

**Minutes of the Australia Day Committee Meeting
of the Council of the City of Shellharbour
Held in the Ground Floor Training Room, Shellharbour Civic Centre on
Wednesday 18 April 2018 commencing at 4:34 pm**

Present:

Cr Marianne Saliba (Chairperson)	Mayor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Moira Hamilton	Shellharbour City Council
Cr Robert Petreski	Shellharbour City Council
Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff	Group Manager Community Connections
Mr Jamie Dawson	Manager Community Engagement
Ms Toni Lindwall	Community Engagement Officer
Ms Barbara Street	Community Representative
Mr Steven Krinks	Community Representative
Mr Ron Dryburgh	Community Representative

Attendance:

Ms Christine Matesic	Agenda / Administration Officer
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Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

1. Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Australia Day Meeting 10 January 2018

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Steven Krinks / Barbara Street

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Committee Meeting held on 10 January 2018 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Committee of the Whole Australia Day Meeting (Confidential session) 10 January 2018

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Barbara Street / Ron Dryburgh

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Australia Day Committee Meeting (Confidential session) held on 10 January 2018 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

3. General Manager's Department

Australia Day 2018 - Debrief Report

The Chair introduced and welcomed Councils new Manager Community Engagement, Jamie Dawson to his first meeting.

The Chair invited the Community Engagement Officer the opportunity to talk about the event and stipulated the event is primarily to bring people together.

The overall feedback received from volunteers has been pleasing, they have a sense that staff are available and are 'hands on' at the event. This success continues largely to the effort and dedication of volunteer groups, assistance from the Committee and the generous support of sponsors.

Tickets sales were slightly down on the previous year; however the event continues to be popular and well attended by local and the tourist community. Many families were gathering and bringing their own picnic enjoying the entertainment and activities.

Mr Dryburgh remarked that he was given the role of roving ambassador. He noticed that the 'Thong throwing' was not on the event schedule and personally spent time rounding up children who were keen and getting involved.

Ms Street advised the sand modelling was well received and those who participated enjoyed it. She also made comment that the Youth services painting appeared to be a popular event.

The event was well received by people from other demographics. The Community Engagement Officer advised that postcodes are captured and that a large number are from Sydney.

Councillor Petreski was also happy with the running of the event. Councillor Petreski made the suggestion and believed it would be beneficial to have a couple of large public displays or to the equivalent of LED signs around the area of Reddall Parade to display the program for the day.

Mr Dryburgh responded that the Men's shed would be happy to make something that could display large signage.

The Mayor proposed that the sand modelling have more committee members on hand to judge events and that an ordering format would prove beneficial with designated areas.

Councillors Petreski left the meeting at 4:50pm.

Overall everything was in place and everyone seemed to enjoy the celebration of Australia Day.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moira Hamilton / Stephen Krinks

That the Australia Day Committee receive and note this report and the feedback provided on the 2018 event.

4. General Business

The Manager Community Engagement advised that his department will be embarking on an 'Events Strategy'. It will be in the form of a workshop about the Australia Day event in particular and will look in detail at what we are doing and also to consider anything additional that can be included as part of the event. The objective is to host an additional meeting (in between the two) and then be able to report back to the Committee.

To cater for the broader and other areas within the community an evaluation framework will look at what events have been held and could be looked into for the future.

Mr Dryburgh sees many opportunities and has encouraged the committee to think about ways that the community can participate in by holding events. He suggested perhaps the Stadium could be used, the Mayor responded that we would need to consider costs associated with using such facilities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ron Dryburgh / Barbara Street

A workshop be conducted in relation to the Australia Day event (in between the two annual meetings) to discuss recommendations and considerations from the Australia Day committee.

5. Next Meeting

To be confirmed

Meeting closed 5:03 pm