

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
AUSTRALIA DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
 ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2020 at 11:00AM
 ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan – Chair
 Councillor Eli Melky – ASTC
 Ben Crawford – Apex Club

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community & Cultural Development – ASTC

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Jamie de Brenni – ASTC
 Graemme Anning, President – Lions Club
 June Noble – General Member
 Simon Duke, Acting Director Corporate & Community Services – ASTC
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant – ASTC (*Minutes*)

13th Alice Springs Town Council AUSTRALIA DAY COORDINATING COMMITTEE					
	17 Oct 2019	14 Nov 2019	12 Dec 2019	16 Jan 2020	20 Feb 2020
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Councillor Eli Melky	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
June Noble	A	✓	A	A	A
Ben Crawford	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Graemme Anning	✓	✓	✓	A	A

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

The meeting opened at 11:00am.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Australia Day Coordinating Committee meeting held 16 January 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Eli Melky

Seconded: Mayor Damien Ryan

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 2020 Australia Day Ceremony Event Debrief

The Committee discussed the event proceedings and assessed what needs to be improved for next year.

- Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country – unfortunately this did not occur as the Elder scheduled to perform the ceremony did not arrive on time due to unavoidable circumstance and were not able to be incorporated once the event had already started.

ACTION: Suggestion to offer a cab pick-up in future, to ensure the Elder will arrive on time before the start of the event.

- Feedback about the Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country are visibly displayed on the Australia Day program. There was also a comment that the Smoking Ceremony should at least start at 7:15am then the Welcome to Country at the commencement of the program at 7:30am.

There was discussion that attendees cannot be stipulated to attend the Smoking Ceremony. It was agreed that the Smoking Ceremony starts at 7:00am and Welcome to Country at 7:30am.

ACTION: The Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country to be displayed on the Australia Day program.

- The new location of the barbecue area, on the lawns west of the Andy McNeill room entrance, is a better site for Apex Club with easy access to supplies next to the Andy McNeill room. Catering supplies are adequate.

The site of the mobile coffee van is also a good spot near the barbecue area.

- Incorporate a designated first aid officer or the presence of St John Ambulance at the event and include in the program housekeeping for the MC.

ACTION: Manager Community and Cultural Development to liaise with St John Ambulance and enquire about the presence of event health service staff at the next Australia Day ceremony to ensure first aid support is onsite.

MC and CEO should be aware of the location of the first aid kit and who the designated first aid officer is in case of emergency.

- Commendation to the organising team as the event went very smoothly.
- Australia Day Ambassador for Alice Springs – opportunity to get someone from interstate who could provide a broader inspirational message to the community and peak interest in promotion of Australia Day.

ACTION: Council officer to contact Australia Day Council earlier to get national options for Australia Day Ambassador.

- More involvement with Elected Members at the Australia Day barbecue pool function.
- Include carpet on the ramp to the stage

ACTION: Manager Community and Cultural Development to liaise with Director Technical Services about exploring a more versatile ramp and mobile stand.

- Steps are a little bit higher than the stage. The CAAMA steps did not match the height of the stage as there was an issue during the set-up. The stage needs to be lowered so that people at the back of the marquee could have better visibility of the stage.

ACTION: Council officers will address this issue with CAAMA prior to event set up to ensure that the steps match the height of the stage.

- Move chairs further back in the marquee to provide more shade to people in the first row.

ACTION: Council officers will address this issue earlier prior to event set up to ensure same issue will not occur.

- Temporary shade/cover on mobile grandstand.

ACTION: Manager Community and Cultural Development to liaise with Director Technical Services about investigating a temporary clip-on cover on mobile grandstand.

- There was a quicker flow through of conferees going up the stage to receive their certificates and have a photo with the Mayor. Having a Council officer guide people up to the stage was a good idea.
- The Merchandise table include hand wave flags, hats, custom made paper fans, various Council pamphlets which is staffed by Rangers
- Send invite letters to new 26'ers for the cutting of the cake. (Virginia Loy, Clare Fisher, Kevin Diflo)
- Disability Advocacy Services are happy with the set-up and flooring but request for more chairs for other seniors who sat in their marquee.
- Custom print fence mesh to be attached to the temporary fence next year, instead of putting them along the car park area.

4.1 Future Meeting Dates

- Thursday 15/10/20 – 11am to 12pm
- Thursday 10/12/20 – 11am to 12pm (meeting and judging of Centralian Awards)
- Thursday 14/01/21 – 11am to 12pm
- Thursday 18/02/21 – 11am to 12pm (debrief)

5. **NEXT MEETING:** 15 October 2020 at 11:00am

6. **CLOSURE OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 11:34am