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## COPPER COAST AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

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On 26 January 2021, Copper Coast Council will invite members of the community to come together to reflect, respect and celebrate—because we are all part of the story.

Mayor Roslyn Talbot said Australia Day 2021 will provide an important opportunity for the Copper Coast Community to reflect on the challenges of the past year, respect the sacrifices and contributions of those who responded in a time of need and celebrate being together and being Australian.

“In the past year, Australia has faced immense challenges—drought, bushfire, floods and the coronavirus pandemic,” Mayor Talbot said.

“COVID-19 has made issues for the Copper Coast community as well, but this is a time to celebrate our hard work and dedication to overcome these challenges and adapt to the current environment.

“Australia Day 2021 is a day for us to respect and thank the first responders and frontline workers who worked through fire, flood and pandemic to protect life and property, to support their communities and to keep our nation going.

“We reflect on the resilience of communities and the spirit of helping, giving and supporting that defines us as Australians.

“We celebrate our nation’s place in the world – a proud multicultural nation built on shared values that allow us to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that other nations aspire to.”

Mayor Talbot said Australia Day is also a day to reflect on our nation’s past—a history which began more than 65,000 years ago with the First Australians—the world’s oldest living culture.

“It is also a day on which we respect and share the stories, histories and contributions of everyday Australians, because we’re all part of the story of Australia.”

Official Australia Day celebrations in the Copper Coast will be hosted at the Wallaroo Town Hall from 7.30am to 3pm.

Council has received a \$20,000 COVID Safe grant from the National Australia Day Council, which has allowed us to still gear up for one of the biggest celebrations on the Copper Coast yet.

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“We’ve invited local performers, services and hospitality vendors to be present throughout the day as we’re trying to get as many people in the community involved,” Mayor Talbot said.

“With stalls and entertainment, it’s sure to be a great day for the whole family—so be sure to bring a rug and set up for the day.”

The stage is set for local talents KWM Band and singer Tiff Reynolds to perform, while the comical musical stylings of The Funny Farmers will provide plenty of laughs.

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