746

## Container Recycling

Thank you to everyone in the community who recycles their containers at our over-the-counter site. We've reached **1 million containers recycled**, which is an amazing effort for our small site. It funds a small employment program at the centre.

We encourage all recyclers to collect containers safely and responsibly. Please keep our neighbourhood clean, do not enter private property, and protect your health.



## Have Your Say in Wingate Ave CC Services

We'd like to hear from you about what services, programs and activities you'd like to see at the community centre.

We're developing our 2024 – 2027 Strategic Plan and would like as much input from the community as possible. Click on the survey on our website or drop in and do a paper survey, to let us know what we're doing well, what we should start doing, and what we should get better at.

All community member (residents, staff, partners, other organisation ... everyone!) input is welcomed.

Go to [www.wingateave.com.au](http://www.wingateave.com.au), check out our **Facebook** page, or **drop in to fill in a paper survey**. All feedback welcome.

## WHAT'S ON IN Feb-Mar

- Mon 3 Feb **Art Group** returns, then every Monday during school term  
9:30 – 12:30, \$5 per class
- Mon 3 Feb **Patchwork** returns, then every Monday during school term  
1:30 – 3:30, \$2 per class
- Tue 4 Feb **Gardening Group**, then every Tuesday in February
- Tue 4 Feb **Playgroup** opens, then every Tuesday during school term
- Fri 7 Feb **Men's Group**, 12:00 – 2:00
- Fri 7 Feb **Singing Group**, then every Friday during school terms  
10:00 – 11:30 \$5 per class
- Mon 10 Feb **Yoga** opens, then every Monday  
11:00 – 12:00 \$2 donation
- Wed 12 Feb **Roaming Coffee Cart**. Free coffee, cookie and chat
- Wed 12 Feb **Form Clinic** opens, then every Wednesday. Bookings required.
- Fri 14 Feb **Services Australia** (Centrelink)  
9:30 – 12:00, By appointment
- Mon 17 Feb **Women's Group**, 1:30 – 3:30
- Thu 20 Feb **Outdoor Chatty Café**, afternoon Library van visit + coffee cart
- Fri 21 Feb **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Official Open**
- Fri 7 Mar **Bring Your Bill Day**, 10:00 – 2:00
- Fri 7 Mar **Men's Group**, 12:00 – 2:00
- Mon 10 Mar Public Holiday – **Centre Closed**
- Tue 11 Mar **Bill Support**, 9:30 – 3:00
- Wed 12 Mar **Roaming Coffee Cart**

## Recycling Counter – Extreme Heat Closure

The drink container recycling counter will be closed on days that are forecast to be 36°C or higher.  
Closed Monday 3 and Tuesday February due to heat.



## Roaming Coffee Cart

We're getting out the coffee cart and cookies and heading to a street near you. Each month we'll bring our coffee cart to a new location on the estate for a free coffee, cookie, and chat.

First stop is Churchill Avenue Playground on Wed 12 Feb, 10:30 – 11:30am. Look for us in the carpark behind 20 Churchill Avenue.

## Bring Your Bill Day, 7 March

Get help with fines and outstanding bills. Come along on Friday 7 March with your bills and we'll support you to talk to your provider to negotiate payment plans or apply for fee waivers.

Follow up bill support is also available from Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13 March, and Monday 17 to Thursday 30 March, 9:30 to 3:00.

## LEARN ENGLISH

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Childcare available for eligible learners.

Morning and afternoon classes available. Monday to Thursday for up to 15 hours a week.

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