

Greater Sydney Highlight Events & Media Logistics

Blacktown

WHEN: Gates open 3.30pm for 4:00pm – 9:15pm

WHERE: Rooty Hill, Eastern Road, Church Street

MEDIA CONTACT:

Jen Ngai	Edelman	0405 158 815
Amanda Calleja	Blacktown Council	0401 259 082

Media Parking: Prior registration required by contacting Amanda Calleja from Blacktown City Council on 0401 259 082.

Blacktown City Council will host western Sydney's largest Australia Day celebrations with an afternoon of free entertainment for the whole family at the iconic Rooty Hill.

Attracting crowds of up to 30,000 people, the celebrations will kick off at 4pm and extend through to 9.15pm when the night sky will light up with a Fireworks spectacular presented by Endeavour Energy.

The Rooty Hill is a 10 minute walk from Rooty Hill Railway Station or can be accessed by car via Eastern Road, Rooty Hill. Limited parking is available. For more information contact Council on 9839 6000 or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au.

Blacktown's Australia Day event is a family friendly, alcohol-free event.

Leave the car at home and use public transport. For further information, call 131 500, visit www.131500.com.au or download the 131 500 app for iPhone

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Parramatta

WHEN: 6:00am – 9:00pm
WHERE: Parramatta Park, Pitt St, Parramatta
MEDIA CONTACT:

Jen Ngai	Edelman	0405 158 815
5am – 1pm	Adam Leto	0414 190 221
5am – 11am	Valentina Bozinovski	0409 870 013
1pm – 6pm	Sia Anthopoulos	0409 870 013
6pm – 10pm	Lauren O'Connell	0409 870 013

Media Parking: Parramatta Park will be a car-free zone on Australia Day. For details on parking close to the event, please contact Parramatta City Council.

Celebrate Australia Day the Parramatta way with over 15 hours of jam packed entertainment. Start your morning with the majestic Hot Air Balloon Program proudly sponsored by Endeavour Energy which take flight at dawn, and keep your eyes in the sky to check out trapeze and acrobatic shows. Then head to the Big Backyard, offering all day fun with many cool zones to discover. As dusk draws near, get ready for a family friendly concert, finishing with a fireworks finale, proudly sponsored by Endeavour Energy, that you won't forget!

Aerial Carnivale - 6am-10am

All eyes will be in the sky at dawn with the visually stunning launch of the hot air balloons. Keeping with the aerial theme you will be dazzled by African acrobats *Zimboyz* and Aerialize's triple trapeze show *Birds Aflight!* With Circus workshops, model aeroplanes and loveable wacky roving performers, you are sure to stay well entertained. *Hot Air Balloons proudly presented by Endeavour Energy*

Big Backyard - 10am-4pm

Come on over to the big backyard and settle in for a day of big action. Social Scene - Community performance stage and DJ, kid's amusements, Lamington and kite making workshops, and chill out area. Eco Experience – arts and crafts workshops, environmental performances, live animal and insect shows, interactive gadgets, eco stalls and all things green! Old Parra Town – Take a walk back through time and see what Parramatta was like in the early 1800's. Outback Station – Old fashion fun with whip cracking, wood choppers, sheep shearing and sheep dog trials. Fly ball Dog Demos- Check out these competitive canines jump over hurdles, catch, and retrieve. Zany Zoo – Reptile and animal farms, *Brian Harrington and the family show*- Dressed up Ducks!

Dig 1100 Concert - 6pm – 9pm

The Dig 1100 concert returns to the natural amphitheatre in Parramatta Park with a concert like no other. Kids from 2 – 82 will enjoy the massive Australian line-up. Featuring the *Ice Age 4* show, *X Factor's* Johnny Ruffo, Tim Freedman from The Whitlams and headlining act Thirsty Merc!! Then the grand fireworks finale will be bigger than any year before – ensuring Parramatta's Australia Day will go off with a bang. *Fireworks Finale proudly presented by Endeavour Energy*

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Penrith

WHEN: 6.30pm - 9:30pm
WHERE: Sydney International Regatta Centre,
Old Castlereagh Rd, Penrith

MEDIA CONTACT:
Sarah Armour Penrith Council 0423 022 677

Media Parking: Parking permits are available for media crews to allow free entry and parking in Sydney International Regatta Centre. To obtain a media parking permit, please contact Penrith City Council before Australia Day.

Australia Day is arguably our nation's biggest celebration and here in Penrith, we know how to put on a party like no one else!

With the stunning Blue Mountains as the backdrop, our Sydney International Regatta Centre will play host to the Australia Day Spectacular presented by Endeavour Energy, that has something for everyone. From Great Aussie Rock Shows to the Smurfs, this is truly an all-ages event.

Thrill seekers will be on the edge of their seats as Australia's premier wakeboarders and Xtreme water-skiers perform back flips and stunts that will leave you gasping.

Back on dry land, strap yourself in for the world renowned extreme sport FMX champions, Nitro Circus, who will take you on one wild ride!

For those wanting a slightly slower pace, the audience can enjoy a stunning theatrical Cirque Ballet Show, a spectacular journey over land and water fusing acrobatics and dance.

Finally, spectacular digital water performance choreographed to music and lighting will ignite the senses and leave the audience breathless.

And what party would be complete without a stunning fireworks display by the internationally acclaimed Howard and Sons.

So come and ignite your national pride and experience a party like never before. Australia Day in Penrith City will be the place to be, a great opportunity to celebrate all that we have in our great city and all that is good about being Australian.

For more information about the day, or for wet weather event details on the day, please call 1300 736 836 or visit www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

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Wollongong

WHEN: 8:00am – 9:00pm
WHERE: Wollongong Harbour, Cliff Rd & Marine Drive, Wollongong
MEDIA CONTACT:
Jen Ngai Edelman 0405 158 815
Susan Wardle Wollongong Council 0417 244 626

Media Parking: Prior registration required by contacting Susan Wardle from Wollongong City Council on 0417 244 626.

The City of Wollongong will be celebrating Australia Day with a family friendly alcohol-free event showcasing the beautiful foreshore of Wollongong harbour and the Blue Mile. The City of Wollongong Australia Day Celebrations proudly presented by Endeavour Energy and Wollongong City Council will be jam packed with lots of activities to watch or to participate in. Food and craft markets, amusement rides, beach activities, kite making, live entertainment on the main and children's stages; free train rides; bed races, gun battery march and lots, lots more.

Traditional Aussie competitions such as sand sculpting and thong throwing will provide family fun, whilst local musicians can participate at Buskers corner. Don't miss out on the wood chopping demonstrations or the Rotaract Hospital Bed Run and parade. More than 80 new candidates will become new citizens on the day and celebrate what Australia has to offer. The day will culminate with the Endeavour Energy spectacular fireworks over Wollongong harbour providing an idyllic conclusion to our Australia Day celebrations.

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Kogarah

WHEN: 10:00am – 9:15pm
WHERE: Carss Bush Park, Carwar Ave, Carss Park
MEDIA CONTACT:
Jen Ngai Edelman 0405 158 815
Eva Papas Kogarah City Council 0459 222 389

Once again, an enormous day is planned from 10am with a formal Citizenship Ceremony attended by dignitaries, including Local Members of Parliament, Councillors, Local Community Leaders and our Australia Day Ambassador. Following the official proceedings, the Rock Stage will come alive with multicultural entertainment, dance troops, children's entertainment and cover bands. Throughout the park there will be children's activities, an array of international food, craft stalls. The day will climax with a dance celebration of genres from across the world and our incredible fireworks display at 9pm.

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