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Join us on Australia Day!

Australia Day is a time to reflect on what it means to be Australian. It's also a day to celebrate the contribution that every Australian has made to our contemporary and dynamic country.

Our mateship, resilience and diversity are just some of the things that make our nation so great.

Here in the City of Victor Harbor, there is plenty to celebrate and look forward to. In this spirit, Council is proud to host the annual Australia Day Celebrations on Thursday, 26 January 2023.

Local community members are invited to the Soldiers Memorial Gardens on Flinders Parade for a free BBQ breakfast from 8am.

A formal ceremony will commence at 9am and include:

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by Cedric Varcoe
- Entertainment from the Victor Harbor City Band
- Citizenship Ceremony
- 2023 Citizen of the Year Awards Presentation
 - Citizen of the Year – Deidre Hughes
 - Award for Active Citizenship – Donald Rumbelow
 - Young Citizen of the Year – Mathilda Meinecke

Australia Day means different things to different people.

By reflecting on our country's past and understanding our history of colonisation, we recognise that 26 January can be painful and difficult for our First Nations people. Council acknowledges their grief felt during this time.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins, said Australia Day is a time for everyone to reflect.

"We can use this day as an opportunity to look at where we are, where we've come from, and where we're going. I'm feeling extremely positive about Australia's future," said Mayor Jenkins.

"I look forward to seeing the Victor Harbor community come together, welcome twelve new citizens, and congratulate our incredible Citizen of the Year award winners."

For more information, visit www.victor.sa.gov.au/australiaday or call (08) 8551 0500.