



**Media Release**

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## **Action-packed activities for Australia Day 2019**

Gear up for Australia Day 2019 by collecting materials to build a raft over the festive season or train for the triathlon.

If neither of those activities grab you, there will be plenty of other activities for residents and visitors on Saturday, 26 January 2019.

The day kicks off with a Triathlon, starting at the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool at 6am, 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 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.

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."

Council is currently looking for sponsorship from local businesses. Please email Australia Day Coordinator Caitlin Dunn on [caitlin.dunn@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:caitlin.dunn@barkly.nt.gov.au)

If you want to register for the Triathlon and raft race and other games, please click on the Australia Day 2019 button on the website or click on <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/news-events/australia-day-2019-1/games-registration>

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