



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Media Release

Australia Day Ambassador announced for Menindee

Central Darling Shire Council is pleased to announce that an Australia Day Ambassador will be attending the 2025 Australia Day Celebrations at Menindee, which are being hosted by the Menindee CWA.

Ultra-marathoner Craig Goozee is excited to be making his first visit to Menindee, for Australia Day.

He has been on a marathon mission to raise funds and awareness for children's cancer foundations after his eldest daughter was diagnosed with cancer in 1997.

Mr Goozee has completed three ultra-marathons since 1998. In 2009, the ultimate challenge was completed with a 91-day ultra-marathon around Australia. He averaged 150km's each day to finish the journey, which is equivalent to doing a half iron man event every day.

Mr Goozee's achievements have not only raised millions of dollars, but he has been recognised for his dedication by the Australian people. His achievements include:

- 1998 – Parent of the Year, New South Wales Children's Week
- 2000 – Order of Australia Medal, Commonwealth of Australia
- 2000 – CCIA Benefactor, Children's Cancer Institute of Australia
- 2000 – Citizen of the Year, Pittwater Council
- 2000 – Rotary Community Service Award
- 1999-2009 – Australia Day Ambassador, Australia Day Council
- 2009 – Chairman's Benefactor Award, Children's Cancer Institute

Mr Goozee spent 23 years in the New South Wales Police Service including ten years as a plainclothes operative dealing with organised crime syndicates. He left the police in 2003 and has since completed his certificate 3 and 4 in fitness training. He is the published author of the non-fiction book, "For One For All".

He has appeared on Random Acts of Kindness, Today Program, A Current Affairs, Wide World of Sports, News Programs, Who Magazine, Ultra-Fit Magazine, and multiple other media outlets. In 2009, he spoke on a regular basis as a guest with sports programs on 2GO, 2KY, Sky Sports, 2UE, 2SM and many ABC stations around the country.

Central Darling Shire Council would like to thank the Australia Day Council of NSW and looks forward to welcoming Craig Goozee to the Shire.

The Menindee Australia Day event will be held at the CWA Hall from 10am.
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