

**Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2023**

**Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting  
Held Hybrid Style in the Ground Floor Training Room and  
Teams Video Link, Shellharbour Civic Centre  
On Wednesday 14 December 2022 commencing at 4:01 pm**

**Present:**

Mayor Chris Homer (Chairperson)	Community Representative
Councillor Colin Gow	Community Representative
Councillor Moira Hamilton	Community Representative
Ms Barbara Street (OAM)	Community Representative
Mr Ron Dryburgh	Community Representative
Ms Kiki Cuda (online via Teams)	Youth Community Representative
Mr Laurie Boyle	Citizen of the Year 2022
Mr Ryan Scheu	Young Citizen of the Year 2022
Councillor Robert Petreski	Representative for Member for Shellharbour

**Attendance:**

Ms Toni Lindwall	Manager Community Engagement & Activation
Ms Renee Acers (Minute Taker)	Community Connections Admin Officer

It was NOTED that Mayor Chris Homer was attending as the delegate for Councillor Kellie Marsh to chair and vote on her behalf.

**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**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Cr Jacqui Graf, Cr Kellie Marsh and Member for Kiama, Gareth Ward MP.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Street

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

**3.1 Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting 8 December 2021**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Street / Hamilton

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

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

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

**5. Staff Reports**

**5.1 Australia Day Awards Nominations for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Gow

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the report provided by Council Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Gow

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 and decide on the recipient of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Gow

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee resolve into Committee of the Whole (Closed session Confidential) to consider all nominations received for Young Citizen of the Year for 2023 and decide on the recipient of the 2023 Young Citizen of the Year Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm

Meeting resumed at 4:29 pm

## **5.2 Update on the Community Awards Presentation**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Gow

That the Australia Day Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the verbal report provided by Council Officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **6. Next Meeting**

19 April 2023

18 October 2023

13 December 2023

**Meeting closed 4:32 pm**