

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF
BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE HELD
AT BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY 15TH
JANUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.40AM**

PRESENT: Cr Byron (Chair), Cr Mannix, Cecelia Davis, Hutch Lawrie, Robyn Ryan Director of Economic and Community Development, and Cr Cooke as an observer.

APOLOGIES: Cr Jolliffe, Acting General Manager Robert Rayner and Linda Nelson

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) *Australia Day Ambassador*

Council advised that Amy Wilkins will be the Ambassador for 2014. (A media release was disseminated at the meeting)

2) *Order of Proceedings:*

The draft Order of Proceedings has been developed by the DECD. Cr Cooke in her role as Deputy Mayor will be officiating on behalf of the Mayor at the Australia Day celebrations.

A copy of the draft was provided to Cr Cooke following the meeting, and the final document will be delivered to Cr Cook and the Acting General Manager two days prior to the event.

3) *Event Plan:*

The event plans for the Balranald and Euston celebrations have been developed with most of the planning finalised.

4) *Nominations:*

The recipients of the 2014 Australia Day Awards are as follows:

Special Achievement Awards

- Balranald Hotshots (certificate for each team member) - sport
- Daniel Woolhouse, Zachary Jolliffe and Adam Simpson (certificate each) - sport
- Grace Mekalio-Harris - sport
- Jada Phillips - sport
- Elli-Jane Brougham - sport
- Jenny Pollard - community

Young Sportsperson of the Year

- Cameron Barrett

Sportsperson of the Year

- No nominations

Event of the Year

- Balranald's 5 Rivers Outback Festival

Young Citizen of the Year

- No nominations

Citizen of the Year

- Matthew Bodinnar

5) Future events:

Develop the footrace – Balranald Gift
DECD to investigate sponsorship for 2015 event and to discuss event with the Balranald Tourism and Economic Development Committee and the Cultural Committee.

Recommendation: that the closing date for Australia Day nominations be set for mid-January each year, and that all nominations must be made on the official nomination form.

*Moved: C Davis
Seconded: H Lawrie*

Recommendation: that a Sporting Team of the Year category be included in the 2015 Australia Day Awards.

*Moved: J Mannix
Seconded: H Lawrie*

MEETING CLOSED: There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.35am.

Recommendation: that the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.