

Media Release

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Celebrate all things Australiana this Australia Day

Celebrate backyard barbeques, swimming in the pool with friends, the iconic meat pie and all things 'Australiana' at Camden Council's annual Australia Day Party.

The event, which draws a crowd of thousands each year, will be held on **Australia Day, Sunday 26 January,** from 9am to 2pm, along John Street in Camden.

It promises to have something for everyone, including:

- An Awesome Aussie eating challenge, open to residents of all ages;
- A thong throwing competition;
- · Face painting;
- A cork hat making workshop;
- A koala cupcake decorating station;
- An Australian animal face mask decorating station;
- · Jumping castles for children;
- A number of stalls offering artisan crafts and products from across the Camden area, as well as novel Australiana products and food and drink stalls;
- Australian wildlife display and education program;
- Modern sheep shearing and working dog demonstrations; and
- Entertainment and live music, including Sydney's premier bush band, The Inland Navigators.

The show-stopping street parade along Argyle Street has been brought forward this year to avoid the heat. Set to begin at 10am, the parade will include a variety of floats, semi-trailer trucks and vintage cars.

The day's celebrations will also include the annual Citizenship Ceremony, to welcome our newest citizens to the Camden area, and the Civic Awards, to present the five selected community heroes with their prestigious 2020 Australia Day Awards.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the annual celebration provides a great opportunity for the Camden community to get together.

"Australia Day is such a significant day," Cr Fedeli said.

"It's when we come together to celebrate all the great things about our nation and being Australian. For me, that means banding together in times of need, always helping a mate and embracing a strong sense of community and national pride.

"Whether you are new to this country or have been here for generations, the one thing we have in common is our love for Australia and our community. We truly live in the best country on earth."

For more information about this year's event, visit camden.nsw.gov.au/whats-on