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# Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Australia Day is a special time for all residents as we reflect on all the things we love about Australia and our City.

Whether you were born here, recently settled here or have been living here for a little while now, we're so lucky to call this wonderful country home. A country where we can freely express our opinions, practice different faiths and come together to share our unique traditions, customs and culture.

One of the many things I enjoy most, is welcoming in our newest Australia Citizens. In a special Citizenship Ceremony held this Australia Day Eve, I look forward to swearing in 25 new Aussies, from far and wide, who have chosen to call our City home.

I'll be accused of being biased, but I know we have some of the best people in our City, who are passionate and work hard to ensure Canterbury-Bankstown is a great place to live. It's always a proud moment when we acknowledge those unsung heroes in our City.

Our Australia Day Awards this year received nominations from many outstanding locals including a tireless volunteer for a grassroots environmental group; a role model

to young men from low socio-economic backgrounds; a high school principal dedicated to promoting inclusion and cultural understanding; and a young dedicated member of the Australian Air League.

I would like to thank all of our nominees for their outstanding and unwavering dedication to our community and I look forward to meeting the recipients and hearing their inspirational stories.

And for those who would like to get involved in the celebrations, I encourage you to join us for our Australia Day Pool Parties which will be held at our Leisure and Aquatic Centres. There'll be plenty of activities for the kids, a sausage sizzle, Indigenous performances, and an inflatable slip n' slide for all to enjoy. For more details, visit **[cb.city/PoolParties](#)**

This Australia Day and beyond, may we all take the time to reflect, respect and celebrate what it means to be Australian. Happy Australia Day.

Yours sincerely,



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**MAYOR**