

Summer events

in Central NSW



ORANGE REGION



Orange Christmas Festival

11th December 2009

Bring a blanket or chair and sing-a-long with local choirs and bands to enjoy the festive spirit with Carols by Candlelight. The evening will include many attractions and theatre, craft and food stalls whilst listening to the music. The final highlight of the evening will be a spectacular fireworks display.

Venue Robertson Park, Summer Street, Orange
Contact 1800 069 466

Website www.visitorange.com.au

Orange Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2010

Enjoy your Australia Day Celebrations in leafy Cook Park, browse the stalls, selling craft, jewellery, plants, local produce, hand-made toys and much more. Amusement rides and craft activities will keep the children happy while the adults enjoy the musical entertainment. There will also be traditional Australia Day activities such as flag-raising, citizenship ceremonies and annual Australia Day Awards.

Venue Cook Park, Summer Street, Orange
Contact 1800 069 466

Website www.visitorange.com.au

Orange Picnic Races

30th January 2010

The Orange Picnic Races is an annual highlight on the Central West social and sporting calendar. Local food and wine will be showcased at the event.

Venue Towac Park Racecourse, Canobolas Road, Orange

Contact (02) 6361 4552 or 0408 003 573

Website www.goldenwest.com.au

Matinee Race Meeting

2nd January 2010

A great event to kick off the New Year in Orange, the Matinee Race Meeting is an annual event being held on 2 January. Enjoy a day of summer and celebrations at Towac Park Racecourse. There will be many events throughout the day including live horse races, fashions on the field, live music, entertainment for the kids and marquee packages available.

Venue Towac Park Racecourse, Canobolas Road, Orange

Contact (02) 6361 4552

Website www.goldenwest.com.au



Blayney Shire Australia Day Fair

26th January 2010

All the fun of the Fair, street stalls, Historical re-enactments performed by the Lachlan Living History Group, Cobb and Co coach rides, wood chop, helicopter rides, children's rides, face painting, magician, buskers, pony rides, static displays, musical entertainment, various food venues, scavenger hunt, vintage and veteran cars lining the river bank, 4 museums and Court House open and much, much more. Profits distributed by Carcoar Village Association Inc for town improvements and tourism brochure.

Venue Various sites in the Village of Carcoar

Time 9.00am - 3.30pm

Cost Gold coin donation

Contact 02 6367 3172

Website www.carcoar.org

Orange Slow Summer

5th - 14th February 2010

Orange Slow Summer is a true community event designed to provide joy, fun and relaxation. Focusing on leisure, friends and family, nature and the environment. You will find nearly 50 activities, most free or inexpensive for you, your family and friends to share and experience. Orange Slow Summer is an opportunity to nourish our relationships, our community and our environment.

Venue Robertson Park, Summer Street Orange & other venues

Contact 1800 069 466

Website www.tasteorange.com.au

Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Annual Motor Show

13th - 14th February 2010

The Gnoo Blas circuit is an important part of Australia's Motor Sporting history, having the country's best drivers compete in the events held on the track. You will have the opportunity to travel the historic circuit and enjoy the surrounding of the park. Entertainment on the weekend will include a 50 year anniversary on Saturday at the Orange Ex-Services Club, a scenic trip to a local winery and picnic lunch at Lake Canobolas on Sunday.

Venue Sir Jack Brabham Park, Orange

Contact (02) 6362 2840

Website www.gnooblas.com

Blayney Billycart Bash

14th - 15th February 2010

The Blayney Billycart Bash is an annual event that incorporates family fun and entertainment, and stalls that offer something for everyone in the family. Scrutineering is on Saturday afternoon

between 1.00pm and 3.00pm at the Blayney Shire Council Depot, Lawson Street. Racing is all day Sunday and offers good-natured fun for the whole community. Funds raised from sponsors, participants and visitors goes towards funding sporting groups and community facilities in the Blayney Shire. In 2008, the committee was able to make a donation toward the purchase of the BillyCart Express in the fantastic adventure playground at Heritage Park in Adelaide Street. Why not join in? It's Fun!

Venue Church Hill and Marshalls Lane, Blayney

Contact 02 6368 3200

Website www.blayneybillycartbash.com

Music in the Gardens

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February 2010

The Orange Regional Conservatorium and Friends of the Orange Botanic Gardens presents "Music In The Gardens" each Friday in February 2010. Local musicians and ensembles perform within the grounds and thematic gardens. Bring along a chair or picnic rug and picnic dinner, have a relaxing evening with family and friends.

Venue Botanic Gardens, Yellowbox Way (off Hill Street), Orange

Contact (02) 6365 1125 or (02) 6361 7974

Website www.orangecon.org.au

Orange Region Farmers Market

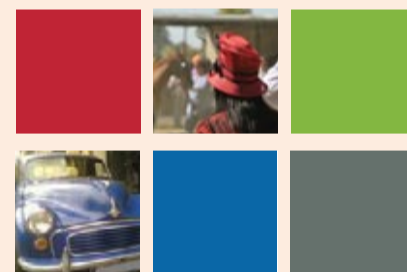
2nd Saturday of the month

Orange Region Farmers Market is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet the producers and to discover real fresh and added value produce.

Venue North Court, behind Orange Regional Library and Art Gallery, Cnr March and Peisley Streets, Orange

Contact 02 6365 2298 or 0425 259 350

Website www.orangefarmersmarket.org.au



BATHURST REGION



Sunny Corner Sunday

6th December

The artists and craftspeople of Yetholme, Tarana and Meadow Flat will open their doors this year for the traditional Sunny Corner Sunday. Exhibitions include mosaics, prints, fashion handbags, jewellery, garden sculptures, local produce and more. Bring your friends and a hamper and picnic in our gardens.

Venue Various

Contact 02 6334 5120

Reliance Member Banking Carols by Candlelight

13th December 2009

Featuring Mitchell Conservatorium ensembles and community performances. Bring along the whole family. Candles and merchandise will be for sale and Santa will visit.

Venue Machattie Park

Time 6pm

Contact 02 6331 6622



Miss Traill's House Traditional Night Before Christmas

17th December 2009

Bring a picnic basket and enjoy the carols. After the treasure hunt, Santa will be there to greet all! Don't forget to visit the house, dressed for the festive season.

Venue 321 Russell Street

Time 6pm

Contact 02 6332 4232

Wattle Flat Bronze Thong Races & Gymkhana

10th January 2010

Families come from all over NSW and beyond to see the bush horses race, join in the activities and enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

Venue Wattle Flat Racecourse, Limekilns Road

Contact 02 6337 7066

Rockley Rodeo

30th January 2010

The Rockley Rodeo is a full day of entertainment for the whole family. Food stalls, kid's rides, Yard Dog trials, Miss Rockley, Junior and Tiny Tot competition and much more. The main performance begins at 1pm. This year features the Quick Shear competition

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and also a fantastic after party with live music in the backyard at the Rockley Hotel.

Venue Rockley Showground
Time 7.00am
Contact 02 6337 9296 or 0427 704 457
Website www.oberon.nsw.gov.au

Bathurst Swap Meet

7th February 2010

24th Annual Bathurst Swap Meet hosted by Bathurst Historic Car Club.

Venue Bathurst Showground
Time From 6am
Contact 02 6337 5694 or 0408 415 525

Eglinton Gymkhana & Country Fair

27th February 2010

Enjoy a great family day out. Entertainment includes a pet show, gymkhana, chainsaw races, tug-o-war challenge, bands on the centre stage, karate display, whip cracking demonstrations and Peter Carter 'The Snake Man'. Also, the kids can enjoy Play-on-Wheels, jumping castle, yabby races, opal mining, art & craft, cooking competitions and chocolate wheel. Buy a ticket in the raffle and have a chance to win the 1st prize of a camper trailer. The Scouts will be there with displays and activities. Stalls include white elephant, plants and produce, cake, books, bottle auction and more. Entertainment all afternoon

Venue Eglinton Showground
Time Horse events from 8.30am
Country fair 10am
Contact 0421 178 307

LACHLAN REGION



Grabine Music Muster

4th - 5th December 2009

On the 4th and 5th December 2009, Grabine State Park will welcome the best country music singers, country rock, cowboy songs and country songs to be enjoyed by all people in NSW, Australia.

Venue Grabine Lakeside State Park
Contact 02 4835 2345
Website www.grabinemusicmuster.com.au

Parkes Annual Christmas Parade & Carnival

4th December 2009

The annual Parkes Christmas Street Parade will take place on Friday 4 December at 5.30pm in Clarinda Street. Cooke Park Festivities will follow at 6.00pm offering loads of fun for the whole family with markets, food and amusements.

Venue Main Street & Cooke Parkes
Time Parade from 5.30pm
Carnival from 6pm
Website www.parkes.nsw.gov.au

Waste to Art

5th December 2009

Public art exhibition.

Venue Forbes Town Hall
Time 9am - 4pm
Contact Jane Bennie 02 571143

Carols by Candlelight

6th December 2009

Celebrate the Christmas spirit with this festive family evening.

Venue Victoria Park, Forbes
Time From 7pm

Little Athletics Association NSW Region 5 Zone Championships

12th - 13th December 2009

Venue Botanical Gardens, Forbes
Contact Anita 02 68 511147

Woodstock Markets

13th December 2009

The Woodstock Markets feature a great variety of stalls including a Cowra Camp Quality team providing tempting and affordable morning teas and lunches with proceeds going to Camp Quality. The markets are a fun-filled Sunday with lots of bargains to be found. There are many stalls from bric-a-brac to local fruit and vegetables. The Woodstock Markets are held every second Sunday of the month.

Time 8am - 1pm



Grenfell Christmas Lights

14th - 25th December

Have your say and vote on the best Christmas lights in Grenfell - free judging coach tour of the town on 19th December at 8.30pm. Awards will be presented on Australia Day.

Venue Grenfell
Contact 02 6343 2855

Cowra Farmers and Craft Markets

19th December 2009

Fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, olives, olive oil, cake, apples, lavender products, coffee, egg and bacon rolls, sausage sizzle, plants, honey, craft items wooden products and lots more.

Venue Cowra Showground and Pavilion
Time 8am - 12 noon
Contact Christine Galea 02 6342 9225

Forbes Christmas Carnival

19th December 2009

Wood chopping, Stalls, Rides, Entertainment.

Time 10am - 2pm
Contact Gabe 02 6852 1008

Forbes Business Chamber Christmas Promotion Draw

24th December 2009

Win \$10,000 Forbes Dollars.

Venue Between Gunn's & Painted Daisies
Contact Debbie 02 6852 3899

Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Competition

2nd - 11th January 2010

Look to the skies over Forbes as over 100 pilots take to the air for 10 days in this Hang Gliding Federation of Australia competition. Pilots will compete in four categories; Open Class, A Class, Sport Class, and Club Class.

Venue Forbes Airport, Bedgerabong Road
Contact Vicki 0410 331 883

Forbes Jazz Festival

2nd - 4th January 2010

3 days of great live jazz entertainment! Including Jazz and Shiraz in the Park, battle of the bands, variety concert, jazz picnic, gospel service, live acts playing at Forbes venues and more!

Venue Various venues around Forbes
Contact Yvonne 02 6852 3721
Website www.forbesjazz.com

2010 CountryLink Parkes Elvis Festival

6th - 10th January 2010

On the 2nd weekend in January every year, the town of Parkes in Central NSW comes alive to the sounds of hip swivelling Elvis impersonators! More than 9,000 Elvis fans will gather in the Central New South Wales town of Parkes to celebrate Elvis Presley's birthday in January.

Record crowds are expected for the CountryLink Parkes Elvis Festival in January 2010. A five day program of events will include Keno feature concerts by Mark Andrew who is back by popular demand, also look-a-like and sound-a-like contests, the Elvis Street Parade, Elvis talent quests, displays of Elvis memorabilia and an Elvis Gospel Church Service.

The festival has more than 120 individual events to choose from. The Elvis Gospel Church Service has become a much loved feature on the festival program. This special interdenominational service will return in 2010 to again pay tribute to Elvis' first love gospel music.

Check out the Festival website for a full list of events or obtain your copy of the souvenir program by contacting Parkes Visitor Information Centre.

Venue Various venues in Parkes
Contact 1800 624 365
Website www.parkeselvisfestival.com.au

Cowra Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2009

Residents of Cowra Shire are encouraged to join in the celebrations for Australia Day 2010.

Venue Civic Square, Darling Street, Cowra
Contact 02 6340 2069
Website www.cowratourism.com.au

Forbes Australia Day Celebrations

26 January 2010

A full day of Celebrations commencing with Community breakfast and concluding with Official Ceremony and Entertainment

Contact Mathew Teale 02 6850 2343

Grenfell Australia Day Breakfast

26 January 2010

Presentation of Australia Day awards to local residents. Enjoy a community breakfast including

a BBQ by Rotary, damper by the CWA ladies and live music by the Grenfell town band.

Venue Taylor Park
Time 9am

Contact 02 6343 2855

Bedgerabong Picnic Races

13 February 2010

Visit the Bedgerabong Picnic races for the best family picnic atmosphere set on the lawns surrounded by the gum trees along the Lachlan River. "We are the Randwick of the West - We cater for the best - Mum, Dad, Kids and the rest". The 1st race will commence at approximately 1pm featuring the \$5,000 Bedgerabong Cup, sponsored by Ripple Water Australia. There will be On Course Tote and Skychannel, fashions on the field, free kids entertainment, live band, foot races, food stalls and bar in operation until 10pm. Shuttle buses from Forbes Town Hall at 11am, 12noon and 1pm. Buses will return to Forbes from 6pm each half hour. No BYOG or GLASS permitted. Entry \$15.00 (includes a free race book).

Venue Bedgerabong Race Course
Contact 02 6857 1043
Website www.bedgerabongraces.com.au

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20 February 2010

18th Annual Local Government Touch Carnival

27th February 2010

The 18th Annual National Local Government Touch Carnival is on again in 2010 and will be held in Parkes NSW at Cheney & McGlynn Parks. Parkes has hosted the event since it's beginning in 1993 with the event growing year after year.

Teams travel from all over Australia to compete to become the most fittest and skilful team in this social tournament. The event is open to Local Government employees, allied organisations and families. allowing them to do something healthy and fun, whilst providing opportunities for staff to socialise and mix with each other and network outside the realms of the work environment.

Venue Cheney Park
Website www.parkes.nsw.gov.au

DUBBO REGION



Apex Venetian Carnival

9th December 2009

Ham raffles, BBQs, rides and stalls.

Venue Tom Perry Park, Narromine
Time 5pm

Dubbo Rotary Christmas Fair

12th December 2009

Dubbo is set to dazzle when the cities community comes together to share a little of the Christmas spirit. Fun and fair activities for all the family to enjoy. There'll be side show rides, fairy floss, choirs and the man in the big red suit even makes a special appearance!

Venue Macquarie Lions Park, Macquarie Street
Time 4pm - 8pm
Contact Combined Rotary Clubs of Dubbo
02 6884 3188

Wellington Combined Churches Carols in the Park

12th December 2009

Combined Churches Carols in the Park incorporating turning on of the Christmas Lights.

Venue Cameron Park
Time 6.30pm

Narromine Carols by Candlelight

13th December 2009

Venue Cale Oval, Narromine
Time 7pm

Wellington Markets in the Plaza

19th December 2009

Carols by Candlelight

20 December 2009

The Carols by Candlelight event will kick off this year at 6pm on Sunday 20 December. Entertainment will be provided by local bands and artists. The arrival of Santa Claus is always an event in itself. Lots of traditional singing and supported by glow stick waving is spectacular to see and partake in. Glow sticks will be available for purchase on the evening. There will be hot and cold food, a BBQ and plenty of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

The carols, rich in tradition are always a highlight of the year for local and visiting families and their relatives. Come along and share in the joy of Christmas!

Venue Victoria Park No 1 Oval, Darling Street
Time 6pm

Contact West Dubbo Rotary Club 02 6882 3437

Carols in the Cathedral Cave

20th December 2009

Carols in the Cathedral Cave, hosted by Wellington Uniting Church from 7pm.

Venue Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine



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Christmas Twilight - Dubbo Turf Club

21 December 2009

The Dubbo Turf Club is gearing up for another big day. Dubbo Turf Club, 'The Racing Hub of the West', is situated on the Golden Highway (Dunedoo Road) on the eastern side of town. Dubbo is renowned for its bias free track, where every runner and every punter gets the chance to win.

Venue Dubbo Turf Club, Merrilea Road

Cost Adult \$10, Concession \$5

Contact Dubbo Turf Club 02 6882 1044

Boxing Day Race Meeting

26th December 2009

Wellington Race Club, Boxing Day Meeting.

Venue Wellington Racecourse, Showground Rd

Carline National Super Sedan Series

2 January 2010

All the action is here – a spectacular evening for speedway enthusiasts. There will be Carline National Super Sedan Series, Production Sedans, Wingless Sprints, Junior Sedans and Fender Benders.

Venue Morris Park Speedway, Obley Road, Dubbo

Time Gates open 5pm, Racing starts 7pm

Cost Adult (16+yrs) \$20, 13-15yrs \$10, 5-12yrs \$5

Contact Darren Anning 0428 298 100

Pink Pigeon Race Day

5th January 2010

This is televised during the cricket test match and raises money for the McGrath Foundation. There will be breakfast, junior cricket match and release of pink pigeons at 8am.

Venue Dundas Park, Narromine

Time 7am

Dubbo New Year Open Athletics Carnival

9th - 10th January 2010

The Dubbo New Year open 2010 Athletics carnival is on again. This annual event is one to mark on your calendar. A fun filled family day out promoting good health and activity. Join in or observe over 300 competitors from around the country participating in this annual event. The event caters for all categories from children through to seniors. Start the New Year healthy.

Venue Barden Park, Gipps Street, Dubbo

Time Saturday 10am – 6pm
Sunday 9am – 3.30pm

Contact Mark Brown 02 6884 1139

Oxley Downs Open Weekend

23 - 26 January 2010

Oxley Downs is the setting for the television series Outback House and is a wonderful historical resource depicting life in early Australia. Kids, bring your kites, footballs and running shoes - Mum and Dad pack your picnic and your esky. The atmosphere is relaxed and children are free to roam. The homestead is built in a tranquil and pretty valley tucked away from the 21st century. Guests enjoy strolling through the house and outbuildings at their leisure and relaxing on the front verandah soaking up the atmosphere of 1861.

Venue off Obley Road, Dubbo

Time 10am - 5pm

Cost Family \$30, Adult \$12, Concession \$10, Child \$5

Contact Scott and Liz Tourle 02 6887 7264

Wellington Race Club Meeting

23rd January 2010

Venue Wellington Racecourse, Showground Rd

Mumbil "ChuckAkubra" Black Wattle Fair

23rd January 2010

Venue Mumbil

Time 8.30am

Narromine Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2010

Dundas Park from 8am - free breakfast and free entry to pool from 11am - 1pm.

Venue Dundas Park, Narromine

Time 8am

Wellington Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2010

Breakfast provided by SES from 7.30am. Ceremony - Ambassador and Presentation of Awards from 9.15am

Venue Cameron Park, Wellington

Time 7.30am

Dubbo Australia Day Celebrations

26 January 2010

The Mayor will announce citizen of the year, young citizen of the year and sports person of the year. The day's particularly special for those who celebrate their nationalisation with a citizenship ceremony. There are many great fun and family activities held in Victoria Park. Come and help us celebrate our great nation, Australia!

Venue Victoria Park, Darling Street, Dubbo

Contact Dubbo City Council 02 6801 4000

Wellington Markets in the Plaza

30th January 2010

Wellington Race Club Meeting

11th February 2010

Venue Wellington Racecourse, Showground Rd

Australian Lightning Sprint Title

23 - 24 January 2010

Witness the Australian Lightning Sprint Title, Production Sedans, Junior Sedans, Wingless Sprints and Fender Benders. Come along and enjoy an evening for all the speedway enthusiasts

Venue Morris Park Speedway, Obley Rd, Dubbo

Time Gate open 5pm, Racing starts 7pm

Cost Adult (16+yrs) \$20, 13-15yrs \$10, 5-12yrs \$5

Contact Darren Anning 0428 298 100

Wellington Markets in the Plaza

27th February 2010

Bulldogs v Raiders NRL Trial

27th February 2010

Canterbury Bulldogs veteran Andrew Ryan will be given the honour of playing in front of his hometown fans when the Sydney club comes to Dubbo to play Canberra Raiders on Saturday, February 27. The Bulldogs' have decided to "take it out bush" rather than hold the game in the metropolitan area. This match will be the last trial before the start of the 2010 NRL season.

Venue Apex Oval, Dubbo

Contact James McKechnie 02 6801 4404

Girl's Day Out - Dubbo Turf Club

28 February 2010

A race day for the ladies where they can enjoy fashion and glamour in style. 'The Racing Hub of the West', is situated on the Golden Highway (Dunedoo Road) on the eastern side of town. There's plenty of entertainment on course for all the family!

Venue Dubbo Turf Club, Merrilea Road, Dubbo

Cost Adult \$10, Concession \$5

Contact Dubbo Turf Club 02 6882 1044

Dubbo Farmers Markets

1st and 3rd Saturday Monthly

(Except 1st Saturday in January)

Dubbo Show Society Markets

2nd Sunday Monthly

MUDGEES REGION



Mudgee Cup Race Meet

4th December 2009

All the fun of the races ... on and off the track. Come and enjoy a country race day at the Mudgee racecourse.

Venue Mudgee Racecourse

Contact 02 6372 6035

Christmas in Mudgee 2009 Street Party Carnival

19th December 2009

Mudgee celebrates the spirit of Christmas as the CBD comes alive. Be thrilled by the adrenalin pumping, gravity defying stunts of Lukey Luke. Browse the street stalls and visit the special 'auto alley' display. Keep your eyes open for Santa who'll be making a special appearance. There's something for everyone!

Venue Mudgee CBD

Contact Bill Avery 02 6372 7171

Gulgong Folk Festival

31st December 2009 - 3rd January 2010

Join the townspeople of Gulgong for music, fun and dancing in the streets. Local, national and international artists will be performing. Enjoy the best of Bush Poetry, loads of street stalls and a multitude of activities for children.

Venue Gulgong

Contact Bob Campbell on 02 6373 4600

Hamilton Island Charity Races

9th January 2010

Come and be a part of this fun and worthwhile annual event with food and bar facilities, live entertainment and activities for the kids.

Venue Mudgee Racecourse

Contact 02 6372 6035

Kandos Street Machine & Hot Rod Show

23rd - 24th January 2010

With a multitude of exhibits and competitions, there are unbelievable thrills and amazing driver skills on show.

Venue Simpkins Park Sports Complex, Kandos

Website www.kandosstreetmachine.org.au

Mudgee Antique Machinery Swap Meet

24th January 2010

Proudly brought to you by the Cudgegong Valley Antique Machinery Club. Tractor pull, engine display & demonstrations for all to enjoy.

Venue Mudgee Showground

Contact Mitchell Clapham on 0428 634 585



WARRUMBUNGLE REGION



Coolah Christmas Parade

12th December 2009

Join in the fun at the 35th Annual Coolah Christmas Parade. There will also be a parade and a visit from Santa plus music, a pavement art competition, a jumping castle, a chocolate wheel, raffles, dancing displays and much more!

Venue Binnia Street, Coolah

Time 4pm - 9pm

Contact Rhonda Courtney 02 6377 1741

Townlife Markets

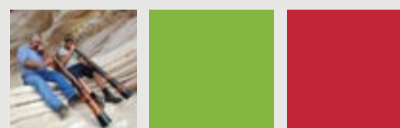
27th December 2009

Craft and local produce market focussing on locally made crafts and produce.

Venue Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (between the clock tower and Woolworths)

Time 9am - 2pm

Contact Dennis Coulter 02 6842 2170



Coonamble Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2010

Come along to Smith Park and help us celebrate Australia Day in Coonamble! Bring a rug and picnic dinner & see the movie 'Australia' on an inflatable 'big screen'. 6.30pm Costume Parades, 7pm Official Ceremony & Awards, 8pm Movie 'Australia' commences PLUS Australia Day Ambassador Jeremy Kewley (Actor & Comedian)

Venue Smith Park, Coonamble (Showground Pavilion if Raining)

Time 6.30pm onwards

Contact 0447 722 965

Gulgambone Australia Day Celebrations

26th January 2010

Free breakfast, Australia Day Ambassador Bunny Gibson (Rita the ETA eater), activities & games for the family including rabbit trap relay, paddy melon bowls & melon eating competition, citizenship ceremony for Sam Newstead

Venue Lions Park, Gulgambone

Time From 8am

Contact Col 0429 071 053

