



## Mayor's Message

Australia Day is an important opportunity to celebrate what's great about this country.

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

On January 26 each year we hold the Australia Day award presentations plus another special event, the Citizenship Ceremony to welcome new Australian Citizens into our community.

This year we celebrate 75 years of Australian Citizenship, as on 26 January 1949 the Nationality and Citizenship Act came into effect.

I invite you to celebrate our country and community by participating in the activities held across Benalla Rural City this Australia Day.

Until next time,



Cr Danny Claridge, Mayor

## 2024 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.

### Community Event / Project of the Year

- Benalla Botanical Gardens Parkrun
- Diwali @ the Mural
- Moorngag Music Stage and Hot Air Balloon Night Glow
- Shared Stories – the 3rd National Heritage Festival in Benalla
- Small Town Sing

### Community Group of the Year

- Full Impact Squad
- Molyullah Community
- Moorngag Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Mt Bruno Picnic Committee

### Junior Citizen of the Year (age 12-17)

- Hayley Cooper
- Oliver Hall
- Abbey-Rose Richards
- Emily Snell
- Kelsey Scriven

### Young Citizen of the Year (age 18-25)

- Thomas Hill
- Millicent Scriven

### Citizen of the Year

- Robyn Clark
- Greg Dennis
- Nea Hicks
- Ross Hill
- Janette and John Knapper
- Sue Kucia
- Russell Lowe
- Larissa Montgomery
- Peter and Margaret Poels
- Phillip and Joanne Thomson
- Jenny Wapling

## 2024 Australia Day Activities

### Benalla Rural City Australia Day Award Presentations

BPACC, 57 Samaria Road from 11.30am, entry is free, tickets essential by scanning the QR Code or phoning Benalla Cinema on 03 5762 5515.



Program will include:

- 75th Anniversary Citizenship Ceremony
- Entertainment by Benalla Theatre Company, Col Milligan and Dallas Alice
- Australia Day Award Presentations from 11.30am at BPACC
- Aussie Barbecue Lunch by Rotary Club of Benalla

### Mair Street Benalla

7.30am – Community barbecue breakfast at 14 Mair Street, gold coin donation, thanks to Rotary Club of Benalla.

9am – Flag Raising Ceremony and Presentation to the Benalla Achiever of the Year.

### Benalla Cinema Celebrates with two Australian movies FREE!

Free movie screening of *Scarygirl* (PG) at 2.15pm. Tickets essential from the Benalla Cinema box office. Free movie screening of *The Dry* (M) at 4.30pm. Tickets essential from the Benalla Cinema box office, 14 Mair Street Benalla or by calling 03 5762 5515.

### Baddaginnie Fire Shed

8am – Community Breakfast, Presentation to the Baddaginnie Achiever of the year and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Devenish Bicentennial Park

9am – Flag Raising Ceremony, Morning tea and presentation to the Devenish Achiever of the Year.



## Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

### Goomalibee CFA Shed

7.30am – Community Breakfast and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Goorambat Hall

8am – Community Breakfast, Presentation to the Goorambat Achiever of the Year and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Lima School Community Centre

9.30am – Flag Raising Ceremony, Presentation to the Lima / Swanpool Achiever of the Year, and morning tea.

### Molyullah Hall

8.30am – Community Breakfast, Presentation to the Molyullah Achiever of the year and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Tatong Recreation Reserve

8am – Community Breakfast, Presentation to the Tatong Achiever of the Year and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Thoona Memorial Hall

8am – Community Breakfast, Presentation to the Thoona Achiever of the Year and Flag Raising Ceremony.

### Warrenbayne Community Hall

8.30am – Community Breakfast and Flag Raising Ceremony.