

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Michael Cusato
Malcolm Merrick (Tacking Point Lions Club)
Andy Neal (Wauchope Rotary Club)
Duncan Wyndam (Tacking Point Lions Club)

Other Attendees:

John Saunders (Laurieton Rotary Club)
Wayne Evans - Sailability NSW
Rick Eller - Sailability NSW
Angela Hughes - PMHC Youth Development Officer
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Development)
Jenny Mead (PMHC Corporate Events Coordinator)

The meeting opened at 8.40am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Mr Will Jamieson (Wauchope Rotary Club) and Mr Richard Gander (Community Representative) be received and accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2013 be confirmed.

Item 10 - Australia Day Activities - Port Macquarie was brought forward to enable representatives from Sailability NSW to outline their proposal for aquatic activities to be included in the Australia Day 2014 celebrations to be staged in Port Macquarie.

10 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - PORT MACQUARIE

Representatives from Sailability NSW outlined their proposal to coordinate a number of aquatic activities to be held on the Hastings River on Sunday 26 January 2014. These activities are to be staged in conjunction with the Australia Day celebrations to be conducted on Town Green by Tacking Point Lions Club.

Sailability NSW advised that they will liaise with local commercial cruise boat operators, local aquatic sports clubs and private yacht owners, and undertake and obtain all necessary NSW Maritime Aquatic Licence applications. The Committee was also advised that the PMQ Yacht Club will be conducting races on the Hastings River on Australia Day 2014.

The Sub-Committee members present at the meeting welcomed the inclusion of such aquatic activities and outlined past aquatic activities held on the Hastings River on Australia Day which were very well received by the community.

Sailability representatives were advised that in order to allow council's insurer to note the events to be conducted, the following information would be required to be submitted :-

- A program detailing the type of aquatic events to be staged
- times and locations of starting/finishing points
- copies of risk assessments
- Certificates of Insurance Currency
- details of aquatic license applications/approvals

The representatives from Sailability NSW thank the Committee for their time and then left the meeting.

Council's Youth Advisory Officer outlined discussions held with Council's Corporate Events Coordinator and members of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) regarding the possible inclusion of additional youth activities as part of the Australia Day Celebrations for 2014. In addition to the PMQ's Got Talent Quest, a "Triple J Top 100" site down near the Skate Park would be included as well as the engagement of a sand sculptor down on Town Beach.

Tacking Point Lions Club then provided an update on the items listed for discussion in the report. Committee advised of initial discussion with NSW Fire Brigade about possibility of emergency service vehicle displays on Town Green

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The information in the Australia Day Activities - Port Macquarie report be noted.
2. The information outlined by Sailability NSW be noted and that Sailability provide the information sought by council's insurer as soon as possible.
3. The updated information provided by Tacking Point Lions Club on their proposed Australia Day celebrations in Port Macquarie be noted.
4. Infrastructure be contacted to confirm the accuracy of the information obtained on the location of services that lay beneath Town Green.

11 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor Peter Besseling entered the room.

CONSENSUS:

That the information contained in Item 05 - Business Arising from Previous Minutes be noted.

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

The representative from the Rotary Club of Laurieton - Mr John Saunders was asked to exit the room prior to discussion relating to the EOI taking place. Discussion on the EOI received took place.

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The information in the Expressions of Interest - Australia Day Celebrations in the Camden Haven be noted.
2. 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 Rotary Club of Laurieton.
3. The Rotary Club of Laurieton be advised in writing of their appointment on the Australia Day Sub-Committee.

Mr John Saunders was invited to rejoin the meeting.

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The Sub-Committee members were advised that a tentative booking for the Glasshouse Auditorium had been made as the wet weather contingency plan for this event. Committee members also advised that Lyn Lelean has kindly agreed to Emcee the Australia Day Awards Presentation Evening.

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The Sub-Committee note the information in the 2014 Port Macquarie-Hastings Australia Day Awards report including nomination timeline.
 2. The Eligibility Criteria be reworded to include the changes discussed at the meeting.
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08 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - CAMDEN HAVEN

Update provided on most items listed. Emcee still to be confirmed as well as performances by Hastings District Highland Pipe Band. Committee advised of initial discussion with NSW Fire Brigade about possibility of emergency service vehicle display down at rear of Laurieton United Services Club.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the information in the Australia Day Activities - Camden Haven Report be noted and that the update provided also be noted.
 2. Council's Youth Development Officer consider a request to set up a Geocaching activity in the Camden Haven, similar to that proposed at Wauchope, in lead up to Australia Day 2014.
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09 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - WAUCHOPE

Update provided on most items listed. Emcee still be to be confirmed as well as performances by Hastings Municipal Town Band/Hastings District Pipe Band and Sing Australia. Committee advised of initial discussion with NSW Fire Brigade about possibility of emergency service vehicle display on Bain Park, Wauchope

CONSENSUS:

That the information provided by Wauchope Rotary Club on their proposed Australia Day celebrations be noted and that the update provided also be noted.

11 AUSTRALIA DAY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee members note the information in the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule report.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.0 Australia Day Ambassador Program:

Advice received from the Australia Day Council of NSW that the online Australia Day Ambassador Program for 2014 will open at the end of September 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.58am.