

media release

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SAY G'DAY TO AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SOUTH BANK

The Parklands at South Bank are the place to be this Australia Day with plenty of great Aussie entertainment to keep the whole family entertained.

For the very first time kids will be able to spend the day at 'The Big Backyard' where they can be entertained by street performers, the Flipside Circus, the Spankinhyde African Rhythm ensemble and even make their very own puppets.

Suncorp Piazza will be paying tribute to our multicultural heritage with the Australia Day concert which will feature a series of international dance and music performances, culminating in a special performance by Josh Pyke.

Or rock and roll your way through Australia Day at the Jivin' the FJ stage. Travel back in time to the Australia of the sixties with dance performances, classes and a classic car collection.

If you're looking to slow down the pace why not kick back and enjoy one of our free Aussie films on the Suncorp Superscreen - Babe, Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course or Strictly Ballroom.

The Suncorp Sunscreen Sprayers will also be roving the Parklands to ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and fun day in the sun.

The day will culminate in an explosion of colour, light and sound with the Australia Day fireworks spectacular at 7.30pm.

In 2007 approximately 80,000 Queenslanders celebrated Australia Day at the Parklands at South Bank and this year's celebrations are expected to be bigger and better than ever.

South Bank's Australia Day celebrations are 100% GreenPowered.

In choosing accredited GreenPower for this event South Bank will reduce its emissions by over 100 tonnes – the equivalent of taking 25 cars off the road for a year.

For more information on the Australia Day Celebrations at South Bank contact the South Bank Visitor Information Centre on 3867 2051.

A full program of events follows.

AUSTRALIA DAY PROGRAM* – 26 JANUARY, 2007

Australia Day Fireworks

The 2008 Australia Day fireworks will light up the Brisbane night sky in a stirring display of light, colour and sound. Families can find a vantage point along the Brisbane River to experience the spectacular fireworks display, as they celebrate Australia Day with a big bang.

Location: Watch from the Clem Jones Promenade or throughout the Parklands
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 7.30 – 7.45pm

The Big Backyard

The Parklands at South Bank is arguably Brisbane's biggest backyard – and this Australia Day it will undoubtedly be the most fun! Catch day long entertainment on the Big Backyard Stage or be part of the action with face painting and Flipside Circus workshops.

The Big Backyard Stage - Glenelg Street Lawn

10:00 AM - 10:07 AM	Ziggy - Krinkl Theatre puppet show
10:25 AM - 11:25 AM	Puppet making - with Krinkl Theatre
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Flipside Circus demonstration
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Australia Day Emerging Artists - street performers
12:20 PM - 12:35 PM	Flipside Circus demonstration
12:40 PM - 1:00 PM	Grass is Greener - Krinkl Theatre puppet show
1:05 PM - 1:55 PM	Puppet making - with Krinkl Theatre
2:05 PM - 2:20 PM	Australia Day Emerging Artists - street performers
2:40 PM - 2:47 PM	Ziggy - Krinkl Theatre puppet show
2:55 PM - 3:55 PM	Puppet making - with Krinkl Theatre
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Xtreme Popera - Flipside Circus
5:30 PM – 6.00PM	Spankinhyde - African Rhythm Ensemble

Big Backyard Activities - Glenelg Street Lawn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Face painting
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Flipside Circus workshops

Location: Glenelg Street Lawn
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 11.00am – 5.00pm

Australia Day Concert

The Australia Day Concert is one of the signature events of the Australia Day Festival. The Suncorp Piazza will host a day long programme of activities that including a variety of dance and musical performances that play tribute to our multicultural heritage. Then rock into the evening at Suncorp Piazza with a mix of ballads, blues & classic rock from The Zebras and Josh Pike.

Location: Suncorp Piazza
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 10.00am – 10.15pm

Suncorp Piazza	
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Official welcome to the Australia Day Festival
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	Nunukul Yuggera - Indigenous dance
10:35 AM - 11:00 AM	Ferny Grove Percussion Ensemble
11:03 AM - 11:30 AM	Kalinka Russian Dance Group
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Summer Swing - rock and roll dance
12:05 PM - 12:15 PM	Girl Guides Queensland
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Taiwan Hakka Association - traditional Taiwanese Dance
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Ferny Grove Percussion Ensemble
1:03 PM - 1:20 PM	Redland Shire Ladies Drum Corps
1:20 PM - 1:45 PM	Around the World - Mexican Dance Group
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Russian Folkloric Ensemble, Samotsvety
2:25 PM - 2:40 PM	St David's Welsh Society of Brisbane
2:43 PM - 3:15 PM	Marama Tahiti, French Polynesian Dance Group
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Bollywood Dance - demonstration and workshop
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Australia Day Emerging Artists - street performers
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Spankinhyde - African Rhythm Ensemble
8:15 PM - 9:00 PM	The Zebras
9:15 PM - 10:15 PM	Josh Pyke

The Australia Day Movie Marathon

Take a break from all the action and catch your favourite Aussie flicks on the Suncorp Superscreen. Catch Babe, Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course and Strictly Ballroom on the big screen.

Location: Formal Gardens Green
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 1pm – Babe
3pm – Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course
5pm – Strictly Ballroom

Australia Day 10,000 Steps

Get your blood and adrenaline pumping for a great start to your Australia Day with the 10,000 Steps Walk. Grab your shoes, slap on some sunscreen and join 4KQ personality Mark Hine on the pavement. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed person or team and a free breakfast will be served at the Riverside Green at the Parklands at South Bank.

Location: Starting in the Botanical Gardens and finishing at the Riverside Green at the Parklands at South Bank
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 8am registration, 8.40am walk commences, 9.25am walk concludes at the Parklands at South Bank and breakfast is served

Jivin' the FJ

Travel back in time to the psychedelic era of the sixties. The Darren J Ray Band got people rockin' and rollin' with hits from artists including The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Gene Pitney, Roy Orbison and The Mamas & The Papas, while the Summer Swing dance lessons helped everyone take a step back in time to the swinging sixties. And don't miss the classic collection of cars on show!

Jivin' the FJ stage	
12.00PM – 4.30PM	Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club display
12:15 PM - 12:45 PM	Darren J. Ray and the Love Bugs
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	Summer Swing dance lesson
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Darren J. Ray and the Love Bugs
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Summer Swing dance lesson
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Darren J. Ray and the Love Bugs

Location: Russell Street Green, by the Fig Tree
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 12pm to 4.15pm

Flag Raising Ceremony

The Australian Defence Force will be raising the flags in a ceremony involving our defence soldiers and the Governor. (Due to safety requirements, the Australian Defence Force guns will be fired from Roma St Parklands.)

Location: Cultural Forecourt
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: Midday

Nova Broadcast

Nova will provide the soundtrack to our Australia Day celebrations with a live broadcast taking place throughout the day from the Rainforest Green at The Parklands at South Bank. Come along and meet the Nova Sandman crew.

Location: Rainforest Green
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 11.00am – 5.00pm

Ferris Wheel

Enjoy a ride with the whole family taking in the sights of beautiful Brisbane from South Bank.

Location: Cultural Forecourt
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 12 noon – 9.00pm
Cost: \$4 per person or \$10 for three people

Visions of Australia Flag Project

Visit the display of Queensland students' inspiring visions of Australia as they hang with pride on our very own Hills Hoist. Share your Vision of Australia by creating your own work of art to feature on the Hills Hoist.

Location: Queensland Conservatory of Music Lawn
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Cost: Free of charge

Suncorp Sun Safe Tent

Aussies love to have fun in the sun. Make sure you're playing it safe this summer with the Suncorp Sun Safe team. Suncorp staff will be handing out free sunscreen, UV watches, cardboard sun visors and skin cancer info. QIMF will be doing free skin cancer checks with 'Solar Scan'.

Location: Streets Beach
Date: Saturday, 26 January 2008
Time: 10am – 2pm

One Harvest Seedless Watermelon Sampling


Cool down throughout the day with a slice of refreshing One Harvest seedless watermelon!

*** Please note that while the Australia Day program is correct at the time of release, details are subject to change without notice**

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