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1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence**3. Confirmation of Minutes****3.1 Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting 7 April 2021**

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 April 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. Disclosures of Interest**5. Presentations****5.1 Governance Induction for Community Representatives**

Presenter – Flora Lepouras
Executive Manager, Shellharbour City Council

6. Staff Reports**6.1 Update on Australia Day Awards Nominations (11759142)**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Australia Day Awards Nominations. The call out for nominations for the Australia Day Awards is now public with nominations to close 3 December 2021.

Due to the low number of applications in previous years, the community has been given two options on how to submit a nomination this year. Community can submit a nomination form online or download a printable nomination form both located on the Shellharbour City Council website page. It is hoped this faster and efficient approach will increase nominations received.

A report has been prepared for Council to seek endorsement to temporarily suspend the terms of reference for the Australia Day Advisory Committee. This will allow current Councillors to continue in their role on the Australia Day Advisory Committee as a 'Community Representative' until new Councillor representatives can be elected at the first meeting of the new Council in 2022. Current Councillors will be able to participate in the selection process of the Australia Day Award recipients

The committee will consider nominations and will decide winners at the Australia Day Committee meeting scheduled for 8 December 2021. A verbal report on the number of nominations will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Australia Day Committee receive and note this report.

Report prepared by: Jessica Smith, Events and Activations Officer

Responsible Manager: Jamie Dawson, Manager Engagement and Activation

Date of Meeting: 3 November 2021

6.2 Update on Australia Day Awards Event (11759144)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Australia Day Awards Event.

The Australia Day Awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Shellharbour Sports Awards at the newly branded event – ‘Shellharbour Community Awards’. This event will be held at the Shellharbour Civic Centre on Friday 21 January 2022 commencing 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start.

The event is expected to have a total of 200 guests including attendees from both the Australia Day Committee and Shellharbour City Sports Assistance Advisory Committee, the award nominees as well as their friends and family plus dignitaries and other members of our community.

Nominations for the Australia Day component of the Awards will close on 3 December and a meeting of the Committee to discuss and decide on the recipients has been scheduled for 8 December 2021. The event will be in the form of a theatre style Awards ceremony with light refreshments by Culinarius Catering and a cash bar. Entertainment on the night will include music, performance, guest speakers and an MC to host the evening.

Recommendation:

That the Australia Day Committee receive and note this report.

Report prepared by: Jessica Smith, Events and Activations Officer

Responsible Manager: Jamie Dawson, Manager Engagement and Activation

Date of Meeting: 3 November 2021

6.3 Update on Australia Day Update on the Australia Day Community Event (11759143)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Australia Day Community Event.

The impact of COVID has been felt right across the Event industry, with many programs and events planned by Council having been cancelled or re-scheduled and re-imagined to ensure a safe and appropriate environment for all.

The traditional Australia Day Breakfast is unable to proceed in 2022 due to the inherent risk of serving shared food in an uncontrolled, volunteer run environment. It is not possible to safely control this aspect of the event whilst the risk of COVID infection remains high.

In lieu of the breakfast event, the Events team has been working on ways to mark the occasion in a COVID appropriate way. The 2022 event will be presented as a twilight concert taking place by the lake at Reddall Reserve. Audiences will be encouraged to bring a picnic, their friends and family and wind down the day with high quality music overlooking one of the City's most beautiful locations.

A Citizenship ceremony to be delivered in the same format as it was in January 2021, held at the Shellharbour Civic Centre. Council received very positive feedback on this element of the event in 2021 and believe it is a valuable and creative way of welcoming our newest citizens.

Recommendation:

That the Australia Day Committee receive and note this report.

Report prepared by: Jessica Smith, Events and Activations Officer

Responsible Manager: Jamie Dawson, Manager Engagement and Activation

Date of Meeting: 3 November 2021

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Date: 8 December 2021