

Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at
Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 2 February 2021

Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee
Meeting Held via Teams webcast video link
on Wednesday 13 January 2021 commencing at 4:30pm

Present:

Cr Marianne Saliba (Chairperson)	Mayor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Moira Hamilton	Shellharbour City Council
Cr Robert Petreski	Shellharbour City Council
Cr Kellie Marsh	Shellharbour City Council
Ms Barbara Street	Community Representative
Mr Ron Dryburgh	Community Representative
Ms Kiki Cuda	Community Representative
Mr Harold-John Pador	Community Representative
Ms Tamieka Garcia	Shellharbour Young Citizen of the Year
Mr Ben Mofardin	Representative for the Member for Whitlam
Mr Shane Bitschkat	Representative for the Member for Kiama

Attendance:

Ms Peita Quarmby	Events and Activation Officer
Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff	Group Manager, Community Connections
Mr Jamie Dawson	Manager Community Engagement and Activation
Ms Jessica Malcom (Minute taker)	Community Connections Administration Officer

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, present and emerging.

1. Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Australia Day Meeting 6 January 2020

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Petreski

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 January 2020 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

It was NOTED that there were no other meetings held during the year.

3. Community and Customers

3.1 Australia Day Awards

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Street / Petreski

That the Australia Day Committee resolve into Committee of the Whole (Closed session Confidential) to consider all nominations received for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year for 2021 and decide on the recipients of the 2021 Australia Day Awards.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4.35 pm

Meeting resumed at 4.55 pm

4. Items for Information

Mr Jamie Dawson provided an update on plans for the Australia Day dinner – Nick Rheinberger, a musician and local personality from ABC Illawarra breakfast radio will be the MC for the evening. The dinner will be held at the Links Tavern and all plans are on track at this stage.

Mr Jamie Dawson also reminded the committee that there will be no breakfast by the lake this year due to the restrictions on public gatherings related to the NSW Government Public Health Order. Two citizenship ceremonies will take place at the Civic Centre on Australia Day. There will be a traditional welcome and smoking ceremony hosted by Gumaraa from 10-10.30am on the lawn which the committee is welcome to attend. The ceremony will be outdoors and is permissible under the current restrictions.

Cr Marianne Saliba also indicated there will be a flyover of aircraft on the day, and murals being created across the city. There will not be any major organised events due to restrictions but there will be some smaller COVID-safe events. We are hoping for a return to the normal events next year, including the breakfast.

Cr Marianne Saliba also acknowledged the Citizen and Young Citizen of the year for 2020. Unfortunately there were many events they were not able to attend this year, but their commitment to the community should be acknowledged.

5. General Business

6. Next Meeting

7 April 2021

6 October 2021

8 December 2021

Meeting closed 5.00 pm