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Media Information Australia Day Melbourne Celebrations Tuesday 26th January, 2010

(Information for activities in the lead up to Australia Day supplied under separate cover)

Attention: News desk/Pictorial

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Australia Day Breakfast – Federation Square @8.30am

Come and join Melbourne's best breakfast party and kick off Australia Day in style at Federation Square.

Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony - Town Hall @10.30am

Be part of the official Flag Raising ceremony as Professor David de Kretser, AC, Governor of Victoria, gives his Australia Day address, leads the Australia Day Affirmation and officiates as the National Flag is raised.

Australia Day People's March (follows the Flag Raising Ceremony)

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James Morrison – Kings Domain Gardens@1pm

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26ers Birthday Cake Cutting – Kings Domain Gardens @ 3pm

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Australia Day @ the Bowl - Jai Ho! @ 4pm – 6pm

Australia Day coincides with Indian Republic Day so let's all celebrate together! The Sidney Myer Music Bowl will explode with talent drawn right across Victoria's many Indian communities.



FREE EVENT

Experience the thrill of the trapeze. Fly through the air above the City Square. You'll be amazed at the heights you can reach as you are guided by expert instructors. For ages seven and above, but bring an adult if you're 18 or younger. Participation is at the instructor's discretion. Bookings essential. Call 9658 9658.

See some amazing aerial antics as our professional highflying team swings into action. Be inspired, be amazed, be entertained. Bring your lunch and enjoy the show. *Presented by the City of Melbourne as part of the Summer Fun in the City program.*

City of Melbourne Citizenship Ceremony

VENUE Melbourne Town Hall
Melway ref 1F M6

TIME 8.30am – 10.00am

Doors open at 8.15am but will close at 9.00 am promptly.

The Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim

VENUE At the Middle Brighton Pier
Melway ref 67 B10

TIME 9.00am

The Great Australia Day Swim is a 1.2 Km Open Water Swim from the Middle Brighton Pier, around the Royal Brighton Yacht Club marina and breakwater, finishing inside the iconic Middle Brighton Baths. The Pier, Breakwater and the walkways surrounding the Baths provide an unrivalled spectator viewing area. Music and BBQ food will be provided on the lawns adjoining the Pier and Baths. Entry and payment can be via the website until 5 PM on January 22. Depending on race entries, entries may be accepted on the day. Registration can be completed at the registration desks on the lawns outside the Baths until 30 minutes prior to the event.

A highlight will be the inaugural *Klim Swim Relay*, staged inside the Middle Brighton Baths. The Olympic swimming legend Michael Klim OAM and fellow Olympians will join Corporate relay teams competing over a 5X 400 metre course for the Klim Swim Charity Trophy and team prize presented by Michael Klim. For more information visit <http://greataustraliadayswim.com.au>. *Proudly supported by Australian Unity.*

Active Zone

VENUE JJ Holland Park
off Childers Street
Kensington

TIME 9.30am to 11.30am



FREE EVENT

Kids come on down to Active Zone! Expert coaches and elite athletes will guide children through new sports and old favourites, building their skills and confidence. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must wear suitable clothing: footwear, hat and sunscreen. Bring a water bottle. For children aged five to 12 years. Bookings essential for groups of 10 or more. Call 9658 9658. *Presented by the City of Melbourne as part of the Summer Fun in the City program.*

Junior Rangers

VENUE Royal Park,
Trin Warren Tam-boore
Oak Street, Parkville
Melway 29 C11

TIME 10am to noon

FREE EVENT

Discover the amazing secrets of Melbourne's wetlands, guided by a park ranger. Find out what creatures live in the peaceful ponds, from dragonflies and bugs to water birds and some very shy skinks. Then it's time to create your own habitat for some wetland critters. For children four to 12 years. Bookings essential for groups of 10 or more. Call 9658 9658. *Presented by the City of Melbourne as part of the Summer Fun in the City program.*

Fairy Fanfare

VENUE Fitzroy Gardens
near the Fairy Tree
Melway ref: 2G 3C

TIME 10am and noon

FREE EVENT

Acrobatics and fabulous fairy antics for both boys and girls. Come dressed in your most fantastic costume and get ready to join in the song and dance fun. A popular event for families.

Free guided tour of Cooks' Cottage. Enjoy a free guided tour of historic Cooks' Cottage. Tours depart at 9.15am on Fairy Fanfare performance days. Bookings for tour essential. Call 9658 9658. *Presented by the City of Melbourne as part of the Summer Fun in the City program.*

RACV Australia Day Picnic and Federation Vehicle Display

VENUE Kings Domain Gardens
Melway Ref 2F J9

TIME 10am – 4pm



FREE EVENT

A real favourite with families, the Kings Domain Gardens will feature the famous federation vehicle display, with more than 500 veteran and vintage vehicles and entertainment, free activities and scrumptious food stalls.

Celebrate RACV's involvement within the Victorian community, 100 years of the Alfa Romeo motorcar and 55 years of the Vintage and Veteran Vehicle Club along with special displays, activities, free RACV giveaways – and of course a birthday cake!

Wave off the vehicles as they leave the gardens at 3:30pm.

See the RACV / AFA sanctioned Fly ball Competition. Join in at the activity arena, learn to juggle, practice tai chi, martial arts, make your own bird feeder to take home with you, check your blood pressure with the Royal District Nursing Service, play mini golf, mini basketball, bocce, chess with the master, learn to lace, play hockey, play fencing, celebrate 100 years of Guides Victoria – Girls Rock with their activities, walk the rope bridge with Scouts Australia - Victoria, draw your vision of Australia, learn all about the State Emergency Service, the Australian Army, Australian Air Force Cadets, handle the baby animals, paint your boomerang, learn about alpacas, learn to relax through laughter, have a massage, an Alexander Technique lesson, walk the smoke pod, and draw/colour/create at the RACV free activity site. Visit the RACV community partners' area for lots of fun, games and give-aways. *Proudly supported by RACV in conjunction with the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs.*

Visions

VENUE Kings Domain Gardens TIME 10am – 4pm
Melway ref 2F J9

FREE EVENT

Draw/write you own vision for Australia Day. Thousands of Victorian schoolchildren have already made their Visions, and these will be on view at regional celebrations. Here's your chance to make a wish for the future and peg it out for all to see. *Proudly supported by Hills Industries.*

The Australia Day Woodchop TIME 10.00am – 4.00pm
VENUE Alexandra Gardens
adjacent to the Richmond Rowing Club



Melway ref 2F H7

FREE EVENT

The Central Victorian Axemen's Association will showcase some of Victoria's finest axemen in the uniquely Australian sport of woodchopping. There will be a variety of entertaining events including novice, standing block, underhand and cross-cut sawing competitions. Axemen as young as 11 years old will compete in the junior events, while the more experienced cutters will do battle in the standing-block championship.

In a modern addition to this 140 year old sport, the Australia Day Woodchop will host a 'hot saw' race where some of Victoria's fastest modified chainsaws will roar into action. There will also be opportunities to talk to axemen to learn more about the sport and your local woodchopping association. *For further information contact the Central Victorian Axemen's Association at cvaa@live.com.au or visit www.woodchopping.com.au and follow the links. The CVAA is proudly supported by Vic Forests.*

Australia Day Flag Raising Ceremony

VENUE Melbourne Town Hall
Melway ref 1F M6

TIME 10.30am

FREE EVENT

Be part of the official Flag Raising ceremony as Professor David de Kretser, AC, Governor of Victoria, leads the Australia Day Affirmation and officiates as the National Flag is raised. The winner of the Australia Day Anthem Singer Competition will present the National Anthem and everyone's favourite choir leader Dr Jonathon Welch will also perform. The formal Australia Day ceremony includes a Service Guard of Honour and the Navy Band. At approximately 11.05am there will be a flypast by an RAAF FA-18 (depending on availability and weather conditions). *Proudly supported by the City of Melbourne.*

Australia Day People's March

VENUE From the Melbourne Town Hall
Melway ref 1F M6

TIME 11.05am

FREE EVENT

Come and watch the thousands of Victorians, from all walks of life and from all over the world, who will walk together in the 2010 Australia Day People's March along Swanston Street to Kings Domain. You are invited to join the Governor,



Premier, Lord Mayor, members of the Consular Corps, Flag Raising Officials, Australia Day Ambassadors and new Australian Citizens at the end of the March and walk to the Alexandra Gardens. *Proudly supported by Australian Unity.*

F18 Flypast

TIME 11.05am

A flypast by a Defence Forces F18 is scheduled as the People's March begins. This flypast however is subject to operational demands and weather conditions.

Herring Island Summer Arts Festival

VENUE Herring Island Gallery
Melway ref 2M C2

TIME 11.30am – 4.30 pm

Parks Victoria provide a ferry from Como Landing
Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra
Melway ref 2M C3 or 58 G2

FREE EVENT

Herring Island is an important environmental and recreational asset in Melbourne's inner suburbs. The Island contains indigenous vegetation, and provides important habitat for native fauna, particularly birds. Such areas are rare in the inner suburbs, and are a valuable ecological resource. Herring Island is an important recreational resource which provides opportunities for nature study, passive recreation and adventure play and is also an Environmental Sculpture Park. Works from the Ceramics Victoria, the Association of Sculptors of Victoria, the Contemporary Art Society of Victoria, the Koorie Heritage Trust and the Photography Studies College (Melbourne) will be on view.

Enquiries 0418 971 897, <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~hisaf/>

Australia Day 21 Gun Salute

VENUE Shrine of Remembrance
Melway ref 2F K12

TIME Midday

The Australian Defence Force will fire a ceremonial salute to Australia Day.



The B# Big Band

VENUE Yarra Bank
Henley Landing
Melway ref: 2F K8

TIME 12 midday – 2.30 pm

FREE EVENT

Melbourne's most exciting swingin' Big Band brings together some of Australia's best jazz and session musicians to perform the classic arrangements of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and other Big Cats of the 30s, 40s and 50s. In addition, guest vocalists perform tunes made famous by Anita O'Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Peggy Lee amongst others. Many of the arrangements B# has acquired, or had carefully arranged, are well known classics! Some have for many years been 'lost' classics, not performed by other Big Bands around Melbourne, and rarely in Australia, if at all. *Find out more by visiting www.bsharpbigband.com.au. Bring a picnic, a cushion or a rug, this is a sit on the grass, dance as you please event.*

Know Your Product

VENUE Waterfront City Piazza, Docklands
Melway ref: 2E D4

TIME 12.45 pm – 7.15 pm

FREE EVENT

Australia's up and coming talent takes to the waterfront at Docklands with a range of music to suit all tastes, curated for 2010 by Hanna Silver. Roaming performers Four Average Pirates and DJ Moose will add to the fun. Starting with Hanna Silver (12.45pm) followed by Kate Vigo and The Underground Orchestra (2pm), Crackpot (4 pm), and Flap! (6 pm). Visit www.australiday.vic.gov.au for full details and times. *Proudly supported by Waterfront City and the City of Melbourne.*

Big Day Out

VENUE Flemington Showgrounds
Melway ref: Map 28, G12

TIME 11am – 11pm

TICKETED EVENT

Featuring Muse, The Mars Volta, Lily Allen, Groove Armada, Dizzee Rascal, Kasabian, Jet, Passion Pit, Eskimo Joe, Powderfinger and more. *For full lineup visit www.bigdayout.com*



Aussie Farmers Direct Fundraising BBQ

VENUE Kings Domain Gardens
Tom's Block)
Melway ref 2F J9

TIME 11 am – 4 pm

\$2 DONATION

Aussie Farmers Direct will be celebrating Australia Day with the iconic sausage in bread tradition. A team of Aussie Farmers Milkmen will be cooking a sausage sizzle in the Kings Domain Gardens and will be raising funds to support local struggling farmers. So why not come down with the family to help celebrate one of the nation's greatest events on the calendar! *Proudly supported by Aussie Farmers Direct.*

James Morrison

VENUE Kings Domain Gardens
Melway ref 2F J9

TIME 1.00pm – 3.00pm

FREE EVENT

There's no doubt that the legendary jazz trumpeter James Morrison is unique in talent and personality, and thoroughly enjoys every opportunity to perform. Laid back, easy going, barely there, until he picks up the trumpet and begins to play, – and everything stops just to listen. Timeless, classy, sweet and soulful – and James does do it well “When God made James Morrison, he was showing off.” (Tommy Emmanuel, guitarist.) *Proudly supported by the RACV.*

Share the Spirit Festival

VENUE Treasury Gardens
Melway ref 2F 3K

TIME 1.30pm - 8pm

FREE EVENT

This special event is created by Aboriginal people for all Australians to come together to acknowledge, pay respects to and celebrate the hundreds of Indigenous cultures around Australia and her seas on Survival Day. Above all, the Festival is an acknowledgement and celebration, through music, dance and story, that although we come from different cultures and different backgrounds, we all live on the same land and see the one sky.

This year's line-up includes Dan Sultan, Deline Briscoe, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Djopla McKenzie, ACES Choir with Lou Bennett and Joe Geia, Lou



Bennett and the Sweet Cheeks, Lee Morgan and The Charcoal Club. As well as music, there will be Aboriginal dancers performing throughout the day.

Share the Spirit will also feature a youth stage, music and dance workshops, face painting, jumping castle, story telling, international food stalls and community organisation stalls as well as the colourful Koorie Market. *Presented by Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation and proudly supported by the City of Melbourne.*

Roulettes

VENUE Over the Kings Domain
Melbourne

TIME 2.05 pm

FREE EVENT

An aerial display by the Royal Australian Air Force's elite formation aerobatic display team is scheduled, however this event is subject to operational demands and weather conditions.

26ers Birthday Cake Cutting

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Melway ref 2F J9

TIME 3.00pm

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Australia Day @ the Bowl- Jai Ho!

VENUE Sidney Myer Music Bowl
Melway ref 2F K8

TIME 4pm – 6 pm

FREE EVENT

Australia Day coincides with Indian Republic Day so let's all celebrate together! The Sidney Myer Music Bowl will explode with talent drawn right across Victoria's many Indian communities. From classical styles to vivacious folk dances and culminating in a spectacular Bollywood bonanza, this free event celebrates this rich contribution of Indian culture to all of our lives. Come and experience live Indian music, dance performances, dhol drummers and rangoli floor art competition.

The event will feature Richi Madan, Dya Singh, The Mumbai Mail, Vinod Prasana, Gurmit Singh Sahni, Smt Sivaganga Sahathevan and the Shiamak Dancers. Gary Pinto will perform his new song This is Australia as part of the event. *Proudly supported by the Arts Centre and Multicultural Arts Victoria.*



Australia Day Voyages Concert

VENUE Federation Square Stage
Melway ref 1B P10

TIME 7.00pm – 9.15pm

FREE EVENT

Come on a journey involving guitars and similar stringed instruments from across the world. *Just Me 'n My Guitar* will follow the origins of the guitar as well as the oud, featuring acclaimed virtuoso Joseph Tawadros, the guitarrons from Mexico, electric guitars, bass guitars, banjos, bouzoukis, ukuleles, and other guitar-like instruments that have had a profound effect on the development of our musical heritage. You can look forward to hearing Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple, surf guitar songs, tunes from The Beatles, Hendrix, Chuck Berry and of course our own AC/DC's "It's a Long Way to the Top (If You Wanna Rock 'n Roll)".

Audiences are encouraged to bring their guitar along and join in the InterACT ensemble, the acclaimed intercultural music ensemble featuring some of Australia's finest musicians. This dynamic mix of musical approaches and styles will be used to symbolise the great potential of cooperative and positive cross cultural exchange.

Sing along with the Melbourne Ukulele Kollektive (MUK), and the Victorian Banjo Club as they perform *Waltzing Matilda* and experience artist Anthony Breslin who will create a live art installation that will move and embrace the audience. The bells of St Paul's Cathedral will also chime in. Join us for another voyage through cultural diversity. *Proudly supported by Federation Square.*

Australia Day Fireworks

TIME 9.15pm approx

A favourite for everyone! Be at Federation Square, Birrarung Marr or along the **north/city side** bank of the Yarra (**not** in Alexandra Gardens) for the best view.

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