

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 Belgravia 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



Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate



**DUBBO REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

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 - Australian songs

Throughout the morning

Dubbo Rotunda Market

Children's activities - Making Faces with Rie; Bubble Fairy;

1st Dubbo Scout Group; novelty events