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AUSTRALIA'S FIRST STATE: NUMBER ONE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

No matter whether you're in the back of Bourke or in the centre of the City there is something for everyone everywhere this Australia Day.

Minister for Tourism, Jodi, McKay, today encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the Australia Day celebrations right around NSW on Tuesday.

"NSW is Australia's number one State for events and there are so many different and exciting activities happening in Sydney and throughout the State on Australia Day," Ms McKay said.

"In Sydney our beautiful Harbour will be bustling with excitement with the Australia Day Tall Ships Race, the Ferrython, an amazing flyover by the C130's and plenty more.

"There are also a number of exciting things happening in Hyde Park including the Herefords Great Aussie BBQ, entertainment on the Hyde Park Main Stage and the kid's playground.

"And of course Australia Day wouldn't be the same in Sydney without the 9pm fireworks at Darling Harbour."

Ms McKay said Sydney wouldn't be the only place partying on Tuesday with plenty happening all around the State.

"Down in the Illawarra there will be a host of Novelty Events, Competitive Sports, Family Fun Days, Food & BBQ's, Music & Entertainment and Fireworks," Ms McKay said.

"Out West, Bathurst, Tullamore and Orange will all have official ceremonies, fun days, food and music and Parkes will hold their 2010 Carnival Cup Harness Race.

"Up North in Tweed Heads, Port Macquarie and Taree there will be citizenship ceremonies, music, family fun days and plenty more."

Ms McKay said she would be spending Australia Day in her home town of Newcastle and enjoying as much as she could fit into the day.

"In Newcastle there will be roving street performers, food and market stalls and the annual State Series Junior Triathlon from East Esplanade to Newcastle Baths.

"No matter where you are on Tuesday one thing is for sure, you'll be able to find an Australia Day party to celebrate our wonderful country," Ms McKay said.

"NSW knows how to party and Tuesday is another great opportunity to show Australia and the rest of the world what they're missing out on.

"History shows that when it comes to having a good time, NSW and Sydney do it best. Just look at the Olympics, World Youth Day, the World Masters Games and of course New Years Eve.

For more information on Australia Day Celebrations in your local area visit www.australiaday.com.au

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