

# 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.

## WITH THANKS

Council extends its sincere thanks  
to Better Markets Inc for their  
collaboration in delivering this year's  
Australia Day event.

On **Monday 26 January**, enjoy free  
entry to local pools thanks to the  
generosity of Belgrave Leisure.

Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre  
Free entry from  
10am to 1pm  
Free sausage sizzle from  
1pm to 2pm

Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre  
Free entry from  
10am to 1pm  
Free sausage sizzle from  
1pm to 2pm

Geurie Pool  
Free entry from  
2pm to 7pm



## 2026 AUSTRALIA DAY PROGRAM & ORDER OF EVENTS

**7am, Sunday 25 January**

**Victoria Park, Dubbo**



# MAYORAL WELCOME

On behalf of Dubbo Regional Council, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all our residents as we come together to recognise Australia Day.

Australia Day is a time to reflect on our nation's rich history, its diverse culture, and the values that unite us as Australians. It is an opportunity to honour our past, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to the future we are building together.

As we enjoy the festivities, let us also take a moment to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land - the Wiradjuri people - and their ongoing connection to the country, its land, and its culture. Their history is a part of our national story, and it is important that we continue to learn, grow, and engage in meaningful dialogue about reconciliation and respect.

In our community, we are proud of our diversity, and Australia Day provides a chance for us all to come together - whether through community events, cultural celebrations, or moments of reflection. Let us celebrate not only the nation we are today but also the kindness, inclusion, and understanding that make us stronger.

On this day, I encourage you to enjoy the festivities, connect with family, friends, and neighbours, and take pride in the contributions we all make to this vibrant country we call home.

Wishing you all a wonderful Australia Day.



**Councillor Josh Black**  
Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

## From 7am

Free BBQ breakfast

Performances by Dubbo Pipe Band and Dubbo District Concert Band

## From 8am

### Official Ceremony

Welcome and Introduction:

- MC: Councillor Jennifer Cowley OAM
- Welcome to Country and Indigenous Address: Councillor Pam Wells
- Performance by Talbragar Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation Dance Group
- National Anthem: Justine Kuhner joined by Dubbo District Concert Band
- Mayoral Address: Councillor Josh Black, Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council
- Ambassador Address: Katie Quach

### Citizenship Ceremony

Australia Day Awards presentation:

- Community Group of the Year
- Services to the Arts Award
- Services to Sport Award
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year

### Australia Day Cake cutting

Entertainment:

Nova Performing Arts - Hip Hop and Jazz

Traditional dances - Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan and Nepal

Johnny Wood - Australiana songs

## Throughout the morning

Dubbo Rotunda Market

Children's activities - Making Faces with Rie; Bubble Fairy;  
1st Dubbo Scout Group; novelty events