



Australia Day
Australia Day Council
Northern Territory

Chair's Report

25 November 2018

Once again the Australia Day Council Northern Territory has had an eventful year, particularly with two of the national categories in the 2019 Australian of the Year Awards being awarded to Territorians in Danzal Baker as Young Australian of the Year and Kate and Tick Everett as Australia's Local Heroes.

All of our recipients have been involved in public speaking opportunities and events where they have had the opportunity of sharing their passion and commitment to the community. Thank you, it is indeed an honour to assist in this process and learn from each of you.

Thank you also to our Board for your continued support and willingness to explore opportunities through which we can ensure that Australia Day is relevant, accessible and inclusive. Each of our Board members brings skills, knowledge and experience to the table.

Of course none of this would be possible without our excellent Administration team of Kiya Gill and Anna McDonald. Their commitment to our cause is unwavering and the success of our events and financial management is a credit to them both.

As we move forward, we congratulate Kiya on the arrival of a new family member and welcome Anna to the role of Executive Director, while Kiya is on parental leave, and Karen Hetherington into the Admin support role.

Over the course of the year the Board and staff have worked together to fine tune our procedures, ensure that we have sound governance in place and develop of program of activities which are relevant and deliverable in the current economic climate.

We are very fortunate to have the support of the National Australia Day Council and the Northern Territory Government in developing a rich program of activities across the Territory and look forward to their ongoing involvement in the exciting activities planned for the year ahead.

I would also like to acknowledge our Patron, Her Honour The Honorable Vicki O'Halloran AM Administrator of the Northern Territory and our President the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, The Honorable Michael Gunner MLA for their personal support and interest in the Australia Day Council Northern Territory program.

Finally, the Australia Day Council Northern Territory is truly grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and supporters. Thank you to Air North, Nhulunbuy Corporation, Hardy Aviation, Jayrow Helicopters, Women's Network NT, Zip Print, Ness Cotton Designs, Youth Worx, Northwest Construction, Hastings Deering CAT, Opium Night Club, Sitzler, beverage sponsors Lion and Thomas Chin Wines, ABC and Territory FM.

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year ahead.

Jeannette Button
Chair
Australia Day Council Northern Territory

2018 – 19 Snapshot

Award Programs

- 155 students were recognised through the **Australia Day Student Citizen Awards**, sponsored by the Department of Education.
- 23 communities participated in the **Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards** recognising 43 individuals and 21 community groups who have made an outstanding contribution to their community across three award categories; Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event.
- 17 extraordinary individuals including 5 award recipients were selected for the **2019 Northern Territory Australian of the Year Awards**, these being:
 - Kate and Tick Everett NT Australia's Local Hero dual recipients
 - Danzal Baker NT Young Australian of the Year
 - Charlie King NT Senior Australian of the Year
 - Michael Long NT Australian of the Year
- The Northern Territory was proudly represented in two national categories at the **2019 Australian of the Year Awards** by Danzal Baker and Kate and Tick Everett.

Events

- 180 people attended the 2019 NT Australian of the Year Awards ceremony at the Darwin Convention Centre in November 2018.
- 130 people attended "*An Evening with Anna Meares*" held on 26 January at the Darwin Convention Centre.
- 3,000 people participated in the Australia Day Oz Run on the morning of Australia Day.

Programs

- 28 people from across 13 Northern Territory Regional Councils attended the **Australia Day Networking Forum** and Keep Australia Beautiful Conference held in Darwin in October.
- 17 communities received grants totaling \$40,000.00 to ensure the spirit of Australia Day is enjoyed by all Territorians.
- 44 organisations registered to participate in the **Oz Sports** with an array of sporting events held throughout January.
- Our **Tour of Honour** saw our Local Heroes and Senior Australian of the Year Charlie King meet with everyone from the Governor General to primary and high school students as well as parents and teachers. The journey included over 2,200km, from Darwin to Nhulunbuy and the Tiwi Islands. As well as functions with community groups, emergency services, business owners, schools and the media. Sharing messages regarding No More, Dolly's Dream, being kind and of course nominating for the Australian of the Year awards

Ambassadors

- 6 high achieving and proud Australians travelled to communities across the Northern Territory to inspire and unite communities on Australia Day, thank you to: Adam Drake, Dr Bo Remenyi, Bridie Duggan, David Taylor, Robert Shewring and Tony Burns.