

Let's celebrate  
what's great!

# Australia Day

Awards 2024



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Capella Lighthouse Memorial

# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**Australia Day Awards**  
**Friday 26 January 2024 Capella QLD**

**8.00 am Aussie barbeque breakfast**

**9.00 am Commencement of Australia Day Awards**

National Anthem by Marybeth Harvey

Welcome speech by Cr. Cruwys

Presentation of Awards

Arts and Cultural Award

Junior Sportperson Award

Senior Sportsperon/Administrator Award

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Citizen of the Year Award

Cutting and Serving of Cake

Lolly bags for children

**9.30 am Thong throwing competition**

Junior girls & boys (7 years and under)

Intermediate girls & boys (8-11 years)

Senior girls & boys (12-16 years)

Open adult man & lady



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# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

## **Advance Australia Fair**

Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia Fair.



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# WELCOME TO THE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024!

On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

Australia Day is about acknowledging the contribution every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. From our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been here for more than 65,000 years, to those who have lived here for generations, to those who have come from all corners of the globe to call our country home.

The 26 January is an important date in Australia's history that has evolved over time. Starting as a celebration for emancipated convicts, today it is a day to acknowledge past wrongs and show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' survival, resilience and enduring culture.

It is also a day we pay respect to the stories, histories and contributions of the Australians who lived, worked and fought for the values and freedoms we often take for granted.

And it is a day we celebrate the diversity of this nation's people with our various cultures, traditions and belief systems.

Australia Day continues to be hugely popular, with 3 in 4 Australians believing it has a bigger meaning beyond being just a day off.

More than half of all Australians participate in Australia Day attending events organised by State Governments, local councils, community groups or getting together with family and friends. In addition, over 16,000 new Australians become citizens on Australia Day.

# ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARD NOMINEES



## Jaylin Kimmins

Jaylin, deeply immersed in music and musical theatre, dedicates his time to imparting guitar skills to students in Tieri, where access to music education is scarce. Serving as their sole instructor, he has significantly impacted these youngsters, bridging the gap for a community devoid of musical programs. A role model, Jaylin not only teaches guitar weekly but engages his primary school-aged students in discussions about music, instilling discipline and a strong work ethic. Beyond his teaching role, he excels in his own pursuits, earning nominations for the State Honours Ensemble Program as a vocal tenor and participating in various theatrical productions. Jaylin's multifaceted talents extend to five bands and two vocal groups at Marist College, where his students eagerly anticipate his accomplishments as inspiration for their own musical journeys.

# JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## Lara French

Lara, a rising sports star, excels in both Polocrosse and Cricket, showcasing exceptional dedication and skill. Representing Australia in the Australian Junior Mixed Polocrosse Team, Lara played a pivotal role, displaying versatility in every position during the 3-game Test Series against South Africa. She contributed significantly to Australia's 2-1 victory. Leading Queensland Junior Girls to triumph at the Barastoc Interstate Series, Lara's captaincy and outstanding performance earned her the title of Best Player of the Series. In cricket, Lara's prowess extends to various representative teams, demonstrating her commitment to both sports. Her achievements and leadership make her a commendable role model.



## Jett Palmer

Jett, an enthusiastic Polocrosse player, garners recognition not just for his on-field prowess but for his exceptional sportsmanship, care, and compassion. Beyond his triumphs, Jett's admirable demeanour and respect for competitors set him apart. A supportive team member, Jett is quick to extend a helping hand, embodying encouragement and enthusiasm. His unwavering commitment to both sidelines and saddle demonstrates his constant support and assistance. Jett's determination shines through as he actively seeks feedback, applying valuable lessons across all facets of his life. A splendid ambassador for Polocrosse, he deserves accolades for fostering meaningful relationships within the sport.



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# SENIOR SPORTSPERSON/ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## Kristy Lane

Kristy, sports coordinator and teacher at Capella State High School, goes beyond her classroom role. As CSHS Volleyball Coach, she initiated the Central Highlands Volleyball interschool competition, hosting two regional events with 10+ teams. Also serving as CH Cross Country and Volleyball Coach, Kristy's determination led to a nomination as Boys 16-19 years Volleyball Manager. Active in planning for Capella Showgirl and with the Capella Campdraft committee, she actively seeks opportunities to enhance youth sports participation. Kristy's commitment extends to student well-being, exemplified by her completion of a Certificate III in Fitness for gym access, showcasing her inspiring initiatives and dedication.

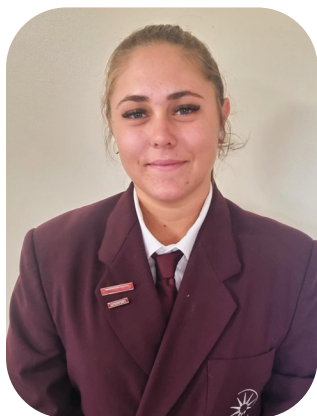


## Scott Schoo

Scott, a distinguished horseman, shares his expertise nationwide through horsemanship clinics, prioritising youth safety around horses. With remarkable achievements in Campdrafting, including winning the Australian Stockmans Challenge Association rider title in 2016, 2018, and 2023, along with two Australian Horse titles (2014 and 2023) and Australian Campdraft Association titles, Scott is recognised as a leader. The success of the Capella Super Clinic, attracting 90 participants, exemplifies his commitment to imparting knowledge and enhancing equestrian skills. Scott's role as a sought-after mentor significantly contributes to the growth and safety awareness of the horse community nationwide.



# YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## **Maccalyn Langtry**

Maccalyn, a devoted member of Capella State High School and the Capella Stars youth advisory group, showcases an unwavering commitment to creating a positive impact through tireless efforts and a genuine passion for fostering unity. Her compassionate leadership style establishes an environment of collaboration within the school and resonates throughout the broader community. Maccalyn's politeness and respect extend beyond school boundaries, creating a ripple effect that strengthens community bonds. A true community leader, she embodies the values of service and dedication, leaving an indelible legacy within Capella through her significant contributions.



## **Robert Willadsen**

As one of Capella State High School's Junior Captains, Robert serves as an exemplary role model for students. His mentoring approach to peers and younger students shows empathy, respect, and consistent leadership. Volunteering at the Capella St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop, Robert demonstrates a dedicated commitment to community service with his reliability and dedication. Despite being an unassuming young man, Robert deserves acknowledgment for his constant positive presence, strength of character, and valuable contributions to the community, all achieved without seeking praise or recognition. Congratulations to Robert for his outstanding efforts.



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# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



## Danielle Coveney

For 19 years, Danielle dedicated herself to the Tieri Daycare Centre, passionately overcoming challenges. Though she resigned for new opportunities, Danielle returned when the center faced closure, investing unpaid hours to nurture it. Active in the community, she served on the Peak Downs Junior Rugby League committee and participated in Capella Scouts. Contributing to Tieri Kindy, Capella Kindy, and Capella School as a teacher aide and cleaner, Danielle supports various school events. Balancing family, business, and three children, she remains committed to community service, managing businesses, and overseeing Tieri Daycare, handling administration, legal documentation, staffing, and training.



## Kirsty Lane

Kirsty, the volleyball coach at Capella State High School, initiated the inter-school volleyball program, revived the Cobras, and introduced well-being classes. Hosting the Central Highland Volleyball inter-school, she managed two regional tournaments in 2023, demonstrating event coordination skills. As the CH Cross Country coach, she excels in coaching various sports and was nominated as the boys' 16-19 Volleyball Manager for 2024. Active in the teacher network and community, Kirsty's dedication, commitment, and impact make her an exemplary role model, vital in contributing to Capella State High School's success in various sports and student well-being initiatives.



### **Narelle Mountford**

For 15 years, Narelle has been an unwavering volunteer in Capella, contributing to the Pioneer Village, Cultural Centre, Vinnies, and the Capella Newsletter Team. She actively supports CTM Links cinematic morning teas and initiated a craft group for local women eight years ago, fostering a sense of community. Passionate about sewing and crafts, Narelle founded the Capella Craft Group, inspiring countless women. Beyond her community, she volunteers to create items like breast cancer bags, turbans for chemotherapy patients, trauma teddies for the Red Cross, and patchwork quilts for breast cancer (donating around 100). Additionally, Narelle aids children in care, flood victims, and bushfire victims, making her an extraordinary and inspirational role model.



### **Tracey Ryder Slatter**

Amidst her personal struggle with cancer, Tracey dedicates herself to supporting fellow cancer patients and fundraising for a cure. Collaborating with the Cancer Council, she successfully organised Tieri's 'Biggest Morning Tea' for two consecutive years. Tracey's unwavering strength and resilience leave a lasting impression on all who encounter her. A fervent advocate for routine health screening, she serves as a mentor to those in the community navigating similar journeys. Recognised for her courage and tireless efforts in the fight against cancer, Tracey stands out as a fighter committed to making a difference in the quest for a cure.



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## Kimberly Schoo

Kimberly, an exceptional educator, consistently achieves outstanding outcomes for her students. Notably, she broke through the silence of a selective mute student, fostering newfound communication skills. Her relentless efforts translate into significant academic improvements, taking non-readers to level four proficiency. Beyond academics, Kimberly cares for students' overall well-being, leading the school student council and organising special events and fundraisers. She is a nurturing figure, providing students with essentials like pencils and clothing. Actively engaging in community events, Kimberly contributes to Anzac Day marches, local shows, and Christmas in July fundraisers. Her impact extends to tutoring, mentoring, leading the junior school team, and holding various community roles. Acknowledged for excellence, Kimberly received a nomination for the 2023 Queensland College of Teaching Excellence Award, sharing well-being insights with the CQ CLAW community.





Capella aerial view









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