



Minutes

Australia Day Committee

12 October 2023

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mayor, Cr Paul Amos, Beverley Crane, Sharon McDougall (CoCH Events) and Torrie Murace (CoCH)

Absent: Cr Tegan Swan

Apologies: Dorothy Hayes OAM

2. Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference were discussed with the committee members.

3. Award Nomination Categories

Categories and selection criteria confirmed for the Australia Day Awards 2024:

-  Citizen of the Year Award
-  Young Citizen of the Year Award
-  Community Arts Award
-  Sport and Recreation Award
-  Mayor's Community Spirit Award

The Committee decided that nominations to close 31 December 2023 to allow time for the review of the nominations by the committee.

Awards need to be on the website as soon as possible – Torrie to action.

Promotion of the Australia Day Awards to include radio, social media, council's website – Torrie to action.

Links to the website and nomination forms and criteria for categories to be emailed to committee members.

4. General Business

a. Australia Day Awards Presentations and Citizenship Ceremony.

It was agreed that the Award Presentations and Citizenship Ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday 25 January 2024 in the River Oak Room at Yarrila.

b. Australia Day Activities

Discussions were held on possible activities for the community that could be held for Australia Day.

Sharon to:

- obtain costings on suitable activities for Australia Day ie providing free entry to the Coffs Harbour Swimming Pool for a couple of hours on Australia Day morning (10am to 12pm)
- provide a free BBQ by community service groups ie Lions, or Rotary ect
- provide music for Australia Day morning.
- Discuss with community service groups if they would like to put on some fun activities at the Fitzroy oval or the Jetty Foreshore for the community to engage in.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held end of November, date to be decided.