



Notice of Extraordinary Meeting

An Extraordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street Ballina on **Monday 22 December 2014 commencing at 4.00 pm.**

Business

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Australia Day Nominations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hickey', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Paul Hickey
General Manager

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

I would like to respectfully acknowledge past and present Bundjalung peoples who are the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place.

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Delivery Program Community Facilities and Services

Objective To confirm the Australia Day Award recipients for 26 January 2015.

Information

At the December 2014 Ordinary meeting Council resolved to have an official Council meeting to consider the Australia Day award recipients.

Councillors have previously been provided with details of all the nominations and to maintain that information as confidential the details have not been reproduced for this meeting.

It is also important that the recipients of the award nominees remain confidential until 26 January 2015.

Section 10A of the Local Government Act (*Which parts of a meeting can be closed to members of the public*) does not identify a clause that allows Council to enter confidential session to discuss or confirm the preferred recipients.

This being the case the recommendation is to provide delegated authority to allow the Councillors present at this meeting to form a sub-committee to determine the award recipients. The terms of the delegation are prescriptive to ensure that this matter is dealt with immediately following the closure of this meeting.

The only other alternative would be deal with this matter in open Council which would be inappropriate prior to Australia Day.

Finally Council may also wish to consider how we manage the selection of the award recipients for 2016 onwards as part of this agenda. The current recommendation allows an Australia Day Committee to be maintained that can then determine the recipients each year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council provides delegated authority to an Australia Day Committee consisting of all Councillors present to determine the award recipients for Australia Day.
2. The meeting of the Australia Day Committee to determine the award recipients for 2015 is to be held immediately following the closure of this meeting in the Council Committee Room.
3. The procedure for determining the preferred recipients will be by show of hands consistent with Council's Code of Meeting Practice with the General Manager to record minutes of the Australia Day Committee meeting.
4. The Award recipients are to remain confidential until Australia day 2015.