

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY IN CAMDEN

The community of Camden is invited to celebrate Australia's national day with a jam-packed program of events and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said that Australia Day in Camden will be a fantastic community event with so much to offer residents.

"One of the things I love most about Australia Day in Camden is seeing the Camden community unite in celebration of our national day of pride and the Australian spirit."

"The day will feature a fantastic line-up of activities including the Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony, entertainment in John Street and the much-loved Macarthur Lions Street Parade through Argyle Street."

"It will be an honour to welcome our newest citizens on Australia Day and present the prestigious Camden Australia Day Awards. These Awards recognise our community heroes and I congratulate all of the nominees for 2016.

"I thank our 2015 Citizen of the Year, Mr Ted Gillroy for his contribution as Citizen of the Year; it has been an honour to be joined by Ted at many events and functions in 2015. Ted is a fantastic example of a community hero. He continually dedicates his time to help enrich our community, especially through the Macarthur Lions Club. His dedication to the Macarthur Lions Street Parade on Australia Day is exemplary and I look forward to being a part of this year's parade."

"I also look forward to welcoming our 2016 Australia Day Ambassadors, the Special Olympics Dance Performance Group to join us in celebrating this important day." Cr Symkowiak said.

Australia Day in Camden Highlights

- **Free activities in John Street** from 8am – 1pm including face painting, jumping castles, a thong throwing competition, Australiana themed market stalls, roaming entertainment and Aussie cover band, Mad Rhino performing classic Aussie hits
- **Australia Day Thanksgiving Service** at the Camden Civic Centre from 8.15am
- **Official Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony** from 9.15am. Awards will be presented to the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Young Sportsperson of the Year and Community Event of the Year
- **Macarthur Lions Street Parade** along Argyle Street from 11.15am

For more information, visit Council's website or phone 4654 7777.

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