

PRESENT

Members:

Richard Gander (Community Rep)
Malcolm Merrick (Tacking Point Lions Club)
Ross Adams (Tacking Point Lions Club)
Andy Neal (Wauchope Rotary Club)
Ian Jackson (Laurieton Rotary Club)

Other Attendees:

Wayne Evans - Sailability NSW
Rick Eller - Sailability NSW
Jenny Mead (PMHC Corporate Events Coordinator)

The meeting opened at 8.40am.

As the Australia Day Sub-Committee Chairman was unable to attend the meeting, Jenny Mead accepted the role of Chairman for the purposes of the meeting.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from Councillor Peter Besseling (Mayor), Councillor Michael Cusato, Alan Anderson (Laurieton Rotary) and Lucilla Marshall (PMHC) be received and noted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting held on 17 January 2014 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the information contained in Item 05 - Business Arising from the Previous Minutes report and verbal update provided at the meeting be noted.

Item 11 of the Agenda was brought forward to allow discussion regarding the Australia Day Aquatic Activities staged along the Hastings River by Sailability.

11 FEEDBACK ON AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - PORT MACQUARIE

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. It be noted that the representatives from Sailability NSW put forward the suggestion that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council be the applicant for future Aquatic Licenses required to stage aquatic activities along the Hastings River, Port Macquarie on Australia Day.
 2. It be noted that the representatives from Sailability NSW put forward the suggestion that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council make available appropriate resources required to successfully stage future aquatic events on Australia Day.
 3. Sailability NSW will provide copies of all documentation submitted to Roads and Maritime Services for the 2014 Aquatic License application for Council to use as a template for future applications.
 4. Even though Council is proposed to be the applicant for the Australia Day Aquatic Activities, Sailability NSW will undertake a similar role as undertaken in 2014 to ensure all conditions relating to the approval of the aquatic license are complied with in the lead up, during and post event.
 5. That the necessary aquatic license be applied for shortly after the first Australia Day Sub-Committee in June 2014 to allow plenty of time to gain approval from the Roads and Maritime Services.
 6. Sailability NSW request that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council give consideration and undertake action on how to deal with/prevent members of the public jumping off Lady Nelson Wharf whilst the aquatic activities are being staged. This was major safety concern with a few "near misses" occurring during this year's activities.
 7. In lieu of the UHF radio frequency used on the day to communicate with the majority of vessels, Waterways, Marine Rescue and Police, that the VHF radio frequency be used instead.
 8. Sailability NSW request that their representatives coordinating the aquatic activities be
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provided with a high visibility shirt/vest with appropriate branding for use on Australia Day so as to stand out from the crowd to enable members of the public to be able to clearly identify them should they seeking information relating to the aquatic activities being staged.

9. Sailability NSW be thanked for their efforts in staging successful aquatic activities along the Hastings River on Australia Day 2014.
10. The information contained in the Feedback on Australia Day Activities - Port Macquarie report and feedback from the Tacking Point Lions Club representatives be noted.
11. First Aid providers to be engaged from 8.00am until 5.00pm for future Australia Day Celebrations.
12. Tacking Point Lions Club and its members be thanked for staging their 2014 Australia Day Celebrations on Town Green, Port Macquarie.

06 2014 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee note the information contained in the 2014 Port Macquarie-Hastings Australia Day Ambassador Program report and the additional verbal information provided.

07 2014 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The Sub-Committee note the information contained in the 2014 Port Macquarie-Hastings Australia Day Awards report and feedback provided at the meeting.
2. Consideration be given to returning the Awards Presentation to the Glasshouse in lieu of on Town Green which would eliminate the need a wet weather contingency plan and eliminate the need for the setting up of staging, seating and marquees prior to the event.
3. If the event is returned to the Glasshouse make it a "free to attend" event therefore allowing members of the broader community to attend to support the nominees. No provision of food or beverages to form part of the event.
4. If the event is returned to the Glasshouse, enquiries to be made with the Glasshouse regarding the possibility of patrons being able to purchase their own food and/or beverages pre and post event.
5. If the event is to remain on Town Green that the bump in and bump out of all the event collateral (marquees, seating, staging, ramps etc) required for the event be outsourced to a local company to complete.
6. That Lyn Lelean be thanked for agreeing to Emcee both the Australia Day Awards and Official Program that formed part of the Port Macquarie Australia Day Celebrations.

08 2014 AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES BUDGET

CONSENSUS:

That :

1. The information in the 2014 Australia Day Activities Budget report be noted.
 2. It be noted that invoices and receipts have been received from both Laurieton Rotary and Tacking Point Lions Club.
 3. That arrangements be made for payments to be made for the approved budgets.
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09 FEEDBACK ON THE AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - WAUCHOPE

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The information in the Feedback on the Australia Day Activities - Wauchope report be noted.
 2. The information provided by Wauchope Rotary Club on their successful Australia Day celebrations held at Bain Park, Wauchope on Australia Day 2014 be noted.
 3. The venue and set up for the 2015 Australia Day Celebrations for Wauchope is proposed to be the same as this year's (Bain Park and use of natural grass theatre in lieu of formal staging)
 4. That Wauchope Rotary Club investigates the possible inclusion of more jumping castles or giant slide, car displays and possible market/craft stalls to value-add to next year's event.
 5. It be noted that all the event collateral issued in the lead up to Australia Day 2014 has now been returned to Council.
 6. A First Aid Tent with qualified first aid personnel be onsite during all future Australia Day Celebrations planned for Bain Park, Wauchope.
 7. Wauchope Rotary Club and its members be thanked for staging the successful 2014 Australia Day Celebrations in Bain Park, Wauchope.
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10 FEEDBACK ON THE AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES - CAMDEN HAVEN

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The information in the Feedback on the Australia Day Activities - Camden Haven report be noted.
 2. It be noted that due to wet weather on the morning of the Australia Day, the Laurieton Rotary Club had to implement their wet weather contingency plan and relocated their Australia Day celebrations to the auditorium inside the Laurieton United Services Club.
 3. It be noted that due to the wet weather contingency plan being implemented only approximately 100 people attended the early morning event.
 4. Laurieton Rotary Club is to consider relocating the early morning event away from Laurieton United Services Club grounds and staging their Australia Day Celebrations
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on Bruce Porter Reserve.

5. The auditorium of the Laurieton United Services Club will still remain the wet weather venue for the 2015 Australia Day Celebrations in the Camden Haven.
6. Details of the discussions held by members of the Laurieton Rotary Club on their idea to stage their Australia Day Celebrations on Bruce Porter Reserve be provided at the first meeting of the Australia Day Sub-Committee, to discuss next year's Australia Day Celebrations, scheduled for June 2014.
7. Laurieton Rotary Club and its members be thanked for staging the 2014 Australia Day Celebrations in the Camden Haven and hope that the weather will be more favourable in 2015.

Item 11 was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

12 AUSTRALIA DAY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

CONSENSUS:

That:

1. The Sub-Committee members note the information and timeline outlined in the Australia Day Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule report.
 2. The Sub-Committee members note that the first meeting of the Australia Day Sub-Committee to discuss the 2015 Australia Day Celebrations across the Hastings will be held on 27 June 2014 commencing at 8.30am.
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13 GENERAL BUSINESS

13.01 Sailability NSW:

Mal Merrick put forward the suggestion that representatives of Sailability NSW should be formally invited to join the PMHC Australia Day Sub-Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.00am.
