

Monday 13 January 2014

LOCAL HEROES, AUSSIE ICONS AND LEGENDS OF ROCK HEADLINE RYDE'S AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Everyone is invited to celebrate what's great about the City of Ryde at Australia Day celebrations on Sunday 26 January 2014.

- We will honour our most admired citizens and welcome new ones at a special civic ceremony.
- We will hear about what makes Australia great from Australia Day Ambassador Dr Cindy Pan and enjoy a traditional Aussie morning tea.
- As the sun goes down Aussie rock legends *Dragon* will head an impressive line-up of local talent at our own Australia Day Family Concert.
- A spectacular fireworks display will be a fitting finale to an Australia Day of celebrations right here on our doorstep.

Mayor Roy Maggio said: "These events are a great way for local families to be part of Australian Day celebration here in Ryde.

"Our celebrations are all about local people, starting with the civic ceremonies, right through to the family concert and fireworks.

"It's hassle free, safe for families, no battling the traffic, no long trip home.

"Both kids and adults can get into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite Aussie icon, from Crocodile Dundee to Dame Edna, a bushranger or a kangaroo.

"So get your friends and family together and be part of our great Aussie-Ryde tradition."

Australia Day 2014 Program of Events

Civic Ceremony

Civic Hall, Ryde Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, starting at 10.00am

Australia Day Ambassador

Dr Cindy Pan is the City of Ryde's official Australia Day Ambassador. She will speak about what is great about Australia and being Australian.

Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year

Meet the twelve local heroes whose outstanding contribution to the City of Ryde has been nominated by residents for our top civic honour

Citizenship Ceremony

Witness their pride when one hundred local residents become Australian citizens. You can also join in the taking of the Australian Citizenship Affirmation to celebrate our values on Australia Day.

Australia Day Family Concert & Fireworks

North Ryde Common, Cnr Twin & Wicks Roads, 5.00 – 9.30 pm

Come dressed as your favourite Aussie icon. Children's rides, hot food and refreshments available.

Ryde will rock to the sounds of one of Australia's favourite rock bands, when the legendary **Dragon** takes to the stage for our Australia Day Concert at North Ryde Common. Sing along to their classic hits that include *(I'm) Still in Love With You*, *April Sun in Cuba* and *Are You Old Enough*. Their legendary rock n roll lifestyle, fire-breathing live shows and ability to reinvent themselves for a new generation of fans make **Dragon** part of Australia's music industry folklore. Don't miss it!

Make a Splash! on Australia Day

Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde, 8878 5111

Immerse yourself in Australia Day fun at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre.

There'll be pool inflatables, games, prizes, giveaways and plenty of fun for the whole family. There'll be a free sausage sizzle (one per person, while stocks last).

Full details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

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