

Wednesday 11 January 2017

CELEBRATE IN RYDE THIS AUSTRALIA DAY

Local heroes and our way of life

Come and celebrate what's great about the City of Ryde at our Australia Day celebrations on Thursday 26 January 2017. It will be a day of ceremony, tradition and family fun.

Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering said Ryde offers unique Australia Day celebrations. "You don't have to travel far to enjoy great community events, entertainment and spectacular fireworks.

"I encourage everyone to gather with family and friends to enjoy an unforgettable Australia Day right here in Ryde," he said.

The formal celebrations start at 3.00pm with a civic ceremony and an address from Ryde's Australia Day Ambassador, Ricardo Goncalves. The Mayor will then announce the Ryde Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and fifty residents will take the oath of citizenship.

Then the party kicks off at 5 o'clock at North Ryde Common with the annual Australia Day Family Concert. The Reel Matilda is the feature act in this year's great entertainment lineup.

At 9.00pm, tonnes of pyrotechnics will ignite the sky as the Fireworks Spectacular brings a great family day to a climax.

Australia Day 2017 roundup:

- **Honour** our most admired citizens and welcome new ones at a special civic ceremony
- **Hear** about what makes Australia great from Ryde's Australia Day Ambassador Ricardo Goncalves
- **Rock** on at North Ryde Common with The Reel Matilda, Steve Hart and the All Stars and Powerderfinger tribute band Vulture Street
- **Be amazed** as the night sky lights up with a spectacular fireworks display.

Civic Ceremony

North Ryde School of Arts Hall, 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde, from 3.00pm (***new start time***)

Australia Day Ambassador address

Ricardo Goncalves is the City of Ryde's official Australia Day Ambassador. He will speak about what is great about Australia and being Australian.

Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement

Meet the local heroes, whose actions mirror our national values, who have been nominated by residents for our top civic honours.

Citizenship Ceremony

Witness their pride when fifty local residents become Australian citizens. The new citizens will sing the National Anthem for the first time as Australians and the band will play *We Are Australian*. Then there will be lamingtons and sausage rolls for all.

Australia Day Family Concert & Fireworks

North Ryde Common, Cnr Twin & Wicks Roads, 5.00 – 9.00 pm

There's plenty of room for everyone plus kids' rides, food trucks and refreshments. Don't miss it!
And remember ... no glass in the park.

Performance Schedule

5.00 - 6pm	The Reel Matilda
6.00 – 6.10pm	Welcome to Country, Mayor's Welcome and National Anthem
6.30 – 7.30pm	Vulture Street, Powderfinger tribute band
8.00 – 9.00pm	Steve Hart and the All Stars Band
9.00pm	Xtreme Fireworks Spectacular

Make a Splash!

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ralc

504 Victoria Road, Ryde, 10.00am – 5.45pm

Immerse yourself in Australia Day fun at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. There'll be pool inflatables, games and plenty of fun for the whole family. For an extra thrill, try the Surf Ryder (bookings required 8875 5111). Individual and group bookings available.

For full details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

Australia Day celebrations are presented for your enjoyment by City of Ryde Council.

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