

Thursday, 6 January 2011

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY 2011 WITH US

Australia Day is a national tribute to everything that is great about Australia – our diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future.

City of Ryde Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian said: “Traditionally, this is a day when we attend either an organised community event or get together with family and friends to relax and have fun.

“But Australia Day is much more than a public holiday, a barbeque or a sports day. At its heart, Australia Day is a day driven by communities celebrating what’s great about Australia and being Australian.’

Australia Day celebrations in the City of Ryde begin with an official gathering at the Civic Centre that includes an address by Australia Day Ambassador, Tracy Bevan, one of the driving forces behind the McGrath Foundation.

We also honour our most respected residents with the announcement of the 2011 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year.

This is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony when 50 new members of the Australian family are welcomed.

In the afternoon, our celebrations move to North Ryde Common for the annual Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks (4.30 – 9.00 pm). A great line up of family entertainment, headed by *The Robertson Brothers*, playing classic hits by artists from the 70s (including The Bee Gees, The Eagles, Little River Band), plus local acts will get you in the party mood. Then spectacular fireworks will light up the evening sky at 9 o’clock.

Summary 2011 Australia Day Program

Civic Ceremony

Civic Centre, Devlin Street, Ryde, 10.00-11.30 am

- Australia Day Ambassador Address – Tracy Bevan
- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement
- Citizenship Ceremony

Family Concert and Fireworks

North Ryde Common, Cnr Twin & Wicks Roads

Concert starts 5.00 pm. Fireworks at 9.00 pm

Rides and refreshments available. Full details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

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