

**AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE — MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SF2486**

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Hoban OAM	
Mr John Harris (Chair)	Cr Janine Reed
Mr Harry Mills	Mr Don Parveez
Mr Barry Duffus OAM	Mr Ian Flarrey
Mr Harold Fowler	Mr Noel Rudder
Mr Mike Ryan	Mrs Irene Rowsell
Mrs Rona Freeman	Ms Wendy Mills
Mr Robert Hunt (AGM Corporate Services)	Ms Lorraine Hemsworth (Minutes Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Mr Michael Coulter (General Manager)

WELCOME:

John welcomed all to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Wendy Mills 2019 Citizen of the Year.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATIONS – MIKE RYAN AND HARRY MILLS:

John invited the Mayor to present Certificates of Appreciation to resigning members Mike Ryan for 18 years and Harry Mills for 12 years on the Australia Day Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 JANUARY 2019:

(Duffus/Reed)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2019 be accepted.

DEBRIEF NOTES FROM THE 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY SERVICE AND PROGRAM:

- The Meet and Greet Dinner with the Ambassador and the Australia Day Committee at the Downunder Bar, Nambucca Heads RSL went very well.
- It is recommended that speeches and music be kept to a minimum so that the ceremony does not go too long
- No hand rail off the little stage – same at other venues – would be good to have rails to go up one side and down the other – Utungan Hall has a portable rail that could be borrowed
- Team captain of sporting teams only to go on stage to receive the award and the other members stand on the floor
- The Ambassador presenting to the recipients was a great idea
- It was great to see that the Mayor had a larger role than in other years
- Program went very well and a good crowd was in attendance
- Organising the recipients went well
- The morning tea was lovely
- Great to see greeters at the bottom door shaking hands and welcoming people to the ceremony
- Consider some type of break and have music as people need to have a comfort break – at the end of the Ambassador's speech

AUSTRALIA DAY PULL UP BANNERS: (Parveez/Mills)

It was resolved to place a request to Council to purchase two (2) pull up Australia Day Banners.

- John did a great job as Chairperson for his first time and reading all the citations
- The day time event worked very well
- Reserved seating to be advised in the recipients confirmation of Award letter
- Recipients be requested to report to a particular area upon arrival at the ceremony
- The citations for the minor awards be limited to 80 to 100 words
- Presentations: Mayor or Councillor, Ambassador and Politician (if attending)
- The Run Sheet worked very well – everyone knew what they were to do and when
- Thanks to Lorraine and Brian for their assistance
- An approach be made to Cr John Ainsworth to present Awards in 2020 as it will be his last as a Councillor

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY CEREMONY: (Parveez/Rowsell)

That the 2020 Australia Day Ceremony be held at the Macksville Ex-Services Club on the Saturday evening 25 January 2020.

MEET AND GREET THE AMBASSADOR: (Parveez/Duffus)

It was resolved to host a Saturday luncheon at a venue to be decided for the Australia Day Committee to meet and greet the Ambassador.

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR: (Flarrey/Reed)

It was resolved to make an approach to Garry Frost (Musician and writer) and invite as the Nambucca Shire Council 2020 Australia Day Ambassador.

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY MASTER OF CEREMONIES: (Reed/Rowsel)

It was resolved to approach Debbie Spillane to ask to be the 2020 Australia Day Master of Ceremonies.

The motion was lost.

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY MASTER OF CEREMONIES: (Ryan/Mills)

It was resolved that John Harris be elected as the 2020 Australia Day Master of Ceremonies.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON: (Reed/Duffus)

That John Harris be elected for the upcoming year for the 2020 Australia Day Ceremony.

Thanks again for the contribution made by Mike and Harry over the years.

THANK YOU – LORRAINE HEMSWORTH: (Parveez/Ryan)

The Committee wish to place on record their thanks to Lorraine for the work she did in organising the 2019 Australia Day event and thanks to Brian Hemsworth for his assistance on the day.

Next meeting: 30 September 2019 commencing at 5.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

**John Harris
CHAIRMAN**