

# FACT SHEET



## Australia Day Community Event Grants

We come together as a nation on Australia Day to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It is the day to reflect on what we have achieved and what we can be proud of in our great nation. It is the day when we can commit to making our part of Australia an even better place in the future.

On January 26 each year, more than half of the nation's 22 million people attend either an organised community event or enjoy being around family and friends while celebrating our national day.

At its core, Australia Day is a day driven by communities, and the celebrations held in each town, suburb or city is the foundation of its ongoing success.

The Rockhampton Regional Council Australia Day Community Event Grants are aimed at enabling our Region's communities to host events that promote the objectives of Australia Day (as per the Australia Day Community Event Grants Application Form) and in doing so, provide an avenue by which people can unite and connect as Australians.

### The grants program is:

- Open to community groups and not-for-profit charity organisations registered and operating within the boundaries of the Rockhampton Regional Council local government area;
- Funding to plan and host an Australia Day event that is open to residents and visitors;
- Aimed at enhancing community participation and connectedness;
- About inspiring new and imaginative ways for your community to celebrate what makes being an Australian great; and
- About recognising that the communities of the Region have pride in their sense of identity.

### The grants program is not:

- Recurrent funding;
- Available to organisations operating or registered outside the Rockhampton Region;
- Available to any other group except registered community groups or not-for-profit charity organisations; or
- Available to schools or other educational institutions.

### Preference will be given to:

- Groups and organisations who demonstrate an ability to use the funding to seed their event as a permanent annual fixture within their community;
- Applications that demonstrate a commitment to ensuring equity for all residents; and
- Groups and organisations that show a commitment to promoting connectedness among the Region's communities and residents.

The Rockhampton Regional Council Australia Day 2024 Community Event Grants carry a total pool of \$15,000 to be shared between communities that demonstrate a willingness and ability to connect their residents by planning and staging an Australia Day event in their township. Each application can apply for a maximum of \$3,000.00 per event.

Funding will be allocated in varying amounts, depending on the quality and number of applications received.

Council will consider favourably applications that show a whole-of-community willingness to support their Australia Day celebration and those that meet one or more of the Australia Day objectives, as outlined by the National Australia Day Council.

Applications must be received by Council no later than close of business Friday 3 November 2023.

### Key Dates

<b>Applications open</b>	Monday 25 September 2023
<b>Applications close</b>	Friday 3 November 2023
<b>Applicants notified</b>	Friday 24 November 2023

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### Key Selection Criteria

Grant applications must meet the following criteria:

- Application must be completed in full;
- Activities must target the local community principally, involve community participation and increase participation in Australia Day;
- Applications must meet one or more of the Australia Day objectives (as per the Australia Day Community Event Grants Application Form);
- Activities must represent value for money;
- Activities should take place on Australia Day – 26 January; ideally at a time which complements any other planned activities;
- The event and activities must be not-for-profit;
- Applications must be accompanied by an event plan that clearly shows the activities planned for the day;
- Applicants must comply with all regulatory approvals as far as food and licensing is concerned, and
- Applicants must carry their own public liability and indemnity insurance.
- Applications must not exceed the \$3,000.00 maximum funding request.

### How much money is available?

A total grant pool of approximately \$15,000 is available for 2024 Australia Day events. Council reserves the right to allocate all or a portion of funding, depending on the number of quality applications. Each application can receive a maximum of \$3,000.00.

Council will consider favourably applications that show a whole-of-community willingness to support their community's celebration.

An application does not guarantee a commitment of funding.

### Contact Details

For further information please contact, [Council](mailto:CommunityServicesSponsorship@rrc.qld.gov.au) on (07) 4936 8368 or email [CommunityServicesSponsorship@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:CommunityServicesSponsorship@rrc.qld.gov.au).