

# AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING - DEBRIEF

## MINUTES



<b>Date</b>	17 June 2020	<b>Start Time:</b> 5.15pm	<b>Finish Time:</b> 5.50pm	<b>Location:</b> Skype meeting and Level 10 Committee Room 3
<b>Meeting Purpose</b>	Commence coordination of Australia Day 2021			
<b>Attendees</b>	Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery AM, Robyn Hampton, James Powell, Bertha Quiros, Jeremy Lasek, Andrew Horne, Alyssa Norris, Susan Wardle (WCC), Vera Cvetkoski (WCC)			
<b>Apologies</b>	Geoff Phillips, Glenn Moore, Ashley Heath			
<b>Trim References:</b>	<b>Container Number</b>	CCE-040.095.196	<b>Record No</b>	Z20

No.	What	Who	When	Completed
1	<p><b>New Committee Welcome</b></p> <p>Susan gave an update on status of the committee, noting the nominations received. There was discussion with regards to the committee and a youth representative Andrew suggested that there is an opportunity to have a look at the Young citizen winners over the past couple of years and see if there is anyone from that list who may wish to join the committee.</p>			
2	<p><b>Australia Day Committee Charter</b></p> <p>No comments regarding this item</p>			
3	<p><b>2020 Event Debrief</b></p> <p><u>Australia Day Celebrations</u> The discussion commenced with a debrief of the 2020 event with the Lord Mayor noting that other than a few issues the event seemed to go well. Susan gave a further update on Tracey Needham's progress following her injury. Jim noted that he believed that the main stage area wasn't working in Osborne Park, Susan noted that she understood that it was the will of the committee to take the stage back to Lang Park. There was no further discussion</p> <p><u>Australia Day Awards</u> It was noted by the committee that this element of Australia Day went well. There were no further comments.</p> <p><u>Citizenship Ceremony</u> It was noted by the committee that this element of Australia Day went well. There were no further comments.</p> <p><u>Ambassador</u> The committee started to pull together suggestions for the 2021 ambassador. Robyn suggested Dr Karl , Jeremy suggested Peter Valades and Geoff Phillips. Bertha asked if it could be a local person rather than someone out of the</p>			

	<p>area, the committee confirmed that it is possible for the Ambassador to be based in the LGA.</p> <p>May need to reconsider volunteer registration space – shared space with St Johns became a bit full at times. Changes to food voucher system required. Only 3 options would be easier.</p> <p>A few more volunteers would be good.</p> <p>Less wasteful to have one volunteer shirt that can be used for multiple years Eg Andrew Horne's red one from a few years back. Feedback also that this year's shirt was not comfortable (too hot). Agreed to proceed with a generic shirt for future years that can be worn for both NYE and Australia Day.</p> <p><u>Australia Day Baby</u>  Robyn reported that all went well with the arrival of an Australia Day Baby. The family had expressed their gratitude to Council and the sponsors for the gift pack</p> <p><u>Volunteers</u>  Andrew noted that there weren't many volunteers assisting at the citizenship ceremony. The Foreshore seemed to run well, numbers seemed low and foot traffic was low also hence volunteers weren't engaged.</p>		
4	<p><b>2021 Event Planning (noting COVID-19 Impact)</b></p> <p>Susan gave an overview of the 2021 scenarios noting that these options are being delivered with consultation having been undertaken with both NSW Health and the department of Premier and Cabinet.</p> <p>The recommendation was to proceed with the awards and nominations process and consider the delivery options in line with the public health orders.</p> <p>Lord Mayor noted that he will be back into delivering citizenship ceremonies shortly for approximately 40 pax.</p> <p>It was suggested that instead of fireworks that we focus on a light display on the escarpment with suburban vantage points. The committee agree with the sentiment of a light show. Lord Mayor noted that the Aboriginal Land Council would need to be involved in the process if mt Keira was to be one of the locations for a light show.</p> <p>Jeremy asked if there was a possibility of waiting a month or so before making a decision on the direction of the event so that emerging out of COVID could be seen and get a better understanding of how restrictions will start to lift. Lord Mayor noted that the events team are to provide some quotes on light shows to be put to the committee before a decision is made.</p> <p>Andrew suggested that perhaps consideration should be given to a vivid style light show rather than laser light.</p> <p>Jeremy provided a contact, Electric Canvas, as a contact for the light and laser installations</p> <p>Susan noted that budget is a concern with key income streams being heavily affected. Amusement rides provide income so to do stall holders, both of these being doubtful for the 2021 event. Susan also raised a concern regarding the ability</p>	SW	

	<p>to attract sponsorship in the current climate. The budget is to be reviewed and an updated provided to the committee.</p> <p>On the note of award nominations, Jeremy noted that he has some nominees for awards and would like to forward a template to the nominator so that they can start preparing the application. Susan confirmed that Council is able to provide guidelines, however the 2021 nominations form is not available as yet. This would generally go out in September / October.</p> <p>Lord mayor asked the committee to start considering appropriate candidates for the Australia Day Award nominations.</p>			
5	<p><u>General Business</u> Nothing further to report</p>			
	<p>With there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5.50pm</p>			

**Next meeting date: WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020. SKYPE MEETING**