

Press Release



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Steve Waugh AO joins Wollongong in celebrating Australia Day

One of the country's most loved and respected Australians, Steve Waugh, will help Wollongong celebrate Australia Day on January 26.

Local health insurer, ahm, is proud to have provided health insurance to Steve and his family for almost 20 years. Steve will attend this year as a special guest of ahm.

Wollongong Lord Mayor, Alex Darling, is proud and excited to have someone of Steve's calibre visiting the city.

"As a former Australian of the Year and also 2005 Father of the Year, Steve is an iconic Australian. It's wonderful to have him here to help our city celebrate. He knows what it means to be Australian and he can share that with our newest citizens."

Steve will enjoy a variety of activities with locals on Australia Day including a special beach cricket instructional session, autograph signing, guest appearance on the main stage and kid's corner and taking part in the citizenship ceremony.

ahm is also proud to have the Wollongong IMB Hawks basketball team on hand for lots of fun activities. As a platinum sponsor, ahm has the Hawks health covered on and off the court and is keen to support its local team and the community.

The IMB Hawks players will be checking out Steve's cricket instruction, signing autographs, giving a basketball demonstration on the main stage and in Lang Park and hanging out with the kids at Kids Corner.

ahm CEO, Mike McLeod, was delighted to have such high-profile sports personalities associated with ahm and promoting Wollongong. "ahm has been in this community since 1971 and it's important to us to build strong ties with the community and promote both ahm and our great city."

The official Australia Day program of events will be launched by Wollongong City Council on January 15 at Belmore Basin from 10.30am.

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A photograph of Steve Waugh is featured on page 2.

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Steve Waugh, with ahm for almost 20 years



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