

ORDER OF CEREMONY

MC Jason Linnane, General Manager Singleton Council

The Army Guard marches on to music by Singleton Town Band

Arrival of the Official Party

Flag Breaking Ceremony

Welcome to Country
Warren Taggart

Rev Canon Michelle Hazel-Jawhary
Singleton Ministers Association

Cr Danny Thompson
Chairman Singleton Australia Day Committee

Charles Croucher
Australia Day Guest

Citizenship Ceremony

Darcy Gilson
2020 Young Achiever of the Year

Gary Holland
2020 Citizen of the Year

Announcement of the 2021 Singleton Citizen of the Year



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Australia Day Guest **CHARLES CROUCHER**

Charles Croucher was born in the NSW Hunter Region.

He was named Australian Commercial Radio's newcomer of the year in 2006 and joined the 9 Network in 2010 covering sport and politics in Darwin.

Since then he has been based in Melbourne, Canberra, Los Angeles and Sydney.

As Nine's North American Correspondent he covered everything from natural disasters to the Oscars' red carpet, super bowls to the impeachment of Donald Trump.

As part of Nine's team he has covered elections in seven countries and every Australian state and territory.

Citizen of the Year **NOMINEES**

JAN FALLDING

A passionate advocate for music, tourism and the arts, Jan devotes a considerable amount of her time to helping the Singleton community including as a member of our Singleton Arts and Culture Community Advisory Group, Singleton Cultural Development Advisory Committee and the Singleton Tourism Advisory Committee.

WENDY LAWSON

Wendy's contributions to our community range from environmental protection, tourism and viticulture as the president of the Broke Bulga Landcare for over 20 years, treasurer of the Singleton Landcare Network and member of several other environmental groups including the Wollombi Catchment Water Users group, Upper Hunter Irrigators Committee and a community leader of the Broke Clean up Australia Day campaign.

KENNETH MACKETT

The Senior Deputy Captain of the Putty Rural Fire Service was instrumental on the frontline protecting properties with the rest of his brigade in the Gospers Mountain "mega fire" in early 2020. He is also passionate about the local environment as a member of the Three Valleys Landcare Group, and was part of the team involved in the restoration of Putty Creek.

KAY SULLIVAN

The president and founding member of the Singleton Cancer Appeal Committee has helped to raise considerable funds for Singleton Hospital that means our residents can stay in Singleton for medical treatment rather than having to travel to Newcastle. Kay has been successful in obtaining grants and sponsorship for a range of equipment, as well as refurbishing four palliative care rooms at Singleton Health Service. Kay also works with special needs children each week, an activity she undertakes with enthusiasm and compassion.

FRED TURNER

The Rural Fire Service (RFS) Group Officer Hunter Valley has been a volunteer for over 40 years, and now plays a commanding role in managing fires, usually from the bird's-eye view of a helicopter with an air observer's qualification, enabling him to direct the helicopter pilot using his own knowledge of the Singleton district. Fred has also found time to dedicate to the Singleton Legacy Group, volunteers at the Australian Army Infantry Museum, is an honorary member of the Infantry Centre Sergeants Mess, and has been a member of the Singleton Lions Club and Singleton RSL Sub-Branch.