

2017 Woodenbong Australia Day Program

A warm welcome to our Ambassador Alex Jones

Actor and co-founder of captioning company Ai Media, Alex Jones is the Australia Day Ambassador for Woodenbong. Born deaf, Alex hasn't let his lack of hearing stand in the way of his success.

He is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and was recruited to Australia in 1997 by the Australian Theatre of the Deaf.

In the 20 years he has lived in Australia, Alex has continued to extend his string of theatre, TV and film credits while also starting and developing Ai Live — a world first solution to deliver real-time, word-accurate



speech to text anywhere, with a scalable business model using speech recognition and steno-captioning over the internet. Being a deaf actor did not impede Alex's ability to step in an interpreter's role for stage productions and he has served as Director and Advisor for interpreters for many Broadway a

productions such as Sunset Boulevard and Private Lives. He also has worked as a theatre interpreter in Australia.

He has served as an ambassador for the International Day of People with Disability campaign, Don't DIS my ABILITY, and is the proud father of two sons.

Australian National Anthem—Advance Australia Fair

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 South-
ern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and
hands,
To make this Common-
wealth 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 com-
bine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us
sing,
Advance Australia fair.

The Woodenbong Australia Day Committee warmly welcomes everyone to the 2017 Australia Day celebrations.

Award Categories;

- > Citizen of the Year
- > Young Citizen of the Year
- > Sportsperson
- > Community Event or Organisation
- > Business/Service

2016 award winners and nominees

Left: 2016 Woodenbong Australia Day Award nominees, recipients and dignitaries.



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8.30am RSL Billy Tea and damper at Woodenbong Public Hall.

10.00am Assemble in front of the Public Hall for Flag Raising

10.15am Official proceedings commence

- National Anthem Master of Ceremonies Welcome and Welcome to Country or Acknowledgement of Country.
- Australia Day addresses by Woodenbong School Captains, Australia Day Ambassador Alex Jones and Mr John Martin

11.30am Presentation of Australia Day Awards

12.15pm Lunch/refreshments and

entertainment.

Cricket

12pm Cricket coaching clinic at the oval behind the swimming pool

1.30pm Annual City verses Country cricket match at the WCG (the oval behind the Woodenbong swimming pool).



The flag raising ceremony at Woodenbong's 2016 Australia Day celebrations.

Citizen of the Year nominee — Nancy Krarup

At almost 91 years of age, Woodenbong Citizen of the Year nominee Nancy Krarup still does countless hours of volunteer work in the Woodenbong community. Described as an inspirational role model, she has been involved in a host of community organisations and has volunteered her time for many causes since moving to Woodenbong as a young mother with husband Neil in 1946. Nancy assisted with Sunday school for many years before joining the Anglican Church Guild. She was a member of the Guild for 68 years and President for 35 years.

Nancy also been actively involved with the Red Cross and has been a member of the Woodenbong RSL Ladies Auxiliary for many years.

Nancy joined the Woodenbong and District Golf Club in 1971 and has been President of the Lady Golfers for all but five years.



At her 90th birthday held at the Golf Club, she was made a Life Member of the Club. Nancy helps with the Hoy Mornings and sells tickets in support of the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service. She has supported Children's Can-

cer and Wish List for many years. Nancy is an avid gardener and the grounds of the Anglican Church and Woodenbong Golf Club are testament to her skills. Prior to her retirement, Nancy worked for two decades at the Woodenbong Central School.

Citizen of the Year nominee — Jim Parker



Woodenbong Citizen of the Year nominee Jim Parker is described as a selfless volunteer for the Woodenbong community. He is actively involved in a range of community-based committees including the Woodenbong Show Committee, the Common Trust and the Border Ranges Riding Club. On top of that, Jim also is the caretaker and maintenance man for the Reserve Trust Woodenbong Showground. In this role he is responsible for mowing the area, porta-gas usage, amenities cleaning, and general cleaning and maintenance. It is a never-ending and time con-

suming portfolio.

Jim is present at every event held at the showground and is always available to lend a helping hand - help which is freely offered and willingly given.

Jim also helps with other community pursuits and committees such as the Community Coffee Group. He has always been community minded no matter where he has resided and was a keen cricket player.

Jim represented his teams in inter-district competitions, played in the Far North Coast Wheaton's Touring Cricket Club, and has happily fostered and coached junior cricketers.

Young Citizen of the Year — Madeleine Barrett

While Young Citizen of the Year Madeleine Barrett lives at Old Bonalbo, she has attended Woodenbong Central School since 2011.

In 2015, Madeleine was selected, from an exceptionally-competitive field, to take part in the University of Queensland's Young Achiever Program.

As part of that program, Madeleine set up a Breakfast Program at Woodenbong Central School where students of all ages are able to access, free-of-charge, toast and hot chocolate when they arrive at school.

Madeleine secured ongoing sponsorship from Woodenbong businesses and citizens for the purchase of bread, butter, and the other breakfast ingredients and



brought together a dedicated team of adults and fellow students to help run the breakfast program.

Madeleine also volunteers in the Old Bonalbo community where she is a regular helper with a primary after-school sports program, has recently run a seven-week dance school for primary students, and assists with cater-

ing and yard work at local events such as the Fireworks Spectacular and the Bonalbo Show and Dog Trials.

Madeleine was one of Woodenbong Central School's Secondary Captains for 2016 and represented the school at high-profile events such as Meet The Governor at Parliament House, Sydney. She is a positive role model for her fellow students, in all aspects of her life, including her love of sport and her love of family. She attends a local Bible Study most Sundays, and has a passion for cooking and gardening. Madeleine has been accepted at the University of New England and Southern Cross University to study to become a primary school teacher.

Sportsperson of the Year — Katelyn Grimmett

Sportsperson of the Year, Katelyn Grimmett has excelled on the sporting field and in the classroom.

Named joint Dux of Year 11, Katelyn's wide-ranging sporting achievements have included:

- Swimming - School swimming champion, represented Zone and was selected for Regional; member of Woodenbong Amateur Swimming Club and recipient of the Ralph Compton Memorial Trophy
- Soccer - played open soccer and was selected to play Regionals
- Rugby 7's - selected for State
- Cross Country - School champion selected for zone in Lismore
- Athletics - School champion, represented school at Zone in Lismore and selected for Regional



- Futsal - played State Futsal, selected to play in Nationals, and was then selected to play for Australia in California 2017.
- Touch Football - Played for Ballina Bull Sharks under 18's at State Cup, selected to play with

the Northern Eagles at Parkes and named Players Player; selected in the development team and named Most Valuable Player at State level; played in Open North Coast team at Banora Point and was asked by the Tweed Heads coach to play in the Queensland State Cup at Harvey Bay; awaiting trials for selection of 2017 representative team for Tweed.

- Shooting - member of school team
- Touch Rugby - plays in Warwick and was selected to play in Brisbane as part of under 21s team. Katelyn was then selected to play for Australia in New Zealand where her team came first.

Community Organisation—Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade

Fighting fires is not the only task undertaken by members of the Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade. Brigade members are all volunteers and as well as combatting fires, they undertake extensive training, organise fundraising activities, and help with community events.

To ensure they are properly skilled, fire brigade members undertake a range of training programs throughout the year, some of which are held at centres a large distance from Woodenbong. They voluntarily give up their time to undertake the training and can be called out at any time, night or day, to protect Woodenbong and district residents and



their properties from fires. Members also give up their time to prepare for the coming fire season, administer fire permits, and maintain fire brigade vehicles and equipment. Fundraising by Woodenbong Rural Fire Brigade members has built a new training facility in Woodenbong which is used by other brigades as well as the community. The brigade's fundraising activities, which include the annual Furies Fun Day golf events, also

have ensured its firefighting equipment is up to date. The brigade has attracted many new members in recent times and is widely acclaimed for its progressive approach. The brigade's service to the community is recognised and appreciated by all. The community also acknowledges the understanding of local businesses who allow their employees to volunteer as brigade members.