

# Cabonne Australia Day

## Wrap Up



# Australia Day Ambassador - Sarah Garnett



Sarah Garnett is the Founder and Managing Director of The Footpath Library, a charity she founded in 2003 after a chance meeting with a homeless man.

One evening, Sarah noticed a man sitting under a streetlight reading a novel while waiting for the food van. She started bringing him books and it was from this The Footpath Library grew.

Sarah is passionate about reading and homelessness, and marrying the two together. In 2007 she gave up her successful 26 year career as a communications and documentary producer to concentrate on the only library for homeless people in Australia. Sarah aims to make books available for homeless people and raise awareness around this marginalised group in our community, as well as encourage literacy. The Footpath Library runs mobile library services in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, taking food for the mind and soul to the streets.

Sarah is currently completing a BA majoring in Anthropology at Macquarie University.



## Australia Day Youth Ambassador - Matthew Beueville

Matthew was elected 2018 School Captain of Molong Central School and performed his role in an excellent manner leading by example, motivating and encouraging his fellow students.

Matthew is a keen sportsman, participating in the school's sporting events such as Rural Cup in a variety of sports including soccer, volleyball and chess. In 2017 Matthew received the Commonwealth Bank Sportsmanship award for fairness and respect of others in the sporting arena and was awarded the Pierre de Coubertin award which recognises secondary students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic movement through participation in sporting activities in 2018.



Matthew received the Rotary Science Award for 'Most Outstanding Secondary Student' in science for 2017. He was presented with the 'Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute' award for Outstanding Achievement in science at Molong Central School recognised by the Victor Chang School Science Awards 2017.

Matthew enjoys serving the local community and is a regular participant in the Remembrance Day services and Anzac Day marches. He has also participated in the Salvation Army's Red Shield Door Knock Appeal.

Matthew's ambition is to attend university to study science majoring in chemistry and geology.



# Australia Day in Borenore

## *Young Citizen of the Year Beau Westcott*

Beau has been passionate about sport from a young age and that has continued to dominate throughout his life. Beau was selected in the number 1 NSW team at the National U16s Rugby Championships and had an outstanding tournament.

Beau's performances in 2017 confirmed that he would receive a scholarship to attend the Brisbane Boys College.

Beau has also had outstanding results in school, placing 1st in Mathematics and Physical Education and also excelling in Wood Work projects.



## *Citizen of the Year Sian Jacobs*

Although juggling a professional career as a sonographer/radiographer, as well as the family farm, Sian finds the time to contribute to the community as a member of the Rural fire Service. She is secretary of the Nashdale Lidster Community Hall, member of the Nashdale CWA and a member of the Nashdale Public School P & C.

Sian, supported by the promotion of 'Percy the Pig' which raised funds for country kids education and training dreams and also was acknowledged for her contribution efforts during the Mt Canobolas bush fires.



## *Community Group of the Year Australian National Field Days*

The Australian National Field Days are in their 67th year of operation, holding an annual event within the Cabonne Shire. Upwards of 20,000 visitors attend the three day event, pumping funds into the surrounding community. Upwards of 600 exhibitors display their wares.

The primary focus of the business is one where visitors are able to view, discuss, trial and interact with a vast range of agricultural, horticultural, machinery, implements, services and ideas with participating exhibitors.

Volunteers are a core principle of the Australian National Field Days with over 30 volunteer committee members in action through out the year.





# Australia Day in Canowindra

## *Young Citizen of the Year William Wright*

William was selected the School Captain of Canowindra high School for 2018.

Academically, William is an outstanding achiever particularly in the area of science where he received the Victor Chang Award for Outstanding Achievement in science and was also selected by Cowra Rotary to attend the National Youth Science forum at ANU Canberra.

William participated in the school Life Saving Program where he earnt his Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross awards, as well as First Aid Certificate through Royal Lifesaving Australia. William has gone on to complete part-time work as a lifeguard at Cabonne Council swimming pools.

Another major achievement for William was to complete his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award during his senior years at Canowindra High School.

## *Citizen of the Year Leanne Stevenson*

Leanne is inspiring with her sheer volume of community involvement she busies herself with long term mentoring, coaching and volunteering with the Rugby League Club and became the only women ever to receive life membership.

She runs her own nursery business and freely propagates her seedlings for Canowindra Community Garden.

Leanne is never short of patience, kindness, compassion and caring. Always helping where needed and is a quiet achiever.

## *Community Group of the Year Canowindra Creative Centre Inc*

The Canowindra Creative Centre is a not-for-profit organisation.

The focus of the group is “for the community, by the community”, making what the people want and to benefit everyone.

The group aims to battle against mental health issues by providing a venue and activities, bringing people out of their homes without expectations, sharing and participating as much as they wish.



# Australia Day in Cargo

## ***Citizen of the Year Rodney Wilson***

Rodney is an all-round good bloke. If you need any help you call Rod because he is the go-to-man.

If you need a chat or a little advice rod is always there and friendly at length. As a young bloke Rod would be available for the tennis courts and there upkeep.

Rodney has been in the Rural Fire Service for many years and attended the fire on Mt Canobolas last year, attending the fire in Mt Canobolas Forrest. As part of the RFS and SES in a smaller community, Rod avails himself to help with his good humour and gusto with words of assurance to victims of accidents that he attends.

There is a lot that is not seen or heard of, but this is what makes a citizen a good person.

## ***Community Group of the Year Cargo Village Markets***

The Cargo Village Markets were started when Russell Wicks was diagnosed with Acute Leukaemia in November 2015. The group arranged a fundraiser and Kathy Wicks bravely had her hair shaved off in June 2017 on the market day to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Over \$9,000 was raised and the Cargo Community decided they should hold more markets. They have held five additional markets and funds have been donated to different charities.

So far they have supported the Leukaemia Foundation, Prostate Cancer, Aussie Helper's Drought Relief, Beyond Blue, Dementia and Children's Cancer Institute. So far over \$15,000 has been raised and donated. The Cargo and wider communities have been generous with supporting the events.





# Australia Day in Cudal

## ***Young Citizen of the Year Marlee Nixon***

Marlee is 15 years old and a year 9 student at Mo-long Central School.

Marlee is involved in decorating cakes, babysitting and agriculture is her favourite subject at school.

Marlee also competes with the Cudal Swimming Club in events held around towns in Cabonne

Her greatest love is horses, until recently Marlee was a member of the Cudal Pony Club and regularly competed in events.



## ***Citizen of the Year David Farrell***

David was a postmaster for many years and very helpful to the people of Cudal.

For many years he has worked tirelessly for the Cudal Show, organising and overseeing the horse events.

David is a treasure for the Cudal Men's Shed, a member of the Lions Club and heavily involved in the District Camp Draft.

All this, he has done as a quiet achiever, David is a great asset to the town.

## ***Community Group of the Year Cabonne Food Wine and Cultural Centre***

In 2002 the centre gained a Commonwealth grant for \$140,000. They used the money to buy the block next door and the rest of the money was put towards restoring the building.

By obtaining a grant from 'Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal' program which they used to install an industrial kitchen to hold events and provide more catering this has put the Centre in a financial position to be able to support groups and locals from the district.

The volunteers are the backbone to this organisation.



# Australia Day in Cumnock

## ***Environmental Champion of the Year Cumnock***

### ***P & C***

The children and parents have been collecting cans and bottles for the Return and Earn program and have raised funds for their school excursion.

They will continue with the program to teach children the value of collecting rubbish and turning it into cash for a worthwhile project for their school.

They are undertaking a school master plan for beautification, improvements and education programs.



## ***Citizen of the Year Carol Kerr***

Carol is currently Vice President of the Cumnock & District Progress Association and helps with the catering events held for fund raising.

She is largely responsible for the organising of draws and teams for both squash and tennis.

Carol is secretary of the Cumnock Racquet Club and has been for many years, she assists at the Cumnock Show Luncheon and continues to help and support her community in many ways



## ***Community Group of the Year Cumnock Red Cross***

Cumnock Red Cross has been going for 70+ years, recognising the many volunteers over time and the current volunteers today. All doing amazing work for those less fortunate in Australia and around the world.

The work Red Cross carries out offers relief in times of crisis and care when it is needed most.

The Cumnock Red Cross are amazing volunteers who deserve recognition.





# Australia Day in Eugowra

## ***Young Citizen of the Year Katie Townsend***

Katie finished her final year at Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes in 2018. Katie was a very dedicated and hardworking student and is thought very highly of by fellow students, teachers and staff.

Katie has great community spirit, helping with local shows and helping at her old primary school.

Her ambition after high school is to further her studies and gain employment in the medical field.



## ***Citizen of the Year Catherine Eppelstun***

Catherin, better known as Cathy, is instrumental in the Eugowra community. Her role as principal at St Joseph's Catholic School allows her to continue to develop and maintain a creative learning environment for students as well as fostering an inclusive environment for other staff, parents and the wider community in development of its students.

Cathy is also an active member of many community organisations including, St John Baptist Church, Eugowra Australia Day Committee, participating in Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies and planning and holding various art shows.



## ***Community Group of the Year Eugowra Show Society***

Eugowra Show Society consist of a group of locals who carry out the roles of committee members and chief stewards.

The Eugowra Show committee meet each month leading up to the show and prove they are a role model to the community with their dedication to the Eugowra Show.

The Eugowra Show continues to innovate in the provision of entertainment and events that are of interest to Eugowra and wider communities, as well as being well supported by local businesses.



# Australia Day in Manildra

## *Young Citizen of the Year Toby Gibson*

Toby is actively involved in the Manildra Swimming Club as a member, he enthusiastically encourages and supports the younger members of the Club and assists with the setting up of the pool for training sessions and carnivals.

Toby is also actively involved in the Manildra rugby league, both junior and senior level. He is always there to support the club on game days by helping set up and clean up, and does the linesman duties for the junior league games.

Toby has a genuine interest in his community and will always take time to have a chat and help out where he can.



## *Community Group of the Year Manildra Swimming Club*

The Manildra Swimming Club offers a great service to Manildra youth. Their programs offer a healthy outlook on life.

Without the Manildra Swimming Club many children within the town would not know how to swim.

Manildra Swimming Club has a dedicated team that offers an initiative swimming program, enabling development of children's skills in and out of the pool. These skills allow members of Manildra Swimming Club to overcome obstacles in life, live with passion and purpose and to reach the peak of their potential.





# Australia Day in Molong

## ***Young Citizen of the Year Matthew Beuzeville***

Matthew was elected the School Captain of Molong Central School in 2018 and performed that role in an exceptional manner, leading by example, motivating and encouraging his fellow students.

Matthew enjoys serving the local community. He is a regular participant in the Remembrance Day Services and Anzac Day Marches.

Matthew hopes to pursue his passion in the science field by securing entry into university and undertaking a degree in Chemistry and Geology.



## ***Citizen of the year Robin Williams***

Robin is an outstanding citizen and professional who was instrumental in bringing the Molong Waluwin HealthOne facility to Molong Cabonne, which is now a thriving hub for primary care, providing GP training for young doctors and medical students and working with a dedicated team.

Integrating care of patients and communities is the driving force behind his clinical practice, with a team based approach from 'cradle to the grave', and providing care as close as possible to home.

He feels the next challenge will be to ensure that General Practice in small towns survives, as the new cohort of doctor's now emerging want different models of care and make different lifestyle choices.



## ***Community Group of the Year St John Ambulance Cadets***

The St John Ambulance Cadets Molong Division was formed in 1995 to provide lifesaving first aid training and services to the community through a structured youth development program. Over 23 years, it has maintained a substantial membership of local youth ranging from juniors 8-11 years and cadets 11-18 years

This year several members totalled over 100 hours of voluntary community service. Many cadets have provided around 500 hours which is in addition to their meetings and training.

The Molong St John Ambulance Cadets are inspirational community role models.





# Australia Day in Molong - Citizenship Ceremony

## *5 New Australian Citizens of Cabonne*





# Australia Day in Mullion Creek

## ***Citizen of the Year Banika Smee***

Banika is the Secretary of Mullion Creek Progress Association and Trust. She has worked closely with Council to bring some success for the area.

She finds the time to volunteer so many hours to complete grant applications.

This has resulted in the tennis courts being redone, exercise equipment for community use and trying to renovate the historic hall. This is great for the growing community.



## ***Community Group of the Year March RFS Brigade***

The March RFS brigade has served the community for 75 years and has long standing current members that still turn out to each response locally and for the area of Canobolas Zone including the Belirada fire in February 2018.

The brigade has been captained by John Kjoller for some years now who is also the area group Leader for the RFS March Brigade, he is always willing and available for assistance to the broader community for both fire and non fire activities.



# Australia Day in Yeoval

## ***Young Citizen of the Year Sydney Tremain***

Sydney was the School Captain of Yeoval Central School during 2018 and studied through Western and Lachlan Access programs.

As part of Yeoval Central School's Learning inspiration Team, Sydney was instrumental in supporting the schools submission of evidence for external validation by collecting survey data. The team led significant change to support student learning and Sydney's involvement was important to the team.

Sydney is well respected by her peers, teachers and community. She is a worthy recipient of the Australia Day Young Citizen of the year for 2019



## ***Citizen of the Year Philip Hunter***

Phil is an amazing character who is involved in many Yeoval community organisations. He is president of the Yeoval Show Society , President of Yeoval Progress Association, the Captain of his Rural Fire Brigade, he is a past long serving member of the 'Little River Land Care Group', member of the Yeoval Preschool Committee and the St Columba's School P & F.

He is currently working towards better sporting facilities at the oval in Yeoval for all age groups. Phil is a hard working farmer but someone who makes time to do voluntary work in the community, he is well-liked in the Yeoval community but never seeks accolade. He works tirelessly for the benefit of his community.

## ***Community Group of the Year Yeoval Swimming Club***

Yeoval Swimming Club is a small sporting club that attracts a high amount of participation from children in Yeoval and surrounding towns.

They have two dedicated coaches who enhance the swimming skills of these participants, many going from barely being able to swim a lap, to swimming a range of strokes competently.

The committee is run by a dedicated group of parents who volunteer their time and resources to ensure all club members get the best possible experience whilst being part of this great club.

