

AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

in the Parokes Shire



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



OFFICIAL CEREMONY PROGRAM

Cooke Park, Parkes

10.30am Music by Parkes Shire Concert Band

Conducted by Mr Duncan Clement presenting Australian favourites

11.00am Official Ceremony

INTRODUCTION - MC Mrs Kim Robinson

WELCOME

- Mr Tim Keith, Chair, Parkes Australia Day Committee

FLAG RAISING - 3rd Parkes Scouts

NATIONAL ANTHEM

- Aimee Ross with Parkes Shire Concert Band

PRAYER - Rev Brian Schmalkuche

WELCOME TO COUNTRY - Charlie Orah

MAYORAL WELCOME - Parkes Shire Mayor Cr Neil Westcott

INTRODUCTION OF AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR - Mr Tim Keith

AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR ADDRESS - Mr Tasman Cassim

AFFIRMATION - Led by the Mayor:

As an Australian citizen, I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I uphold and obey.

SPORTING AWARDS

- Announced by Mr Al Gersbach, President Parkes Sports Council and presented by Ambassador Mr Tasman Cassim

- Ron Harrison OAM Memorial Sports Bursary
- Administrator of the Year
- Long Service/Dedication
- Coach/Trainer/Manager of the Year
- Referee, umpire or official of the year
- Team of the Year
- Senior Sportsperson/Team of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year

PARKES SHIRE CULTURAL AWARDS

- Announced by Parkes Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Marg Applebee and presented by Ambassador Mr Tasman Cassim

- Performance Award
- Visual Arts Award

PARKES SHIRE CIVIC AWARDS - Announced by Parkes Shire Mayor Cr Neil Westcott and presented by Ambassador Mr Tasman Cassim

- Parkes Shire Community Lifetime Achievement Award
- Parkes Shire Community Event of the Year
- Parkes Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- Parkes Shire Citizen of the Year

CLOSE - MC Mrs Kim Robinson

DISTRIBUTION OF AUSTRALIA DAY CUP CAKES by 3rd Parkes Scouts

OUR 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR



MR TASMAN CASSIM

Head of Partnerships at Black Dog Institute, Founder of the Superhero Walk

Tasman Cassim is Head of Partnerships for the Black Dog Institute- he is passionate about bringing the For Purpose and For Profit sectors together to solve some of society's biggest challenges. He spent 20 years in sales and marketing in the travel industry and in 2015 Tas placed purpose at the heart of his career and moved into the For Purpose sector. He established and scaled partnership and fundraising programs at the Heart Foundation, Good360 and more recently the Black Dog Institute.

Tas's passion also extends to superheroes and doing good which manifests in his annual Superhero Walk. Each year Tas does a long walk dressed as superheroes to raise funds for smaller organisations and charities and the battlers they support. Since 2015 he's walked over 1,000km and raised \$100,000 for Australians doing it tough.

Tas is a devoted dad to 14-year-old daughter Maeya and husband to wife, Bec. In his spare time, he coaches the mighty Maroubra Girls U14 Giants soccer team and walks his beloved dog Luna!



JOIN THE 2025 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

There is a full day of community activities planned across the Parkes Shire as we join together to celebrate Australia Day and share the stories that come from our diverse backgrounds and experiences.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN PARKES

SAT 25 JANUARY

12.00pm - 8.00pm Racing at Parkes Jockey Club, including the Australia Day Handicap.

SUN 26 JANUARY

7.00am - 9.00am The celebrations begin on Australia Day with a community walk starting at 7.00am at Cooke Park followed by a free breakfast.

7.30am - 11.00am Over the Hill - kites of all sizes and shapes will be flying high at Northparkes Oval.

9.30am - 4.00pm Australia Day Golf Stableford at Parkes Golf Club.

10.00am - 4.00pm Railway Bowling Club Mini Carnival

10.00am - 4.30pm Social bowls and matches at Parkes Bowling and Sports Club and Railway Bowling Club – visitors welcome.

10.00am - 12.00pm All Australian Car Display at Cooke Park.

10.30am - 11.00am Live entertainment by the Parkes Shire Band on stage at the Cooke Park Pavilion.

11.00am - 12.30pm Official Ceremony at Cooke Park including the address by Ambassador Mr Tasman Cassim, presentation of Sporting Awards, Community and Cultural Awards and Citizen of the Year.

2.00pm - 6.00pm Make a splash at the Parkes Aquatic Centre with free entry from 2.00pm, and the popular inflatable.

6.00pm - 9.00pm Enjoy the setting sun at Parkes Showground with the Harness Racing and the return of the infamous Golden Yabby Races at 7.30pm (registration from 6.00 - 7.00pm).



We'd love your feedback to help us plan for Australia Day 2026 – scan the QR Code to give us your feedback now!

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US!

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ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice,
 For we are one and free;
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
 Our home is girt by sea;
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts
 Of beauty rich and rare;
 In history's page, let every stage
 Advance Australia Fair.
 In joyful strains then let us sing,
 Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
 We'll toil with hearts and hands;
 To make this Commonwealth of ours
 Renowned of all the lands;
 For those who've come across the seas
 We've boundless plains to share;
 With courage let us all combine
 To Advance Australia Fair.
 In joyful strains then let us sing,
 Advance Australia Fair.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN BOGAN GATE

SUN 26 JANUARY

4.00pm Community Event at Bogan Gate Tennis Court. Various sporting challenges, sausage sizzle and icypoles. Movie night to follow.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN TULLAMORE

SUN 26 JANUARY

11am-6pm Make a splash with free entry to Tullamore Pool, with the kiosk and inflatable in action.

11am Bowling Club open.

2pm Free Australia Day Sausage Sizzle and kids activities at the pool.

4pm Tullamore Hotel open live music.

6pm Barefoot Bowls at the Bowling Club.

8pm Karaoke at Tullamore Hotel.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN TRUNDLE

SUN 26 JANUARY

8.00am Main Street opening and Gym Tour.

8.30am Free community breakfast - Berryman Oval.

9.00am Award Presentation and Speeches.

2.00pm - late Pool inflatable & Mr Whippy (2-4pm). Music.



Parkes Shire Citizen of the Year Winners

2024	Daniel Wright
2023	Robert Strickland
2022	Hedley Nicholson
2021	Michael Lynch
2019	Catherine Dwyer
2018	Pat Bailey
2017	Warwick Tom
2016	Dianne Green
2015	David Knights
2014	Colin Quade
2013	Betty Somers
2012	Alan Payne
2011	Michael Greenwood
2010	Graham Hitchick
2009	John Hanstook
2008	Robert Wilson, OAM
2007	Pamela Bell
2006	Tim Keith
2005	Allan Draper
2004	Ray Dunford
2003	Ross & Una Colley
2002	Sister Michael
2001	Greg Duffy
2000	Alan Somers
1999	Con Diamond
1998	Betty Muzyczuk M.B.E
1997	Shirley Hunter
1996	Barbara Osborne
1995	John & Karen Robinson
1987	Eddie Thompson
1986	Ronald Jones
1985	Charles Cranitch
1984	Yvonne Hutton
1983	Dottie Burns
1982	Ted Searl
1981	George Atchison
1980	Edwin Hodges