



Wednesday 11 January 2023

Timing of January events in Circular Head

Council is aware of community concerns regarding changes to the timing of Australia Day activities and events in Circular Head.

Elected members and staff considered the changes and were happy to try spacing out the events over January. We have found in previous years that it is a continual struggle to attract food vendors and attractions for our young people on 26 January, as they are already booked for other events along the coast. The extra distance seems to be a deterrent when they can stay closer to home and generate additional revenue that way. Therefore, we are trialling a different approach in 2023.

However, we are continuing to celebrate Australia Day on 26 January with a community breakfast from 8.30am to 10.30am at the Circular Head Community and Recreation Centre. The Australia Day Awards will be presented and there will be a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming 4 new Australian residents. This is a very popular event that recognises our amazing volunteers within our community and the wonderful place we live – all reflecting the Australian way. To continue the celebration for the day, the Tall Timbers Fireworks display will be happening between 9pm and 9.30pm at West Esplanade, Smithton.

On Saturday 28 January we are holding the Day on the Duck event between 12pm and 6pm. We are hoping that the earlier timeslot may be more appealing for food vendors and young people's activities that usually pack up early and leave. It may also be more family friendly particularly for younger families and therefore more inclusive. We do have a great line up of local talent plus the fantastic Kitty and the Heartbeats performing.

In addition to the above, resourcing of the event is becoming increasingly difficult. Volunteers are decreasing, service and sporting clubs are contacted each year and generally no responses are received and staff time is already at capacity.

We understand the concerns but be assured that Council is trying hard to cater for all community members whilst being mindful to stay within our allocated budget.

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The arrangements are too advanced at this point to be altered this year but Council will seek feedback from the community after the event to inform our decision making for next year.

If you would like to provide feedback, please email Council:
council@circularhead.tas.gov.au

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