

Advance Australia fair

AUSTRALIA Day celebrations will be held this Sunday at Queanbeyan Town Park starting at 5pm and all residents are invited to attend (the wet weather venue is the Queanbeyan Conference Centre at Bicentennial Hall.)

Queanbeyan City Council Mayor Tim Overall said this year's Australia Day ambassador was Professor Thomas Faunce from the Australian National University, who is a direct descendant of Queanbeyan's first police magistrate, Captain Alured Tasker Faunce.

The celebrations will include an official flag-raising ceremony with the Girl Guides and Queanbeyan Pipes and Drums; the Australia Day citizenship ceremony; the Australia Day awards with the Queanbeyan Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen and the Community Event/Service Group awards to be presented.

The Sing Australia Choir will participate and at 6pm there will be free family fun such as face-painting, a jumping castle and merry-go-round. There will also be a barbeque and free tea, coffee, cordial and fruit. The Australia Day fireworks are scheduled for later in the



Helen Venus, Kirsten Marie Dulce Venue and Vince Simon Venue Publico and Arianna Cassandra and Raymond Philip Venus celebrated their citizenship with Mayor Tim Overall at last year's Australia Day celebrations. This year 56 people will be presented with Australian citizenship.

evening, also at Queanbeyan Park, and will be spectacular.

Cr Overall said 56 people would become new

Australian citizens on the day.

"Queanbeyan welcomes people from all different backgrounds and

experiences. Our city's culture will only get richer as we have a more diverse population. I look forward to meeting all the new citizens

on Australia Day," he said.

"The Australia Day awards are another important part of the Australia Day celebrations

as they are an opportunity to recognise people, groups and events in the community that have made a difference."

Police presence strong for Oz Day

MILLIONS of Australians are expected to gather with mates to celebrate our national day at events and parties across NSW on Sunday, but police have warned they'll maintain a strong presence over the weekend.

There will be large numbers of additional police deployed state-wide as part of Operation Shoreline to ensure the day is safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Operation Commander, Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch, encouraged the

community to celebrate everything that's great about our country but to do so safely.

"Our police operation will include officers from across the state to ensure all Australians and tourists have a safe and enjoyable day," Asst. Commissioner Murdoch said.

"Once again, officers will focus on alcohol-fuelled violence and anti-social or any behaviour that could ruin the day for others.

"We aren't trying to stop people from having a good time; it's about looking out

for yourself, your family and your mates so you can all share many more good times.

"Act responsibly and know your limits. Think before you drink - don't ruin your day before it starts," Assistant Commissioner Murdoch said.

Monaro Local Area Commander, Superintendent Rod Smith said the state-wide operation will include extra local police, not only to deter crime but arrest anyone breaking the law.

"Significant crowds are

expected to celebrate in the Queanbeyan, Cooma and Alpine areas and while we want everyone to have a good time, we won't risk other people's safety," Superintendent Smith said.

"We know that many Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra locals will travel into the ACT to enjoy the festivities, and return home afterwards.

"One of the most important plans you need to make for the day is your how you plan to get home and if you're planning to drink, don't drive."



Monaro Local Area Commander Rod Smith says a state-wide policing operation for the long weekend will include extra local police in Queanbeyan.



Australia Day



Queanbeyan City Council and the Australia Day Committee invite you to attend Australia Day Celebrations

**Sunday 26 January, 2014
Queanbeyan Park 5.00pm**



**Fireworks Display
Wet Weather Venue
Queanbeyan Bicentennial Centre**

