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Hundreds of Australia Day events on offer

Victoria will host hundreds of events on Sunday to celebrate Australia Day.

Melbourne will be the epicentre of the state's celebrations with family-friendly concerts and entertainment.

Premier Denis Naphine will lead the Australia Day Affirmation as part of the traditional Flag Raising ceremony at Melbourne Town Hall from 10.30am.

"We live in the best state in the greatest country on earth, and Australia Day is an opportunity to come together to celebrate what it means to be an Australian," Dr Naphine said.

Victoria's cultural diversity will be on show from 11am in one of the day's most popular events, the Australia Day Parade.

Thousands of people will line Swanston Street to cheer on more than 60 community, sporting and cultural groups as they make their way to the Queen Victoria Gardens.

In the nearby Kings Domain Gardens, more than 450 veteran, vintage and classic vehicles will be on display from 10am to 3.30pm.

The RACV Australia Day Picnic will feature a host of free activities, food stalls and entertainment.

The Royal Australian Air Force's roulettes will rocket over the gardens at 2pm.

Dr Naphine encouraged Victorians to join the Australia Day festivities across the state.

"Australia Day is a great time to acknowledge those in our community who are making a real difference, especially volunteers who are the heart and soul of communities across the state," Dr Naphine said.

"I know Victorians will celebrate in their own unique way through family breakfasts, barbecues, and backyard or beach cricket.

"I wish all Victorians a fantastic Australia Day as, together, we celebrate a great country and a great state."

For more events see go to:
<http://www.australiaday.vic.gov.au>

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