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AUSTRALIA DAY – EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE:
AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL OF NSW ANNOUNCES 2016 AUSTRALIA DAY PROGRAM

The Australia Day Council of NSW is launching another big Australia Day program with a strong focus on celebrating and showcasing the rich and diverse culture that makes Australia unique.

The 2016 Australia Day program includes events that celebrate the many cultures that make up Australia including paying tribute to Australia’s traditional landowners and our newest citizens.

Minister for Multiculturalism, John Ajaka, believes Australia Day is about coming together and recognising our fortune as a nation.

“It is a time to reflect on what inspires us and to embrace the common goals that unite us – our commitment to a tolerant, free and democratic nation that allows each of us to succeed while respecting our individual differences,” Mr Ajaka said.

“It is also a time to acknowledge our Indigenous people and the significant contribution of our multicultural communities.”

Proud Australian and leading musical talent, Jessica Mauboy, will extend her role in the Australia Day celebrations not just with her performance at the free Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House event, but throughout the day, taking part in traditional cultural ceremonies.

“Australia Day is all about sharing our cultures and embracing what makes us unique. This year, I’m really proud to be taking part in some traditional ceremonies that pay respect and tribute to my ancestors, including singing the national anthem in Sydney language on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge while the WugulOra Morning Ceremony takes place at Barangaroo Reserve,” Ms Mauboy said.

Australia Day Council of NSW Chairman, Angelos Frangopoulos, believes Australia Day is an opportunity for communities across Australia to come together, regardless of background, in a spirit of friendship and harmony and celebrate what makes each of us Australian.

“This is the day when we stop and take time to celebrate our passion for our nation and highlight how fortunate we are to live here in this beautiful place,” Mr Frangopoulos said.

“This year’s theme, Australia Day - Everyone, Everywhere, allows us to share your Australia Day celebrations with the world, whether it’s a BBQ with friends and family, a day on Sydney Harbour or even a backyard game.

“This Australia Day, we’re inviting you to upload a photo or post to your social media channels using #AusDay to add your special moments to the global map on australiaday.com.au and see how everyone, everywhere is celebrating.

“We’ll also be adding some fun online with the Aussie Slang Challenge, testing how well you know your Australian lingo. It will be running from 1 January on australiaday.com.au.”

For more information about what’s on Australia Day 2016, go to australiaday.com.au.
AN OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2016:

With the Australian summer in full swing, Australia Day on 26 January is almost upon us and there will be lots of exciting things happening in and around Sydney Harbour to explore.

SYDNEY HARBOUR

As early morning swimmers make splash as the Great Sydney Swim begins at Farm Cove, P&O Cruises will start the day bringing four of the world’s most impressive cruise ships, Pacific Aria, Pacific Eden, Pacific Jewel and Pacific Pearl to join the celebrations on Australia Day.

The much loved Ferrython will see Sydney’s beloved First Fleet ferries dressed and decorated to the nines as they make waves in Sydney Harbour before they make their final dash to the finish line under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

As the Ferrython winds down, take a couple of minutes to warm your vocal chords for the Salute to Australia at midday. Join in with seven choirs around Sydney Harbour and sing the national anthem as our armed forced combine efforts to pay tribute to Australia.

Front and centre of the Salute to Australia will be the Australian Navy’s largest ever flagship, the newly commissioned HMAS Adelaide, along with a 21 Gun Salute and an aerial flyover by RAAF Fast Jets.

Then for a shift in pace, move your attention to the middle of harbour as a graceful set of Svitzer Tugs, East Sail Yachts and helicopter squirrels dance for the popular Tug and Yacht Ballet, set to the music of Leo Delibes’ Pizzicato from the ballet, Sylvia, in an amazing display of nautical maneouvring to a musical score that will be heard across the inner harbour area.

And for those who prefer to nestle in for the day and have the action come to them, the Cruising Concerts are the perfect solution. Two custom built floating stages will make their way around Sydney Harbour, dropping in to popular locations including Bradfield Park, Blues Point Reserve, Overseas Passenger Terminal, the Sydney Opera House and Barangaroo Reserve from 12:15pm onwards.

Entertaining the crowds on the Cruising Concert stages will be The Enormous Horns, an eight piece all singing and all dancing party band and Junkyard Beats, creating rhythms from around the globe by using everything from plastic buckets, kitchen utensils and angle grinders.

As we move into the afternoon, the Tall Ships Race will see some of Australia’s most majestic boats take to the harbour to compete in a race from Bradleys Head to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, followed by the world’s oldest annually conducted sailing event, the 180th Australia Day Regatta.

Celebrations will then turn to the skies for the Qantas flyover while the Russian Roolettes dazzle with their aerobatic display and the Red Berets demonstrate their marvellous parachute display over Sydney Harbour.

Boaties will show their true Aussie colours as they tour Sydney Harbour for the Australia Day Harbour Parade before flocking to Athol Bay.

The day will end in a bang with P&O Cruises hosting a fireworks display off a barge in the inner harbour.

AROUND SYDNEY HARBOUR

From 7:30am on 26 January, spectators can view the special WugulOra Morning Ceremony at Barangaroo Reserve or the Sydney Harbour Bridge which acknowledges Australia’s traditional custodians.
WugulOra is a Sydney area Aboriginal language word meaning "one mob", and captures the essence of a ceremony to signify the special place that our Indigenous peoples hold.

The ceremony will include the Aboriginal flag raised with the Australian flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge in honour of our nation’s first people, along with a performance of the national anthem, in language and in English, by Jessica Mauboy atop the Harbour Bridge.

At 11:45am at Sydney Harbour, more than 500 people, including children from the NSW Public Schools Choir, will participate in an Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony under the guidance of Aboriginal elders.

With smoking ceremony taking place around the harbour, this traditional cleansing ritual acknowledges our ancestors and pays respect to the land and sea of Country, as well embracing the many different cultures that make Australia what it is today.

Head to the Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve and witness the culmination and demolition of Olivier Grossetête’s month-long cardboard construction the Ephemeral City and then check out Shaun Gladwell’s latest video artwork, Skateboarding v's Minimalism. Or settle in to listen to the Cruising Concerts as they make their way through to Nawi Cove.

Stop past the Overseas Passenger Terminal to chill-out with your family and take advantage of the action on Sydney Harbour. With entertainment, food and the incredible waterside location, the Overseas Passenger Terminal will allow you to experience the best of Sydney Harbour while paying tribute to our cruising past.

At 11am, the Lord Mayor’s Citizenship Ceremony will take place at the Overseas Passenger Terminal to welcome our newest Australians from 20 different countries. Around the corner at Hickson Road Reserve, KIIS FM on the Harbour will see you get the best views of Sydney Harbour from the giant KIIS 1065 swing, complete with a photo booth, fairy floss and the KIIS street team.

Come and discover Sydney’s most spectacular sunset at Nawi Cove at Barangaroo Reserve and enjoy the Nawi Sunset Sounds performances on Dukes Pier. The three-hour line-up will include some of your favourite young Australian entertainers, with roving theatre performances around the cove.

To mark the end of the day, a special Sunset Ceremony will take place from 8pm at Barangaroo Reserve and say goodbye to grandfather - the Sun - in a traditional Aboriginal Sunset Ceremony.

Darling Harbour will be the spot to be with the best in home-grown music, dance and entertainment. The official NSW Australia Day Ceremony builds to the amazing Australia Day Spectacular, when a breathtaking display of pyrotechnics will light up Cockle Bay, set to a soundtrack specially produced and performed by Sneaky Sound System.

**SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE**

The iconic Sydney Opera House will once again host some of Australia’s most talented artists on Australia Day, with two free concerts on the forecourt, The Wiggles Australia Day Concert and Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House.

The event is brought to you by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

As part of their 25th anniversary celebrations, The Wiggles will mark the milestone with their first concert of the year at The Wiggles Australia Day Concert. Families will be able to participate in the
morning’s festivities, singing along with their favourite Wiggles as well as Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Henry the Octopus and Captain Feathersword.

The evening will see a tribute to Australia, with the Australia Day Creative Director, John Foreman, bringing together a collection of Australia’s brightest performers for **Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House**, including host Grant Denyer, Jessica Mauboy, Justice Crew, Kate Ceberano, Thirsty Merc, Cyrus, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Greta Bradman, Roy and H.G. and Bachelor Girl.

Tune in to **Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House** on Australia Day at 7.30pm AEDT on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, live and exclusive on TEN.

*Please note, both concerts are already at 100% capacity and no further tickets are available.*

**SYDNEY CBD**

The 27th annual **GIO Oz Day 10K Wheelchair Race** will see some of the world’s finest wheelchair athletes prepare for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, as they race around Alfred Street in the **The Rocks** in an incredible act of strength and endurance.

Just around the corner, take a stroll through the cobbled stone laneways of **The Rocks** where The Rocks Markets will showcase some of Australia’s best local fashion, jewellery and art. Then saunter up George Street, enjoy the serenity of Sky Gaze, strike up some friendly rivalry at croquet and party on down to Lolo Lovina’s Caravan, where Triple J’s Hottest 100 is counting down.

Once you have explored the stalls, settle in for lunch with mouth-watering flavours from around the world whilst kicking back to listen to some home-grown Australian artists at two outdoor stages in The Rocks.

Or perhaps you’d prefer to head to Hyde Park North and check out Sydney Festival’s **Festival Village** with delicious treats and funky tunes by Soul of Sydney. Head there on one of Sydney’s **Vintage Buses** as the green and yellow double decker buses of yester year make their way from the Sydney Opera House to Central Station via Hyde Park, with nine stops including Macquarie Street, College Street, Elizabeth Street and Phillip Street.

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The Australia Day in Sydney program is brought to you by:

WHAT’S ON IN SYDNEY HARBOUR

The Australia Day on Sydney Harbour Program is brought to you by P&O Cruises

P&O Cruise Ships and P&O Cruises Fireworks
Time: All Day from 6:30am – fireworks at 9:30pm
Location: Sydney Harbour

P&O Cruises will bring four of the world’s most impressive cruise ships, Pacific Aria, Pacific Eden, Pacific Jewel and Pacific Pearl to Sydney to join the celebrations on Australia Day.

Enjoy a fireworks display from a barge between two of the P&O ships for passengers on board, nearby vessels and foreshore spectators.

Great Australian Swim Series – Great Sydney Swim
Time: 8:30am-10:30am
Location: Farm Cove

The Great Sydney Swim is the final leg of the swim series along Australia’s east coast. It’s open to all levels of swimmers, with the most experienced taking part in the 2km swim around Farm Cove, commencing from the Sydney Opera House. Less experienced swimmers can opt for the more casual Ky Hurst 750m swim or for the young ones there is the Junior Kids 300m event. More than 1,000 participants are expected to take part, with great prizes up for grabs.

Ferrython
Time: 11:00am-11:40am
Location: Sydney Harbour

Dressed and decorated to the nines, Sydney’s beloved First Fleet ferries line up for one of Australia’s most popular and iconic free events, Sydney Festival’s Ferrython.

Come on down to Sydney Harbour with your picnic basket and cheer on your favourite ferry as they carve up the harbour and make their final dash to the finishing line under the Harbour Bridge.

Ferrython is presented by Sydney Festival.
**Tug and Yacht Ballet**  
**Time:** 12:05pm  
**Location:** Sydney Harbour between the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge

The Tug & Yacht Ballet is a spectacular display of nautical precision as a fleet of ten yachts and two powerful tugboats tack in unison to a musical score that will be heard right across the inner harbour area.

For the best views of this captivating show of colour, sound and movement, position yourself at Bradfield Park, Sydney Opera House or Hickson Road Reserve.

**Cruising Concerts featuring the Enormous Horns and Junkyard Beats**  
**Time:** 12:15pm-5:00pm  
**Location:** Sydney Harbour

The Cruising Concerts will bring the action to you, as the custom-built floating stages hosted by the Enormous Horns and Junkyard Beats make their way around Sydney Harbour.

At 12:15pm the first stop for Enormous Horns is Hickson Road Reserve, while Junkyard Beats will begin their day at Bradfield Park. Both concerts will then move their way around the harbour including stops at Blues Point Reserve, Overseas Passenger Terminal, the Sydney Opera House and Barangaroo Reserve. No matter where you are on the harbour, you’re sure to catch the festivities.

**In the Sky – Red Berets, Qantas and Russian Roolettes**  
**Time:** From 12:30pm  
**Location:** Over Sydney Harbour

The skies over the harbour will be a hive of activity with a squadron of Russian Roolettes at 12.30pm, followed by a Qantas flyover at 1.15pm and finishing with the Red Beret's parachute display by the Australian Army at 2.00pm.

**Australia Day Harbour Parade**  
**Time:** 12:45pm – 2:15pm  
**Location:** Sydney Harbour

Celebrate with some of Sydney’s most iconic vessels parading around the harbour in a dazzling display of national spirit.

Vessels of all shapes and sizes join the flotilla and dress their decks with colour and flags, vying for the Best Dressed Vessel, awarded at the end of the parade route in Athol Bay.

**Tall Ships Race**  
**Time:** 1:00pm-1:45pm  
**Location:** Starts Bradley’s Head, finishes under Sydney Harbour Bridge

Starting at Bradleys Head, the Tall Ships Race, an impressive fleet of historic vessels will cut their way through the waves across our glorious harbour in a race to finish first under the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
180th Australia Day Regatta
Time: From 1:30pm
Location: Eastern part of Sydney Harbour

In its 180th year, the Australia Day Regatta is the world’s oldest continuously conducted annual sailing event. Over 100 vessels will be racing in Sydney Harbour in events for all classes of yachts and 18ft skiffs.

Athol Bay
Time: Afternoon
Location: Athol Bay

Hoist your sails and swing your compass towards Athol Bay, the place for boaties to be this Australia Day. Athol Bay is the perfect place to weigh anchor and chill out whilst waiting for a special visit from the Cruising Concert.

WHAT’S ON AROUND SYDNEY HARBOUR

WugulOra Morning Ceremony
Time: 7:30am – 8:00am
Location: Walumil Lawns at Barangaroo Reserve, and Sydney Harbour Bridge

WugulOra, a special moment to commence Australia Day in Sydney, is a ceremony celebrating Australia’s traditional custodians. The ceremony will feature performances from young indigenous artists on the Walumil Lawns at Barangaroo Reserve. The location provides visitors with a perfect vantage point to see the raising of the Aboriginal and Australian flags on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Australia Day at OPT
Time: 10:30am – 4:00pm
Location: Overseas Passenger Terminal

Take advantage of one of the best views of the action on Sydney Harbour and stop past the Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT) this Australia Day.

Enjoy the live music, take a break in the chill-out zone or experience some of Australia’s history with the Aboriginal canoe display and the Australian National Maritime Museum’s ‘Coming to Australia’ exhibition. The kids will be entertained with the giant roaming kangaroos and seagulls and nautical games such as Tug O’ War when the historic Tall Ships dock alongside the OPT.

With entertainment, food and the waterside location, the Overseas Passenger Terminal will allow you to experience the best of Sydney Harbour while paying homage to our cruising past and its bright future.

KIIS FM on the Harbour
Time: 10:30am – 3pm
Location: Hickson Road Reserve

Get one of the best views of Sydney Harbour this Australia Day from the giant KIIS 1065 swing at Hickson Road Reserve.
Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony  
**Time:** 11:00am – 11:40am  
**Location:** North Stage, Overseas Passenger Terminal

Presented by City of Sydney, the Lord Mayor’s Citizenship Ceremony will welcome our newest Australians from over 20 countries.

The Citizenship Ceremony will come to a close as the ancient Aboriginal smoking ceremony begins.

**Australia Day at Barangaroo Reserve**  
**Time:** 11:40am – 8:00pm  
**Location:** Nawi Cove, Barangaroo Reserve

Bring a picnic, find a beautiful patch of lawn, and spend the day at Barangaroo Reserve watching the parade of spectacular Australia Day events on Sydney Harbour.

**From 11:40am** Catch the finish of the Ferrython and the Tall Ships under the Sydney Harbour Bridge from a whole new vantage point on the CBD’s western foreshore. At 12:35pm enjoy the Junkyard Beats from the comfort of Walumil Lawn and Barangaroo’s stunning sandstone foreshore as their Cruising Concert barge comes past Barangaroo Reserve.

2:20pm - 2:50pm Enjoy the Enormous Horns band on the Cruising Concert as it rounds the Barangaroo Point headland and moors in Nawi Cove.

5:00pm – 8:00pm Come and discover Sydney’s most spectacular sunset at Nawi Cove and enjoy the Nawi Sunset Sounds performances on Dukes Pier. The three-hour line-up will include some of your favourite young Australian entertainers, with roving theatre performances around the cove.

**Smoking Ceremony**  
**Time:** 11:45am  
**Location:** Around Sydney Harbour

Under the guidance of our Aboriginal elders, over 500 people, including children from the NSW Public Schools Choir, will participate in an ancient Aboriginal smoking ceremony at seven sites around Sydney Harbour.

Each person will place leaves from their country of origin – such as gum leaves of Australia, cedar of Lebanon, boab of Ghana and jasmine of China – into the fire creating a cleansing smoke pivotal to the ceremony.

The ceremony is a cleansing ritual to acknowledge our Aboriginal ancestors, pay respect to the land and sea of country and to embrace the many different cultures that make Australia what it is today.
Salute to Australia
Time: 12:00pm
Location: Sydney Harbour between the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Bring your friends and family down to the harbour at midday for Salute to Australia. Sing the national anthem in harmony with synchronised choirs at key vantage points.

The Salute will be received by the Navy’s largest ever flagship, HMAS ADELAIDE, as our armed forces combine their efforts to pay tribute to our great southern land.

Completing the Salute will be a 21 Gun Salute from North Sydney and an aerial flyover of RAAF fast jets.

Australia Day in Darling Harbour
Time: 12:00pm-9:15pm
Location: Darling Harbour

There are so many ways to be Australian; celebrate them all in Darling Harbour presented by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

Nowhere does Australia Day quite like Darling Harbour and this year you’re in for an incredible line up of home-grown music, interactive activities and the official Australia Day Spectacular.

Darling Harbour Daytime Program
Darling Quarter, Palm Grove, Harbourside Amphitheatre and Pier 26
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Dance to amazing live music from around the world; beat out some rhythms at the sound playground and bump into bouncing roos, roving brass bands, blossoms on stilts and Bollywood dancers.

Australia Day Ceremony and Spectacular Fireworks, Cockle Bay
6:00pm - 9:15pm
A huge Australia Day caps off with the biggest and brightest stars, sights and sounds! One of Australia’s best dance artists, Sneaky Sound System, ‘Sneaky’, will spin the decks live on Cockle Bay. As the sun sets it’s time for the big Spectacular—a breathtaking display of fireworks set to a mashup of Sneaky songs and great Aussie classics.

Australia Day in Darling Harbour is presented by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

The Ephemeral City at the Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve and Skateboarding vs Minimalism by Shaun Gladwell
Time: 1:00pm - 4.30pm
Location: The Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve

Head to the Cutaway, a massive cultural space beneath Barangaroo Reserve (Hickson Road entrance), to check out Australian artist Shaun Gladwell’s latest video artwork, Skateboarding vs Minimalism between 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Between 3.30-4.30pm join in the culmination and demolition of Olivier Grossetete’s month-long cardboard city construction, The Ephemeral City at the Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve.

The Ephemeral City and Skateboarding vs Minimalism is presented by Sydney Festival.
Sunset Ceremony
Time: 7:50pm
Location: Nawi Cove, Barangaroo Reserve
In a new addition to Australia Day at Sydney’s spectacular new headland park, a traditional Aboriginal Sunset Ceremony will be held to say goodbye to grandfather, the Sun.

Starting at 8pm in Nawi Cove, the ceremony will feature traditional dancers and music. The performances will be led by renowned Aboriginal educator and creative director Clarence Slockee.

Australia Day Concerts at Sydney Opera House, brought to you by Destination NSW

The Wiggles Australia Day Concert
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Location: Sydney Opera House Forecourt

Get wiggly this Australia Day as Australia’s biggest, brightest and wiggliest entertainment group, The Wiggles, perform their first show of the year on the Sydney Opera House stage.

Bring the kids along and Romp Bomp a Stomp your way into Australia Day with enough singing, dancing and laughing to Wake Up Lachy!

Secure your spot at The Wiggles’ first show of the year as they wiggle and sing alongside Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and Captain Feathersword.

The Wiggles Australia Day Concert is brought to you by the NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

Please note, the concert is already at 100% capacity and no further tickets are available.

Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House
Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Location: Sydney Opera House Forecourt

This Australia Day, Creative Director, John Foreman, is bringing a collection of Australia’s best talent together for Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House including host Grant Denyer and artists Jessica Mauboy, Justice Crew, Thirsty Merc, Kate Ceberano, Cyrus, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Greta Bradman, Roy and H.G. and Bachelor Girl.

With a trailblazing cast packed full of Australian musical legends, well-established artists and stars on the rise, this is one event you won’t want to miss.

Tune in to Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House on Australia Day at 7:30pm AEDT on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, live and exclusive on TEN.

Australia Day 2016 – Live at Sydney Opera House is brought to you by the NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

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WHAT’S ON AROUND SYDNEY CBD

Australia Day in the CBD is brought to you by the City of Sydney

GIO Oz Day 10K Wheelchair Race
Time: 9:00am-10:30am
Location: The Rocks

2016 marks the 27th year of the GIO Oz Day 10K Wheelchair Race! Come and see some of the world’s finest wheelchair athletes race around the city’s historic quarter at exhilarating speeds.

Expect a bolstered line up of international athletes this year as competitors rumble around The Rocks in preparation for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. The best vantage points are Alfred Street, Circular Quay or George Street in The Rocks.

Get in early to enjoy a free breakfast from 8am!

Australia Day in the Rocks
Time: 11:00am-6:00pm
Location: The Rocks

Slow down, kick back, and savour all the sounds and sensations of an iconic Aussie summer at The Rocks Australia Day. Visit therocks.com for full details.

The Rocks Markets - 11.00am – 6.30pm
George Street, Playfair Street, Jack Mundey Place

Browse through a selection of locally-designed fashion, jewellery and original art, and feast on mouth-watering flavours from around the world while enjoying the fresh harbour breeze.

Live Music at Warrane Stage - 12.30pm – 6.30pm
First Fleet Park

Gather your friends for an unforgettable afternoon of free live music with sensational home-grown artists such as Jinja Safari, Katy Steele, Melbourne Ska Orchestra and more.

Live Music at Tallawoladah Stage - 12.30pm – 6.30pm
Atherden Street

Settle in for a glorious afternoon of inspiring, original and fiercely independent live sounds from great Australian artists like Gordi, Tuka and more.

Jaunt on George - 12.30pm – 6.30pm
George Street, The Rocks

Saunter up George Street with the sun on your shoulders and sea-breeze in your hair, or enjoy the serenity of Sky Gaze. Strike up some friendly rivalry at croquet and dance at Lolo the Gypsy Lovina’s Caravan, where Triple J’s Hottest 100 is counting down.
Vintage Buses
Time: 10:30am – 5:00pm
Location: Selected Sydney Streets

For a gold coin donation in support of the Sydney Bus Museum, experience a mode of transport from our city’s past. The green and yellow double deckers will make their way from Sydney Opera House to Central Station (Chalmers St side) via Hyde Park, with nine stops including Macquarie St, College St, Elizabeth St and Phillip St.

Festival Village
Time: 12:00pm – 12:00am
Location: Hyde Park North

Celebrate Australia Day at the Festival Village in Hyde Park, with delicious treats and funky tunes by Soul of Sydney. The Festival Village also plays host to music and circus performances in the Spiegeltents including Australian circus company Casus Circus with Knee Deep. The Famous and Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent performances are paid ticketed events. Festival Village is a licensed venue.

Festival Village is presented by Sydney Festival.

Sample Sydney
Amidst all the fun and excitement this Australia Day, one of the best ways to celebrate our vibrant social tapestry and truly sample Sydney is to visit our cultural institutions. Plenty of events and exhibitions are free on the day or offer a reduced price for entry, so make the most of this incredible opportunity as we buzz with our national spirit.

ART GALLERY OF NSW
Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney
10.00am – 5.00pm (Tours commence 11.00am and 2.00pm)

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM
1 William Street (Corner College Street), Sydney
9.30am – 5.00pm

CITY OF SYDNEY WALKING TOURS
Curated walks and fascinating works from Sydney’s history and public art collection.
sydneyculturewalksapp.com

GOVERNMENT HOUSE SYDNEY
Macquarie Street, Sydney
10.00am – 3.30pm

HISTORY HOUSE
133 Macquarie Street, Sydney
10.00am – 4.00pm

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
140 George Street, The Rocks
10.00am – 5.00pm

MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY NOTES
65 Martin Place, Sydney
10.00am – 5.00pm

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney
10.00am – 5.00pm

SYDNEY CUSTOMS HOUSE
Custom House Square, Sydney (31 Alfred, Circular Quay)
10.00am – End of play

SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUMS
10.00am – 5.00pm
Enjoy free or concession entry at various locations around Sydney, western Sydney and eastern suburbs, such as Museum of Sydney, Justice & Police Museum, Hyde Park Barracks Museum, The Mint, Susannah Place Museum, Elizabeth Bay House, Vaucluse House, Elizabeth Farm, and Rouse Hill House & Farm.
WHAT’S ON AROUND NSW

Yabun Festival
Location: Victoria Park, Camperdown
Time: 10:00am – 6:00pm
Yabun Festival returns to Victoria Park in Camperdown and will be headlined by Aboriginal rock/reggae icon Bart Willoughby. Yabun Festival is the largest one day celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in the country with a vibrant program of arts, dance, music and speakers. For more information visit yabun.org.au.

Every Man and His Dog, Stand Up Paddle (SUP)
Location: Watsons Bay
Time: 8:00am – 11:30am
Head to Watsons Bay this Australia Day to catch the Stand Up Paddle (SUP) action. With races suited to all levels of participants and even with a race that includes your pooch, it is a day on the water for elite SUPers, dogs and their owners and the whole family to enjoy! On the day registrations open at 7:00am. There are great prizes to be won!

Bankstown City Council
Location: Paul Keating Park, The Mall, Bankstown
Time: 10am – 3pm
A new venue in a new time-slot but Bankstown’s Australia Day Celebrations still offer a fun day out for all the family. Free amusements rides and activities, non-stop entertainment and a free sausage sizzle! Old School Band will be rocking the park along with local talent including MC Sabrina Mitwali and a special show just for the kids!

Parramatta City Council
Location: Parramatta Park, George Street entrance, Parramatta
Time: 6am – 9pm
Celebrate everything that makes our nation great at Parramatta's massive all-day free Australia Day party at Parramatta Park. It all starts with Aerial, Sydney's biggest hot air balloon display, before we turn on the music for our Hottest 100 Party with live bands and rides. Enjoy all things grilled, smoked and basted at The Big BBQ.

Wander through the iconic CARnivale with more than 600 vintage cars on display. Let the kids run wild at The Crescent with free entertainment from Spongebob and Dora the Explorer. Then as the sun sets, join thousands of people to party as the best in Aussie rock and pop hit the stage before we ring out Australia Day with a massive fireworks spectacular!

Penrith City Council
Location: Sydney International Regatta Centre, Old Castlereagh Road, Penrith
Time: 6pm – 9.30pm
Entertainment for the kids at our annual Australia Day event includes SplashDance and Sam Moran - former Yellow Wiggle and star of Nick Jr's 'Play Along with Sam'. Local group and YouTube sensations NelWest are the latest pop, hiphop & mnb Supergroup to emerge from Western Sydney, consisting of singers, rappers & dancers. Freestyle Kings - Australia's dominant freestyle motocross team specialising in FMX shows - will thrill with two performances.

Meanwhile, Shannon Noll is the headline act and will perform hits like ‘Shine’, 'Learn to Fly', 'Don't Give Up' and 'What About Me'. Penrith City Council's Bubble Soccer and Mobile Playvan will also feature. The night will end with our Fireworks Spectacular presented by Howard and Sons Pyrotechnics.

Warringah Council
Location and Time: Dee Why Beach and James Meehan Reserve at 7am – 2pm
Location and Time: Berry Reserve Narrabeen at 8am – 12pm
Come down to Dee Why Beach and Berry Reserve Narrabeen to join in on the Australia Day Celebrations for 2016. This year we will have our big BBQ breakfast for the whole family to enjoy along with heaps of activities including face painting and thong throwing competitions.

Dee Why Beach and James Meehan Reserve will also have camel rides and amusements rides on offer plus more! Don’t miss out on our official Australia Day Ambassadors Tracy Bevan, Director and Ambassador of the McGrath Foundation, who will be at Dee Why Beach as well as Olympic Sprint kayaker Jo Brigden Jones at the Narrabeen celebrations.

Also check out more Australia Day events happening at the Warringah Aquatic centre and Governor Phillip Lookout Beacon Hill.
Liverpool City Council
Location: Woodward Park, Liverpool
Time: 2pm – 9pm

Enjoy all the festivities of Australia Day at Liverpool City Council’s Australia Day Celebrations at Woodward Park. The event will start with a Citizenship and Awards Ceremony followed by non-stop entertainment on the main stage, as well as a fireworks spectacular. There will also be rides, kids’ activities, stalls and lots more. Headline acts for 2016 are R&B star Paulini and artist extraordinaire Matteo Charles. The Australia Day Ambassador for Liverpool is Dr Jamal Rifi, whose efforts to build harmony between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities have been recognised with a Human Rights Medal.

Plan Ahead

- Australia Day events take place on Tuesday 26 January, which is a public holiday.
- Enjoy the Australia Day celebrations in Sydney and across NSW this year, plan ahead and visit australiaday.com.au.
- Plenty of extra public transport services will be running to make sure you can travel to and from Australia Day celebrations during the day. For more information, go to transportnsw.info or call 131 500.
- Road closures and special event clearways will be in place for Australia Day to help large crowds move safely around the city. For details go to livetraffic.com, download a real-time traffic app from the App Store or Google Play, or call the 132 701 Traffic Information Line.
- For harbour information go to rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime or call 131 256.
- Be sun safe, eat well and drink plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for weather conditions.
- No BYO alcohol and NO glass applies to many Australia Day event sites. Check your local Government website to familiarise yourself with where restrictions apply.
- It’s all about you – if you do drink, do it responsibly and look after yourself, your mates and your city.
- Remember Australia Day is for everyone. Be respectful of people at all times.