



**COLEAMBALLY**

**Australia Day, Sunday 26 January 2020**

### **PROGRAM**

**8.00 am - 8.50am - FREE Lions' breakfast supported by Murrumbidgee Council through Australian Government Drought Communities Programme**

Donations towards Red Cross Disaster Relief & Recovery Appeal welcome on the day.

Great music

**9.00 am - Official program begins**

National anthem and flag raising – RSL

Welcome by Murrumbidgee Council Mayor,  
Cr Ruth McRae

Ambassador's address: Mr Warren Potent

Presentation of prizes - Colouring-in Competition,  
Photography – "My Coleambally"

Poetry – "Coleambally/Australia Day"

Coleambally Australia Day Community Awards for  
2019

Cutting of Australia Day cake



## **Australia Day Ambassador 2020**



### **Warren Potent**

Warren is Australia's most successful rifle shooter. He has been ranked the number 1 prone rifle shooter in the world six times in his career.

Warren has represented Australia at the Sydney, Athens, Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro Olympic games.

In 1986 Warren won the world championships.

During the 1998 Commonwealth Games, Warren won a bronze medal. That same year he also represented Australia at the World Championships.

In 1999, Warren achieved gold and bronze medals at the Oceania championships.

In 2000, Warren had numerous wins; the Australian Prone Championship. Warren finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the Sydney World Cup event this year, the test event for the Olympics shooting tournament. He placed 19<sup>th</sup> in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He was also named Champion of Club Champions.

In 2001, Warren won the Commonwealth Championships.

2003 competed at numerous World cups placing in the top twenty at most events and won several medals at the Oceania Championships.

In 2004 came 15<sup>th</sup> in the Athens World Cup and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Milan World Cup, then competed at the Athens Olympic Games.

In 2006, came 5<sup>th</sup> at the Commonwealth Games, 7<sup>th</sup> at the World Championships as well as obtaining a bronze medal at the World Championships.

In 2007 Warren won the NSW state and Oceania Championships, came 4<sup>th</sup> in the USA World Cup then back to back World Cups in Sydney and Bangkok, Thailand! He then came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the World Cup Final where he met his wife, Lee. He was also named as the Australian Shooter of the Year in that Year.

In 2008, Warren came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rio de Janeiro and Munich World Cups. He won the Beijing World Cup/Olympic test event, equalling the world record. He then won the World Cup final in Bangkok.

On top of that, Warren won a bronze medal at the Beijing Olympic Games. The first ever Olympic medal for an Australian rifle shooter!

In 2009, Warren won three World Cups, the most anyone has ever won. He also shot another Australian record with a perfect score. He then competed at the World Cup Final where he came 3<sup>rd</sup> giving him three medals in the same event three years running.

Warren was named Australian Shooter of the Year for the third year in a row.

Warren topped off 2009 marrying his wife, Lee!

In 2010, Warren shot a world perfect score 600 out of 600 while winning the World Cup in Sydney.

He won bronze and silver at the Commonwealth Games.

In 2014, he had possibly his best year ever, reaching every international final that he competed in.

He also won the Commonwealth Games gold medal, then a month later, won the World Championships. His first individual world title as well as becoming the first Australian rifle shooter to do so!

Warren's other interests include: amateur watchmaking, old style engines, fishing (when he has any time) and music.

- Holder of two Commonwealth records.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Australian rifle shooter to win a World Cup final.
- Only Australian rifle shooter to win an Olympic gold.
- Only Australian rifle shooter to compete at 5 Olympics.
- Only Australian rifle shooter to win a World Championship.

- One of only two people in the world to be both the Commonwealth and World Champion at the same time.
- 5 x Olympian, Olympic medallist
- 30 years competing in international competition
- 3 x Commonwealth medals including 1 gold
- 12 x World Cup medals including 7 gold
- 3 x World Cup final medals including 1 gold
- 3 x World Championship medals including 2 gold

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## Competitions for Australia Day 2020

**Colouring in** - for preschool, K-1, 2-3 children

(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in each category); senior

**Poetry writing** – “Coleambally/Australia Day”  
open, 1st

**“My Coleambally”** – photography  
(Primary; Secondary; Adult – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>)

*Many thanks to Coleambally  
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the prizes for these competitions.*

## Award nominees for 2019

Coleambally Bowling Club Mens' Pennant Team,  
Coleambally Central School 4x50m Central  
School Relay team, Phoebe White, Margaret  
Naseby, Alison Hayes, Tom Breed, Laura  
Mannes, Hannah Pound, Coleambally Football  
Club CFNC 1979 40 Year Premiership Reunion,  
Monika Burgess, Under 11's AFL Football Team,  
Lucy Bolton, Lauren Pound, Toby Price  
Challenge, Tim Strachan, Mark Doughty & Suzi  
Pallet, Mark Jay, Natalia Burgess, Rhys  
Ballintine, CCS Open Girls' Netball Team,  
Danielle Mannes, Darlington Point-Coleambally  
Rugby League Football Club 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Team 2019, Darcy Mader, Riley Perkins, Dallas  
Hickey, Peter Dunbar and Joshua Veivers

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