

2022 Australia Day Official Program

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Online Live Stream
via Wingecarribee Webcasting
Wednesday, 26 January 2022
10.00am – 11.30pm

Master of Ceremonies
Interim Administrator
Mr Viv May PSM

Acknowledgement of Country

Ambassador Address
Mr Amar Singh, Founder of Turbans4Australia

Presentation of Awards
Young Citizen and Citizen of the Year

Citizenship Ceremony
Oath taken by participants and presentations made

National Anthem
Advance Australia Fair

The Story of Australia

It's the story of Australia
It's the story of me
It's the story of you
It's the story of we
In parts it is painful
In parts it is raw
In others it's beautiful
Inspiring great awe
It tells of many people
From far and wide
And those who've been here
Since the beginning of time
It brings us together
And tears us apart
We all have our views
So where do we start?
By listening to each other
And sharing our part.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Australia Day Ambassador

Mr Amar Singh, Founder of Turbans4Australia

Amar Singh is the founder President of Turbans 4 Australia, a charity started to help others and spread the message of social harmony, equality, and mateship.

Amar arrived in Australia as a teenager, after completing schooling and education. Moved onto working fulltime and then started his transport company in 2004. Amar has been very passionate about community service; he served as a volunteer during the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic games, Gold Coast Comm Games, Sydney Invictus games and many other community events.



Amar is a keen advocate for multiculturalism, social cohesion and regional communities. He planned and delivered a Hay run during the drought from Sydney to Coonamble. Amar has lived in Southwest Sydney for over a decade, his charity works nationally. During NSW bushfires he organized 11 trips of relief to the states North and South. Since the Covid lockdown began he has organized relief in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Dubbo, Brisbane and Gold coast.

Citizenship Ceremony: Celebrating 73 years of Australian Citizenship

On 26 January 1949, the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 came into effect, creating the new status of Australian citizen.

Together as citizens we will continue to ensure that Australia remains the best country in the world to live.

Today twenty seven (27) people originating from *the United Kingdom, Nepal, New Zealand, India, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Singapore, Poland, United States, Philippines, South Africa, Germany, China and Canada* will become Australian citizens. Congratulations on your decision.

To gain Australian Citizenship is a very important milestone in a person's life. It is an occasion for celebration and there is something extra special about becoming a citizen on Australia Day.

Australian Citizenship represents full and formal membership of the community of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is a common bond, involving reciprocal rights and obligations, uniting all Australians while respecting their diversity.

Australia Day, 26 January, is our national day of celebration. It is the day we come together as a nation to celebrate Australia and being Australian. All new citizens make a pledge of commitment to Australia and a shared common future. On Australia Day, you too can make the following pledge:

***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***

2022 Young Citizen of the Year Nominee

Grace Howard

Even with the limited opportunities presented by COVID, Grace Howard has still found ways to give back to her school and wider community. She is a valuable member and mentor to her Chevalier College peers.

Grace is an active member of the Chevalier College Cattle Showing Team and shares her knowledge and skills with the younger members. During the 2021 Higher School Certificate (HSC) trial exams, Grace acted as HSC Reader assisting students who needed guidance with reading.

As a recipient of the Illawarra Academy of Sports Scholarship representing Hockey and a Southern Highlands Representative team captain, Grace dedicates her time to encouraging others and sharing her skills and knowledge to guide her team to the State Championships.

She is a regular volunteer at the Bowral Show, where she assists with the set up and the general running of events during showtime.

Grace strives to be a positive role model for her fellow students and enjoys assisting and supporting others wherever possible. She looks forward to continuing to provide her time and service to the local community.

Jeremy Millward

As the 2022 Moss Vale High School Captain, Jeremy is also a R U OK ambassador and an outstanding advocate for Mental Health and Wellbeing both within his school environment and the wider community. He has developed and implemented several permanent initiatives to assist students with the day to day pressures of school life.

Jeremy volunteers his time weekly encouraging students to take part in positive peer led discussions and has raised funds to assist with research, awareness and programs for Mental Health.

During 2021, Jeremy was awarded the Stephen Jones Active Citizenship Award for his contributions and ongoing efforts in suicide prevention. Jeremy also became the recipient of the Young Conversation Champion Award at the 2021 Barbara Hocking Memorial Awards.

Jeremy inspires others to be their best and is a support to those who are struggling. He aims to continue working towards his goals and initiatives within his school and wider community.

2022 Citizen of the Year Nominees

Alex Baturynsky

Alex Baturynsky is a committed social worker and has given a significant part of his life helping others. He is dedicated to enriching the lives of young residents during in need.

Alex is passionate about his role and provide support and advocate to achieve the best care possible for a young person requiring assistance.

As a workers' delegate for many years he has also provided support to many staff members and faced numerous challenges with great composure and always a supportive attitude. He has maintained a high profile in the community and is respected by many.

Natalie Block

As a resident of Berrima, Natalie has been instrumental in the promotion and unity of the Berrima Business Community. Natalie launched the Explore Berrima Brochure with over 40 business contributing. The results saw the business and community come together.

Natalie was instrumental in assisting local shops throughout the Bushfires and COVID. She actively promotes the township via social media and is always assisting others in the village to ensure the town is getting the promotion and image it deserves.

Natalie is passionate about the town of Berrima and works tirelessly to promote and organise events locally for the business and community. She never asks for anything and only gives back to her community.

John Lineker

It is because of people like John Lineker that Harbison can support its residents and continue to provide our community the wonderful service that it has over more than 60 years.

In 2010 John's late wife became a resident at Harbison and it was during this time that his involvement with Harbison commenced. He began to spend time in "Alpine" where he identified that "another pair of hands related to the care"

would not go astray. He helped by doing small things – serving meals, helping to keep an eye on people living there, and so on.

John says that the carers were very helpful to him and taught him that the secret of looking after people in aged care, particularly those living with dementia, was to really get to know them. John found that the carers he worked with knew all about the residents. They encouraged John to do the same and he embraced that advice as he increased his involvement, to the point where he attends Harbison's Moss Vale facility as a volunteer Mondays through to Fridays, including valuable work manning the "shop" there.

John has been selfless in his volunteering and has never done anything for gain or recognition.

Eric Savage

Eric is an outstanding community member and has demonstrated a tireless devotion to the Shire. He is a long-term resident of Berrima and is passionately concerned for the village in which he lives as well as the wider Shire.

He has shown his commitment to the community while volunteering for the National Trust, and as Chair of the Berrima Residents' Association and his going environmental community activism.

His work with the National Trust includes Chair of Harper's Mansion at Berrima, where this significant site is of historical importance to the whole Shire. He undertakes voluntary work with diligence, professionalism and a strong commitment to preserving this site for generations to come.

As the Chair of the Berrima Resident's Association, he has led the community in important initiatives to ensure the residents voices are heard in a range of forums. He has worked extensively to fund raise for activities on behalf of the association and to ensure that the community feel included and well represented.

Eric played an active role in the campaign to overturn the proposed coal mine at Berrima and worked to ensure that residents were consulted and informed of developments. This successful campaign has enhanced the status of Wingecarribee Shire as a 'Coal Free' community.

Eric is a person of integrity and someone who is entirely devoted to the wellbeing of the community. His selfless devotion and leadership have advanced the standing of the Shire.



2021 Citizen of the Year, Catherine Constable OAM and Young Citizen of the Year, Charlotte Gillespie



Honour Roll for past Young Citizens of the Year

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| <i>1982 – Judy Bailey</i> | <i>2004 – Travis Holland</i> |
| <i>1983 – James Armstrong</i> | <i>2005 – Melissa Perrine and Brooke Eccleston</i> |
| <i>1985 – Julie-Anne Armstrong</i> | <i>2006 – Belinda Miller and Brendan Smith</i> |
| <i>1986 – Kim Garske and Darren Saunders</i> | <i>2007 – Ross Muller</i> |
| <i>1987 – James Peters and Amanda Stead</i> | <i>2008 – Meghan Barrell</i> |
| <i>1988 – Diana Garrett and Andrew Simmons</i> | <i>2009 – Samuel Wade</i> |
| <i>1989 – David Lawler</i> | <i>2010 – Leslie Jonson-Hoye</i> |
| <i>1990 – Matthew Casson</i> | <i>2011 – Emily Farrar</i> |
| <i>1993 – Wendy Missingham</i> | <i>2012 – Brittany McCrea</i> |
| <i>1994 – Kellie Pyne</i> | <i>2013 – Erica Longhurst</i> |
| <i>1995 – Joshua Combes</i> | <i>2014 – Jack Moran</i> |
| <i>1996 – Not awarded</i> | <i>2015 – Luke Webb</i> |
| <i>1997 – Not awarded</i> | <i>2016 – Amelia Brook</i> |
| <i>1998 – Lisa Turczynski</i> | <i>2017 – Zoe Brain</i> |
| <i>1999 – Ben Shephard</i> | <i>2018 – William Koek</i> |
| <i>2000 – Melia Condon</i> | <i>2019 – Darcy Howard</i> |
| <i>2001 – Michael Burge</i> | <i>2020 – Caitlin Gallagher</i> |
| <i>2002 – Jennifer Purcell</i> | <i>2021 – Charlotte Gillespie</i> |
| <i>2003 – Karen Webb</i> | |



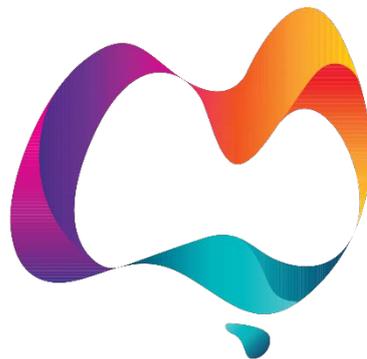
Honour Roll for past Citizens of the Year

- 1982 – *Dulcie Waite*
1983 – *William Hudson*
1984 – *Graham Brown*
1985 – *Mac Cott*
1986 – *Peg Charlesworth and Wesley Thomas*
1987 – *Charles Krenkel and Gladys Thorpe*
1988 – *Jess Kerr and Les Lambert*
1989 – *Bonnie Pierce and John Springett*
1990 – *James Armstrong and Judy Browne*
1991 – *Clarice Boyd and Charles Tate*
1992 – *Arthur Thomson*
1993 – *Janet Greason*
1994 – *Roger Gough*
1995 – *Laurie Curley*
1996 – *Barry Butterfield Jnr*
1997 – *Richard Ruhfus*
1998 – *John Paddison*
1999 – *Jone Armstrong*
2000 – *Joan Compagnoni*
2001 – *Trevor Bensley*
2002 – *Shirley Beaumont*
2003 – *Dennis Brown*
2004 – *Freda Ayoub*
2005 – *Brian Whyte*
2006 – *Margaret Maclean*
2007 – *Grace Avery and Terry Oakes-Ash*
2008 – *Petrea King and Berlio O'Brien*
2009 – *George Schofield*
2010 – *Gordon Lewis, OAM*
2011 – *Velma Mulcahy*
2012 – *Jennifer Bowe*
2013 – *Marie Hodgson*
2014 – *Leonie Knapman*
2015 – *Harlan Hall*
2016 – *Kathy Roche*
2017 – *Dr Allan Beavis OAM*
2018 – *Aunty Wendy Lotter*
2019 – *Hans Radowitz*
2020 – *Sidney (Sid) Jeffery*
2021- *Catherin Constable OAM*

The National Anthem

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
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