

Australia Day 2023

Australia Day 2024 was a day where the Hay community came together to reflect, respect and celebrate all that it is to be part of the story of Australia.

On a beautiful morning, celebrations commenced with the community breakfast at the Hay Gaol Museum. 180 people attended the breakfast and awards ceremony, with the Youth Taskforce working alongside community volunteers, councillors and Hay Shire staff to prepare and serve breakfast.

Australia Day Ambassador Andy Paschalidis, soccer commentator who also has an impressive career in sports media, presented the 2024 Australia Day Awards. Congratulations to Hay's 2024 awardees:-

- Citizen of the Year - Rob Neill
- Young Citizen of the Year - Leo Dedini- Fitzpatrick
- Gavin Johnston Vocational Award – Pauline Symons
- Special Achievement Award - Leanne Congdon
- Special Achievement Award - Helen Rogers
- Special Achievement Award - Adrian Myers

The 2024 awards recognised deserving individuals and the collective efforts of locals who contribute positively to our community, and we congratulate and thank them for all they have done and continue to do for Hay.

Community celebrations continued in the afternoon at the Hay Service Club.

Thank you to all the community volunteers and local businesses for your support and assistance in hosting Australia Day 2024.

Hay's Australia Day events were supported by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.



Australia Day Ambassador
Andy Paschalidis with Citizen of the Year
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Know Your Council



Mayor

Cr Carol Oataway

Deputy Mayor

Cr Lionel Garner

Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Darren Clarke

Jenny Dwyer

Peter Handford

Paul Porter

Martyn Quinn

EVENTS

February

23 Friends TV Series Trivia
Night

March

1 Business Excellence
Awards

2 Hay Rodeo

2 Carrathool Races

9 Hayland Gathering

9 Shag Gregory Poker Run

16 Tunes on the Green

30 Shear Outback Working

Dog Trials

April

25 ANZAC Day

28 Hayluminate &

Markets

Hay Shire Snippets

IAN MOSS & BAND LIVE IN HAY

Tunes on the Green
Hay Golf Club



SCAN for TICKETS

16
MARCH 2024

05 PM - 10 PM

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Biosecurity

The recent hot weather and rain has brought the usual summer weed problems such as Silver Leaf Nightshade, Fleabane, Spiny Burr, Khaki Burr and Catheads, efforts are made to control these whenever spraying conditions are right. Silver Leaf in particular has been found on every highway and regional road in the shire and majority have been sprayed before seeding to control the spread. Spiny Burr is another that's appearing in new areas with the spread along roadsides aided by travelling stock and traffic. African Boxthorn control program has now finished with funding from LLS ending in Dec, the program has been successful in raising the profile of the weed and getting more landholders active in their own control programs. Town lanes will be targeted again this month whenever spraying conditions allow.



What's happening at the Hay Library?

Rhyme Time: Children's reading and activities are held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am for 0-5 years old.

Knitting & Scrabble Groups: Are held each Wednesday at 10am. Come and enjoy some knitting and scrabble with good company and a cuppa.

TECH SAVVY CLASSES @ THE HAY LIBRARY

Classes to be run from Mid-February at mutually agreed times and dates

High School students will run classes on a 1 on 1 Basis

Registration forms available at the Library

For any queries phone or email Sue Horsewood at -

Phone: 0269901161 Email: SHorsewood@hay.nsw.gov.au



SELF PROTECTION WORKSHOPS ON THE HAY PLAINS!

KYUP! Project will host two violence prevention and empowerment workshops with Mel Thomas. In these fun, safe, hands-on workshops Mel will share personal safety tips and simple self-defence techniques anyone can use, no matter their size or skill level. Using relatable examples of real-life scenarios - such as public transport, public places and parties - participants learn to:

- ➔ Replace fear with confidence
- ➔ Trust their instincts and make smart choices
- ➔ Use the power of their voice to defuse dangerous situations
- ➔ Get away from a situation that doesn't feel right
- ➔ Fight back when needed

Workshop 1 welcomes 10-17 year olds and their parents/carers. Workshop 2 welcomes youths from 12-24 years old.

"MEL EMBODIES PASSION AND STRENGTH."

-LAYNE BEACHELEY, 7 x World Surfing Champion



SPACES ARE LIMITED. BOOK BELOW!

**1. KIDS AND CARERS
WORKSHOP**
9AM - 11:30AM



SCAN ME

**2. YOUTH
WORKSHOP**
2PM - 4:30PM



SCAN ME

SATURDAY 17 FEB 2024

HWMHS SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTRE

EMPOWERING EVERYDAY AUSTRALIANS TO RAISE THEIR STANDARDS AND CHAMPION THEIR SAFETY AND WELLBEING.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



YOUTH TASKFORCE
Different people, one community.

Hay Youth Taskforce

- Are you young, enthusiastic and looking for a new challenge?
- Do you want to be actively involved in projects in your community?
- Are you between 12 and 24 years of age?

For further information and a nomination form, contact Kylie on 0419 634 037 or youth@hay.nsw.gov.au. Nominations close 8 March 2024.



MOVIE AT THE HAY LIBRARY!

On
Thursday
the 29th
of
February
at 2:00pm



Light refreshments Provided