

Media Release



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Camden, meet your Australia Day Ambassador

Former Australian marathon swimmer Susie Maroney has been announced as Camden's 2019 Australia Day Ambassador.

Maroney is best known for winning the Manhattan Island swim race three times as well as being the youngest and fastest female to swim the English Channel aged 15 years.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Peter Sidgreaves welcomed Maroney to Camden and said he was looking forward to meeting the champion on Australia Day.

"We're honoured to have such a champion visiting us as our Australia Day Ambassador for 2019," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"Susie's dedication to swimming took her to the top of her sport and she is a great example for younger generations to look up to."

Some of Susie's swimming achievements include:

- Youngest and fastest Australian to swim the English Channel aged 15 years;
- World record for a double crossing of the English Channel aged 16 years – England/France/England;
- Round Manhattan Island swim New York aged 17 years – 48ks in 7 hours 7 seconds;
- Lake Zurich marathon swim – aged 19 years. 26ks in 6 hours;
- Havana, Cuba to Key West in the USA – first person ever to successfully complete this swim;
- Mexico to Cuba in 1998 – 208ks in 37 hours 43 minutes – Longest recorded swim ever;
- Inaugurated into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Fort Lauderdale US; and
- Jamaica to Cuba 1999 – 182ks in 34 hours 15 minutes.

Maroney ended her career by swimming from the Sydney Opera House to Manly in 2003 and will be part of the Australia Day event to be held in Camden on Saturday 26 January, including the Australia Day Awards ceremony and street parade.

For more information on Camden's Australia Day celebration go to www.camden.nsw.gov.au.

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