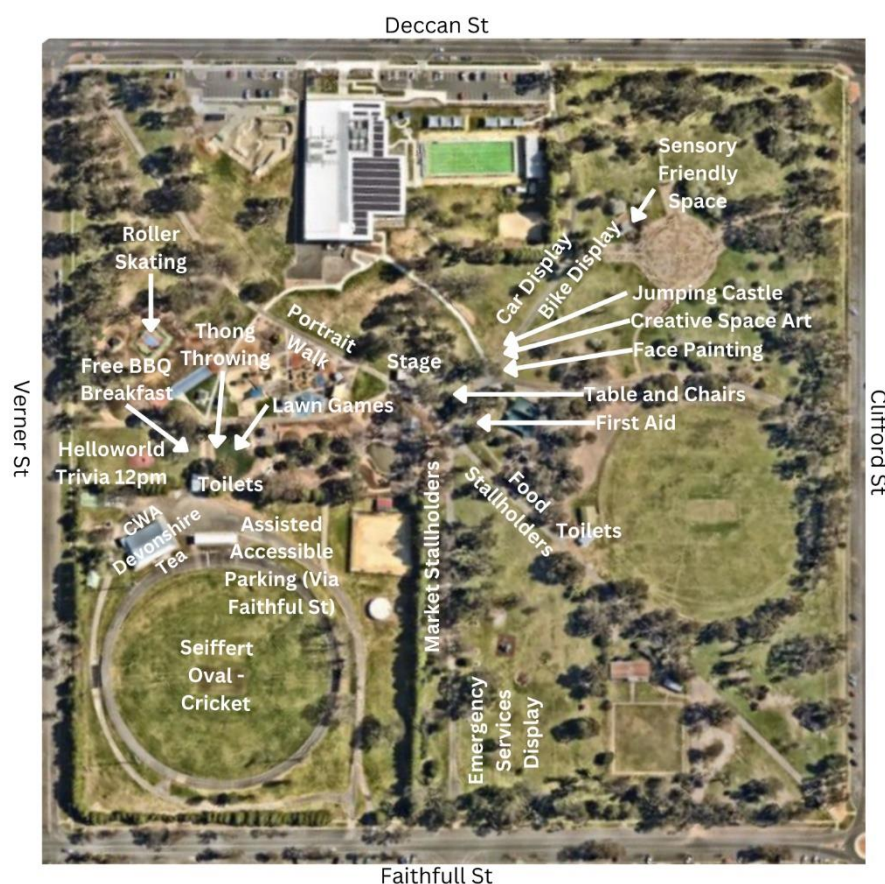


# Goulburn Australia Day 2025 Event Program

## Schedule of Events

<b>7.30am - 9.00am</b>	<b>Free BBQ Breakfast (Opposite Adventure Playground)</b>
<b>8.00am – 10.30am</b>	<b>Junior Cricket Match (Seiffert Oval)</b>
<b>9.00am – 2.00pm</b>	<b>Market, Food Stallholders and Activities</b>
<b>9.00am – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Goulburn Aquatic and Leisure Centre Open Free entry all day</b>
<b>9.00am – 9.45am</b>	<b>Citizenship Ceremony (Stage)</b>
<b>9.45am – 9.55am</b>	<b>Bridge Choir to Sing (Stage)</b>
<b>9.55am – 10.00am</b>	<b>Goulburn District Services Pipe Band March (from Faithfull St)</b>
<b>10.00am – 11.30am</b>	<b>Official Ceremony including Australia Day Awards (Stage)</b>
<b>11.30am – 11.40am</b>	<b>Hume Conservatorium Choir (Stage)</b>
<b>11.45am – 12.15pm</b>	<b>Lilac City Brass Band (Stage)</b>
<b>12.00pm – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Helloworld Trivia (near basketball court)</b>
<b>12.30pm – 2.00pm</b>	<b>Brew Band (Stage)</b>
<b>12.45pm – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lilac City Brass Band (Faithfull St entrance)</b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Event concludes</b>

## Australia Day Site Map



Stallholders/Displays	Food Stallholders
A&T Showbags & Things	Andy's Gozleme
Baiyun	Al's Donuts
Betty's Craft	Basic Bites
Bron's Cursin'	Coffee N Cream
Creations Classic Riders Club Goulburn	CWA
Game On Enterprises	D & M Ice Cream
Goulburn Girl Guides	Hot Potato
Goulburn Handweavers and Spinners	Lions Club
Goulburn Historic and Classic Car Club	Twist Chips on a Stick
Goulburn RFS	<b>Activities (all free)</b>
Jenwren Creations	Creative Space – Art Activities and workshops
KazArt	Citizen of Year Portrait Walk
SES – Goulburn Unit	Face Painting with Rainbow Faces
Southern Tablelands Community Foundation	Jumping Castle
The Hume Police District	Helloworld Trivia
Strawberry Design Co	Lawn Games
Veteran and Vintage Car Club of Goulburn	Thong Throwing Competition
Yarralaw Springs Wines	Roller Skating in the Rage Cage

## **Acknowledgment of Country**

“I would like to Acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders and Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet today.”

## **Australian National Anthem**

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one 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.



## Poem – The Story of Australia

*It's the story of Australia*

*It's the story of me*

*It's the story of you*

*It's the story of we*

*In parts it is painful*

*In parts it is raw*

*In others it's beautiful*

*Inspiring great awe*

*It tells of many people*

*From far and wide*

*And those who've been here*

*Since the beginning of time*

*It brings us together*

*And tears us apart*

*We all have our views*

*So where do we start?*

*By listening to each other*

*And sharing our part.*

## 2025 Local Citizen of the Year Award Nominees



### Young Citizen of the Year Nominee



**Hannah Orr**

Hannah is a 13-year-old girl dedicated to serving her community, with over 14 months of active involvement in the Goulburn Mulwaree Youth Council. She successfully advocated for a pedestrian crossing at her high school for safety and has contributed to events like the Lilac Festival and a community bike ride. In addition to speaking at the Southern Tablelands Women's Breakfast and attending the NSW Youth Conference, Hannah plays the bagpipes in the Goulburn Pipes and Drums, competes in Goulburn Physical Culture Dance, and is part of the Mulwaree High School Social Justice Committee, organizing fundraisers and running a free school opportunity shop.

## Citizen of the Year Nominees



### **Dale Towell (finalist)**

Dale is nominated for her outstanding contributions as Secretary of the Organising Committee for the 100th Anniversary of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and as the former Secretary of the Classic Riders Club of Goulburn. Joining the GP Committee in 2023, she played a key role in organising the event, including researching family descendants' of 1924 participants and creating a Commemorative Booklet. With seven years of experience as Secretary of the Classic Riders Club, Dale managed rally routes, coordinated events, and led the Swap Meet Committee for one of Australia's top motorcycle events. Additionally, she serves on the Bendigo Bank Board and works as a Civil Celebrant, demonstrating her commitment to the community.



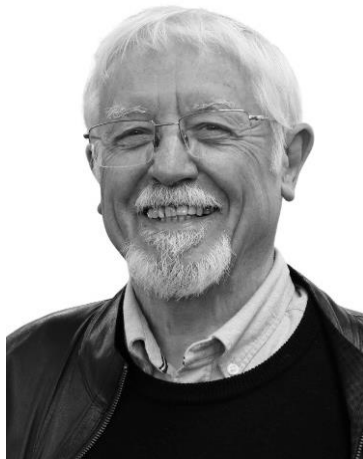
### **Ruth Doggett (finalist)**

Ruth Doggett is the current Liaison Officer and President of Can Assist for Goulburn and Districts, a group formed in 2010 to support local people battling cancer by assisting with treatment-related costs. Despite having only eight members, the group organizes 10-12 fundraising events each year, with all funds going directly to local families. Since its inception, Can Assist has helped 493 families. In addition to her work with Can Assist, Ruth is a member of the Goulburn Quilters group, contributing to quilts donated to the oncology unit for patient comfort. Ruth's tireless efforts make a significant impact on the local community.



### **Robert Fletcher (finalist)**

Robert Fletcher, alongside Hephner the Alpaca, is nominated for their outstanding contributions to charity, particularly in mental health and wellbeing. The duo has raised thousands of dollars through fundraisers and volunteered at local nursing homes, childcare centers, and disability services, making a significant impact on the community. Their work has gained national and international recognition, especially after Hephner's famous sneeze during a meeting with the King of England, which brought attention to Goulburn. Despite their newfound fame, Robert and Hephner remain humble, continuing to support local events and causes with selflessness.



*Image supplied by Jock McLean*

### **Jock McLean (finalist)**

Jock McLean is nominated for the Goulburn 2025 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to the community. He has played a pivotal role at the Lieder Theatre Company, directing youth productions, mentoring young actors, and organizing events. Jock is also active in the Goulburn Club, supporting the community through event management and live music. In addition, he lectures at 3WA, further enriching the region. His dedication, leadership, and lasting impact on Goulburn make him a deserving nominee for the award.



### **Graeme Welsh (finalist)**

Graeme Welsh is nominated for the 2025 Goulburn Citizen of the Year for his exceptional contributions over 45 years. A lifelong resident, Graeme has led in both professional and volunteer roles. As Group Captain of the Rural Fire Service Southern Tablelands Zone, he coordinated fire brigades and responded to emergencies, including the 2020 bushfires, earning the NSW RFS Life Membership Award. He also volunteers as an auctioneer for charity fundraisers, supports Goulburn Can Assist, and has been involved in local initiatives like the Hydrotherapy Pool, youth sports, and environmental advocacy.



### Community Event of the Year Nominees



#### **International Day of People with a Disability**

The International Day of People with Disability Community Event 2024 is nominated for Event of the Year for its focus on inclusion and disability awareness. Held on December 3rd, the event attracted over 500 attendees and featured more than 50 stakeholders. Activities included wheelchair basketball, adaptive cricket, and chair Zumba. Highlights were an inspiring speech by Paralympian Luke Pople and participation from local schools, promoting disability education. Supported by community organisations, the event offered free admission and a BBQ, showcasing people with disabilities running micro-businesses, reinforcing Goulburn's leadership in disability inclusion.

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Goulburn**

The 2024 Centenary Celebration of Australia's First Motorcycle Grand Prix is nominated for Community Event of the Year for its remarkable tribute to Goulburn's motorsport heritage. The three-day event, attracting over 10,000 visitors, featured a commemorative ride along the original 80-kilometer course, connecting participants to the 1924 Grand Prix history. Highlights included a street cruise, a motorcycle expo with rare machines, and a prestigious Gala dinner. The event showcased Goulburn's key role in Australian motorsport, fostered community engagement, and generated significant economic benefits, celebrating history, heritage, and community spirit.

#### **Tallong Apple Day**

The Tallong Apple Day Festival, run by a dedicated group of volunteers, is a beloved annual event that unites the community through fundraising and celebrates the region's apple heritage. The festival showcases local exhibitors, crafts, and produce, while offering a variety of activities for visitors of all ages. Each year, it attracts thousands of attendees, with

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the 2024 festival being its most successful yet. The event not only highlights Tallong's agricultural history but also supports local businesses and fosters a strong sense of community pride and engagement. It remains a key event in the region's calendar.

### Junior Sportsperson of the Year Nominees



#### **Alexander Skeffington**

Australian Cross Country Championships (12th)  
NSW state Cross Country Championships (3rd)  
Australians All Schools Cross Country (25th)  
NSW All Schools Cross Country (6th)  
NSW CCC Cross Country (1st)  
Australian Track and Field Championships 3000m (12th),  
1500m (22nd)  
NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships 3000m  
(8th), 1500m (9nd)  
NSW CCC Track and Field Championships, 1500m (3rd)  
Trinity Catholic Collage, Archdiocesan and NSWCCC Cross  
Country Age Champion 2024

Shows extreme dedication to his running and has been a mentor to younger students both at TCC and the Athletics Club



*Image provided by Elsie Apps*

#### **Elsie Apps**

National Track Championships (Cycling) - Womens  
Under 17 Team Pursuit 3rd, Womens Under 17 Scratch  
Race 2nd, Womens Under 17 Keirin 2nd, Womens  
Under 17 Omnium 2nd, Team Sprint JW17 2nd  
National Road Championships - Womens Under 17 Road  
Race 3rd  
NSW Track Championships (Cycling) - JW17 Individual  
Pursuit 2nd, JW17 Keirin 2nd, JW17 Sprint 3rd, JW17  
Points race 3rd, Scratch Race JW17 1st Madison JW17  
1st, Omnium JW17 2nd, JW 17 ITT 3rd  
VIC Road Championships - JW17 Road Race 1st, JW Time  
Trial 1st  
NSW Road Championships - JW17 Time Trial 1st, JW17  
Road Race 2nd, JW17 Criterium 2nd  
NSW Track Championship Team Pursuit JW17 1st, Team

Spring 2<sup>nd</sup>

NSW Time Trial Champion

2024 Senior Sportswoman of the Year - Trinity Catholic College

Elsie has been selected by the Australian Cycling Academy to be part of the Jayco Alula, Skip Capital Team. This will involve representing her team, living in Belgium and racing over Europe for 3 months in 2025.



### **Sid McPherson**

Selected for NSW in the Australian U14s Hockey Championships in Perth

Selected for the NSWCCC Hockey team

Selected in the ACT U14s Futures Talent Academy (Hockey)

Member of the U16s NSW Pathways and Performances Program (Hockey)

Co-Captain of the Goulburn District Hockey Association U14s representative team.

Member of the Goulburn District Hockey Association U16s rep team.

Canberra/Goulburn Archdiocese Representative in Cross Country and Athletics.

NSWCCC Representative in Cross Country and Athletics.

2024 Junior Sportsman of the Year - Trinity Catholic College

### **2025 Australia Day Ambassador – John Thistleton**

John has worked in the print and digital media in southern NSW and the ACT for more than four decades. He has also been a media manager for the National Capital Authority in Canberra.

A former editor of the Goulburn Post, and a senior journalist at the Canberra Times for 12 years, he now contributes stories for About Regional, focussed on Goulburn people.

He has belonged to primary and secondary school boards, a main street committee promoting local shopping and an indoor heated pool committee.

He initiated two trade fairs at Trinity Catholic College during its early foundation years and, with Goulburn Rostrum Club, established a press Club hosting monthly guest speakers.

Raising three children in Goulburn with his wife Franki and leaving and returning to the city on three occasions, John believes it offers an unbeatable location, lifestyle and unrivalled collection of heritage buildings outside of Sydney and Melbourne.



*Image provided by John Thistleton*

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## Local Citizen of the Year Past Winners

YEAR	LOCAL CITIZEN	YOUTH CITIZEN	EVENT PAST WINNERS
1990	Margaret Parsons	Sharon Waters	
1991	Robert Hughes		
1992	Lola Baker	Leanne Warburton	
1993	Laurie Tamsett	Daniel Cove	
1994	Kevin Thompson	Joel Emerton	
1995	Dr Brian Keating	Luke Keevers	
1996	Bill Needham	Chris Ohlback	
1997	Ron Neate	Thomas Coates	
1998	ChristineLofts/Jane Pockley	Glen Taylor	
1999	Helen Webster	Shannon Norman	Australian Blues Music Festival
2000	Neville Newton	Simone Charnock	Lilac City Festival
2001	Ken Robson	Craig Ohlback	2GN Trivia Challenge for Charity-Jeff Norman
2002	Graeme Northey	Melanie Beer/Stephanie Sullivan	Convoy for Kids
2003	Terry Murphy	Steven Edmonds	Opening of Honour Roll in Belmore Park
2004	Carol James	Kaela Scott	Relay for Life
2005	Ros Slater	Jay Burns	Belan Fundraiser-Lola Marmont
2006	Lois Wood	No nominations	Goulburn Show
2007	Ian Maher	Cameron Watson	Goulburn Schools Sport & Cultural Expo

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2008	Jim Nichols	Elizabeth Cooper	Tallong Apple Day
2009	Amanda Cooper	Alesha Zeschke	Lynton Field Days
2010	Ross Durrant/Tom Marmont	Matthew Gough	Dancing with the Starz
2011	Heather Armstrong	Steven Squires/William Oxley	Say No to Domestic Violence Day- Goulburn Rugby
2012	Alfie Walker	Alishia Tomlinson	Vive 3 on 3 Basketball
2013	Ian McMurdo	Jakud Nubagalo	Riversdale Garden Fair
2014	Ray Shiel	Eloise Matthews	Goulburn Rose Festival
2015	Graham Kinder E.S.M	Tyler Loader	Goulburn North Fireworks
2016	Tony Cockburn	Will Hargan	Spyfest
2017	Bill Wilkes	Matthew Orton	Steampunk Victoriana Fair
2018	Des Rowley	Margaret Hargan	Tallong Apple Day
2019	Ross Kirby	Tamika Wallace	The Periphery Theatre Festival
2020	Daniel Strickland	Kate Easlea	Lilac City Festival
2021	Kevin Muffet	Charlotte Hargan	Goulburn Mulwaree Library & Lieder Theatre Mighty Playwrights Program
2022	Heather West	Anbarasan Mitchell	Goulburn Show
2023	Jason Broadbent	Thomas Skeffington	Goulburn Convoy for Kids
2024	Jacki Waugh	Annalise Denney	Australian Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate- Do Federation National Gasshuku Championships

## Past Australia Day Ambassadors

YEAR	AMBASSADOR	CLAIM TO FAME
1990	-	-
1991	Bunny Gibson	Actress
1992	Bruce Samazan	Actor
1993	Monique Allen	Olympic Gymnast
1994	-	-
1995	Simon Poidevin	Rugby Union Player
1996	Sharyn McKay	Landspeed record holder
1997	Gary O'Callaghan	Radio Personality
1998	Jane Robinson	Olympic Rower
1999	Darren Smith	Rugby League Player
2000	Ron Finnerman	Head of Winter Disabled Sport Australia
2001	Sarah Ryan	Olympic Swimmer
2002	Andy Paschalidis	Media Personality
2003	Debbie Sosimenko	Olympic Hammer thrower
2004	Ian Elliott	Advertising Executive
2005	William Scully-Power	Managing Partner Marketing FX
2006	Stuart Maunder	Executive Producer Opera Australia
2007	Jeremy Kewley	Actor
2008	Donnie Sutherland	Radio & TV Personality
2009	James Pittar	Blind Marathon Swimmer

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2010	Vanessa Crisp	Lettering Artist & Graphic Designer
2011	Bart Bunting	Paralympian Alpine Skier
2012	Bob Turner	Sports & Business Professional
2013	Jacinta Tynan	Journalist/Sky News
2014	Bruce Elder	Writer
2015	Warren Brown	Cartoonist
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2017	Roo Arcus	Singer
2018	Dick Smith	Entrepreneur
2019	Gary Worboys	Deputy Commissioner APM Regional NSW Field Operations
2020	Michael Prevedello	Radio Personality
2021	Glenn Tuner	Olympic Hockey Player
2022	Chrisjohn Hancock	Artistic Director
2023	Ellen Ryan	Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist – Lawn Bowls
2024	Carol James	Order of Australia Medal Recipient
2025	John Thistleton	Media Personality



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