



# Coolamon Shire Council Australia Day Program

26 January 2014

## Shire Hosts: Matong Community at Matong Public School

10am Official Ceremony:

- Welcome Mr John Smith (MC)
- **Welcome to Country**
- Prayer Mrs Jenny Bedding
- National Anthem Matong Public School students
- Flag raising Mr Reg Kerr and Nathan Hatty
- Mayoral Welcome Clr John Seymour
- M Ambassador Address Mr Anupam Sharma
- Citizenship Ceremony Mr Savneet Pal Singh
- Presentation of Australia Day Awards Clr John Seymour and Mr Anupam Sharma
- Cutting of the Cake Citizen of the Year
- Presentation of Ambassador Badge and gift to Anupam Sharma Woolworths representative and John Doherty
- M Community BBQ Lunch & Entertainment

## On Australia Day we will have a Citizenship Ceremony for Mr Savneet Pal Singh.

Today, 26 January 2014, Coolamon Shire celebrates Australia Day. The Coolamon Shire Australia Day Awards are an integral part of these celebrations. These awards recognise the hard work and dedication of local people who typify the Aussie spirit.

The four awards, being Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, the Shane Till Memorial Award for Sporting Achievement and Young Sporting Achievement Award are awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution achieved in these areas. In addition to these individual awards a Community Event of the Year Award will also presented.

### 2014 Ambassador Anupam Sharma





Coolamon Shire Council and the Matong Community wish to thank our Ambassador, Mr Anupam Sharma who kindly accepted the offer to act as our Australia Day Ambassador.

Nominated as one of the 50 most powerful & influential professionals in Australian film industry by ENCORE magazine, Anupam Sharma is a film maker, author, and one of the leading international expert on Indian Entertainment Sector. Specializing through a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in films, he has written a number of research papers on media & films, along with a thesis (with distinction) on Indian Cinema from the University of NSW - Australia.

In 2011 Anupam launched with Peter Castaldi an Australian Film Initiative to promote Australian cinema in non traditional markets like Australia, South America, Middle East and North Europe. The initiative had an international launch through Australian Film Festival of India with Frames 2011 supported by Actor/Star Hugh Jackman and a retrospective of Bill Bennett films. This year the initiative comes to India again much bigger and wider in reach starting from Dehradun and in multiple cities with a Baz Luhrmann retrospective, over 20 Australian films and documentaries, and an Australian documentary, the only one, on Kiran Bedi – Yes Madam Sir.

Apart from being the chief judge and advisor to Australia's first reality show on India BOLLYWOOD STAR for SBS (TV), Anupam is currently developing his own feature film, and documentary projects as a director/producer/presenter most of which have received development investment from film bodies. His current slate includes producing DEFIANT being directed by Bill Bennett with development investment from Screen NSW and Screen Australia. "THE FILM" (Developed with assistance from the Screen Australia) written by John Winter, "An Indian Summer" (semifinalist at Academy Awards/Oscar Script competition) written and directed by Vikram Singh and being produced with John Winter.

He has lead a team of film professionals working on more than 204 projects which include feature films, TV serials, music videos, consultancy, film festivals, and TV commercials. He has been widely credited in the international media for pioneering the Australian film trade with India.

Anupam has advised government and private clients, on matters related to Indian cinema. He has also worked on Australian projects in relation to Indian films which include Baz Luhrman's *Moulin Rouge*, Dept of Foreign Affairs, and World Movies among others. He is the MD of films & casting TEMPLE, an award winning Australian production company working with India, operating from Fox Studios – Sydney. The company has pioneered the biggest government financial tie ups for Indian films in Australia.

Anupam has recently contributed in a book about Globalisation of Bollywood and is also a frequent speaker/guest at various international conferences and TV programs. These include ABC 730 report, Asia Pacific, Channel 9, etc. along with prestigious platforms at SPAA, Arts Gallery of NSW, POWERHOUSE Museum, FRAMES, and was one of the thirteen young professionals shortlisted in the prestigious "FACE TO WATCH" series by The (SYDNEY) Magazine.

#### **Young Sporting Achievement Award**

A person aged 25 years or less, who has achieved an outstanding performance (as a participant or administrator) in the field of sport, either during the previous 12 months or over a number of years.

#### Ryan Allen nominated by St Michael's Primary School

Ryan has demonstrated outstanding performance over a range of sports both this year and in previous years.

- Member of the winning St Michael's Paul Kelly Cup AFL side
- Selected in the NSW PSSA side that competed at the National Championships in Darwin this year.
- Selected in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga representative Cricket side.
- Qualified to compete at the Diocesan Swimming and Athletics carnivals.
- An active participant in the sports of Touch Football, Golf and Tennis at a local level.

#### **Liam Armstrong** nominated by William Thompson

Liam is nominated for his involvement in the harness racing industry.

- Began at 5 years old driving mini trotters .
- At 16 he completed his junior driver's course and became a qualified driver.
- Drove his first winner at the Albury trots in March 2012 and has since driven 5 more winners
- Volunteers at the Coolamon trots each year, attending working bees and helping out on the day with various jobs. He also attends the trials every Sunday to lend a hand.

#### Ryan Carmichael nominated by Wendy Jennings

- Silver Medal U21 Men's Jump event at Australian Water-ski Championships held at Port Macquarie
- Silver Medal U21 Men's Trick event at Australian Water-ski Championships held at Port Macquarie
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in 20-35m jump event, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 52km-16m slalom event & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 1000-2000 points trick event.
- Selected in the Australian Water Ski team to compete against New Zealand in the annual Aussie Kiwi Challenge being held near Christchurch from 23rd-27th January, 2014.

#### Jeffrey Clark nominated by Tracy Clark

Jeff is nominated not just for his achievements but also his attitude and respect for sport, his team mates and his competitors.

- Age champion at Coolamon Central School in swimming 2011, 2012 & 2013; Athletics 2011, 2012 & 2013 and Cross Country 2011, 2012 & 2013.
- Age champion at Ganmain Swimming Club in 2011/12 and 2012/13
- Represented Coolamon/Ardlethan Zone at Riverina Carnival for swimming 2011, 2012 & 2013, Athletics 2011, 2012 & 2013 and Cross Country 2011, 2012 & 2013.
- Represented Riverina at State Level for Cross Country in 2013.
- A team member of touch runners-up Secondary 2012/13 and men's B grade champions 2012/13.
- A team member of Turvey Park Rugby League U14 Champions 2012 and U15 runners-up 2013.
- Group 9 representative team member for Rugby League in 2013, where they went on to win Country Championship and runners-up in the State Championship.
- Has also played AFL and Cricket for Ganmain since the age of 10

#### Claire Donoghue nominated by Mick O'Brien

Claire is nominated for her outstanding ability in the sport of Ladies AFL. 2013 achievements

#### AFL

- NSW U18 Representative in the National Championships played in Shepparton.
- NSW Youth Cup U18's where she was Captain of Riverina Cubs which were Runners Up.
- Giants Cup NSW Open Schools Competition She was Captain of the Kildare Catholic College Team which were Runners Up.
- Member of Riverina Lions Open Side Played in the Preliminary Finals AFL Canberra Competition.

#### Other Sports

- Member of the Coolamon Hoppers B Grade Netball Team where she was awarded Most Improved player for the year.
- Played in the Wagga Wagga Basketball Competition.

#### 2012 achievements

- NSW U18 Representative National Championships in Shepparton.
- NSW Youth Cup U18 Representative of Riverina Cubs Winners.
- Giants Cup NSW Open School Competition (Sydney). Captain of the Kildare Catholic College Team where they were Runners Up.
- Represented NSW/ACT U16 National School Championships which was played in Adelaide.
- Member of the Riverina Lions Open Side Grand Finalists of the AFL Canberra Competition.

#### 2011 achievements

- NSW U16 National School Championships (Canberra). Captain of the Inaugural Team.
- Giants Cup NSW Open School Championships (Sydney). Captain of the Kildare Catholic College side where they were Runners Up.
- Member of the Riverina Lions Open Side where they were Grand Finalists in the AFL Canberra Competition.

#### Matthew Hamblin nominated by Matthew Hayes

Matthew's achievements this year have been across every sport he has participated in; he trains hard to develop his skills in each of these sports.

- PSSA Small Schools 11 year Swimming Champion
- Ganmain Swimming Club Junior Champion
- Represented Coolamon Ardlethan Zone in the PP5 Swimming Relay team at Albury
- PSSA Small Schools Cross Country 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- District Cross Country 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Represented Coolamon Ardlethan Zone at Riverina Cross Country Carnival, placed 8<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve for Riverina team
- PSSA Small Schools 11 years Athletics R/U Champion
- Represented Coolamon/Ardlethan Zone at Riverina Athletics Carnival in 800m race, placed 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Represented Riverina at the State Athletics Carnival in the 800m race, placed 31st
- SWJFNL U11'S Best and Fairest player
- SWJFNL Best on ground for the GGGM Lions in the Grand Final.
- GGGMJFNC U11's Best and Fairest and Best in Finals
- Ganmain Tennis Clinic September 2013 Doubles & Singles Winner
- Temora Triathlon 1<sup>st</sup> place in age group
- Cootamundra Triathlon 1<sup>st</sup> place in age group
- Coolamon Touch Association Upper Primary Team played in Grand Final
- Ganmain Junior Cricket Club Junior Best Batting Average Award

#### Courtney Menzies nominated by Greg and Janice Menzies

Courtney's love of netball started when she first starting playing in 2009 in the Coolamon Weekend Comp for the Ganmain Lions.

#### 2011 achievements

Wagga & District Netball Competitions runner-up in the 14's age division Runner-Up

#### 2012 achievements

- Ganmain Grong Grong Matong U15 Junior Best and Fairest
- Riverina Football League U15 Runner-Up Best and Fairest

#### 2013 achievements

- Selected to play for Barellan & District Netball association in the U15 team at the state age championships in Sydney.
- Ganmain Grong Grong Matong U15 Runner up Best and Fairest
- South-West Football League Fourth Best and Fairest.
- Selected in Yanco Agricultural High School Opens Netball
- Selected to represent the South West Juniors in an U15 Netball team that played against Wagga & District and was named the best for South West Juniors on the day
- Ganmain Grong Grong Matong A-Reserve Runner-Up Best and Fairest
- Riverina Football League Third Best and Fairest.
- Selected in the Southern Sports Academy U15 Academy side to attend the state age championships against 12 other Academy teams across NSW.
- Selected in the 2014 Barellan & District Representative Netball U17 side to attend the state championships in Sydney.
- Selected in the Southern Sports Academy Town and Country Open Netball team for girls up to the age of 18.

#### **Antoinette Pleming** nominated by Fiona Willis

#### 2013 achievements

- Joint winner of the Wagga District Junior Football and Netball League Under 13 Best and Fairest for Netball.
- Member of the team that won the Under 13 WDJFNL Netball Grand Final.
- Member of WDJFNL Representative side.

#### Georgia Quinn nominated by Anthony Quinn

#### 2013 Netball achievements

- Best & Fairest winner for the under 13 South West Football League.
- Best & Fairest winner for the GGGM u/13
- Represented the South West Football League and won Best Player on Ground

#### Isaac Rayner nominated by Bill Thompson

- Youngest player to win a NSW title
- Currently playing in the NSW Bowls State Championships.
- Commenced playing bowls at the age of 4 just having fun playing up & down the green by himself.
- Progressed to playing Pennants and Club Championship events at the age of 7.
- Continued playing bowls at Coolamon until the end of 2012 when he accepted a Junior Sporting scholarship with Riverina Australian Football Club in Wagga Wagga
- Named Pennant Bowler of the year on 3 separate occasions and has won the Club Pairs twice with the Coolamon Bowling Club.
- Numerous representations at both junior and senior levels resulting in a number of Junior Singles,
   Pairs and Fours titles

Currently representing in the NSW Junior Boys State Team for the 2014 season.

#### Blake Ryan nominated by Victor and Darlene Smith

#### 2011:

Selected in under 12 Wagga Touch Representative Team;

#### 2012

- Selected in under 12 NSW State AFL team
- Played in winning team for Upper Primary school Touch Football Coolamon Competition;
- 1st in 800 metres at BISSA Athletics Carnival
- 1st in age group 2013 Kildare Catholic College Cross Country
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Age group Cross Country Riverina All Schools
- Runner up in Junior District Bowls singles
- Won Junior District Bowls Pairs
- Won Junior District Bowls Fours & Zone Fours.
- Plays Grade three pennants for Ganmain
- Won Best & Fairest Ganmain Lions under 13 AFL & Best in Finals

#### 2013

- Member of GWS Giants Academy Squad in 2013;
- South West Junior Under 13's Best & Fairest Fourth
- Played in Winning Rugby League Yr 7 School Team.

## SHANE TILL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT Presented by Barb & Bill Till

Sporting Achievement Award: A person who has achieved an outstanding performance (as a participant or administrator) in the field of sport, either during the previous 12 months or over a number of years.

#### Murray Stephenson nominated by Tom Goss

Murray has had an outstanding season as a member of the CRFC Senior Football Team.

- The Club's Best & Fairest in a Premiership year
- Regularly attended Junior training on his non-training Senior nights helping out the junior coaches.
- Selected in the RFL representative team mid year and was one of the first picked in the RFL team
  of the year.
- Called up at the last moment for the WS Giants reserves as well.

#### COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### Ganmain Public School P&C Triathlon nominated by Kellie Hamblin

The Ganmain Public School P&C Triathlon is a high quality annual event that has gained the reputation of being the **best triathlon in the Riverina Region**. The triathlon involves hundreds of locals and promotes a healthy lifestyle, whilst in the process raising invaluable funds for a number of not-for-profit community groups and creating significant positive publicity for the school, town and the Shire generally.

In its fourth year in perfect conditions the 2013 triathlon saw over 250 individual entrants and 30 teams participate in four separate triathlon events catering for all ages and abilities. Participants came from far and wide with triathletes travelling from Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Narrandera, Temora, Cootamundra, Leeton, Henty, Hillston, Coonamble, Tumut and Albury-Wodonga.

This event has become a flagship event for the Ganmain community with many, many volunteers from the local community assisting, a large number of who have no direct affiliation with the Public School, but who

are simply more than willing to support this fabulous local event. The event has been an inclusive, whole of community event that provides opportunities for participants and volunteers alike.

#### YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Young Citizen of the Year Award: A person 25 years of age or under, who has made a valuable contribution to the community, either during the previous 12 months or over many years of service.

#### Hayden Minchin nominated by Bronwyn Hatty

Hayden is a mature young man who demonstrates great leadership attributes and actively involves himself in the Ardlethan community.

- Completed his schooling at Ardlethan Central School in 2012 and currently studying at Charles Sturt University whilst undertaking an Auditor/Accountant cadetship with Bush & Campbell Accountants, Wagga Wagga.
- School captain of Ardlethan Central School in Year 12 and received major awards at the Presentation Night, particularly for Citizenship.
- Active member of the School Representative Council, fulfilling the role of Secretary.
- Attended Parliament as part of the 2011 Secondary Schools leadership program and received a certificate for leadership by Member for Parliament Adrian Piccoli.
- Chairperson of Coolamon Shire's major Youth Week event in 2012, GLOW.
- Organised a youth trivia Night in Ardlethan to celebrate Youth Week in 2013.
- Successfully nominated for a position on the NSW Youth Week Young People's Advisory Committee (YPAC), responsible for providing advice on the management and operation of Youth Week NSW in 2013. Hayden will continue his work with the YPAC in 2014 after again being successfully nominated to this Advisory Committee.
- Selected to represent Coolamon Shire Youth at the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Take Charge Youth Leadership Forum in 2013.

#### Georgia Roberts nominated by William Thompson

#### Achievements

2013 - School captain of the Riverina Anglican College

2012 - School Commitment Award

2012 - Senior First Aid Certificate

2012 - Youth Blood Bank Ambassador

2011 - Resuscitation Course

2011 - Bronze Medallion, Royal Lifesaving Association

#### Voluntary/Community Work

- Raised funds for the Cancer Council by competing in the 2011 City to Surf
- Teaching dance to primary school children
- Waitressing at the annual St Andrews Anglican Church Art Show
- Blood Donor
- Selling Legacy badges
- Helping stalls for Daffodil Day
- Attending Rotary Peace Day
- Mentor for Year 7 students 'Pal Up Program'
- Youth Blood Ambassador

#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Citizen of the Year Award: A person over 25 years of age, who has made a valuable contribution to the community, either during the previous 12 months or over many years of service.

#### Mark Corbett nominated by Bronwyn Hatty

Mark is a Ganmain resident who has dedicated a large part of his life to community projects and events through his involvement with several organisations.

- Member of the Ganmain Progress Association for approximately 20 years, playing an integral role in organising the town's annual Australia Day Breakfast celebrations and Christmas Carols
- Member of the Ganmain Hall Committee since 2001, included helping manage the restoration of the Hall, fundraising activities and setting up for regular market days.
- Member of the Ganmain Show Committee for over 15 years. As Steward of the Poultry Section he
  has contributed many volunteer hours to the Ganmain Show over the years.
- Volunteer of the Rural Fire Service (RFS)
- Assist the Red Nose Day Rural Style Committee each year by donating hay bales for the 'riding circle'
- Volunteer at the Coolamon Ganmain Hospital Auxiliary Fete in the Ganmain Victory Gardens

#### Sister Rita Corbett nominated by Coolamon Catholic Women's League

- Sister has now celebrated 51 years as a Sister of Saint Joseph.
- Returned to Coolamon as a Sister of Saint Joseph 14 years ago, visiting the sick, the lonely and the housebound across our community, offering comfort, support and/or encouragement as the circumstances required.
- Whilst a resident of Allawah Lodge over the last 11 years, her comfort, support and encouragement
  has become more concentrated at that locality, continually visiting the sick in their rooms, keeping
  an eye on those who are new or may be finding things a bit of a struggle in coming to grips with life
  in the lodge. Also organises regular religious services for those who seek such solace and cooperates with ministers from other religions to ensure all are catered for in this particular aspect of
  their lives
- Extends her care and concern by making regular visits to those in hospital.
- Regular supporter of the broader community via the Coolamon Craft Shop as well as the Hospital Fete and the Ganmain Show with her well known high quality needlework. She also continues to be an active member of the Catholic Women's League.

#### Gay Eisenhauer nominated by Joanne Steward.

- In 2012 she received The Bus and Coach Driver of the Year Award. In her role as a bus driver, Gay not only holds the safety of the bus children as paramount, but also provides them with i-pads, colouring-in activities and puzzles to do whilst on board!
- An active member of the Anglican Church, providing music by playing the organ on a weekly basis. She often fills in for Kids Church serving as a Sunday School Teacher and is a member on the Ganmain Parish Council. Until recently Gay worked at G.P.S. as a Youth Worker
- Uses her musical talent to assist with Australia Day Celebrations and Christmas Carols at Ganmain and as a piano teacher, Gay displays patience and encourages her students to strive high.
- Her days are long and are worked along side her husband as a farmer and even recently she delivered 2 baby calves!.

#### **Andrew Hatty** nominated by Tina Bingham

- Captain of the Matong Rural Fire Brigade.
- President of the Matong Public School P & C.
- Member of the Matong Hall Committee.
- Ganmain Grong Grong Matong Junior Football Club has also benefited from Andrew's involvement. as assistant Auskick coach and is currently the under 11's assistant coach.
- Heavily involved in the Ganmain Show Society over the last few years.
- In his spare time he works alongside his father on the family farm and is the father of 4 children.

#### Warren McLoughlin nominated by Deirdrie & Michael O'Neill

- Over a period of ten years has supported the Coolamon Rovers Football Club by undertaking the roles of coach, team manager and assisting in the organisation of 'Footy Lotto'. He was also a regular worker at the Club's working bees.
- Has held the role of President in 2012 and 2013 for the Coolamon Rovers Senior Football Club and has been a tireless worker for the Club.
- Contributed to the Coolamon Cricket Club as a committee member for 4 years and also as a team manager.
- President of St Michaels School P&F for 7 years.
- An active senior member of the Coolamon Fire and Rescue, having already completed over fifteen years of service.

#### Clare Frances Munro nominated by Richard Jennings and William Thompson

- Clare is employed by the Coolamon-Ganmain Hospital as the Community Health Nurse and has worked in this role for over 20 years.
- Heavily involved in the broader community, especially with St Michael's Parish where she has been involved with the school and administration within the Church.
- Along with husband Neil, she has given a large amount of time to the local football and netball clubs.
- As a parent and proud mother of five, Clare is a strong role model to her children as well as families throughout the district.
- As a mentor to the local Canola Adventurers, a men's group, which has a membership of over 40 to 50 who meet weekly and organise various activities.

#### Anthony Wayne Rudd nominated by Kindra Park Trustees.

- Anthony (Tony) Rudd is a dedicated and passionate person about engaging young people in sport and education.
- He has been a foster carer for the past 16 years with over 12 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children in his care for both long term and short term placements.
- Tony has been actively involved in junior sport for the past 30 years with the last 13 years in junior rugby league, touch football and weekend excursions (cultural / sport/ recreation) for boys in the Wagga and Coolamon area. Tony has been actively involved as a coach and committee member for Wagga Kangaroos Junior Rugby Club 2001-2011, Turvey Park Junior Rugby League Club 2012-2014 and Coolamon Touch Football Association.
- 2009 2013 Group 9 Southern Pool under 12's development squad; 2011-13 Riverina Aboriginal Schoolboys Bagaraygan Mawang U 16's/U14s Rugby League Reconciliation NADIOC program; 2012/13 Riverina Reconciliation NADIOC Girls League Tag program; 2013 Nation of Origins NSW NADIOC cup.
- 2010-2012 sponsored (provided transport & payment of touch fees) for 5 Aboriginal boys from Wagga to play in the Coolamon Touch Association
- Has coached a number of local young people in rugby league over the past 12 years as well as organising, providing transport to training and to games.
- Work as Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer running a number of programs in schools and for the communities in which he works based around sport, engagement and respect.
- Committee member of Dance Away Violence a PCYC initiative for the past 3 years.
- Member of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Wagga which promotes positive partnerships with education for Aboriginal people and ensuring all students have an understanding of Aboriginal Australia.
- Actively involved in Mawang Gaway an Aboriginal Community group which takes in Wagga and surrounding areas including Coolamon. This is a community based group where Tony has developed a partnership with ensuring young people are encouraged to participate in NADIOC events, leadership opportunities, reconciliation activities and cultural participation including representing the Riverina in sporting activities.
- Mentors a number of youth who are disengaged from school encouraging them to complete their education and building self-esteem and confidence

#### **Kristie Smith** nominated by Jennifer Hatty

- Currently holds the position of Matong Public School P and C Association secretary.
- P and C catering co-ordinator which has resulted in a number of successful and delicious catering for functions.
- Volunteer mentor in successful mentoring program was introduced at Matong Public School in 2013
- Involved with the organisation and running of GGGMJFC Auskick program.
- Ganmain Pied Piper Preschool has greatly benefited from her involvement over the last few years including the appointment to the roles as Secretary and President.
- Involved with the Red Nose Day Rural Style committee.

#### **Graham Stinson** nominated by Kathy Goss

- Member of the Allawah Village community
- Constantly offering assistance and helping those in need.
- Regularly visits those in the Village and the Coolamon Hospital, especially those who are ill and lack mobility.
- Involved in the Lions Paper Project over the past few years



#### **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young 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.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.



big enough to serve small enough to care

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