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Wagga Wagga's first microbrewery offers a unique experience for visitors

Thirsty Crow, Wagga Wagga's first microbrewery was officially opened on Friday February 11 at 31 Kincaid Street and is a premier and unique venue for Wagga Wagga. Through tours and product samples Thirsty Crow offers a unique experience for those who understand a quality product or are willing to learn about quality beer.

The working showcase at Thirsty Crow is the 500 litre brewery which stands proudly in full view for all visitors to watch the brewing action. They produce six beers year round and several seasonal brews for its adjoining 140 seat bar. For those who cannot convert to quality craft beer there is a well developed wine list available as well as locally roasted Coffee and a great selection of Tea.

The Thirsty Crow Kitchen specialises in Craft Pizza's, which are a little bit quirky and pair up well with several of the brews, or the antipasto platters and cheese boards are also a great choice.

Thirsty Crow owner Craig Wealands believes that they appeal to a massive range of demographics.

"As a Small Bar we have to offer alternatives to beer, so we have tried hard to make the food, coffee and wine of a great standard; In saying that we are a brewery and that is our x factor" commented Mr Wealands.

"I think our average customer is the person that "gets it" - they either know what quality product is or are willing to learn" he added.

Visitors to Thirsty Crow can learn more about the beers and the production process on one of the guided Brewery Tours which are held three times a week – Friday at 6pm, Saturday & Sunday at 2pm. On tour visitors are walked through the brewing process and learn about the ingredients while you are sampling the end product. Tours are \$13/person, which includes a sample tray and is hosted by one of Thirsty Crow's experienced brewers.

For the ultimate beer and food experience visitors should keep an eye on the upcoming dates for the Thirsty Crow Beer and Food Pairing 101 evenings. The first event is planned for April 20 with details available at the website www.thirstycrow.com.au and bookings essential at the bar.

"We plan on doing beer dinners once a month after the dust settles from opening. They will be entertaining, interactive and insightful. Craft Beer pairs up well with all foods - so we plan on doing some pretty special meals that work perfectly with our beers" commented Mr Wealands

Thirsty Crow is open Monday and Tuesday 4pm-10pm, Wednesday through to Saturday 11am – 11.30pm and Sunday 11am – 9.30pm. For details on what they offer visit the website at www.thirstycrow.com.au

There is plenty to do and see all year round in the Wagga Wagga Shire, check the website www.visitwaggawagga.com.au and make the most of your time in the Wagga Wagga Shire.

March Events

Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival	Junee	March 4-6	www.juneonline.com.au or 0439192193
Pie In The Sky, Festival of Football	Hay	March 3-6	www.haymagpies.com.au
Bargeman Modified Tractor Pull	Bargeman	March 5	(02) 6976 2003 or email wellsbm@dragnet.com.au
Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee - Opera	MOrundah	March 6	www.morundahopera.com.au
Twilight by the Lagoon - Fireworks Finale	Wagga Wagga	March 4	Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre 6926 9688
Deniliquin Pastoral & Agricultural Show Society Annual Show	Deniliquin	March 5	Dawn 03 5881 1655
Wagga Wagga Holiday and Travel Show	Wagga Wagga	March 5	02 6023 6300 or 0412 461 392
' Back to Deni'	Deniliquin	March 5-12	www.deniliquin.nsw.gov.au or phone 03 5898 3000
Murrumbidgee Country Quilters Inc. 2011 Quilt Exhibition	Yoogali	March 5&6	Annette Sivewright 02 6962 5308 or geeru48@hotmail.com
Country Energy Wagga Wagga Pro-Am 2011	Wagga Wagga	March 5-12	02 69226444 or www.wwcc.com.au
Hillston Outback Triathlon 2011	Hillston	March 6	(02) 6967 2999
Wagga Wagga Relay for Life 2011	Wagga Wagga	March 5&6	www.relayforlife.com.au or 02 6937 2604, annabelmc@nswcc.org.au
Riverina Rush Multi Sport Festival	Narrandera	March 12&13	www.RiverinaRush.com.au or email NarBUG@hotmail.com.au
Riverina Marine Centre Yamaha Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition	Leeton	March 11-13	Rod Palmer 0407 535 180
Leeton Soldiers Golf Club SunRice Pro-Am	Leeton	March 11-13	Jason Mimmo (02) 6953 3292 or 0427 594 667
The Lockhart Antiques "Under the Verandah" Antique Auction & National Historic Truck & Commercial Vehicle Show	Lockhart	March 12	
ARTC Long haul Open Water Swim	Narrandera	March 12	02 6959 3015 or slee@artc.com.au
Celtic Festival	Wagga Wagga	March 12	Lee Kennedy 6925 0166 or 0428 211 788 or Del Blowes 6925 8036
38 th Annual Exhibition – Temora Rural Museum	Temora	March 12	Bill Speirs (02) 6977-1291 or temoraruralmuseum@bigpond.com
Oars 4 a Cause	Temora	March 12	Kelli 6977 4607, 0488 167 864; Sue 0428 739 540
Narrandera's John O'Brien Festival	Narrandera	March 17-20	Barb Bryon – 0400 346 043 or visit

			www.johnobrien.org.au
Riverina Chamber Orchestra – Inaugural Performance	Wagga Wagga	March 19	www.rivconmusic.org.au or 02 6925 3355
Yanco Agricultural High School Gala Day	Yanco	March 19	Simone Wilson at the school on 02 6951 1500
Seniors Week 2011	Wagga Wagga	March 20-27	1300 100 122
Deni Matchmakers Festival	Deniliquin	March 24-27	Catherine 03 5881 2631 www.denimatchmakers.com.au
Ardlethan Picnic Races	Ardlethan	March 26	Kathy McDermott 6978 2104 www.visitriverina.com.au
Ganmain Hall Centenary Celebrations	Ganmain	March 23-26	Val Brill 6927 6436
4th Annual Wagga Wagga Show N Shine	Wagga Wagga	March 26-27	www.waggarodandcustom.org.au or contact 0417 027 364 or waggarodandcustom@yahoo.com.au
Wagga Fight Night	Wagga Wagga	March 26	Anthony McCracken 0408 621 642 or Peter Blake 0413 046 722
Wagga Pro Rodeo	Wagga Wagga	March 26	0427 202 391 or johngillandsons@y7mail.com
Wagga Wagga Food and Wine Festival	Wagga Wagga	March 26	Laurie Blowes 0431 210 340 or Mark Sayer 0428 692 174
Children's Medical Research Institute Charity Golf Day	Wagga Wagga	March 27	6926 4169.
RAAF Air Pilgrimage	Temora	March 28-29	Amanda Gay-McCrone, (02) 6980 1100

For further details on any of these festivals and events across the Riverina or for details on attractions and leisure activities throughout the Riverina Region visit the Riverina Regional Tourism website at www.visitriverina.com.au

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