

# AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING - DEBRIEF

## MINUTES



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| <b>Date</b>             | 5 August 2020   | <b>Start Time:</b> 5.15pm | <b>Finish Time:</b> | <b>Location:</b> Skype meeting and Level 10 Committee Room 3 |
| <b>Meeting Purpose</b>  | Commence coordination of Australia Day 2021   |                           |                     |  |
| <b>Attendees</b>        | James Powell, Robyn Hampton, Sherryl Reddy, Grant Plecas, Jeremy Susan Wardle (WCC), Vera Cvetkoski (WCC) |                           |                     |  |
| <b>Apologies</b>        | Lord Mayor, Geoff Phillips, Berth Quiros  |                           |                     |  |
| <b>Trim References:</b> | <b>Container Number</b>   | CCE-040.095.196           | <b>Record No</b>    | Z20  |

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| 1   | Apologies<br>Apologies noted.  |     |      |           |
| 2   | Charter<br>In the absence of a Deputy Chair the Committee agreed to not appoint a chair and that it was appropriate for Susan and Vera to lead the meeting. The Quorum for the meeting was met.  |     |      |           |
| 3   | <p><u>2021 Event Planning</u></p> <p><u>Celebrations at Belmore Basin</u></p> <p>Susan Wardle talked through the scenarios for Australia Day and the considerations needed with regards to COVID, she further noted the importance of direction for the event so the team could commence coordinating.</p> <p>Vera Cvetkoski talked through proposals received from light show companies noting that having a harbour based was the most economical from a budgeting perspective.</p> <p>Susan Wardle went through the options for the event and reviewed the budget, noting that sponsors were up for renewal and that 2021 would be difficult sell. It was further noted that the budget would be limited to approx. \$100k.</p> <p>Even with a scaled down event of just light show there would be costs for traffic, audio visual and other elements the budget would still be tight</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the scenarios and budget. Andrew asked if was possible to get an indication of what the capacity of the harbour is, Susan noted that this could definitely be mapped. There was also discussion around the difficulty of maintaining social distance during and after the light show.</p> <p>Susan noted that at this stage it is envisaged that NYE will have fireworks.</p> |     |      |           |

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|   | <p>It was noted that Vera and Susan are to review the budget and consider costs of essential line items and map a couple of budget scenarios.</p> <p>There was discussion noting the Lord Mayor's desire to diffuse gathering of people, the committee considered and discussed options for consideration following are some of those suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lighting display across multiple sites and days</li> <li>- Consider what Australia Day Aquathon will look like.</li> <li>- Confirmation that citizenship will proceed</li> <li>- Lightshow or fireworks, consider budget implications</li> <li>- Pop up light shows or displays throughout the week to film and promote</li> <li>- Combination of lighting and fireworks, smaller pop up displays with short lead notification on the locations</li> <li>- Light the lighthouse with a modest fireworks display</li> <li>- Consider an aerial visual rather than ground ie sky dive display</li> </ul> <p>Other concerns raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How will people be managed at Flagstaff Hill</li> <li>- If we go back to fireworks and we have another bushfire season like the last we could be in the same situation as last year</li> <li>- Community sentiment around fireworks should be considered.</li> </ul> <p>The committee agreed that they would like to progress the ideas of lighting installations and an aerial component and light up the lighthouse. 2021 would be a very scaled down version limited to no food no amusement rides and potentially no entertainment.</p> |    |  |  |
| 4 | <p><u>Citizenship ceremony</u></p> <p>The committee agreed that Flagstaff hill is a good option to host the Citizenship ceremony, Town Hall to be booked as a backup. Consider the requirement for Volunteers as a lot are from Vulnerable groups, consider staff only for both the citizenship and the other elements of the celebrations.</p>   | SW |  |  |
| 5 | <p><u>Australia Day Ambassador</u></p> <p>There were a few suggestions for Ambassador which were added to the list.</p>   |    |  |  |
|   | <p><u>Australia Day Baby</u></p> <p>Robyn is willing to continue with the Australia Day Baby gift. The presenting of the gift to be considered with regard to COVID and ensure that we are working within restrictions at the time.</p>   |    |  |  |

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| <u>Volunteers</u>           | Less significant than it has in previous years due to the scaling of the event. Further discussion regarding requirements to be had when the event details/format has been confirmed. Committee agreed that they could cover the shortfall if required.   |  |  |
| <u>Australia Day Awards</u> | <p>There was discussion regarding the Australia Day Awards noting that nominations will proceed and that the format options of the dinner need to be explored.</p> <p>Nominations package is to be finalised before the September meeting ready for distribution.</p> <p>The committee agreed that Senior Citizen needs to be noted as 65 and over, the addition of Wollongong to the World to remain and that Young Citizen of the year is to be noted as up to the age of 30.</p> <p>Nominations pack to be circulated for comment.</p> |  |  |
| <u>General Business</u>     | No general business   |  |  |
|                             | There being no further business the meeting was closed at 18.07hrs  |  |  |

**Next meeting date: WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2020 SKYPE MEETING**