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**PRESENT****Members:**

Tacking Point Lions Club representative - Janice McGilchrist  
Tacking Point Lions Club representative - Malcolm Merrick  
Wauchope Rotary Club representative - Andy Neal  
Laurieton Rotary Club representative - Graham Hare  
Laurieton Rotary Club representative - Phil Hafey  
Ex-Officio - Mayor Peter Besseling

**Other Attendees:**

Liesa Davies - (Acting Director Community & Economic Growth)  
Jenny Mead (PMHC Community Events Coordinator)

**Invitees**

Tacking Point Lions Representative - Duncan Wyndham  
Wayne Evans OAM - Aquatic Activities Volunteer  
Rick Eller - Aquatic Activities Volunteer

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The meeting opened at 8:40am.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the apologies received from Councillor Sharon Griffith, Lucilla Marshall and Will Jamieson be noted and accepted.

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Minutes of the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13 January 2017 be amended to delete Number 2.- from Item 11 - 2017 Australia Day Celebrations - Port Macquarie.
  2. That once the amendment outlined above has been completed that the Minutes for the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting 13 January 2017 be confirmed.
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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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Nil.

Before moving to the next Agenda item, the Mayor wished to bring forward General Business to outline details from the Ordinary Council meeting held last night in relation to the item pertaining to the Review of Select Council Committees.

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**06 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**13.01 REVIEW OF SELECT COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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The Mayor provided an overview of the report and read out the Minutes from Item 09.14 Review of Select Council Committees.

Discussion then took place with the Mayor answering questions put forward by those in attendance. Representatives from Tacking Point Lions Club accepted the offer put forward by Liesa Davies - Acting Director of Community and Economic Growth to meet and further discuss how this adopted change will impact and affect the meeting schedule and how the proposed Working Groups will be formed moving forward. Details of a suitable time and date to meet will be advised to the TPLC representatives via email.

The Mayor then continued to with the next listed agenda item.

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**06 2017 AQUATIC ACTIVITIES - PORT MACQUARIE**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Sub-Committee note the information outlined in the 2017 Aquatic Activities - Port Macquarie report and the verbal updated provided at the meeting.
2. The on water event was very successful, attracting a large spectator crowd but a number of factors need to be addressed to further build on the event including:
  - Lack of television coverage of the aquatic activities - the largest on water activity outside of Sydney, north to Brisbane held on Australia Day
  - PMQ Tourism and PMQ Chamber of Commerce would like to see more publicity of the event
  - It would be good to have Councillors attend the event
  - Possibility of more funding being available to allow publicity with the local Focus Magazine to promote the event
  - More publicity to showcase the Police Launch from Coffs Harbour attending the event

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**07 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the 2017 Australia Day Awards report and the verbal feedback provided at the meeting.
2. That the PMHC Australia Day Awards Criteria and nomination form be reviewed in the lead up to the opening of the 2018 PMHC Australia Day Awards.
3. It be noted that Council's Communications Section is currently liaising with its online forms software provider to arrange for the adding of "save as you go" feature to the online nomination process, along with a "receipt of nomination" email to be forwarded to nominators to confirm their successfully lodged nomination. Timeline provided to Council's Communication Section is 1 June 2017.
4. General feedback is that the Sub-Committee members were happy with the event format.

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**08 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR**

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**CONSENSUS:**

That the Sub-Committee note the information outlined in the 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Program and verbal updates provided at the meeting.

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**09 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS - LAURIETON**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in Item 09 - 2017 Australia Day Celebrations - Laurieton held on North Brother Mountain and the verbal updates provided at the meeting.
2. That the Sub-Committee note that the Australia Day Celebrations held on North Brother for the first time, in a long time, were a great success with approximately 200+
3. That next year's - 2018 Australia Day Celebrations - will again be planned to be held on North Brother Mountain commencing at 8.00am.
4. The shuttle buses worked well (6 x 20min roundtrip) and next year a larger shuttle bus (25 seater) will be arranged to transport members of the public to the top of North Brother.
5. Breakfast at Laurieton was reported in local media as being a "free" breakfast - in lieu of payment for breakfast on the day Laurieton Rotary put out a "gold coin donation" bucket.
6. Could consideration be given to increasing the Australia Day Budget to cover the cost of the goods (food) purchased should a "free breakfast" again be reported.
7. Alternate traffic arrangements (parking) to be considered for next year's celebration.

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**10 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS - WAUCHOPE**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the 2017 Australia Day Celebrations - Wauchope and note the feedback provided.
2. That the Sub-Committee note that the Wauchope Rotary Club are happy with the success of the Australia Day Celebration which were attended by approximately 400 people on the day.
3. It be noted that Wauchope Rotary Club have indicated that they intend to organise additional children's activities for next year's Australia Day Celebrations in an effort to try and attract the younger members of the local community to attend their Australia Day Celebrations.

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**11 2017 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS - PORT MACQUARIE**

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Sub-Committee provide feedback on the 2017 Australia Day Celebrations held in Port Macquarie and verbal updates provided at the meeting.
2. That the Sub-Committee note that the Tacking Point Lions Club (TPLC) were very happy with the success of their Australia Day Celebrations carried out on Town Green.
3. That Council consider allowing TPLC the opportunity to have their market stalls along Clarence Street, in lieu of having them on Town Green, (similar to the 2010 PMQ Australia Day Celebrations) in an effort to free up Town Green to enable more entertainers to perform.
4. That a request be made to the Hastings District Pipe Band to consider performing Australia Tunes as part of the Port Macquarie Australia Day Celebrations.

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**12 2018 AUSTRALIA DAY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

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As a result of the recent Council decision regarding the PMHC Sub-Committees, this item was not discussed.

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The meeting closed at 10.23am.