

11.2 Australia Day Awards Selection Panel

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY
TO 13 DECEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, CMR200046

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel;**
2. **endorse the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Dicker to be representatives on the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel; and**
3. **delegate decisions on Award recipients to the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel.**

Executive summary

As part of the Australia Day ceremony in January 2024, a number of Awards are presented. A selection panel is required to decide on award recipients and this report seeks Council's endorsement of the proposed panel.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

As part of the Australia Day Awards ceremony, a number of Awards are presented.

These Awards are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Glen Johnston Memorial Award – Music & Arts
- Sports Award
- Volunteer Services Awards
- Wall of Reflections

It is important that Council determines a selection panel to determine the Award recipients.

Convention over many years has been that the selection panel has included the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a Councillor from the town in which the Australia Day ceremony will be held. In 2024, the Award ceremony will be held in Mudgee. In line with this convention, Cr Katie Dicker has been recommended for inclusion on the Selection Panel.

Announcements on the award winners will remain embargoed until the Awards ceremony on 26 January 2024.

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

Community Plan

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

Associated Risks

It is recommended that Council endorses the selection panel and the process by which the Australia Day Awards are coordinated. This enables the process to be transparent for the community.

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

16 November 2023

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER