

**Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee
Meeting held Hybrid Style from the Ground Floor
Training Room and Teams Video Link, Shellharbour
Civic Centre on Tuesday 19 December 2023
commencing at 4:03 pm**

Present:

Councillor Colin Gow (Chairperson)	Community Representative
Councillor Moira Hamilton	Community Representative
Councillor Kellie Marsh	Community Representative
Barbara Street (OAM)	Community Representative
Donald Briggs (OAM)	Community Representative
Daniel Hicking	Community Representative
Shane Bitschkat	Community Representative
Alan Beveridge	Citizen of the Year 2023
Councillor Robert Petreski	Representative for Member for Shellharbour

Attendance:

Councillor John Davey (part)	Councillor Observer
Kate Jessep	Executive Director Community and Culture
Claire Killeen	Executive Manager Marketing and Communications
Toni Lindwall	Manager Community Engagement and Activation
Lisa Davey	Governance Manager
Allison Bonaz (Minute Taker)	Corporate Meetings Officer

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

An apology was tendered on behalf of Cr Jacqui Graf.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Gow / Street

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting 14 December 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Street / Gow

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 December 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Disclosure of Interest

Community Representative, Alan Beveridge declared an interest for a nominee of the Young Citizen of the Year award. It was noted that Alan Beveridge would not vote for the winner of the Young Citizen of the Year for 2023.

5. Reports

5.1 Update on the Australia Day Breakfast by the Lake

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Street / Hicking

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee receive and note the Update on the Australia Day Breakfast by the Lake report as provided by Council Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Community Awards

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Briggs / Hamilton

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee receive and note the Community Awards report as provided by Council Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Gow / Briggs

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee resolve into Committee of the Whole (Closed session Confidential) to consider all nominations received for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Environmental Warrior and decide on the recipients for 2024 awards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm

Meeting resumed at 4:57 pm

5.3 Update on the Community Awards Presentation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Briggs / Hamilton

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee receive and note the Update on the Community Awards Presentation report as provided by Council Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Next Meeting

To be advised following the Australia Day Breakfast by the Lake.

Meeting closed 5:15 pm