

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
AUSTRALIA DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
ON THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2020 at 11:00AM
ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan – Chair
Councillor Glen Auricht – ASTC
Councillor Catherine Satour – ASTC
Graemme Anning – Lions Club
June Noble – General Member
Ben Crawford – Apex Club

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community & Cultural Development – ASTC
Kate Walsh, Community Projects and Events Officer
Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant – ASTC (*Minutes*)

APOLOGIES:

Kim Sutton, Director Community Development – ASTC

	15 Oct 2020	10 Dec 2020	16 Jan 2021	20 Feb 2021
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓		
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓		
Councillor Councillor Satour	✓	✓		
June Noble	A	✓		
Ben Crawford	A	✓		
Graemme Anning	✓	✓		

✓	Attended
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member
A	Apology received
--	No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 11:05am.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting held 15 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Catherine Satour

Seconded: Councillor Glen Auricht

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Update on Action Items

Council was successful in obtaining \$1,000 signage grant from the National Australia Day Council. Five teardrop banners have been purchased with new Australia Day branding.

Council was also successful in obtaining the National Australia Day Council COVID Safe grant of \$20,000 to help encourage Australia Day celebrations to occur in a COVID safe environment. Council used this grant to purchase a stage and a ramp, among other things to ensure that the event is delivered in a COVID safe environment. Two 3 x 6 marquees have also been purchased with corporate branding.

ASALC will have a pool splash party on Australia Day, which will include a DJ at the event. Elected members will be invited to participate/support this event.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 2021 Australia Day Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony

The Committee discussed and confirmed the event logistics for 2021.

Task / Activity	Description	Comment/Action
1. Program start time	The official proceedings start at 7:30am , with the Smoking ceremony at 7:20am Conferees and attendees to be seated by 7:15am	This timing should be visibly reflected in the Australia Day programme.
2. Australia Day MC	Town Crier, Meredith Campbell	confirmed
3. Smoking ceremony - start at 7:20am Welcome to Country - at the commencement of the program, 7:30am	Marilyn Cavanagh	Confirmed Council officers to ensure that there are no issues with attendance on the day.
4. Honour Guard	Coordinate with Norforce	Norforce has confirmed

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5. National Anthem	Lisa-Marie Burgoyne to sing the National Anthem for the 2021 Australia Day ceremony	confirmed
6. Town Band	Town Band to set up by 6:30am	Confirmed with Ashley 'Woody' Renton
7. Temporary Fencing	Set up perimeter fencing with separate entry and exit points. Custom print fence mesh to be attached to the temporary fence.	Depot to set up
8. Mobile grandstand	One mobile grandstand to be set up	Depot to set up the day before the event
9. Shade Structure	Council marquees (x 5) set up by Depot staff	Depot to set up Ensure chairs are moved further back in the marquee to provide more shade to people in the first row.
10. Sound system	CAAMA Music	confirmed
11. Breakfast & Sausage sizzle	Apex Club – Liaise with Ben Crawford	Telly to coordinate with Apex Club
12. Sausages, Lamb burgers, Bacon and Eggs for BBQ	Order meat and bread from Woolies and Milner Meat; to be stored in Civic Centre freezer	Telly to order
13. Disability Advocacy Service (DAS)	To ensure that the event is inclusive for all, (DAS) have offered to volunteer last year at the event with a complementary three-square metre marquee where people with mobility issues or a disability can receive support.	Awaiting confirmation from DAS. Council officers to allocate the same space for people with a disability or mobility issues even without DAS participation
14. Australia Day Cake	Cupcakes were suggested to avoid the risk of contamination.	Due to safety concerns from COVID-19, the Committee decided not to provide cake this year.
15. Water Station	Supplied by ASTC	Approach Girl Guides
16. Australia Day Merchandise – all non-	Australia Day hand flags,	Girl guides to hand out merchandise

Task / Activity	Description	Comment/Action
plastic	bucket hats, hand fans	
17. Rangers presence	For security and to ensure the day runs smoothly	confirmed
18. Presence of First Aid Office or St John Ambulance staff	Ensure first aid support is on site in case of emergency	St John ambulance has confirmed
19. Australia Day Fun Run	John Birmingham of Alice Springs Running and Walking Club advised that at this stage, the 2021 Fun Run will proceed with some modifications to comply with COVID-19 safety measures.	start time at 6:00am.

Discussion ensued about the following logistics:

- A Council staff member will be stationed at the entry and exit points to direct people where to go
- There will be separate tables for contact tracing officer and registration for citizenship conferees; merchandise table and water stations will also be available
- Bbq area will be inside the perimeter fence in the far corner next to the grandstand
- Smoking ceremony will be held on the lawns near the flag poles
- Town band will be on the grass area after the flag poles
- The coffee van will be located outside the fenced area near the exit point
- St John Ambulance officers will be located outside the fenced area next to the coffee van. There will be an allocated parking bay in front of the Council lawns on Todd Street.

5.2 Australia Day Ambassador and Guest Speaker

After sending the list of potential Australia Day Ambassadors to the Committee, following the October ADCC meeting, three Committee members opted not to participate in the Australia Day Ambassador program and three nominated Matthew Axten and Nicole Civitarese. Unfortunately, these nominees are no longer available. ADCNT offered another potential Ambassador for Alice Springs, but since then all of the nominees for Australia Day Ambassadors have been allocated to other Councils in the NT. The Committee agreed not to host an Australia Day Ambassador for the 2021 Australia Day event.

Discussion ensued whether to have a guest speaker at the ceremony. The guest speaker is normally the previous year's Centralian Citizen of the Year awardee; however, that person, i.e. Emma Kraft, is not available. Simon Casey, 2020 Volunteer of the Year awardee, has been suggested to be the guest speaker instead. Simon Casey has been notified that he may be invited to be the guest speaker, however, this has not been confirmed pending the decision of the Committee.

Since there will be no Australia Day Ambassador for 2021, the Committee agreed to invite Simon Casey to be the guest speaker at the ceremony.

ACTION:

Council officers to contact Simon Casey and confirm his attendance as the guest speaker at the 2021 Australia Day ceremony.

5.3 2021 Australia Day Awards

Twenty-two (22) nominations were received from all categories after the closing date on 20 November 2020.

- Centralian Citizen of the Year – 3 *nominees*
- Young Centralian Citizen of the Year – 6 *nominees*
- Community Event – 3 *nominees*
- Volunteer of the Year – 6 *nominees*
- Centralian Senior Citizen of the Year – 4 *nominees*

All members of the Committee will be the judging panel and will assess the nominations. Judging will be held after this meeting

6. OTHER BUSINESS**6.1 2021 Australia Day Awards**

Councillor Catherine Satour advised that she has been appointed yesterday as a committee member for the Australia Day Committee NT. The theme for 2021 Australia Day is 'The Story of Us: Reflect, Respect and Celebrate'.

7. NEXT MEETING: 14 January 2021 at 11:00am

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING: The meeting closed at 11:30am