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Free Safe Towing and Weighing Workshops in Wentworth Shire this May

Wentworth Shire Council is inviting local residents to participate in a series of free Safe Towing Workshops and professional weighing sessions this May to improve road safety and vehicle compliance.

The initiative, funded by Wentworth Shire Council and supported by the NSW Government, aims to ensure that drivers towing trailers, horse floats, boats, or caravans are operating safely and legally before embarking on their next journey.

Incorrect vehicle loading and non-compliance can lead to the voiding of insurance cover, as well as significant fines and demerit points. The workshops are particularly timely for travellers heading to Queensland, where towing enforcement is currently high.

Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council, Cr Daniel Linklater, said:

"Safety on our roads is a priority for Council. These sessions provide our community with professional weighing services valued at \$350 for free, helping drivers understand their actual towing capacity and load distribution. Whether you are a seasoned caravanner or new to towing, this expert guidance ensures you can travel with peace of mind knowing your rig is safe and compliant."

Participants will gain practical knowledge on maintenance "must-dos," brake controllers, load equalisers, and safety chain configurations. The Safe Towing Workshop includes a one-hour interactive workshop followed by a group vehicle inspection and discussion.

Event Schedule

Date	Event Type	Location
Tuesday 5 May (10am–12pm)	Safe Towing Workshop	Wentworth Showgrounds, Pavilion Road
Wednesday 6 May (6 sessions)	Weighing Sessions	Wentworth Sporting Complex (RV Park)
Thursday 7 May (6 sessions)	Weighing Sessions	Midway Community Centre, Buronga

Registration Information

Registrations are essential for the workshop and weighing sessions and close at 10:00am on Friday, 1 May 2026. As places are limited, early booking is encouraged to avoid disappointment. Please note that sessions may be cancelled if minimum registration numbers are not met.

To register, residents can:

- Online: Visit www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/stwd0526/
- Phone: Call (03) 5027 5027
- Email: Contact Barnaby Bates, Community Road Safety Officer, at barnaby.bates@wentworth.nsw.gov.au

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