

AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE MEETING



MINUTES

Date	2 September 2020	Start Time: 1715hrs	Finish Time: 1756hrs	Location: Skype meeting
Meeting Purpose	Coordination of Australia Day 2021			
Attendees	Lord Mayor, Andrew Horne, James Powell, Robyn Hampton, Glen Moore, Andrew Clark, Sherryl Reddy, Grant Plecas, Jeremy Lasek, Susan Wardle (WCC), Vera Cvetkoski (WCC)			
Apologies	Geoff Phillips, Berth Quiros, Alyssa Norris, Ashley, Cr Janelle Rimmer, Grant Plecas			
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No.	What	Who	When	Completed
1	Apologies noted. Minutes Andrew Horne 2 nd Jim Powel			
2	<p><u>Australia Day Celebrations – decisions</u> Susan gave update on all elements of planning thus far including lighting and locations. Lord Mayor noted would be lovely to have some food that people can gather in a social distanced. Further discussion around this was noted regarding ensuring COVID restrictions were being me.</p> <p>Vera Cvetkoski gave an update on the lighting noting that we are now working towards a few hours of light effects rather than a light show. Quotes and proposals are been sourced and will be tabled for decision at the next meeting.</p> <p>Susan Wardle noted she has had discussion with emergency services and NSW Health representatives. She also confirmed that the intention is to hold media and not promote activations as broadly. Wait on advice before decisions are made.</p> <p>Lord Mayor noted that we have something to work on and proceed with caution, it will be low key event regardless.</p> <p>Susan Wardle noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Rob Battocchio regarding Aquathon, number of operational changes that will impact his event.</p>			
3	<p><u>Australia Day Awards</u> Nominations Categories The committee received the nomination forms and criteria and confirmed at the meeting that information provided is correct and are happy to proceed with the call for nominations.</p> <p>Event style</p>			

	<p>The Lord Mayor noted that it wouldn't be appropriate in this current climate to proceed with an awards dinner, this was agreed upon by the committee. The committee provided suggestions on how the awards could be done. The Lord Mayor further noted that he would like to consider having a presentation event when it is COVID safe to do so.</p> <p>Andrew Horne suggested that Australia day recipients can potentially get formal public recognition at the citizenship ceremony.</p> <p>Jim Powell suggested that the committee consider doing a presentation without any catering and just have the presentation. Lord Mayor and Susan Wardle discussed costing of such a scenario with winners + 1 at the presentation only.</p> <p>Jeremy Lasek suggested that to enable the message to reach the broader community, a day time event to attract media should be considered.</p> <p>Andrew Clark added that the robotics have held some creative events and presentations and offered to send examples through for the committees consideration.</p> <p>Andrew Clark also raised a question regarding the judging for awards and offered to design a custom set scale to work through nominations. The committee agreed that this approach would be useful and transparent. Andrew to provide the next meeting</p>			
4	<p><u>Citizenship Ceremony</u></p> <p>Lord Mayor noted that he would like to proceed with Citizenship Ceremony in Town Hall in a reduced mode, the committee agreed with this approach.</p>	Susan Wardle		
5	<p><u>Australia Day Ambassador Program</u></p> <p>There was discussion regarding the suggested Ambassadors with the committee considering all suggestions provided in the lead up to this meeting.</p> <p>The committee have prioritised the suggestions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Carl • Debra Mailman • Peter Valandes • Adam Murphy • Damien Leith (added post meeting) 			
	<p><u>General Business</u></p> <p>Jeremy Lasek thanked the committee for accepting the young committee member suggestion, looking forward to welcoming Mary to the next meeting.</p>			

<p><u>Australia Day Baby</u> Robyn Hampton gave an update on Australia Day Baby noting that all is progressing well.</p> <p><u>Australia Day activation suggestions</u> There was a suggestion from Robyn Hampton that perhaps there could be an Australia Day Surf Boat race from Stanwell Park to Port Kembla of local Surf Lifesaving clubs. The committee agreed that this is a great idea.</p> <p>There was a further suggestion to reach out to other sporting clubs also to see if there is anything that they could coordinate for Australia Day.</p> <p>Jeremy Lasek suggested that an approach be made to Surf Lifesaving Clubs to coordinate the surf boat race.</p> <p>Jim Powell to liaise with NSW Lifesaving clubs and report back to the committee</p> <p>Jeremy Lasek suggested the Surf Boat race could be called the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Cup, the suggestion was well received.</p> <p>A further suggestion by the Lord Mayor was to make an approach to HARS to consider other aviation options including a flyover the LGA. Lord Mayor noted that he will make contact with Bob Delahunty and that the cost could be shared with Shellharbour and or Kiama if they are interested.</p> <p>Andrew Clark raised the possibility of having a drone display, the committee agreed that this would look amazing however the cost for something like this is beyond the Australia Day budget.</p>			
Meeting closed 1756hrs			

Next meeting date: WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020 SKYPE MEETING