

City of Ryde

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CELEBRATE 2010 AUSTRALIA DAY WITH US

On Australia Day, we come together as a nation to celebrate our diverse society and landscape, our remarkable achievements and our bright future. It is also a chance to reflect on our nation's history, and to consider how we can make Australia an even better place in future.

The Mayor Cllr Michael Butterworth 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.

"Yet Australia Day is much more than a public holiday, a barbeque or cricket match. At its core, 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, accessibility advocate and global adventurer, Nick Gleeson.

We also honour our most respected residents with the announcement of the 2010 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, the City of Ryde hosts its annual Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks display at North Ryde Common (starting at 4.30pm). This year's entertainment includes a diverse line up of acts headed by *Beatnix – The Beatles Show*. Especially for the children will be performances by *Go Seek*. The talented trio the *BBQ Kings* and the *Edge Ballet Academy* complete the line up.

2010 AUSTRALIA DAY PROGRAM

Australia Day Ceremony

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

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

Australia Day Family Concert and Fireworks

North Ryde Common, Cnr Twin & Wicks Roads

Concert starts 4.30 pm. Fireworks at 9.00 pm

Rides and refreshments available

4.45 pm	Jenny Biddle
5.30 pm	The Edge Ballet Academy
5.50 pm	Go Seek MC
6.00 pm	Mayor and Ambassador Address
6.15 pm	Go Seek Show
6.45 pm	The BBQ Kings
7.30 pm	Go Seek
7.45 pm	Beatnix – The Beatles Show
9.00 pm	Fireworks

Attachment: Australia Day photos

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