

**ITEM 19 QUESTION WITH NOTICE - RECOGNITION OF FEDERATION****QUESTION SUBMITTED BY**

Councillor Ryan Morris

**QUESTION**

“With the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation of Australia being celebrated in 2026 –

- 1 What events will be proposed by council?
- 2 What, if any, federal grants are available to conduct ceremonies or commemorative events?”

**ANSWER**

At this point in time, Council has not allocated resources to holding any events to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation of Australia.

Across 2025 and early 2026, Council will deliver Culture Mix, a pilot event for the Permit Plug Play Pilot Program, New Year’s Eve, Australia Day, Carols in the Park and potentially an Open Streets event (pending advice in May 2025 of a successful grant application), as well as a number of smaller civic events including Lord Mayor’s Giving Tree, Bikers Toy Run arrival and City of Wollongong Awards.

In addition, in October 2025 Council staff will support the delivery of Council’s Host City commitments for the 2025 World Triathlon Championships Finals.

Without commitment of both funding and additional staffing resource, there is no further capacity to deliver additional events for the Federation of Australia’s anniversary.

Council annually applies for federal funding via the Australia Day Community Grants. We are not aware of any grants specifically being offered to support events marking the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation of Australia. We are aware that Randwick Council is planning a series of events in Centennial Park (which is where the important document was signed at the time).