

Australia Day Event Information Sheet



Welcome to the 2017 Australia Day. Please find below information about this year's event. For regular Australia Day updates on performances and event day activities, head to melton.vic.gov.au.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATE| Thursday 26 January 2017

TIME| 9.30am – 12pm

LOCATION| Willows Historical Park, Nixon Street, Melton 3337

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

9.15am	Live entertainment
10.05am	Welcome by Mayor, Cr Sophie Ramsey
	Flag raising ceremony
10.08am	National Anthem
10.09am	Welcome to Country
	Official Welcome by Master of Ceremonies; Kelvin Tori, Chief Executive Officer, Melton City Council
10.16am	Australia Day Ambassador, Ez Eldin Deng
10.25am	I am, You Are, We are Australian
	Performed by Jasmin Woziak
10.28am	Community Achievement Award presentations:
	Community Project of the Year
	Young Citizen of the Year (under 25)
	Women of the Year
	Access and Inclusion Leader of the Year Award
	Citizen of the Year
11.01am	Citizenship Ceremony
11.45am	Live entertainment

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12.00pm

Celebration close

AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR



Ez Eldin Deng

Writer/Director

Melbourne, Australia

Ez Eldin Deng was born in South Sudan. In 2004 he arrived in Australia/Melbourne with his family. As English was not his first language he was very determined to extent his English vocabulary by any means. Since then he has refined his natural ability to tell stories through rhymes, theatre, film and storytelling as he still continues building his network within African and other multicultural communities. Ez Eldin Deng is a talented man with multiple skills especially in filmmaking, acting and rapping with African Hip hop artist Nubian Knights. Nubian Knights are a Hip Hop group who were developed out of the Centres ID Check project in 2005 at Footscray Arts Centre. As "EZU" he has been involved in dozens of theatre projects with Victoria College of the Arts, Multicultural Art Victoria, Western Edge Youth Arts and Playback West Theatre Group. Ez Eldin's ultimate goal is to be a filmmaker. Ez Eldin's infectious flows that weave in and out of English and Arabic dissolve language barriers through a hybrid form of communication.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each Australia Day, Council proudly recognises people whose contributions make this region an even better place to live through the Melton City Council Community Achievement Awards. Nominations are closed. Nominations open from October each year. All nominees will be recognised and awards presented at the following Australia Day ceremony on 26 January each year.

The Community Achievement Awards categories are:

Citizen of the Year – for community leadership

Young Citizen of the Year – for community leadership under 25 years old

Community Project of the Year – for outstanding community projects

Woman of the Year – for commitment to advancing the status of women

Access and Inclusion Leader of the Year – for commitment to improving the life of people with a disability

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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Council conducts regular Citizenship Ceremonies throughout the year.

Although Council organise and conduct Citizenship Ceremonies, the City of Melton is not responsible for allocating candidates to ceremony dates. This is the decision of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

If you would like to inquire about your status in the waiting list, please contact the DIBP on 131 880.

What happens at a Citizenship Ceremony?

Candidates will receive a detailed invitation from Council confirming their Citizenship Ceremony date and location, and other important information.

At the ceremony, successful applicants are required to make a pledge of commitment as a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia. All new citizens are then presented with a Certificate of Australian Citizenship, which formally represents conferral of Australian Citizenship.

The Mayor of Melton presides over Citizenship Ceremonies. Members of Parliament, that represent the City of Melton, Local, State and Federal, are also invited to attend Citizenship Ceremonies.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Five O'Clock Charlie

This group of talented locals from Ballan met at the monthly acoustic music sessions at Hudson's Hotel in Ballan and have a great time playing Irish, Country, Roots and Traditional songs with a special kick. Find out more about them on [Facebook](#).

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ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY

- Hang with Australian Reptiles
- Pat A Dingo
- Anzac Bickies
- Lamingtons
- Snags & BBQ Breaky
- Coffee
- Henna Tattoos
- Kids Woodcraft
- Bunnings Melton & 3rd Melton Scout Group with varying activities
- Craft & preserves for sale from the Melton Country Women's Association
- Melton Red Cross information display
- Learn about things to see & do in the local area from Visitor Service Melton City Council
- Planting, badge making and pot painting with the Family & Children's Services, Libraries and Waste Units from Melton City Council

These activities will be operational for the duration of the event and all are welcome to participate.

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

PARKING

Free parking is available on Reserve Road & Nixon Street but limited.



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For more information please contact the Events Team on 9747 2000 or
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