

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

8th March 2005

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Australia Day Activities for 2005.



On Wednesday, 26th January 2005 another successful Australia Day Celebration was held with Council supporting activities as follows: -

AUSTRALIA DAY ARGUS FEATURE

This is the third year that an Australia Day Feature has been done in conjunction with the Macleay Argus. This feature provides a keepsake for the award recipients and their families and is funded through Council and sponsorship. This years sponsors were: -

- C & M Glass
- Coastline Credit Union
- South Street Mufflers
- Macleay Argus
- Kempsey – Macleay RSL Club

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

Under somewhat cramped conditions the Awards Ceremony was held at the Kempsey- Macleay RSL Club. This did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the 300 (approx) people that were in attendance.

The function started with the Kempsey District Silver Band playing on the lawn outside the club prior to the flag raising ceremony conducted by the T S Culgoa Naval Cadets, under the instruction of Lieutenant Kay Aldridge, with Elizabeth Howard singing the National Anthem.

Guests were then invited inside the auditorium for the beginning of the program, which commenced with a welcome by MC Allan Burgess and was then followed by the Australian Citizenship Ceremony where the following applicants were naturalised by Mayor, Clr Janet Hayes and welcomed by Uncle Blue: -

- Elizabeth Ann Keay
- Suchitra Devi Brown
- Shiela Bellosillo Peet
- Wendy Elizabeth Ring
- Karen Rowena Smedley
- Elena Milson
- Alastair Charles Smedley
- Sonja Boschke
- Aline Monteiro

Representative, Mrs Loma Baker, from Woolworths Kempsey (Woolworths is the sponsor of the Ambassador Program) proceeded to officially welcome the 2005 Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Gary O'Callaghan. After being presented with the Ambassador Pin, by Loma, Gary delivered a inspiring speech about his life experiences and what Australia Day means to him.

MC Allan Burgess, the Mayor and Gary then proceeded to announce the winners of Awards as follows: -

SPORTS AWARD

Ryan McMillan

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC AND ARTS AWARD

Wynifred "Wyn" Henshaw

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Parklands Cottage

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Richard O'Leary

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Karen McKenzie

REPORT IMPLICATIONS

- ***Environmental Implications***

There are no environmental implications.

- ***Social Implications***

The Australia Day celebration is seen as providing good opportunities for social interaction.

- ***Economic (Financial) Implications***

The budget for Australia Day 2005 was \$5,000.00 and as at 23 February 2005, \$3,653.00 has been spent.

- *Policy or Statutory Implications*

There are no policy or statutory implications.

- *Director's Review*

The celebrations were seen as successful, due principally to the very positive involvement of Council staff members.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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