



Australia Day 2023 Award Winners

Blayney Shire Council hosted the 2023 Australia Day Awards today at Heritage Park, Blayney. The day commenced with a free BBQ community breakfast at 8.00am, cooked by the Blayney Rotary Club, funded by Council, followed by the Awards Ceremony in the amphitheatre at 8.30am.

Mayor Scott Ferguson hosted proceedings and announced the winners of the 2023 Blayney Shire Australia Day Awards with Ambassador Catherine De Vrye presenting the certificates.

The award recipients are as follows:

Blayney Shire Citizen of the Year: Gwenda Stanbridge

Gwenda is involved in many community groups in the Blayney Shire including Blayney Town Association, Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group and a volunteer of Platform Arts Hub.

Gwenda is passionate about Blayney and its rich history. She works tirelessly on community projects within Blayney Shire helping Council, local businesses and interested parties research the history of local buildings and families in the region.

Gwenda was one of the volunteers involved from the early planning stages of the Platform Arts Hub project that resulted in the old Refreshment Rooms at the railway station being fully refurbished and the Platform Arts Hub opening in April 2021 as an arts and cultural community venue.

Gwenda is a very valuable member of our Community and it is an honour to present Gwenda with the Australia Day 2023 Citizen of the Year Award

Blayney Shire Volunteer of the Year: Ted Prosper and Darrin Yates

