

# Australia Day

## 2023 EVENTS PROGRAM



### MONDAY, 23 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>7.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY QUIZ</b><br>Test your Aussie knowledge solo or in a group up to six people. Free entry, no bookings needed and prizes on offer. Contact 0411 093 962 for more information. | <b>Gunnedah Golf Club</b> |
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### WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CEREMONY</b><br>Tickets: \$15 per person, includes canapés and refreshments. No BYO alcohol. This year's Australia Day Ambassador is John Anderson AC, former Deputy Prime Minister. Tickets: <a href="http://www.thecivic.com.au/live-theatre--events">www.thecivic.com.au/live-theatre--events</a> | <b>The Civic foyer and theatre, Chandos Street</b> |
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| <b>7.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY EVE COCKTAIL PARTY</b><br>Two for one cocktails from 7pm - 9pm at the Courthouse. DJ PaperThin in the front bar. | <b>Courthouse Hotel</b> |
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### THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>9.00am</b> | <b>AUSSIE FEST 2023</b><br>Head down to Donnelly Fields to watch the women's and men's Indigenous vs Rest touch football games and finish with the female, male and mixed touch shoot-outs. Do you have what it takes to win the Dash for Cash? Five and under mixed, 12 & under girls, 12 & under boys, open females, open males and open mixed. | <b>Donnelly Fields</b> |
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| <b>9.00am - 11.00am</b> | <b>ROTARY BREAKFAST BBQ</b><br>Rotary are cooking up a free BBQ brekkie to kick the day off right! Gold coin donations are appreciated to support the work of The Rotary Club of Gunnedah. | <b>Dorothea Mackellar statue, ANZAC Park</b> |
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| <b>9.00am - 6.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY SPLASH</b><br>Free entry at the Gunnedah Memorial Pool Complex. From 9am - 1pm, there will be a jumping castle, free Rotary West BBQ lunch from 11am and DJ CONz playing from 1pm. Alcohol-free event.<br><b>FREE TRANSPORT:</b> Jump on the bus at 10am at the Carroll Store or 10.40am at the bus stop opposite Curlewis General Store. The bus will leave the pool at 2.20pm for Curlewis and 3.20pm for Carroll. | <b>Gunnedah Memorial Swimming Pool Complex</b> |
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| <b>9.00am</b> | <b>OPEN DAY AT THE DOROTHEA MACKELLAR CENTRE</b><br>The Dorothea Mackellar Centre showcases the Jean Isherwood collection as well as artefacts and memorabilia. | <b>The Mackellar Centre, South Street</b> |
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| <b>9.00am - 3.00pm</b> | <b>OPEN DAY AT THE GUNNEDAH RURAL MUSEUM</b><br>The Gunnedah Rural Museum has one of Australia's largest collections of early agriculture and transport memorabilia. | <b>Gunnedah Rural Museum, Mullaley Road</b> |
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| <b>9:30am - 10:00am</b> | <b>COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE UNDER THE GUMS</b><br>Come along to a combined church service from 9.30am. In the case of wet weather, the ceremony will be held in the Gunnedah Shire Band Hall. | <b>Dorothea Mackellar statue, ANZAC Park</b> |
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| <b>10.00am - 10.30am</b> | <b>CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY UNDER THE GUMS</b><br>Welcome the newest Australian citizens at the citizenship ceremony. In the case of wet weather, the ceremony will be held in the Gunnedah Shire Band Hall. | <b>Dorothea Mackellar statue, ANZAC Park</b> |
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| <b>10:00am - 2:00pm</b> | <b>OPEN DAY AT THE GUNNEDAH WATER TOWER MUSEUM</b><br>The Gunnedah Water Tower Museum is the permanent home of the Gunnedah and District Historical Society's vast collection of artefacts and memorabilia. | <b>Water Tower Museum, South Street</b> |
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| <b>10:00am - 12:00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA FAMILY FUN DAY AT TAMBAR SPRINGS</b><br>Come along for a free BBQ and a morning of free games, kids' activities and face painting. | <b>Tambar Springs Memorial Park</b> |
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| <b>11.00am</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY CAKE-OFF</b><br>Enter the great Australia Day Cake-Off at the Gunnedah Shire Band hall. Deliver your entry from 8am - 10am. Judging from 10am - 10:30am. Cakes to be auctioned from 11am. | <b>Gunnedah Shire Band Hall</b> |
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| <b>11:00am</b> | <b>TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION</b><br>Head on down to the Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club to compete in the table tennis competition. 10:30am for registrations and \$5 per person. Prizes for the winners. | <b>Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club</b> |
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| <b>12:00pm - 5:00pm</b> | <b>BACKYARD FUN AT THE ROYAL HOTEL TAMBAR SPRINGS</b><br>Pool party, live music, food and drinks and a backyard BBQ at the Royal Hotel. BYO togs, towels and flip-flops. Adults \$25 and kids \$15. | <b>Royal Hotel, Tambar Springs</b> |
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| <b>12.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL CURLEWIS</b><br>Celebrate lunch at Curlewis with a \$6 pig on the spit roll and free activities including a slip and slide, backyard cricket and tug-o-war. | <b>Commercial Hotel, Curlewis</b> |
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| <b>2.00pm - 5.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY FREE MOVIE SCREENING: AUSTRALIA (M)</b><br>The free annual movie screening is the film Australia (M). Set in northern Australia before World War II, an English aristocrat who inherits a sprawling ranch reluctantly pacts with a stock-man in order to protect her new property from a take-over plot. | <b>The Civic Theatre</b> |
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| <b>2.00pm</b> | <b>CAR PARK CRICKET</b><br>Car park cricket kicks off at 2pm at the Railway Hotel. Free entry and cash prizes up for grabs. Aussie tunes all day. | <b>Railway Hotel</b> |
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| <b>3.00pm</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT MULLALEY POST OFFICE HOTEL</b><br>Join the Mullaley Post Office Hotel for live music from local Sam Snape from 3pm - 7pm. Beef and gravy rolls or sausage sandwiches from 5pm. | <b>Mullaley Post Office Hotel and Roadhouse</b> |
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### SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>9.00am</b> | <b>AUSTRALIA DAY CHESS COMPETITION</b><br>Head down to the Smithurst Theatre for the annual chess competition. Compete in six rounds against players of all skill levels. Registration from 8:30am. Entry for adults \$20 and juniors \$10. Morning tea, lunch and beverages provided. | <b>Smithurst Theatre</b> |
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