

8.7 Australia Day Awards

REPORT BY THE MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 13 OCTOBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, CMR200036

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Economic Development on the Australia Day Awards;**
2. **appoint an Australia Day Selection Committee of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor _____ to represent the Community in the 2021 Australia Day award selection; and**
3. **approve recommended criteria for Wall of Reflections recognition.**

Executive summary

Due to the timing of the Local Government Election 2021, a revised timetable is required to be adopted for the Australia Day Awards program. It is recommended that Council nominate a Selection Committee to represent the Community for this 2021 selection process. In addition, this report includes recommended changes to streamline the Wall of Reflections recognition program.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The Selection Committee for the Australia Day Awards is scheduled to meet on 3 December 2021, which is during Caretaker mode of Council. It is therefore recommended that Council appoint a Selection Committee from current Councillors, that can represent the community for this award selection process.

An amended timetable has been developed to support the Awards program through caretaker mode.

The revised timetable is:

- 25/10/21- Nominations for Australia Day Award open to community.
- 22/11/21 - Nominations close.
- 3/12/21 - Selection Committee meet.
- 7/1/22 - Invitations sent to nominees.
- 26/1/22 - Australia Day event – Gulgong.

To preserve the integrity and provide further clarification around the Wall of Remembrance recognition, the following criteria is recommended.

Revised criteria for Wall of Reflections:

1. Community contribution or personal achievement - The individual demonstrated achievement at a high level or made a contribution to the Mid-Western community over and

above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment. Voluntary contribution to the community stands out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.

2. Period of Passing - The individual has passed between 5-10 years prior to the date of nomination.
3. Resident of the Mid-Western Community – The individual resided in the community for a significant period of their life.

Nomination for this recognition will be provided by the Australia Day Selection Committee and not form part of the community Australia Day Awards nomination process.

The Australia Day Selection Committee will both nominate and select one recipient for the following year's celebration. In the event no recipient meets the above criteria, a recipient will not be awarded for that year. The Selection Committee may seek input from Council staff prior to the Selection Committee meeting.

The Selection Committee member responsible for nominating a recipient must have access to a high quality image of their nominee and details of their achievements as state above, as well as full name, D.O.B. and D.O.D. The contact details of a family member or friend of the recipient will need to be provided to receive the award at the ceremony.

It is recommended that Council endorse a 2021 Selection Committee and approve the recommended criteria for Wall of Reflections recognition.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging
Strategy	Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The Australia Day Awards program supports Council's goal to meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging by recognising community members that have contributed to the region over the previous 12 month period.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Not Applicable.

Financial implications

Nil.

Associated Risks

Nil.

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Attachments: Nil

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