



Mayor's Message

On Australia Day, we take the opportunity to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian.

It's a celebration of our diverse culture, our rich history, the wonderful country we are so fortunate to live in, and our own local community.

Congratulations to all those who have been nominated for an Australia Day award.

The Australia Day award presentations at BPACC are an opportunity to say thank you and recognise the achievements and contributions of those who serve our local community.

Another special part of the presentations is a Citizenship Ceremony to welcome new Australian Citizens into our community.

I hope you will celebrate our community and lifestyle by participating in one of the many activities held across Benalla Rural City this Australia Day.

Until next time,



Bernie Hearn, Mayor



2023 Australia Day Nominees

Being nominated for an Australia Day award is a great honour. All nominees have made outstanding contribution and commitment in their service to the local community.

Congratulations to all nominees listed below.

Nominees will be recognised and winners announced at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Thursday 26 January 11.30am at BPACC. Entry is free with tickets essential by phoning BPACC on 5762 5515.

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- Doris Billingsley
- Paul Dingemans
- Robert Erskine
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- Barrie Irvine
- Philip Keast
- Shaun Murphy
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2022 Young Citizen of the Year Sophie Humphries and Citizen of the Year Dr Lee Manning.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

- Baddaginnie Babbler
- Live4Life Benalla Crew
- Rose City Band

COMMUNITY EVENT OR PROJECT OF THE YEAR

- Benalla Migrants Meet-Up
- Benalla Spring Clean
- FCJ College – Let's Find Our Voice
- Tatong Community Historical Display 1905-2022 and Tatong Hall 50th Anniversary

2023 Australia Day Activities

Lake Benalla Foreshore

8am – Flag Raising Ceremony
Benalla Rotary breakfast, gold coin donation
9am – Presentation to the Benalla Achiever of the Year

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Program will include:

- Citizenship Ceremony
- Guest Speaker, Michael Donehue, National Services Manager, Alcohol & Drug Education Specialists
- Australia Day Award Presentations
- Aussie barbecue by the Rotary Club of Benalla

BPACC Cinema

Free movie screening of *H is for Happiness* (PG) at 2.30pm. Tickets essential from the BPACC Cinema box office.

Rural Townships

BADDAGINNIE Baddaginnie Fire Shed

8am – Community Breakfast and Flag Raising Ceremony

DEVENISH

Bicentennial Park

9am – Flag Raising Ceremony and Morning tea

GOOMALIBEE Goomalibee CFA Shed

7.30am – Community Breakfast
8.30am – Flag Raising Ceremony

GOORAMBAT Goorambat Hall

8am – Community Breakfast provided by the Goorambat CFA
9am – Flag Raising Ceremony and Presentation to the Goorambat Achiever of the Year

LIMA Lima School Community Centre

9.30am – Flag Raising Ceremony, Presentation to the Lima/Swanpool Achiever of the Year, and morning tea (please bring a plate to share)

MOLYULLAH Molyullah Hall

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TATONG Tatong Recreation Reserve

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THOONA Thoona Memorial Hall

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WARRENBAYNE Warrenbayne Community Hall

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