

**MINUTES OF THE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN  
THE COONABARABRAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY  
14 DECEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 3.33PM.**

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**PRESENT:** Cr A Doolan (Mayor), Cr D Todd, Cr Z Holcombe, Cr J Newton,  
Cr K Rindfleish, and Roger Bailey (General Manager, GM),

**APOLOGIES:**

**RESOLVED** that the apologies from Cr A Iannuzzi, Cr D Hogden, Cr C Kopke and  
Cr K Brady be accepted.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe            **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**The Mayor called for Conflicts of Interests**

Cr Doolan declared a less than significant conflict of interest, his brother in law, Duncan  
Graham has made the nominations.

Cr Holcombe declared significant conflict of interest, in the nomination for Siding Spring  
Observatory StarFest for Community Event of the Year.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton            **SECONDED** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Item 1 Recipients for the 2024 Australia Day Awards**

**Table 1 – Citizen of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that Paul Wangmann be the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd            **SECONDED** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Table 2 Young Citizen of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that Declan Eshman be the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year  
Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe            **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**Table 3 – Senior Citizen of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that John Franklin be the recipient of the Senior Citizen of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton            **SECONDED** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

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**Table 4 – Sportsperson of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that Poihaere Birtles be the recipient of the Sportsperson of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe      **SECONDED** Councillor Todd

For – Unanimous

**Table 5 – Young Sportsperson of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that Kiesha Rusten be the recipient of the Young Sportsperson of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish      **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Having earlier declared a Conflict of Interest. Councillor Holcombe left the meeting at 3.45pm

**Table 6 – Community Event of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that the Tunes on the Turf, Dunedoo be awarded the Community Event of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Rindfleish      **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

Councillor Holcombe returned to the meeting at 3.51pm

**Table 7 – Environmental Citizen of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that May Whittall be the recipient of the Environmental Citizen of the Year Award

**MOVED:** Councillor Newton      **SECONDED** Councillor Holcombe

For – Unanimous

**Table 8 – Young Environmental Citizen of the Year**

**RESOLVED** that the St John’s Primary School Baradine Bird Helpers be the recipients of the Young Environmental Citizen of the Year Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd      **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

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**Table 9 – Cultural Achievement Award**

**RESOLVED** that Yulu-gi-Mari Dance Group be the recipient of the Cultural Achievement Award.

**MOVED:** Councillor Holcombe      **SECONDED** Councillor Rindfleish

For – Unanimous

**Certificate of Recognition – Recipient for each town**

**RESOLVED** that Certificates of Recognition be issued to

- Coonabarabran:      Narelle Pfeiffer
- Coolah:              No nominations received
- Dunedoo:            Pamela Bowman
- Binnaway:          Margaret Scifleet
- Mendooran:         No nominations received

**MOVED:** Councillor Todd      **SECONDED** Councillor Newton

For – Unanimous

**There being no further business, meeting was closed 3.56PM.**