



25/9/22

Peter Thompson
The General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council
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Dear Mr Thompson

I am writing to request a fee waiver for the use of the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre on Saturday 14 January 2023. The Riverina Summer School for Strings has booked the theatre on this day to hold its Grand Finale Concert which is the culmination of the week of classes that take place from 7 – 14 January.

The Riverina Summer School for Strings is non-profit volunteer-run organization the produces a week long residential string school for young people and adults in the second week of January every year. We draw our students extensively from Wagga Wagga and the Riverina as well as from regional NSW, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Tasmania. In 2020 the 60 students and staff who visited Wagga for the week as well as 27 accompanying family, added 609 person nights to the local visitor economy.

Due to COVID-19 the RSSS has had to cancel the last two schools in 2021 and 2022 and as a result the close connection we normally have with our students has been diminished, leading to situation where we have to rebuild our relationships and the numbers of people attending. To give the RSSS some breathing space to re-establish itself, I would like to request that the Wagga Wagga City Council waive the hire fee on the Civic Theatre for the RSSS Grand Finale on 14 January 2023.

Please let me know if this will be possible.

Yours sincerely

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