

PRESENT

Members:

Mr Malcolm Merrick (Tacking Point Lions Club)
Mr Graham Hogan (Tacking Point Lions Club)
Mr Andy Neal (Wauchope Rotary Club)

Other Attendees:

Mr Stewart Todd (Group Manager Governance & Executive Services)
Ms Jenny Mead (Corporate Events Coordinator)
Mr Robert Dwyer (Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce)

The meeting opened at 8.38am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mrs Pennie Evans-Lord, Mr Will Jamieson and Mr Greg Cavanagh.

Resignations formally received and accepted from:

Ms Liss Sines (Community Representative) and The Laurieton Lions Club (Community Group). Ms Sines has recently moved from the Mid North Coast. Laurieton Lions have experienced a decline in membership and therefore will no longer have enough members to successfully plan and stage Australia Day Celebrations in the Camden Haven.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the apologies received from Mrs Pennie Evans-Lord, Mr Will Jamieson and Mr Greg Cavanagh be noted and accepted.
 2. That the resignations from Ms Liss Sines (Community Representative) and The Laurieton Lions Club (Community Group) be noted and accepted.
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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2012 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

**06 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN THE
CAMDEN HAVEN**

One Expression of Interest was received from the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce. Robert Dwyer and John Saunders from the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce were invited to attend the meeting to receive an overview of the Community Groups' role on the Australia Day Sub-Committee. Discussion took place relating to the Australia Day celebrations staged across the region.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Expression of Interest to join the Australia Day Sub-Committee to assist in the planning and staging of Australia Day activities in the Camden Haven be accepted from the Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce.
 2. That Camden Haven Chamber of Commerce receive a letter from the Australia Day Sub-Committee welcoming them to the Sub-Committee as a Community Group representative.
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07 2013 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES BUDGET

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the budget allocation for 2013 Australia Day activities to be staged across the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area of \$15,000.00.

08 2013 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Discussion took place regarding the categories and online process to be undertaken for the 2013 Australia Day Awards.

Discussion regarding the format for the Awards Ceremony also took place.

CONSENSUS:

1. That categories for the 2013 Port Macquarie-Hastings Australia Day Awards be:
 - a) Young Citizen of the Year
 - b) Citizen of the Year
 - c) Senior Citizen of the Year (65 years +)
 - d) Community Group of the Year
 2. Consideration be given to splitting the Senior Citizen of the Year Award into Male and Female categories should enough nominations be received.
 3. That online nominations and hard copy nominations will be accepted for the 2013 Port Macquarie-Hastings Australia Day Awards.process.
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09 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - CAMDEN HAVEN

Discussion took place regarding the past history of the Australia Day Celebrations staged in the Camden Haven, the locations where these celebrations have been held and types of activities conducted on the day.

CONSENSUS:

That the discussions for the 2013 Australia Day Activities in the Camden Haven be noted.

10 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - WAUCHOPE

Wauchope Rotary Club representative advised that the Rotary/Lions Club Members have determined that the official program will be conducted in the Rotary Hall at Bain. Concerns were expressed that the Rotary Hall has a maximum capacity of approximately 120 people and therefore will not be able to provide participation at the official ceremony by all those who attend. Wauchope Rotary Club representative noted the concern expressed and advised that an area will be set up outside the hall to cater for the overflow. Concern expressed by Wauchope Rotary representative regarding the All Abilities Playground and the effect the new design will have on future events staged at Bain Park.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Wauchope Rotary/Lions Club prepare and present to the Australia Day Sub-Committee proposed site plans and activities to be planned and staged in the in the Rotary Hall and Bain Park, Wauchope on Australia Day 2013.
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2. That a copy of the final layout of the All Abilities Playground to be constructed at Bain Park be provided to Wauchope Rotary/Lions Club.
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11 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - PORT MACQUARIE

Tacking Point Lions Club representative advised that their Club members have determined that the Australia Day Celebrations for Port Macquarie will be held on Westport Park for 2013 and have requested that the official program be held in the Theatre at the Glasshouse. Activities on Westport Park would run from 8.00am – 2.00pm (kids games, market stalls) with the Official Program (Flag raising, speeches, Australia Day Ambassador, MP's Citizenship Ceremony) commencing from 3.00pm at the Glasshouse. Concerns were expressed that the crowd may disperse and not attend the official program at the Glasshouse and it was noted that the theatre has a maximum capacity of approximately 600 people.

CONSENSUS:

That the Tacking Point Lions Club prepare and present to the Australia Day Sub-Committee proposed site plans and activities to be planned and staged on Westport Park, Port Macquarie on Australia Day 2013.

12 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Australia Day Sub-Committee adopt the following dates as its meeting schedule:

- Friday 20 July 2012
- Friday 17 August 2012
- Friday 21 September 2012
- Friday 19 October 2012
- Friday 16 November 2012
- Friday 14 December 2012
- Friday 18 January 2013
- Friday 22 February 2013

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.1 Confirmation of Australia Day Sub-Committee:

The Group Manager Governance & Executive Services advised the Sub-Committee that the new Council being elected in September will be required to reconfirm all Council committees.

The meeting closed at 9.50am.