

Tuesday 16 January 2017

RYDE COUNCIL CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY ON JANUARY 26

There has been recent media publicity around celebrating Australia Day on 26 January. Ryde Council has not discussed nor has it resolved to move Australia Day Celebrations from 26 January.

City of Ryde's Annual Australia Day Celebrations including Citizenship Ceremony and Family Concert with fireworks will be going ahead as planned.

Council can confirm that the Deputy Mayor Clr Gordon's comments in the press regarding the date-change have been taken out of context. "I am looking forward to welcoming new Citizen's at the Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day" Clr Gordon said.

Australia Day Ambassador, entrepreneur and champion of cultural diversity Sonia Sadiq Gandhi, will join Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, at a special Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony to welcome 50 new Citizens from over 20 nations who now call Australia home. Uncle Greg will provide the Welcome to Country and this Australia Day, we are pleased to welcome back indigenous educator Gumaroy, who will open the ceremony and educate new citizens about indigenous culture and customs.

Ryde's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony will take place at the North Ryde School of Arts Hall, 201 Coxs Road, from 11.00am

The City of Ryde Annual Australia Day Family Concert will take place from 5.00pm at the North Ryde Common, cnr Wicks and Twin Roads, North Ryde. This is an inclusive event for all Australians and includes a Welcome to Country, Battle of Bands youth competition, family concert and fireworks finale at 9.00pm. It also includes multicultural food, kids rides and activities.

All are welcome.

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