## **Media Release**

## **Council to Host Inaugural Australia Day Eve Event**

## 14 January 2019



Buloke Shire will host its first ever Australia Day Eve event for all Buloke residents this month.

The event, to be held on Friday 25 January 2019 at the Wycheproof Hall from 6.00pm, will be highlighted by the announcement of the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year awards.

Incorporated into the evening will be a Citizenship Ceremony to help mark the occasion for the candidates in the best possible way.

Tonia Todman will also appear as part of the Australia Day Ambassador Program. Tonia has extensive editorial and journalism experience, and was in-house author and Editor with J.B. Fairfax Press. She has written 28 books on cooking, craft, home decorating and DIY.

Tonia spent 10 years at Australian Vogue, working with designing, marketing, product development, teaching, and styling for fashion, craft and home interiors.

The event is fully catered and all residents are welcome to attend.

"Council is very excited to be hosting an event for all of Buloke on Australia Day Eve. To be able to bring together people from right across the Shire to mark our awards, welcome our newest citizens and celebrate what's great about our country together, is something to look forward to. I encourage everyone who is able to attend to do so", said Mayor Cr Carolyn Stewart.

The community Australia Day events the next day across Buloke will have added interest with three Australia Day Ambassadors appearing. Tonia Todman will travel to Sea Lake, journalist Lawrence Money will appear in Wycheproof and Professor Greg Sassella will speak in Birchip. It had previously been advertised that Greg would also appear in Donald but other arrangements have been made for that event by the local committee.

## **End release**

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