



**AUSTRALIA DAY**  
IN GREATER HUME

Greater Hume's  
Australia Day  
Program

26 January 2019

*Held at*

*Walla Walla Sportsground, Walla Walla*



Greater  
Hume  
Council

## **Official Welcome and Apologies**

**Master of Ceremonies, Cr Doug Meyer, OAM, Deputy Mayor**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Cr Doug Meyer, OAM, Deputy Mayor**

*“On behalf of the residents of Greater Hume I would like to acknowledge that this celebration is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respect to elders both past and present.”*

## **Opening Prayer**

**Pastor Luke Merriman**

## **Raising of the Flag**

Flag raising conducted by representatives of the original ‘Trek’ families who arrived during 1868/69 in 14 covered wagons and two spring carts, having travelled 1,000km from Ebenezer in the Barossa Valley in search of land.

<b>Original Family</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Terlich	Karen Kotzur
Schmidt	Leon Schmidt
Fischer	Randyn Fischer
Luhrs	Judith Gray
Hennersdorf	Bill Keene
Wenke	Luke Wenke
Lieschke	Alyssa Lieschke
Mickan	Gary Mickan
Klemke	Debbie Wenke

## **Australian National Anthem**

### **Singing of Australian National Anthem led by Good Gravy**

The Australian National Anthem, 'Advance Australia Fair', was declared the National anthem in 1984. It is a revised version of a song written by Peter Dodds McCormick (also known as Amicus) in the late 1800's.

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young 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  
Advance Australia Fair.

## **St Paul's Lutheran College Captain's Address**

**Nathaniel Wenke and Georgia Papworth**

## **Member for Albury Address**

**Greg Aplin, Member for Albury**

## **Mayoral Address**

**Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor, Greater Hume Council**

## Australia Day Ambassador Address

### Victor Kovalenko OAM

Growing up in the former Soviet Union, Victor Kovalenko began sailing at a young age and enjoyed success competing at a high level. The renowned coach didn't ever compete at the Olympics himself due to several factors, including his university studies and the boycott of the 1984 Olympic Games. However, he turned his attention to coaching and found success quickly, coaching the Soviet Union's 470 women's team of Larisa Moskalenko and Iryna Chunikhovskaya to an Olympic Bronze medal at the 1988 Olympic Games. He then went on to coach the Ukraine's 470 men's and women's teams to gold and bronze medals at the 1996 Olympic Games – the country's first ever sailing medals. With the political landscape in the Ukraine not offering Victor the opportunities and resources he needed, he made the difficult decision to leave his family in the Ukraine and come to Australia in 1997 to coach the Australian 470 sailors. Many deemed his mission in Australia - mission impossible – with just three years to prepare a competitive men's and women's 470 team for the home Games of 2000. However, Kovalenko proved his pundits wrong, with his women's team of Jenny Armstrong and Belinda Stowell winning Australia's first ever Olympic sailing medal (a gold) in female classes, only an hour before his men's team of Tom King and Mark Turnbull also took gold in the men's 470 event. The Aussies dubbed him the 'medal maker' following this success. Now an Australian citizen, his family joined him from the Ukraine and a long and successful coaching career in his adopted country has followed.



Victor's achievements to date have been:

- World Sailor's of the Year Coach 1997, 2013
- 6 Olympic Gold Medal's Coach
- 1 Olympic Silver Medal Coach
- 3 Olympic Bronze Medal's Coach
- 19 World Champion's Coach
- 13 European Champion's Coach
- 129 World Class Regattas Winning Coach
- Head Coach of Australian Olympic Team 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016
- Australian Coach of the Year 2008, 2012
- Medal of the Order of Australia 2012
- Order of Merit of NSW Olympic Council
- 4 medals of USSR and Ukrainian Governments
- Australian Sport Hall of Fame Member
- Olympic 470 class Hall of Fame Member
- International Sailing Federation, Coaches Commission Member
- International Coaches Association Vice-President
- Honoured Member of Royal Queensland Yacht Club, Royal Tasmania Yacht Club and Monaco Yacht Club
- Member of Honour of Sandringham Yacht Club, Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and Middle Harbour Yacht Club
- Ambassador of Australia Day 2000 2013
- Master Degree in Sport and Sport Science

## Entertainment

**A poem, 'Our Historic Tree' read by Alan Rayner.**

Poem written in 1946 by Mr AR Moye Headmaster of the Walla Walla Central School.

It stands there still the old gum tree  
Outspread and gnarled and broken;  
Its shady arms you now can see,  
Our great historic token.

It gave our men its shelter kind,  
Who came to view the country;  
At night they slept with restful mind  
Beneath that old gnarled gum tree.

The morning dawned a bright blue day,  
And they went forward searching  
The bushland round about and nigh,  
To choose their ground for working.

Within a hundred yards or so,  
Beyond that gnarled old gum tree,  
They took up land to graze and sow  
The fertile field and country.

Broad acres now of golden grain,  
Nearby that gnarled old gum tree,  
In seasons dry, in storm or rain,  
Spread far throughout the country.

Far o'ver the pastures green and dry,  
Roam sheep and herds of cattle,  
It matters not what kind of sky,  
'Gainst flood or drought to battle.

They carry on stout farmers all,  
The backbone of our nation;  
In winter, summer, spring or fall,  
In shed or farm or station.

So year by year we'll go and see  
And hear the story spoken,  
Of how that old and gnarled gum tree,  
Is our historic token.

It stands there still that old gum tree,  
Outspread and gnarled and broken,  
Its shady arms you now can see,  
Our great historic token.

**A song, 'Shelter' (written by Eric Bogle) performed by Good Gravy.**

## School Citizenship Awards

(presented by Victor Kovalenko OAM, Ambassador and Greg Aplin, Member for Albury)

St Paul's Lutheran College	Joshua Lieschke
Brocklesby Public School	Emily Severin
Burrumbuttock Public School	Ava Koschitzke
Culcairn Public School	Fletcher Wright
Gerogery Public School	Ruby Damhuis
Henty Public School	Harry Doig
Holbrook Public School	Amelia Pincott
Jindera Public School	Hayley Gleeson
St John's Lutheran School	Jackson Stein
St Joseph's Primary School	lilysh Reatlick
St Mary MacKillop College - Junior	Arabella Kite
St Mary MacKillop College - Senior	Carmel Bell
St Patrick's Primary School	Jed Davis
St Paul's Lutheran Primary School	Jack Knobel
Walla Walla Public School	Jay Butler

## Community Event of the Year

(presented by Victor Kovalenko OAM, Ambassador and Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor)

(2018 winners - Walbundrie Go Fish Day)

## Henty Streetscape Party

The Henty Rotary Club supported by the Henty Community Development Committee (HCDC) began negotiation with Greater Hume Council in early 2011 with the idea to rejuvenate Henty's main street. The HCDC decided that the new streetscape should be celebrated in conjunction with Henty Bendigo Bank Branch (Henty Community Financial services which has contributed over \$3.5 million to the Henty community) 20th birthday, the new Fire and Rescue Station in Allan Street and the major rejuvenation of the Henty Railway Precinct/Craft Shop. The streetscape committee decided to organise a street party on 9 November 2018, with a focus on inclusion of as many people from Henty and surrounds as possible. The event included four Official presentations which were held at three different locations in and around Sladen Street, school children performances, pop up business stalls, children's rides, youth activities, craft/market stalls and live music on a semi-trailer in front of the local hotel for evening entertainment, with a 7-minute fireworks display which really went off with a "BANG". The committee raised \$16,000 through generous sponsors that enabled the event to be held free of charge. The attendance for the event was excellent with 800 to 1000 people attending.

## Holbrook Art and Gardens

Art and Gardens was held 13 and 14 October 2018 combining the 47th Holbrook Rotary Art Show, Quilt Showcase and Open Gardens (organised by St Paul's Anglican congregation) to give Holbrook a larger, special weekend event, and in the hope that all fundraising activities would benefit from the synergy. A large number of visitors to the shire and many locals attended. The Art Show runs for a week providing an opportunity for local, regional and interstate artists to show their works, including artwork from local schools, a small number of past HSC artworks, photography section and a local leather craftsman. The inaugural Holbrook Quilt Showcase was designed to encourage members of the Holbrook community and the wider region to display their creativity. Quilts emerged from as far north as Wagga Wagga, to as far south as Albury and Wodonga. 90 quilts were displayed in the Anglican Church Hall. The St Paul's Anglican Open Gardens offered 6 gardens providing different garden styles where gardeners could get ideas, pick up gardening tips, just enjoy walking around gardens with friends and perhaps having a light lunch in a beautiful garden setting. The Open Gardens attracted up to 500 visitors with many lunching in Holbrook or partaking of lunches provided by local organisations such as the Hospital Auxiliary, Rotary and the Little Billabong CWA. Promotion included posters, flyers, signs, banners and maps as well as media, internet and social media campaigns. The 'Holbrook experience weekend' was a successful and rewarding community effort, and the number of visitors far exceeded expectations. All Rotary proceeds from the Art Show and Quilt Showcase, go towards local and community projects.

## Jindera 150th Celebrations

For most, the Jindera 150th Celebrations was a once in a lifetime event, which was a great success. It brought together residents past and present, as well as many descendants from throughout Australia, to celebrate our rich heritage, due to the migration of German Lutherans from South Australia. The event was the culmination of 3 years of planning and preparations largely carried out by a committee of dedicated members of the Jindera community.

The fundraising activities in the build-up to the celebrations included raffles, trivia night, beard growing competition, historic pavers, souvenir sales, in addition to grants which were received from local, state and federal government sources. The community activities throughout the week included a pageant performed by the Jindera Public School; the 150th celebrations of St John's Lutheran School; music in the Village Green along with the official opening of the commemorative arch, heritage walk and mural; the Museum twilight lantern tours; the grand parade; various displays and activities held at the recreation ground; open gardens; photographic/art display; beard growing competition; commemorative ball; the ecumenical service; fashion parade and finally music at the Museum. There were many visitors to Jindera including the Deputy Ambassador of Germany, Member for Farrer, Member for Albury and many visitors who travelled from all over Australia, with many family reunions occurring. The arch, mural and heritage walk are now legacies of the celebrations, and a reminder of days gone by. These landmarks now become educational tools for future generations.

## Sports Volunteer of the Year

(presented by Victor Kovalenko OAM, Ambassador and Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor)

(2018 - no award given)

### Abby Paton

Abby Paton has been involved in many community organisations in the Holbrook area. Holding various executive positions with Holbrook Public School P&C and Council, Adult Riding Club and the Equestrian Centre. Abby instigated the Margaret Court Tennis Academy coaching for children in Holbrook. Presently 20 children are receiving coaching with another 10 wanting coaching. Abby is going to great effort to ensure all children have access to coaching. Many of the children are now playing tennis on regular occasions. Abby's love of horses and riding has also seen her volunteer for executive positions on the Holbrook Adult Riding Club and Holbrook Equestrian Centre committees. Abby's dedication to the development of tennis and equestrian sports in Holbrook has shown that she is a worthy nominee for this award.



School Citizenship Awardees for 2017 with Australia Day Ambassador, Penny Cook and Mayor, Greater Hume Council, Cr Heather Wilton at Henty Australia Day Celebrations.

Note: Penny Cook passed away on 26 December 2018, not only was she Greater Hume's Australia Day Ambassador at Henty in 2017 she was also an acclaimed actress, stage director, TV presenter and writer. Our condolences to her family and friends.



## **Young Citizen of the Year**

**(presented by Victor Kovalenko OAM, Ambassador and Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor)**

(2018 - Mitchell O’Keeffe, Culcairn)

### **Nathaniel Wenke**

Nathaniel is the type of young person you need in any community who is willing to be involved in the community, encourage others around him and take on leadership roles. He is enthusiastic and willing to be involved in school life and in the wider community. This is shown by his involvement with St Paul’s College and also community activities eg church singing and reading, ANZAC day, Christmas carols, Christmas Eve Service, assisting at Warrambui Camp, volunteering to go to Cambodia on a serving excursion etc.

He is a role model to other young people, happy to organize events, volunteer his time, and be a leader. He has a good work ethic and is happy to help the school and community where he can. He is prepared to better himself, so he can become a valuable member of the community and help and support others. Nathaniel received an honors award in year 11, given to students whose attitude and conduct contribute in a positive way to school life and display leadership qualities. He has been elected school captain of St Paul’s College for 2019. Nathaniel has clearly made an outstanding contribution to the Walla Walla and the wider community. His nomination has unanimous support of the Walla Walla Community Development Committee.

### **Natasha Spalding**

Natasha is an active member of the community and constantly volunteers her time to improve the lives and bring joy to others. She is hard working and enthusiastic regardless of the task asked of her. Natasha placed first in many of her school subjects this year, whilst also competing in rigorous national competitions achieving four credits, one distinction and 1 high distinction. She also participates in many other areas of college life such as HSC exam reader, ANZAC Day march and the Nail Can Hill Fun Run. Her greatest contribution is to the Chapel band. Due to this she received the Service to Music Award which is given to a student that shows commitment and dedication to music,. This student is hard working and gets involved in all manner of musical activities and contributes to the culture. Natasha assists with music and any college community days also. She also plays music at the aged care centre and is secretary of the Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee, participating in youth events including the Battle of the Bands Competition and FRRR Heywire Grant Operation Defrost.

## **Citizen of the Year**

**(presented by Victor Kovalenko OAM, Ambassador and Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor)**

(2018 joint winners - Diana Wegener, Walla Walla and Michael Broughan, Henty)

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### **Betty Winzer**

Betty is a retired, yet very active, Holbrook community member and has been a passionate volunteer for numerous community groups for a number of years. She has provided support services to the Red Cross being heavily involved in the Holbrook Blood Bank service. Betty knits comfort teddy bears to young and distressed patients at both Holbrook Health Service and Ambulance NSW Holbrook sector. Betty is a member and active fundraiser of the "Friends of the Hostel" committee which supports the UPA Holbrook Village Hostel and willingly volunteers at the Harry Jarvis Wing, within Holbrook Health Service attending the facility three times a day. Betty also attends Harry Jarvis Wing to provide manicures and paint the nails of our female residents, often mending residents clothing without compensation to ensure they can enjoy their favorite clothing items a little longer. Betty was listed in the Hidden Treasures Honor Roll in 2011, celebrating rural women in NSW who volunteer their time to improving local communities and neighbourhoods. She was also nominated by Holbrook Health Service for a Volunteer Excellence Award with Murrumbidgee Local Health District in 2018 and was a finalist in her category. Her selfless nature and kind heart are attributes that deserve to be rewarded and celebrated. The time Betty has given to numerous organisations to support their cause is a positive influence for the Holbrook community.

### **Colleen Lord OAM**

Colleen Lord has been actively involved in the Jindera Community and surrounding area throughout the 20 years she has lived in Jindera. Her main interest in fitness and a healthy lifestyle has led to her extensive involvement with the Jindera Pool especially with water aerobics; she has promoted and conducted gentle exercise classes, Tai Chi and Nordic pole walking; and has been a member of the Jindera & District Multi-Purpose Stadium Committee which has been fund raising for over 10 years (including running the annual Jindera Fun Run) to fund a sports stadium. She has also been involved in Rural Care Link, the Jindera Red Cross, the Jindera Pioneer Museum and the Jindera 150th Celebrations Committee. Colleen is known for her generosity to those in need and so her involvement with Rural Care Link has been an extension of that concern. She is also known to counsel local individuals pro-bona, for which she is qualified. Colleen has an extensive history of working with aspects of health

outside of Greater Hume Shire, and was bestowed the honour of an OAM in 1991 for her service to community health education. There are numerous awards and recognition for her work over the years, and we are lucky to have been blessed with her presence in our Shire. One of her greatest achievements in her time at Jindera has been the development of the game of "Life Ball" designed for people over 50 - this game has been promoted throughout Australia and is to her credit. She is never a bystander and is very much hands on. As a senior member of our community she is an amazing woman.

### **Denise Osborne**

The Jindera 150th celebrations was the "brain child" of Denise Osborne approx 2 years ago, alongwith the dedication and commitment of the Jindera 150th Celebration Committee members. A fantastic week long celebration showed the diversity of the Jindera community. From many family reunions, generations of old, to the new families in Jindera from all walks of life, the celebrations had it all. It was fantastic to see all our local groups supported.

Denise and the committee have done a fantastic job with their tireless efforts. A very special mention to the amazing job the Museum people did, along with their float, the little demonstrations of old world works were a great eye opener for children and adults alike. The parade too had it all even down to the penny farthing old wagons and cars. A true community event that deserves a special thanks to Denise, her hardwork and dedication made the Jindera 150th Celebration a wonderful family and community event.

### **Dorothy Cremer**

At the 24 October Red Cross meeting at the Baptist Church, Walla Walla, Dorothy Cremer was awarded the John Fries Memorial Award for exceptional efforts in fund raising in recent years. The prize is in the form of a citation, and a jar of considerable symbolism. The jar has the same shape as containers used to collect blood by the Red Cross years ago. This prize is awarded to only one Red Cross member in NSW each year. Dorothy was presented with her prize by Valmai Ryan, Zone 20 Red Cross representative and by Anne Knox, member of the NSW Divisional Advisory Board. They came to Walla Walla especially for the Award presentation ceremony. Many friends and relatives were also present at this memorable occasion. Dorothy is a hardworking longtime volunteer for the Red Cross and Walla Walla community and a worthy nominee for this award.

### **Graham Yensch**

Graham has been a tireless supporter of the Rural Fire Brigade, obvious from his almost 40 years of membership with the Jindera Fire Brigade. However, Graham has not only supported the Jindera Brigade area, but has made himself available in many fire fighting capacities across the Greater Hume region, NSW, Victoria and South Australia. He is a passionate supporter of local fire brigades and the part they play in small communities. Graham is able to include all who wish to be involved or have an input into fire fighting. He goes above and beyond the requirements of his role and offers assistance, advice and support to a wide range of people and areas in relation to his expertise with chainsawing. Graham has held many executive positions in the NSW Rural Fire Service including President, Group Captain, Captain, Deputy Captain and Senior Deputy Captain.

## John Ellis

John Ellis is a founding board member and current Chairperson of the Henty Community Financial Services serving for 20 years. Providing direction so the board can assist the development of many new projects, contributing over \$3.5 million, within the community of Henty. If a member of our community or an organisation requires assistance, John is always willing to give of his own time and expertise to ensure the project is a success. John also contributes as a volunteer in many other aspects of life in Henty. He is a time keeper for Henty Football Club of senior matches, plays pennant bowls for the Henty Community Club and volunteers for several catering organisations at the Henty Machinery Field Days. Previously John has contributed to the Henty community as President of the Henty Cricket Club (3 years) and also as a Player (20+ years), coach under 16's team (5 years) and Club Captain of the senior team (1 year), a member Henty Golf Club, player and committee person for the Henty Football Club (10+ years) and president and player of Henty Touch Football competition. John continues to have a remarkable impact on Henty and the surrounding district.

## John Seidel

John is a very valuable member of our community, who believes that by living in a community, the right thing to do is get in and help, to keep clubs and organisations running, viable and therefore allowing residents to enjoy their sport or passion. This is evident in his many years of volunteering, with over 30 years in both the tennis and football & netball clubs, over 25 years with the Sportsground Committee and 16 years on the Walla Walla Community Development Committee. He has or is also involved in Walla Walla Public School, ANZAC Day Committee, Hume Tennis Association, Drum Muster, Gum Swamp and Anglican Church. John is the type of citizen you want in all communities. He gives a large amount of his time voluntarily to many groups and organisations.

With his involvement in sport he has been willing to pass on his knowledge and experience to encourage, support and promote young people. He gave back to the sports by taking on administration roles, umpiring, running the boundary and helping with coaching. John can always be relied upon to offer to help with any job or project. John has been a great asset to our Community Development Committee over the last 16 years and has been a big part of our decision-making process, for the many projects we have completed. He works through projects and issues with a fair, sensible approach and is a calming influence in difficult situations. He offers to investigate projects, attend special meetings, write letters & submissions, prepare justification and costing projects, attend working bees and offers support until completion of project or event. John is a very valuable citizen and has made an outstanding contribution to the Walla Walla and wider community.

## **Australia Day Ambassador Pin**

**Emily Jones, Greater Hume Youth Council.**

## **Presentation to Ambassador, Victor Kovalenko OAM**

**Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor, Greater Hume Council.**

## **Presentation to Member for Albury, Greg Aplin**

**Cr Heather Wilton, Mayor, Greater Hume Council.**

This year marks a very special time for our current Member for Albury, Greg Aplin with his decision not to recontest the next State election on 23 March.

Greg has always been a great supporter of Greater Hume's Australia Day functions, on occasion making an extra effort to attend within a very tight schedule.

Over the past 16 years Greg has been a great advocate for his constituents in the electorate of Albury and has been a great friend and supporter of Greater Hume Council as well as our communities, organisations and individuals.

Whether advocating on our behalf or supporting funding for projects large and small Greg has been untiring in his efforts.

On behalf of the Greater Hume community we wish Greg well in his retirement from political life and the opportunities it will provide him to spend more time with his growing extended family.

Greg please accept our sincere appreciation to your outstanding contribution to the betterment of our communities.

## **Presentation to School Captains**

**Emily Jones, Greater Hume Youth Council  
to thank and give presentation to School Captains.**

## **Breakfast and Morning Tea**

**Breakfast and morning tea prepared by Walla Walla 150th Anniversary Committee.  
Sponsored by Greater Hume Council.**

## Greater Hume's Previous Winners

This page is dedicated to the many individuals and community groups who have previously been honoured by Greater Hume Council. From the residents of Greater Hume we say thank you.

### 2018 at Recreation Ground, Jindera

Citizen: Diana Wegener, Walla Walla and Michael Broughan, Henty  
Young Citizen: Mitchell O'Keeffe, Culcairn  
Sports Person/Team and Volunteer Awards: no awards given  
Community Event: Walbundrie Go Fish Day

### 2017 at Memorial Park, Henty

Citizen: Jeff Grosse, Walla Walla  
Young Citizen: Emily Jones, Henty  
Sports Award: Julie Barber, Walla Walla  
Community Event: Walla Walla Swap Meet Show and Shine

### 2016 at Recreation Reserve, Wymah

Citizen: Herbert Simpfendorfer, Walla Walla  
Young Citizen: Victoria Ellis, Walla Walla  
Sports Award: Craig Wenke, Walla Walla  
Community Event: CHACA Morgan Country Car Club and Swap Meet, Jindera and Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair

### 2015 at Gerogery Public School Ground, Gerogery

Citizen: Bernard Clark, Henty and Myrna Frohling, Burrumbuttock  
Young Citizen: Laura Kane, Henty  
Sports Award: Ruth Kotzur, Walla Walla  
Community Event: Holbrook Equine Centre B & S Ball

### 2014 at Recreation Ground, Burrumbuttock

Citizen: Alwyn Collins, Walbundrie  
Young Citizen: Carrington Melbourne, Holbrook  
Sports Award: Jeremy Finlayson, Culcairn  
Community Event: Culcairn Classic Car Club Show and Shine, Swap Meet and Market, Culcairn

### 2013 at Recreation Ground, Walbundrie

Citizen: Nancy Lee, Culcairn  
Young Citizen: Jessica Kotzur, Walla Walla  
Sports Award: Alyssa Savill, Holbrook  
Community Event: Blessing of the Bonnets, Henty

### 2012 at Woomargama Hall, Woomargama

Citizen: Elmore Stoll, Culcairn  
Young Citizen: No award given  
Sports Award: Molly Dowling, Holbrook  
Community Event: 100th Walbundrie Agricultural Show

### 2011 at Recreation Ground, Jindera

Citizen: John Jacob, Walla Walla  
Young Citizen: Klara Glaw, Jindera  
Sports Award: Ashley Lindner, Burrumbuttock  
Community Event: Walla Walla 125th Anniversary Celebration

### 2010 at Jubilee Park, Culcairn

Citizen: Heather Johnson, Morven  
Young Citizen: Steven Taylor, Holbrook  
Sports Award: Trevor Merkel, Walla Walla  
Community Event: Jindera Drought Relief Program through Rural Care Link and Jindera Swimming Pool Committee Bush Fire Appeal

### 2009 at Morgan's Lookout, Walla Walla

Citizen: Lois Dunchue, Jindera  
Young Citizen: No award given  
Sports Award: Trevor Smith, Culcairn  
Community Event: Culcairn's 125th Birthday Celebrations Festival

### 2008 at Memorial Park, Henty

Citizen: Mervyn Wegener, Walla Walla  
Young Citizen: Samantha Jones, Henty  
Sports Award: Brian Frana, Holbrook  
Community Event: Burrumbuttock Village Festival

### 2007 at Brocklesby Hall, Brocklesby

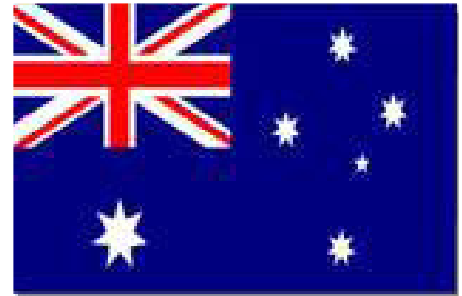
Citizen: Joan Schilg, Brocklesby  
Young Citizen: Katherine Bowler, Holbrook  
Sports Award: Peter Waite, Holbrook  
Community Event: Walbundrie Ag Show

### 2006 at Ten Mile Creek, Holbrook

Citizen: Diane McElwaine, Culcairn  
Young Citizen: Serena Kent, Culcairn  
Sports Award: No award given  
Community Event: Commander Holbrook Cup Race Meeting and Walla Walla Lions Heritage Festival

## Australian National Flag

The Australian National Flag is Australia's foremost national symbol. It was first flown in 1901 and has become an expression of Australian identity and pride. The Australian National Flag flies over the federal and state parliaments. The flag is paraded by our defence forces and displayed around the country at sporting events and by service organisations, schools, community groups and private citizens. The Australian National Flag has three elements on a blue background: the Union Jack, the Commonwealth Star and the Southern Cross. The Union Jack in the upper left corner (or canton) acknowledges the history of British settlement. Below the Union Jack is a white Commonwealth or Federation star. It has seven points representing the unity of the six states and the territories of the Commonwealth of Australia. The star is also featured on the Commonwealth Coat of Arms. The Southern Cross is shown on the fly of the flag in white. The constellation of five stars can be seen only from the southern hemisphere and is a reminder of Australia's geography.



## Australian Coat of Arms



The blazon or official description of the Commonwealth Coat of Arms is contained in the Royal Warrant. The blazon describes a coat of arms in heraldic terms, enabling accurate reproduction in any part of the world. Symbols of Australia's six states appear together on the shield, which is the central feature of a coat of arms. The border of the shield symbolises federation. The kangaroo and emu are the native animals that hold the shield with pride. Some say the kangaroos and emu were chosen to symbolise a nation moving forward.

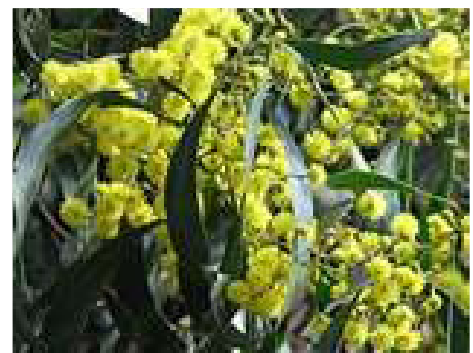
This is based on the common belief that neither animal can move backwards easily. A gold Commonwealth Star sits above the shield. Six of the star's points represent the Australian states. The seventh point represents the territories. A wreath of gold and blue sits under the Commonwealth Star. Gold and blue are the Commonwealth Coat of Arms' livery or identifying colours. Australia's floral emblem, the golden wattle, frames the shield and supporters. A scroll contains the word 'Australia'.

## Australia's National Floral Emblem

Australia's national floral emblem is the gold wattle (*Acacia Pycnantha* Benth).

When in flower, the gold wattle displays the national colours, green and gold. As one species of a large genus of flora growing across Australia, the golden wattle is a symbol of unity. Wattle is ideally suited to withstand Australia's droughts, winds and bushfires. The resilience of wattle represents the spirit of the Australian people.

In recent times, the golden wattle has been used as a symbol of remembrance and reflection. On national days of mourning, for example, Australians are invited to wear a sprig of wattle. The golden wattle has been used in the design of Australian stamps and many awards in the Australian honours system. A single wattle flower is the emblem of the Order of Australia.





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## **Thanks**

### **Walla Walla 150th Anniversary Committee**

For their outstanding job of working through the logistics of holding Australia Day in such a lovely setting.  
For providing breakfast and morning tea.

### **Good Gravy**

For leading the singing of the National Anthem and the song, 'Shelter'.

### **Alan Rayner**

Reciting the poem, 'Our Historic Tree'.

### **Members of Greater Hume Youth Council**

For assisting with the official ceremony.

### **Our Exhibitors**

Morgan Country Car Club, Culcairn Classic Car Club, Culcairn SES and the Walla Walla Rural Fire Service.

### **St John's Ambulance**

For being in attendance today.

### **Sponsors**

Australia Day Council of NSW and Greater Hume Council.

Join the Walla Walla Community to continue the celebrations at Walla Walla Swimming Pool. Events planned:

Free Entry to the Pool all Day – 12 pm to 4 pm  
Music from 1 pm to 3 pm

Walla Walla Swimming Pool will be open with the Pool Inflatable  
Walla Walla 150th Celebrations Historical Display and Town Tours  
German Festival commences at 5 pm to 11 pm

**Stay and enjoy the Pool Party and other 150th events.**

***Dont Forget to: Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide***