

Australia fairs for Bellarine

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NO MATTER where you are this Australia Day you will be able to find somewhere to celebrate all things Aussie with events being planned all across the Bellarine.

The Drysdale Lions Club is hosting Australia Day ambassador, 2011 Australian of the Year, leading businessman, philanthropist and yachtsman Simon McKeon – thanks to generous sponsorship from Central Walk and Geelong City Council.

The event will run from 10.30am to 1pm at Drysdale Village Green, near Woolworths and there will be plenty of entertainment with jumping castles, a free sausage sizzle, face painting, Country Fire Authority and State Emergency Service mascots and trucks, a flag raising ceremony and more.

Event coordinator Ian Cook said it was great that Central Walk had made the event possible and offered a sincere thank you to them and Geelong City Council for their generosity.

The sixth annual Ocean Grove Barwon Heads Lions Club community kite flying project will again be on Australia Day morning from 10am at Ocean Grove main beach.

There will be kite making for children and materials are provided but limited so it's recommended that you get in early.

Everyone is welcome and event coordinator Colin Lowne said it's great for all ages to enjoy a fun day out at the beach.

"My idea is to teach children how to make and fly a kite and pass it on to generations to come," he said.

Australia Day ambassador Bob Handby will head Queenscliff celebrations with a flag raising ceremony, children's activities, sausage sizzle,

a free Indigenous plant giveaway for families and local performer Hannah Petrie-Allbutt will appear on the day. Celebrations will be held at Queenscliff Town Hall from 11am to 1pm.

Portarlington Gold Club will host Australia Day ambassador, coastal geomorphologist and

weather presenter Rob Gell for their annual event at 11am at the club, 130 Hood Road, Portarlington.

Mr Gell will make the Australia Day address, Coryule Chorus will perform and there will be a free sausage sizzle and badges and flags for the kids.



Drysdale Lions Club Australia Day event coordinator Ian Cook is presented with a sponsorship cheque from Central Walk Estate manager Adriana Falcone.