

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Bayside Council Australia Day 2019**

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The scenic Depena Reserve in Dolls Point will take centre stage on Australia Day when Bayside Council announces its 2019 Citizen of the Year.

The official event starts at 8.15am on Saturday 26 January with a Welcome to Country and flag raising.

There will also be a Citizenship Ceremony as part of ongoing celebrations across the country to mark the 70th anniversary of the first Australian citizenship ceremony in 1949.

Bayside Council's Australia Day Ambassador, popular television broadcaster/journalist, Indira Naidoo will also be there to inspire the crowd.

Indira has turned her journalistic experience to the issues of food security, environment and sustainability.

Her first book, the best-selling *The Edible Balcony* published in 2011, about growing food in small spaces, was launched in London, Hong Kong and New York. Her follow-up book about community gardening, *The Edible City*, was published in 2015.

Some very Aussie-inspired entertainment starts from 10am with free events and activities for the whole family to enjoy including:

- A Didgeridoo Performance
- A Spin Hoop Dance Workshop
- Diraamu Aboriginal Band
- The Party Starters Band
- Face painting
- Lamington making
- Community Sausage Sizzle by local Scouts

What better place to share the day and celebrate being Australian with your local community than the beautiful Botany Bay.

The Botany Aquatic Centre will also be open on Australia Day with free inflatables and giant games to keep the kids amused.

For more information call Council's Customer Service Centre on 9562 1666 or visit [www.bayside.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au)

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For more information on Indira Naidoo see: <https://www.celebrityspeakers.com.au/indira-naidoo/>

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