

<b>ITEM 10.3</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION NO 03/2017 - NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2017/387592</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

Submitted by: Councillor Vincent De Luca OAM

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## **MOTION**

That this Council resolves:

- A. That in view of the Northern Beaches significant amount of volunteers and now the large amalgamated Council area, that on Australia Day, each Ward have an Australian of the Year Award recipient as well as up to five recipients of Council's Outstanding Community Service Awards.
  - B. That Award recipients will be selected by the respective Ward Councillors based on consideration of nominations and a democratic vote.
  - C. That three Australia Day Ceremonies still be held, one in each of the old Manly, Pittwater and Warringah Council areas.
  - D. That Council requests the Australia Day Council to provide one Australia Day Ambassador at each of the three Australia Day Ceremonies.
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## **CEO REPORT**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice Clause 5.1(1)(c) I offer the following report on this matter to assist Council in the deliberation of this motion:

Northern Beaches Council recognises the strong tradition of volunteering across the whole of the Local Government Area and has implemented a new and inclusive program, Northern Beaches Australia Day Awards which combines elements of the three former Councils in order to capture and recognise as many of our volunteers and volunteer organisations as possible in a collaborative and holistic manner.

Council supports the promotion of the Awards program with an extensive communications plan to ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to nominate. The number of nominations received in 2017 was consistent with data from previous years in the three former Council Awards programs. Staff will continue to pursue new channels of communication to promote the Awards and welcome the Councillors' involvement to encourage nominations.

The new expanded categories of awards are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Outstanding Community Service Award(s) x 10 and 1 for a non-Northern Beaches Resident

The call out for nominations for the Australia Day 2018 programme commenced on Monday 16 October 2017 and the closing date for nominations is 27 November 2017 with judging occurring in December.

Councillors are encouraged to support the call out for nominations and to also submit supporting documentation for nominations.

A Ward-based approach would require site specific communication that is difficult to achieve and would potentially dilute the impact of the program and increase operational costs.

Council has requested the Australia Day Council provide three Ambassadors to attend the many celebrations across the Northern Beaches in addition to also inviting them to attend the Citizenship Ceremony and Awards presentation.