



MINUTES

Community Development Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 17 January 2023

at 4:00 PM

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1. Present

Mayor Maree Statham, Councillor Coleman, Rachael Young, Glenda Anthes, Leanne Walding and Gaye MacFarlane.

Staff: Matthew Johnson, Criss Portilla and Kylie Blakemore

2. Apologies

Councillor Bryce and Susan Alexander

3. Declaration of Interest

Rachael Young declared an interest in the Australia Day Awards agenda item and left the room during discussion of that matter.

4. Condolence – Bryan Williamson

Councillor Coleman informed the committee of the sudden recent death of Bryan Williamson. Bryan had been a member of the Community Development Committee for a number of years and a long-term resident of Lithgow. Committee members expressed their sadness at Bryan’s passing and best wishes to his family and friends.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Australia Day Award Nominations Summary

The committee considered the list of nominations received for the 2023 Australia Day Awards.

Commentary

The following Nominations have been received:

Citizen of the Year Award, Young (16 – 26yrs)

Nominee	Nominated By
Christian Broom for his work with young people including the youth drop-in space and Lithgow Youth Council.	Sam Williams

Citizen of the Year Award, Open

Nominee	Nominated By
Bill Evans For his many years of work with Lithgow Lions Club and Lithgow Bellringers at Hoskins Memorial Church	Melinda Ching Simon
Kay Adams for her voluntary work including with Lithgow Quota, Wallerawang CWA and Can Assist	David Adams
Sharon Howard for her contribution to the arts	Merridy Cairn-Duff

Volunteer of the Year, Young (16 – 26yrs)

Nominee	Nominated By
Lauren Trounce for her voluntary work with Hoskins Uniting Church and Lithgow Musical Society	Kaitlyn Trounce

Rowan Braid for his roles in the Lithgow Musical Society productions	Rae Burton
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Volunteer of the Year, Open

Nominee	Nominated By
Bill Evans For his many years of work with Lithgow Lions Club and Lithgow Bellringers at Hoskins Memorial Church	Melinda Ching Simon
Helen Black for her volunteer work in Rydal over the past 20 years including Rydal Show Society and Rydal Village Association	Rachael Young
Sam Williams for his work with music and arts including the Live and Local Music program.	Peter Francis

Service to the Community - Organisation Award

Nominee	Nominated By
Lithgow Bellringers who have been ringing the bells at Hoskins Memorial Church since 1999	Jan Saundercock Lithgow Uniting Church

Heritage Conservation/ Environmental contribution Award

Nominee	Nominated By
Donna White for her work with Lithgow Small Arns Factory Museum over many years.	Renzo Benedet

Outstanding Event of the Year

Nominee	Nominated By
Ear to the Ground Community Festival held at Zig Zag railway in November 2022 as a community response to the Black Summer bushfires	Greg Smith

Action

THAT The 2023 Australia Day Awards be awarded as follows:

Citizen of the Year Award, Young (16 – 26yrs)

Christian Broome

Citizen of the Year Award, Open

Kay Adams

Volunteer of the Year, Young (16 – 26yrs)

Lauren Trounce

Volunteer of the Year, Open

Bill Evans

Service to the Community - Organisation Award

Lithgow Bellringers

Heritage Conservation Award

Donna White

Outstanding Event of the Year

Ear to the Ground Community Festival

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Glenda Anthes

6. General Business

The committee discussed the proposal to hold a musical event in Lithgow this year, either Opera, Opera scenes or something else. Venue options discussed included the Union Theatre, Blast Furnace or State Mine Mining Museum Bathhouse.

Timing options include April or later in the year.

There is no Council budget allocated for this event. Council Staff confirmed that any surplus Reconnecting Regional NSW funds can't be used for a ticketed event.

Council staff will work with Gaye MacFarlane further on this project.

Meeting Closed 5.15pm

Next Meeting