

What's On October 2020

Wentworth Region
Australia's Murray Darling Heartland

October & November - TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

11/64 Sandwyck Street, Wentworth

6.30pm & 8pm

The Wentworth Military Collection now boasts one of the most advanced Self-Guided Audio Tours in the world.

The Wentworth Military Museum will be hosting evening tours of the Marching Matilda Experience every Tuesday and Thursday nights with 2 tours, 6:30pm and 8:00pm with a COVID maximum of 7 visitors per tour. Cost \$8.00 per person.

Bookings essential call: 0434 549 401

www.wentworthmilitarycollection.com

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18 October, Sunday

PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST & PICTURESQUE GOLF CLUB WALK

Cooamealla Golf Club, Kookaburra Drive, Dareton

9am

\$10 per person. Includes a 30-40 minute guided morning walk and BBQ Breakfast will all profits going towards National Breast Cancer Foundation. Bookings essential. Payment required upon booking. Dogs on leads welcome. Wear something pink preferred. Book at Club Reception or call 03 5027 4505.

www.cooameallclub.com.au

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19 Monday - 25 Sunday October

BIRD COUNT - BIRDLIFE AUSTRALIA

"In your own Backyard"

You're invited to join in the 2020 Aussie Backyard Bird Count. Our common backyard species give us the best indication of the health of our natural environment – think of birds as a barometer for nature! That's why each October, people count how many birds they see within 20-minutes in their backyard, local park, or any other area. This provides a snapshot at the same time each year, allowing us to look at trends in our bird communities! Especially important in 2020, the Bird Count is a fun, safe activity that can be enjoyed no matter the COVID-19 situation in your area. Counting birds

isn't just a fun activity for you and the environment – spending time observing nature has been proven to provide benefits to mental health and well-being. All it takes is 20 minutes in your backyard, local park, or favourite outdoor space – anywhere you can count birds. Count the birds that are counting on you - register now to be part of the nation's largest annual citizen science event! To find out more, visit aussiebirdcount.org.au or Use the Aussie Bird Count app or the webform to record your count details, including the bird species you see and how many. Can we count you in?

www.birdlife.org.au



24 October, Saturday

BREKKIE with the FRIENDS

Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, 1183 River Road, Mourquong

8.30am - 12noon

The Brekkie is run by a group of enthusiastic volunteers eager to serve you. Enjoy a delicious breakfast with good coffee while you relax in all that the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens has to offer. Pick your choice of breakfast – value for money! Toast, vegies, bacon, sausages, eggs, or pancakes accompanied by fruit juice or coffee. Each visit is both unique and breathtaking. The Rose Garden & Sturt Desert Pea display will be looking spectacular. Jump on the tractor train at 11am and enjoy a guided tour with family and friends.

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1 October to 31 October **CALENDAR ART COMPETITION**

Wentworth & District Community Bank,
32 Darling Street, Wentworth

The Wentworth & District Community Bank are running a Calendar Art Competition whereby we invite residents of the Wentworth Shire to submit pictures, photographs or artwork from the past or present which relate to local landmarks, local communities, local identities, sporting organisations, volunteer groups etc. The competition runs from 1st October to 30th October and the 23 best artworks will be included in our 2021 calendar.

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1 September to 31 October **WHEELIE BIN COMPETITION**

Wentworth & District Community Bank, 32 Darling Street, Wentworth

All Wentworth Shire householders and residents who have a green wheelie bin were invited to enter a contest to enhance/decorate/embellish their bins with just a touch of referencing the Wentworth & District Community Bank. Winners have been selected each week for the most enlightening, artistic and humorous wheelie bin artworks. All you need to do is simply take a photograph of your wheelie bin enhancement and email it to us. All weekly winners will then be displayed on our Facebook page, in the Branch Office in Wentworth and in the window of our Community Office, so that EVERYONE can choose their favourite "People's Choice" entry when the competition closes. We are now onto our 6th week of the competition so time is running out.

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A Life Size Statue of a man known as "POSSUM"

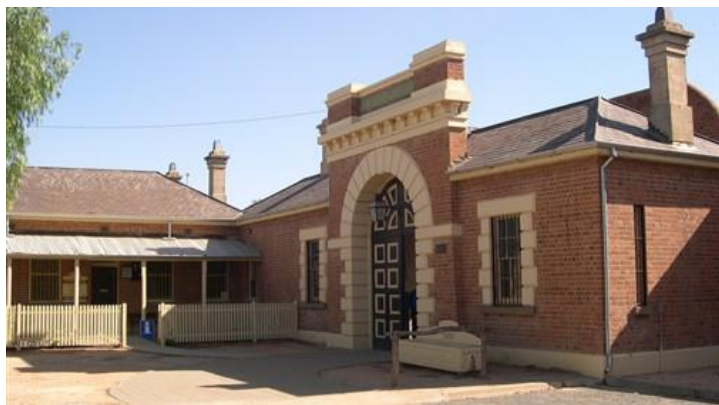
An extraordinary life, lived as a hermit and avoided human contact for some 50 years before his death at the age of 81 years.

During the Great Depression, David James Jones, "Jimmy", took to living off the land in and around Wentworth. A proud man, "Possum" worked for graziers in exchange for food and clothing only doing the work when no-one was around.

Hear his story via voca-phone by placing a 20c coin in the metal box near the statue or purchase the book "A Man Called Possum" from the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre.

Fotherby Park, Silver City Highway, Wentworth

03 5027 5080



OLD WENTWORTH GAOL

Built in 1879-1881, the small single storey brick gaol, with bluestone trim, was designed by colonial architect, James Barnett. It was the first of the Australian designed gaols (Hay and Dubbo gaols followed this one). The bricks were made on site from local clay, by Joseph Fritz and the bluestone from Wales was transported from Malmsbury, Victoria. The new gaol replaced over-crowded lock-ups and was utilised until its closure in 1927. After its closure as a gaol, the building was utilised as extra classrooms for the Wentworth Central School until 1963 and today, due to its remarkable condition, is a major tourist attraction. Visitors now enter the building through the Warden's residence. There is a site map available for self-guided tours plus a well stocked gift & antique shop.

Beverley Street, Wentworth, **03 50273 337**

Gift Card

Whilst you may not be able to visit the ones you care about, let them know you are thinking of them by purchasing a Wentworth Region Gift Card.

Don't know what gift to buy? Let them choose from one of the many listed local Wentworth Region businesses. The Gift is their choice.

Gift cards can be purchased over the phone by calling **03 5027 5080** or in person from Wentworth Visitor Information Centre and Midway Centre Buronga, EFTPOS only.



WENTWORTH SHOPPING

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Gift Card



Wentworth Visitor Information Centre

Open : Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

Closed : Weekend, ANZAC Day, Good Friday & Christmas Day

P : 03 5027 5080 or [E : tourism@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@wentworth.nsw.gov.au)

