

## Northern Midlands Gears Up to Celebrate Local Heroes this Australia Day 2025

### Join us for a Heartwarming Australia Day 2025 Celebration, January 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the Train Park, Perth.



The Northern Midlands community is preparing for

a truly special Australia Day celebration on Sunday, 26 January 2025, with the visit of Australia Day Ambassador John Kamara, the 2023 Tasmanian Australian of the Year.



Train Park, 29A Main Street, Perth - Australia Day 2025

This year's event promises to be a heartfelt gathering where locals can come together to reflect, respect, and celebrate everything that makes our country great assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council. Families will enjoy a day filled with meaningful ceremonies, community awards, and plenty of fun for all ages.

We will be welcoming Mr. John Kamara to the region for this significant day as our Australia Day Ambassador. It's our privilege to host such an inspiring ambassador at our Australia Day celebrations. John's commitment to cultural unity and community service reflects the heart of the Northern Midlands.

The celebrations will begin with a memorable citizenship ceremony where a new Australian will be officially welcomed as part of the community. It's a touching moment where we all can also renew our own pledge of allegiance to Australia.

We are proud to celebrate the extraordinary individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and skills to supporting our community through the 2025 Volunteer Recognition Awards. Their kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment have improved the lives of many and continue to make the Northern Midlands a better place for all.

Following this, the Council will proudly present the Young Citizen of the Year, Event of the Year, and Citizen of the Year awards—honouring the incredible individuals who make the Northern Midlands such a wonderful place to call home.

The Australia Day Awards are a highlight of the presentations with the Event of the Year, the Young Citizen of the Year and this year we have two Citizens of the Year awardees.

Of course, it wouldn't be Australia Day without some classic fun! After the formalities, the

community can enjoy a good old-fashioned Aussie BBQ. The Lions Club of Perth will be cooking up a storm at the Park. The Perth Progress Committee have games, free face painting, curly apples and activities for the kids. There will be music, fun and plenty of laughs.

So, bring your picnic blankets, gather your loved ones, and join in this heartwarming celebration of our shared stories, achievements, and hopes for the future. Let's make this Australia Day one to remember!



## Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**Sunday 26th January 2025**  
**10 am to lunchtime**  
**Perth Train Park, Main Street Perth.**

**Join us for a *family fun day!***  
**Awards Presentation and**  
**Citizenship Ceremony**

*We will hear from John Kamara,*  
*2023 Tasmanian Australian of the Year*

*We will present awards for:*

- *Citizen of the Year,*
- *Young Citizen of the Year,*
- *Event of the Year*
- *and recognise the dedication & contributions of some incredible volunteers.*

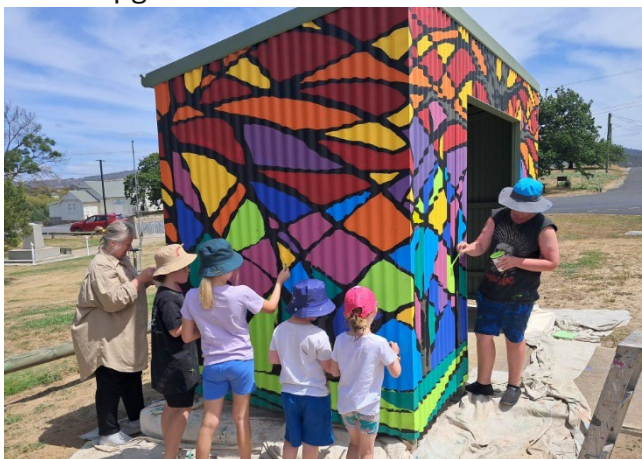
**Free! Aussie BBQ, face painting**  
**Kids games and activities**



See you 10 am at the Train Park in Perth 26 January 2025!

### Avoca's Bus Shelter Gets a Colourful Makeover

Over the school holidays, the Avoca bus shelter has been transformed into a vibrant community artwork thanks to the creativity of local students and the guidance of a talented local Julie Hopgood.



This wonderful project brought young people together to express their artistic talents while adding colour and life to a much-used community space. Public art projects like these not only beautify our towns but also foster local pride and community spirit. It's inspiring to see young artists making such a positive impact on their surroundings!

A huge thank you to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and hard work.



The newly painted mural at the bus shelter at Avoca

We look forward to seeing more community-led projects that celebrate creativity across the Northern Midlands.



Finished view - Bus Shelter ready for a new school year 2025

### Fire Hazard General Reminder to all Property Owners and Tenants

As fire season approaches, we remind everyone to be vigilant and take necessary precautions to minimize the risk of wildfires. Dry conditions, high winds, and elevated temperatures increase the potential for fires to spread quickly.

Owners and occupiers of properties with a growth of vegetation that constitutes a potential fire hazard are advised to remove Gorse, long grass and other flammable materials as soon as possible. The council seeks the cooperation of residents in ensuring that their property does not constitute a threat during coming months.

#### Important Fire Safety Tips:

- Clear dry vegetation and debris around your home or property.
- Avoid outdoor burning, and always follow local regulations on fire bans.
- Be cautious with equipment that can generate sparks, such as lawnmowers and chainsaws.
- Safely dispose of cigarettes, matches, and other flammable materials.
- Never leave batteries to charge unattended.
- Have an evacuation plan in place and stay informed of fire conditions through local authorities.

Further information on the Northern Midlands Council Fire Abatement Policy and Gorse Best Practice manual is available on the Council Website. <http://www.northernmidlands.tas.gov.au> Copies can also be requested by calling Council on 6397 7303.

**Please join us in honouring our local  
volunteers this Australia Day 2025 . See you  
at the Train Park in Perth for a fun family day!**  
**Mayor Mary Knowles OAM**