



# Media Release

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Monday 15 January 2018

## Celebrate our diverse and vibrant community this Australia Day

The rural setting of Camden will be the backdrop to some Australiana themed events and activities for Australia Day on Friday 26 January.

From a street parade that includes some of the country's motoring heritage, to a thong throwing competition and live music, the event is sure to have something for everyone.

"Australia Day is a chance to unite and celebrate our diversity as a community," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"I am proud that Australia Day in Camden continues to offer the opportunity for our growing, diverse and vibrant community to come together and celebrate everything that makes our nation great – from our rich history to our contemporary culture," Cr Symkowiak said.

"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 Civic Awards to recognise our community heroes. I congratulate all of the nominees for 2018."

"Thank you to both our 2017 Citizen of the Year, Robyne Meek, as well as our Young Citizen of the Year, Johann Marais, for their continued commitment to our local community."

"I also look forward to welcoming our 2018 Australia Day Ambassador, Paralympic gold medallist, Sam Bramham OAM, to join us in celebrating this important day," Cr Symkowiak said.

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Australia Day in Camden highlights include:

- **Australia Day Thanksgiving Service** at the Camden Civic Centre from **8.15am**.
- **Official Civic Awards and Citizenship Ceremony from 9am**. Awards will be presented to the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Young Sportsperson of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Community Group of the Year.
- **Free activities in John Street from 9.30am to 2pm** including face painting, jumping castles, a thong throwing competition, variety of street food, rock climbing wall, roaming entertainment and live music.
- **Macarthur Lions Street Parade** along Argyle Street from **11.15am**.

For more information, visit Council's website [Camden.nsw.gov.au](http://Camden.nsw.gov.au) or phone 4654 7777.

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