

BEGA VALLEY MEDALLION

1. Present

Iliada Bolton – Director, Business & Governance

Chairperson

Esther Whitby – Executive Assistant, Business and Governance

Veronica Turner – Executive Officer, General Manager and Mayor

Lori Hammerton

Joy Robin

Margaret Collins

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Mayor Fitzpatrick, Cheryl McCarthy and Judith Reid.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Bega Valley Medallion Meeting held on 18 March 2019 were not confirmed and resolved.

4.1 Review of 2020 and 2021 Bega Valley Medallion Awards

The Committee discussed:

- Awards for 2020 year
- Awards for 2021 year (timing, media/comms and further meeting)
- Submitted the proposal of the amalgamation of Bega Valley Medallion Committee with existing Awards & Scholarships Committee & disband the Medallion s355 committee.
- Confirmed timeline. Moving forward for 2022. Nomination period and link presentation of awards to annual calendar celebrations (ie youth week, senior citizen of the year week etc) that align with the type of recognition for the award being presented

The Committee agreed on the following outcomes:

- BVMC happy to join with existing Awards & Scholarship committee with current members being invited to participate in the combined committee.
- Very strong feelings that the amalgamated committee must have wide representation for all communities in the valley. Noted that this is the benefit of the current Medallion Awards committee structure. Happy for this to be put forward for discussion with Awards & Scholarship committee
- Understanding that there will be no Medallion award for 2020. Confirmed ok to have this

message issued to media and recognise difficulties due to COVID & fires etc)

- Committee members requested the list of community groups with contact details to enable award nomination process to be circulated
- Esther to email to all committee members a paper copy of the nomination form, link to community organisations page on website and details of current criteria
- Call for nomination for 2021 Medallion Award (as per current processes) to be issued via comms after Australia Day Awards and remain open until June 2021. Further committee meeting for 2020 award decisions to be held in July.
- Call for nomination for 2022 Medallion Award to be open from July 2021 to November 2021
- Call for nominations beyond 2022 to be in line with Citizenship Awards (that is, awards can be received all year and will be considered in December for the following year)
- Time-line to be established for regular communication regarding Medallion Award and presentations to be linked to significant dates to maximise public celebration and recognition.
- Liaise with Comms & Events teams to ensure Awards are promoted in all communities and made known to public
- Esther to email list of past recipients to Committee Members
- Ongoing review to expand criteria for Medallion nominations and selection criteria

5. Closure

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 2:45 pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held following the discussion by Awards and Scholarships Committee regarding the proposal to amalgamate the two committees.