



Media Release

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Australia Day 2019 is coming

There's only a week left before we celebrate Australia Day on Saturday, 26 January.

The day kicks off at 6am with a Triathlon, starting at the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool, followed by flag raising, official proceedings and outback brekky at Battery Hill from 8am. Breakfast is \$12 and there's also the Welcome to Country, Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards.

From 12.30pm onwards there's fun and games including tug of war, egg relay, raft race, pie eating contest, leaky bucket race, the novelty canoe race, the best dressed competition and a free community BBQ out at Lake Mary Ann.

Hosted by Barkly Regional Council, Mayor Steve Edgington said Australia Day was the one day of the year where locals let their hair down, had fun and joined in a spirit of camaraderie that is unique to Tennant Creek.

"The celebrations reflect the diverse multicultural society and landscape of the Barkly and are marked by community and family events. It's a remarkable day, with many different activities on offer," he said.

The communities of Elliott and Alpururulam will also celebrate with an Australia Day Awards ceremony and community BBQ.

Mayor Edgington said Australia Day is an "opportunity to stop and reflect on what we want for our region our country and our families, and ask ourselves how we can be better and do better".

"I would also like to extend my warmest appreciation to all those volunteers, local businesses and sponsors who are contributing either time or money to make Australia Day such a special event in Tennant Creek and communities of the Barkly."

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