

Tuesday 17 January 2012

Indigo Shire celebrates being an Aussie

Indigo Shire will hold Australia Day events across the Shire to celebrate everything that is great about being Australian.

Celebrations will be held on Thursday 26 January in Beechworth, Rutherglen, Chiltern, Kiewa, Yackandandah and Barnawartha, where the recipients of the Indigo Shire Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year, Emma George Junior Sporting Scholarship and District Certificates will be announced. There will also be Flag Raising and Flag Lowering Ceremonies, Australian Citizenship ceremonies and entertainment for the whole family.

Recognised for his versatility as the "master of the one-liner", Australia Day ambassador John Blackman has a show business career spanning over 40 years, achieving enormous recognition in the pivotal role as the voice of Dickie Knee and numerous other characters behind Australia's longest running variety show Hey Hey It's Saturday.

The Australia day events around the shire are:

- **Rutherglen/Wahgunyah:** From 7.45am onwards a community breakfast will be held at the Lions Park, Rutherglen. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for school aged children.
Ambassador: Mr Richard Rozen, Member of the Order of Australia.
- **Beechworth:** From 8am onwards a community breakfast will be held at the Town Hall Gardens, Beechworth. Entertainment by Neil Higgins. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for school aged children. Breakfast proceeds to local service clubs.
Ambassador: Mr John Blackman.
- **Kiewa/Tangambalanga:** From 11am onwards a community lunch will be held at the Kiewa Memorial Park. The cost is a gold coin donation.
Ambassador: Mr John Blackman.
- **Chiltern:** From 9.45am onwards a morning tea will be held at the Chiltern Tourist Park. All proceeds going to Chiltern Girl Guides.
Ambassador: Mr Richard Rozen, Member of the Order of Australia.
- **Yackandandah:** From 5.30pm onwards an evening BBQ will be held at Sir Isaacs Park. Entertainment by Peter "Crackers" Keenan and the Reedy Creek Jazz Band. The cost is \$8 for a family of four or \$3 per person.
Ambassador: Mr Peter "Crackers" Keenan.
- **Barnawartha:** From 7.30pm onwards a Community supper will be held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, Barnawartha.
Ambassador: Mr Bill Bell.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Larry Goldsworthy said the day is a great opportunity to celebrate Australia's history, and to reflect on just how lucky we are.

"We are very excited about the Australia Day Ambassadors who have all contributed to the wider Australian community in different ways." Said Mayor Cr Larry Goldsworthy. "Australia Day is a great day



out for the whole family and everyone from Indigo Shire is encouraged to attend and enjoy the entertainment provided.” Cr Goldsworthy said.

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For more information about Indigo Shire Australia Day celebrations, please contact Noni Kilo, Indigo Shire Council Administration Assistant – Sustainable Communities 02 6028 1154 or nhemann@indigoshire.vic.gov.au.