

9.1 - Notice of Motion – Australia Day 2025 (SJ4379)

Elected Member	President Coales
Disclosure of Officers Interest:	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion was received from President Coales via email on Monday, 12 August 2024.

The Notice of Motion is:

“*That Council:*

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4. *DOES NOT PROCEED with the proposed music events in February 2025.*
5. *APPROVES the following budget variation:*

Account Number	Type	Account Description	Debit \$	Credit \$
4300-15701-6131-000	Increase Expenditure	Australia Day – Program Activities	7,000	
4300-15701-6392-000	Increase Expenditure	Australia Day – External Contractors	18,000	
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Reason: *To facilitate a larger scale evening Australia Day community event on 26 January 2025 using funds from the proposed music events in February 2025, which will no longer be going ahead.*

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Relevant Previous Decisions of Council

Ordinary Council Meeting - 19 June 2023 – OCM153/06/23 – COUNCIL RESOLUTION - extract

That Council:

2. *ENDORSES the 2023/2024 draft Community Events and Activities Calendar as contained in attachment 2 with the following amendments:*

- a) *INCLUDING an indoor Community Breakfast prior to the Australia Day Civic Event (open to all of community) and increasing the 2023/2024 draft Budget allocation for the Australia Day Civic event by \$3,000.*
- b) *AMENDING the Food Truck Fiesta series to be the following events and reducing the 2023/2024 draft budget allocation by \$53,000:*

<i>October</i>	<i>Food Truck Fiesta – Community Safety</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Food Truck Fiesta – Movie Night</i>	<i>\$11,500</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Food Truck Fiesta - Christmas Street Party</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Food Truck Fiesta – Movie Night</i>	<i>\$11,500</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Food Truck Fiesta - Harmony Week</i>	<i>\$24,000</i>
	TOTAL	\$87,000

Ordinary Council Meeting - 22 June 2022 – OCM147/06/22 – COUNCIL RESOLUTION / Officer Recommendation - extract

That Council:

3. *ENDORSES changes to the Australia Day Event as follows:*

- a) *Continuation of breakfast with volunteer groups for Australia Day Ceremony participants only; and*
- b) *Delivery of the community Australia Day components (including community cricket match) as part of an evening Food Truck Fiesta event in Byford;*

Officer Comment

The expansion of the Armadale train line and subsequent Metronet works have resulted in the City of Armadale making the decision to not host their traditional Australia Day events in 2025, including the evening fireworks display. This may present an opportunity for the Shire to deliver an expanded Australia Day event on 26 January 2025.

Current plans for Australia Day include:

- an Indoor Community Breakfast held at the SJ Community Recreation Centre on 26 January with live acoustic music and family friendly entertainment, and
- a morning Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January

However, these plans could be changed to include an evening event on Briggs Oval, Byford. Previous night time Australia Day events have been well received by the community, with great attendance and feedback and in the absence of the City of Armadale event, it is expected that a 2025 event hosted by the Shire would be well attended.



In keeping with Council direction, in addition to the Australia Day events, the current budgeted Major Event series for 2025 includes;

- a whole of community Summer Splash event in January (inflatable amusements with water elements suitable for all ages)
- Family Friendly Music event series in February (a series of smaller music events at various locations).

It is important to note that in the planning of the Major Events series, Officers carefully consider a schedule that includes location diversity to allow accessibility and inclusion for as many people as possible to attend Shire events.

The proposed family-friendly music events scheduled for February were designed to be held in smaller parks across the Shire (e.g. Serpentine, Jarrahdale, Whitby etc) to allow increased accessibility for all residents. Reallocating budget from the music event series to fund the expanded Australia Day program will impact location diversity in the 2024-2025 season. If supported, it is likely the Summer Splash event, proposed for Briggs Park in January, would be relocated to an alternate location (possibly Clem Kentish Reserve, Serpentine) to continue hosting events in a variety of locations.

Due to capacity, Officers are not able to deliver the Summer Splash event (proposed 17/18 January), an expanded Australia Day event and the February music series within a one month period. If Council would like to deliver the revised Australia Day event format, and retain the music series, an external contractor would need to be engaged.

Given the tight timeframe for preparation it is important for suppliers and entertainment to be locked in as soon as possible to deliver a successful Australia Day event. Costs associated with an outdoor live band, which requires a stage and additional infrastructure, are also significantly higher than those of an indoor event with single acoustic musician. Therefore the reallocation of funding from an alternate event, or another source, will be required as soon as possible.

Officers do not have staffing capacity to deliver a morning Citizenship Ceremony and an evening Australia Day community event in 2025. However, to leverage the change to the City of Armadale's event and introduce an evening Shire event, Officers support changing the timing of the Citizenship Ceremony to the afternoon, with the evening community event commencing at the conclusion of that ceremony.

Post event evaluation could be used to inform the success of the event and whether the format of this proposed event is one Council would like to deliver in future years.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Elected Member Recommendation

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