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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Reference: MC16-010046

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Dear s 22

Thank you for your email dated 5 February 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

In relation to the selection of Mr Morrison as Australian of the Year, while the Prime Minister presents the Australian of the Year Awards each year, he is not involved in the selection process. The National Australia Day Council manages the Awards.

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In relation to the handling of the so called Jedi Council matter, this involved an intensive and long running investigation with a number of civilian and military inquiries. The subsequent disciplinary and administrative actions concluded in mid-2014. The Department of Defence is confident that these matters have been appropriately investigated.

Once again, thank you for writing with your views.

Yours sincerely
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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch
16 March 2016

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The Australian of the Year - 2016

My Dear Prime Minister

I am one of those many Australians who is critical of your government for its choice of General Morrison as the 2016 Australian of the Year. I am aware that there is a small well paid bureaucracy that beavers away to produce the recommendation to government. But in the end it is the government that makes the appointment and must take the flack for an exceedingly poor choice.

A complaint has been forwarded by me to each Board member of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) concerning the appointment of General Morrison. A request has been made by me for NADC to withdraw their recommendation that General Morrison be the Australian of the Year for 2016.

I now request the government to reconsider the appointment and cancel it.

My reasoning is set out in my complaint to the NADC which is copied below:

<quote>

Dear Board Member
National Australia Day Council ('NADC')

May I add my comment to the growing Australia wide critical comment on your choice of a senior military officer as Australian of the year for 2016.

Page 10 of the most recent Annual Report of the NADC sets out the basis upon which an Australian of the Year ought be selected. I commend a close reading.

So why did you select Morrison? Is it because he made the notorious speech which went viral. You know and I know who wrote the speech. Surely there must have been a more solid basis for the selection. My understanding is that Morrison is an otherwise competent but undistinguished (retired ?) career army officer. Your elevation of him to this undeserved prominent role in Australian public life for just doing his job has permitted him to now request and receive about \$ 15,000 per event for speaking engagements.

<https://www.google.com.au/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=Australian+of+the+Year+speakers+fee>

This is both obscene and outrageous.

Worse, it is now revealed that whilst serving in his senior position in the Australian Army, Morrison was economical with the truth in his public utterances about other service personnel. See:

<http://www.michaelsmithnews.com/2016/02/ben-fordham-from-2gb-today-with-the-dark-side-of-david-morrison.html>

If true, those cowardly, inaccurate, unfair and thoroughly despicable utterances caused another senior army officer to attempt suicide.

May I, with the utmost respect, request that you now take all necessary steps to review your unsatisfactory decision and withdraw the nomination.

Please let me have your response within 14 working days.

Please be advised that I will publicise any response which you send to me (unless you ask me not to). Likewise, I advise that I will publicise particulars of non response.

I have no particular interest in a replacement 'Australian of the Year' being nominated. I see no value in continuing the annual farce making such an appointment. I would be happy for the current members of NADC to resign and recommend to Prime Minister Turnbull that the function be abandoned.

Yours faithfully

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Copy: Prime Minister

<unquote>

In the event that your government decides to persist with this unsatisfactory appointment please let me know the reasons why.

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Notes: 1. This is the second attempt to send this complaint to you. Yesterday I sent a complaint in similar terms but received no automatic acknowledgement. I assume it was not received.

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 12:06 PM
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Hi s 22

The correspondence refers to a 2GB interview which questions David Morrison's handling of the 'Jedi Council' issue – I would take some words out of Defence's media release about the matter and reiterate that Defence considers the matter closed - <http://news.defence.gov.au/2016/02/05/statement-on-claims-regarding-the-so-called-jedi-council-5-february-2016/>

Hope that helps ☺

Cheers
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I would be grateful for any text that you may wish to suggest regarding the Defence Force matters for inclusion in our responses, or any other views that you may wish to provide on addressing this aspect.

Many thanks and kind regards

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Statement on claims regarding the so-called Jedi Council – 5 February 2016

5 February 2016 | Media Release

Defence is aware of recent media reporting and social media commentary regarding the manner in which Defence, and in particular, the former Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison, AO, managed the so-called Jedi Council investigation.

Defence has made available extensive detail since the investigation was first announced on 13 June 2013, as well as providing a number of statements to the media. These statements are a matter of public record and are available on the Defence and Army websites.

Regrettably, some members of the media have elected to selectively represent the information provided to them. Some have also made a number of allegations in relation to how Defence managed; the investigation, the announcement, its relationship with the civilian police and the administrative and disciplinary process.

The so-called Jedi Council matter was an intensive and long running investigation. It involved a number of civilian police and military inquiries, cross jurisdictional liaison as well as the gathering and analysis of complex evidence. As is the nature of the investigative process, information uncovered and examined in the course of this investigation, the scope of inquiries, the number of individuals concerned, as well as the seriousness of the offences became clearer over a period of time.

By the conclusion of the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service (ADFIS) investigation into the so-called Jedi Council matter, thousands of pages of evidence were reviewed.

The subsequent disciplinary and/or administrative action concluded in mid 2014. In total, action was taken against 172 ADF members. This action included administrative and disciplinary sanctions such as censures, formal warnings and other *Defence Force Discipline Act* action. It also included the termination from service of 11 Army members.

It is unfortunate that some people have underestimated the breadth and complexity of the investigation and misrepresented the involvement of both current and former members of the ADF in this matter.

In the interests of balanced reporting, Defence has therefore elected to republish detail regarding the so-called Jedi Council matter.

In September 2010, Defence became aware of an allegation of unacceptable behaviour by an employee of a Defence contractor (also an Army Reservist). The alleged offence had been committed against a civilian. ADFIS formally commenced an investigation into the matter in November 2010.

ADFIS enquiries indicated potential civilian offences and in February 2011, the Victoria Police were engaged by ADFIS as per Defence policy in order for them to take investigative action. The civil criminal investigations took priority over any potential military disciplinary offences, to ensure there was no interference with the civilian police investigations.

Victoria Police referred the matter to the Australian Federal Police and final carriage of the investigation was established with the NSW Police Force in July 2012.

In early 2013, ADFIS became aware that the NSW Police Force investigation suspected two Regular Army members of alleged criminal offences (in addition to the former Defence Contractor employee and Army Reservist).

In March 2013, the NSW Police Force and ADFIS agreed to conduct a joint investigation, with the civilian police leading the criminal investigation and ADFIS investigating service offences. The joint investigation significantly broadened the scope of inquiries.

Lieutenant General Morrison was informed of the NSW Police Force (criminal) and ADFIS (service offences) investigation on 2 April 2013.

During the period between 2 April 2013, when Lieutenant General Morrison was made aware of the joint investigation, and the announcement on 13 June 2013; ADFIS investigators continued their deliberate and extensive effort to collect and analyse further evidence.

Representations that Lieutenant General Morrison was aware of the scope and breadth of the investigation 11 months prior in July 2012 are false.

The timeline of the investigation, as well as Defence's handling of the matter, was the subject of two Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) Inquiry Reports.

The IGADF is a statutory office holder, appointed by the Minister for Defence, and sits outside the ordinary chain of command. The role of the IGADF is to independently and impartially monitor and assess the health and effectiveness of the military justice system, which includes conducting inquiries and investigations. The IGADF reports directly to the Minister and Parliament rather than to the Chief of the Defence Force or the Service Chiefs.

The Inquiry Report into the management of the investigation found that the matter was managed appropriately by the responsible Defence agencies in accordance with the relevant Defence policy. The inquiry also found that Lieutenant General Morrison was first informed of the so-called Jedi Council matter in April 2013 and that the public announcements were appropriately delayed to June 2013, pending investigation outcomes.

The then Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force, Mr Geoff Earley, also completed a Professional Standards Review of the ADFIS investigation into the inappropriate use of the Defence computer network announced by Lieutenant General Morrison on 13 June 2013.

The Inspector General concluded that there were no breaches of the Service Police Code of Conduct and that initial ADFIS investigation in 2010 and 2011 was generally conducted in accordance with investigative practices and procedures at the time.

However the investigators' weight of effort was on probable criminal offences committed by a Reserve member in his civilian capacity rather than any potential service offences.

The Inspector General also identified that ADFIS delayed referring possible civilian offences to the relevant civilian police as investigators attempted to identify other potential victims.

With respect to claims that ADFIS lied to police about the existence of crucial evidence, the then Chief of the Defence Force, General David Hurley, previously sought advice from NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione. Commissioner Scipione advised that the NSW Police Force was satisfied that investigators *"have been provided with all the relevant materials by ADF regarding this matter taking into account that Security Provisions may require screening/vetting of the information as of March 2013"*.

Commissioner Scipione also stated that the NSW Police Force is *"satisfied that ADF has not failed to cooperate, taking into account that Security Provisions may require screening/vetting of information"*.

Defence considers this matter closed.

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Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your letter dated 1 February 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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The Prime Minister has expressed a view that no single person can make Australia a republic and it needs to be driven by the Australian people through a referendum. For this to occur, there needs to be very strong popular momentum for a change and the timing needs to be right. The Prime Minister's view is that the right time for a referendum on a republic is after the end of the Queen's reign.

The Government respects the right of all Australians to continue to express their views on this matter. The Government's current priority for constitutional change is around recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.

The Coalition Party Room decided to maintain the Government's support for the traditional definition of marriage during this Parliament. The Coalition has also committed to a democratic process to seek the views of the community through a plebiscite after the next election. The Prime Minister's personal view is to support changing the definition of marriage in the *Marriage Act 1961* to allow for same sex marriage. Whether or not you share that view, he hopes this debate will be undertaken thoughtfully and with respect for different views.

One of Australia's greatest strengths is our inclusive, diverse, multicultural and multi-faith community. As a democratic society, Australians are free to express their opinions through peaceful and constructive methods.

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that Australians of all cultures and religions are able to express their beliefs and practise their religion without intimidation and without interference, as long as they comply with Australian law. The Government will continue to ensure strong protection of liberal democratic rights and freedoms in Australia.

Once again, thank you for writing with your views.

Yours sincerely

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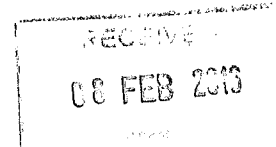
Peter Arnaudo

Assistant Secretary

Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch

16 March 2016

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The Hon Malcolm Turnbull
Prime Minister
Canberra ACT

1st Feb 2016

Australian of the Year

Dear Prime Minister

The choice of David Morrison as Australian of the Year was a bad call by all involved. Mr Morrison took less than 24 hours to create an irreparable split in the Australian public with unnecessary utterings about both a republic and the Muslim issue.

We don't have a republic because there is not yet a plan never mind public support as to how to choose a president, how long a presidential term should be and what a role if any a president would have in Australian political life.

Imagine the disquiet in Australia if Mr Morrison had been given a 5 year term as president chosen by some supreme council.

Mr Morrison is completely misguided with his call for Australians to better understand Muslims. Surely the Muslim community has a role to play in better understanding and fitting in to the Australian way of life.

It is not the role of Australian of the Year to embark on a campaign embracing same sex marriage, that again is only going to cause division in the community at large.

Mr Morrison, if he does not do the right thing and resign should go to work as Rosie Batty did on the tasks ahead for which he was chosen, among them supporting gender equality in the work place (armed forces included) etc.

Mr Morrison could take a lesson from Sir Peter Cosgrove who is undertaking his vice-regal role with apolitical distinction.

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Thank you for your letter dated 2 February 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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Should you wish to nominate someone for the 2017 Australian of the Year Awards, information on the awards and the nomination process is available from www.australianoftheyear.org.au or by telephoning 1300 655 193.

Service to Australia and the community may also be recognised by awards in the Australian honours system. Appointments to and awards in the Order of Australia are the primary means of recognising, at a national level, the achievements and service of many Australians. Community service accounts for approximately 50 per cent of all awards in the Order.

Appointments are made at three levels (Companion – AC, Officer – AO and Member – AM) as well as the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia – OAM. Anyone can nominate someone for an award in the Order of Australia. Further information about awards in the Australian honours system is available from www.itsanhonour.gov.au or by telephoning 1800 552 275.

I hope this information is helpful in outlining the avenues that are available for recognition, by national honour, of those who have made outstanding contributions that benefit our nation.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch

6 May 2016



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Reference: MC16-015190

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Dear s 22

Thank you for your letter dated 26 January 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf. I apologise for the delay in replying.

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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write with your views.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch
16 March 2016

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Australian of the Year

Dear Malcolm,

It is with a very heavy heart I write asking you to have a look at the stories by the men that came out today regarding their treatment by Mr Morrison.

I wept listening to them.

How could this happen what kind of a society are we that this could happen and this man becomes 'Australian of the Year'

He must step down we have all had enough , he doesn't represent everything Australia stands for.

I can't believe as a compassionate person that I think you are you would let this man stand there as Australian of the Year, what a mockery of the whole thing.

Please show some courage and heart and ask this man to stand down .

This man is nothing for us as Australians to feel proud of .

Thank you for the opportunity to write and say what everybody is feeling and saying today.

Kind regards.

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From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 2:09 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Seeking s 22 views - Defence-related Ministerial correspondence (MC16-009075) regarding the Australian of the Year Awards [~~DLM=For Official Use Only~~]

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No dramas ☺

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 2:08 PM
To: s 22
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Wonderful, and once again, thanks so much for your views on this!

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No problem – would this do?

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I agree, are there any standard words about Defence addressing Defence abuse in general terms?

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Hi s 22

I'm not sure we can provide words around the issues raised in this letter as they are too vague to provide a substantial response – i.e. “the stories by the men that came out today regarding their treatment...” I also think it's dangerous for us to assume we know what the correspondent is referring to, and then provide words which may not be relevant and may just muddy the situation further. What do you think?

Cheers

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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
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March 2016

03/02/2016 10:48:51 AM

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David Morrison

Dear Mr Turnbull,

I ask that the decision to award Mr David Morrison the title of Australian of the Year is reviewed. I have nothing personal against Mr Morrison but the controversy surrounding him and the fact that he is now implicated in a very serious matter involving s 22 and other past or present serving personnel detracts too much from the role of Australian of the Year.

From very recent media reports and statements made in parliament (senate) I think Mr Morrison should act with integrity and resign. There is too much of a cloud over him which denigrates the role of Australian of the Year. I believe he will be surrounded by controversy, because of allegations of him walking past issues he should have addressed. Such controversy is divisive and not within the spirit of the role of Australian of the Year. I believe Mr Morrison should be encouraged to resign this role out of respect to the Australian people. Sincerely, s 22
Yours sincerely s 22

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From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 11:59 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Seeking s 22 views - Defence-related Ministerial correspondence (MC16-008614) regarding the Australian of the Year Awards [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Wonderful, many thanks s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 9 March 2016 11:58 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Seeking s 22 views - Defence-related Ministerial correspondence (MC16-008614) regarding the Australian of the Year Awards [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Thanks for seeking our views on this. I would suggest the following words in relation to s 22:

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Reference: MC16-007599

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Dear s 22

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Yours sincerely /
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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
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25 February 2016

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Australian of the year

Prime minister .. A very political and poor choice - I am a Liberal /
national party voter and as most Aussie passionate about our flag etc and
tHe was a poor but obviously "republican" choice -



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25 February 2016

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Australian Honours

Once again the committee of the Australian of the Year responsible for choosing appears that it has no regard for the broader public in its choice. This year no single Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade to accept the honour, but the States Fire Brigade who have been paid but unlike volunteers sleeping beside their trucks, staying on top of the tiredness and not getting a cent. Some have lost their homes. How about seeking out who really paid a price for commitment.

This 2016 the Australian of the Year, it appears that this morphed into a summary for politicians along with many political activists rather than being a reflection and acknowledgement of someone's long-standing positive contribution to Australian society. Even the Westminster model was never intended to harbor career politicians who vote for their own election rather than the interests of their constituents. Listening to the reactions from recent awardees it seems that the unity of the Australian of the Year honour has become an identifying occasion of contention.

It is a puzzle as to why public servants receive Australia Day honours just for doing what they are paid to do, Federal Government, States and Territories as well as the Shires and Councils. It is these groups that are well paid with greater superannuation than the norm. With such 30-40 years and receive medals etc. Many individuals that own their own business, employing people and receive no mention at the end of their working life. The Australians of the years or Australian honours who go the extra yards in their own time and at their own expense, always wanting to help others never expecting anything in return.

It is over some 2-3 years that the Australian Day awards have been the major summaries for the Prime Minister. This should be our Governor General making the presentations, he is our Head of State representing our nation as a whole. Our current head of state must be embarrassed for the organizing committee and have a politician instead.

From 2015 and 2016 it has been a "captain's pick" that has gone wrong. With 2015 Tony Abbott, had a disaster. The first was the announcement re Prince Phillip. The next was Australian of the Year 2015 Adam Goodes, who was previous and noted re with his "invasion day" and "racists" in football was not that, the football crowd boos only for Goodes, a 13 year girl demonised that child and no one other indigenous football players was booing apart from Goodes. A very poor loser with a chip on his shoulder and still exists.

Initially Rosie Batty has been out there generalising about men and said a solution could be found in attacking poverty instead of demonising men. Demonising men makes the problem worse and a solution, then deal with men in public housing estates and the Aboriginal communities where the problem is targeted ... Batty would find by attacking poverty, rather than 60% of the \$100 million pushing attacking men, she getting a far better solution

than the grandstanding and demonising hearing from Rosie Batty and the other plethora of left feminists and activists. This year is just another grant from Mr Turnbull from Ms Batty said the government would give \$500,000 over two years to the Luke Batty Foundation to support advocacy on gender equality and violence against women and their children. As an activist the work has not yet done, so why would Malcolm Turnbull be delivering yet another \$500,000 groveling to all activists and yet nothing since it has occurred.

The Australian Day awards need to have a major rethink. This year of Australia Day committees, especially Queensland and the Australia day Council seem to be run by persons alienated from mainstream Australian values just for the benefit of others similarly alienated.

It is quite amazing that has the Chief of Defence prostrating himself to the PC brigade only be beaten over the head with a handbag of one of his transgender subordinates and this position squabbling prima donnas what most Australians are the best of Australian values. As for Morrison external, these should be at a minimum and be prepared by the chief himself or technical experts. The chief of the army is not a politician so should have no need for a speechwriter. Quaint, her boss gives a speech that she wrote and now he is Australian of the Year

After reading Hedley Thomas re the Australian of the Year, it gets into some bizarre parallel universe, courtesy of the militant lesbian gay, bisexual transgender intersex community and its push to blur the natural and normal distinctions of a gender that shapes our society.

With such an Australian Day with tacky fallout from David Morrison and Catherine McGregor (LGBTI) is a saga for ADF at every level. Neither the military nor police are places for those battling emotional turmoil. It is now an aftermath is an Australian public picking up the pieces of a shattered and devalued national award for this year as least and an experimental plaything for politically correct judging and judging panels. This also goes further than while this saga on the 26th January Morrison also with all this the next came that with all this Australia Day, Morrison also began his activism in regard the Republic as well – where is this going – was this active with the Australian Day committee or did the committee know was on the agenda

It is now seen that Morrison has had many agendas and at the time of Australia of the Year there was other political activist and with the last week there has been TV, Media, ABC etc with everything and all of what this all about and also the same-sex marriage but now backed off that there are Australians who won't agree.

Defence Force Welfare Association's David Jamieson has told that Gen. Morrison has long been a divisive figure in the Defence community. Mr Jamieson called for him to show active support for the causes that the veterans have taken up for their welfare and the welfare of their families. An online petition signed by 1300 people is calling for the former army chief to resign for what it says is his failure to support returned soldiers.

The petition also calls for General Morrison to relinquish the retired title of General for not using his Australia Day speech to publicly champion the cause of physically and mentally disabled ADF personnel.

In the Australian of the Year and also it used to be about people who have

done something that they have done, but now it appears about people who want to happen but never have. This year there are objections are tightly aimed at the award but it is making this a platform to campaign to social change – that is the future but it should be the huge achievements not hope!

This is also a disaster as per Tony Abbott in 2015 in regard the 2016 absolute shambles and as such the Prime Minister, must remove Morrison must as Australian of the Year.

This is a sad way to start the 2016 year.

s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 10:34 AM
To: s 22
Cc:
Subject: Proposed response to s 22 corro [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi s 22

I have examined these pieces of corro and suggest the following responses:

1. MC16-006679 from s 22
 s 22 has actually just copied and pasted an entire article by Paul Zanetti (a cartoonist and blogger) into her letter, with no comment of her own. Suggest NFA.

2. MC16-007812 from s 22
 To address the Defence-related content, we suggest a brief statement regarding Defence workforce inclusion, such as:

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Happy to discuss.

Cheers
 s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2016 2:30 PM
To: s 22
Subject: Seeking your views -Defence-related Ministerial correspondence [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi s 22

We have received the enclosed two items of Defence-related Ministerial correspondence regarding the Australian of the Year Awards:

1. MC16-006679 from s 22
2. MC16-007812 from s 22

It would appear that the correspondence also raises Defence Force matters.

I would be grateful for any text that you may have on-hand regarding the Defence Force matters for inclusion in our responses, or any other views that you may wish to provide on addressing this aspect.

Many thanks and kind regards

Kind regards

s 22 Adviser

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Reference: MC16-011073

s 22

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The Coalition Party Room decided to maintain the Government's support for the traditional definition of marriage during this Parliament. The Coalition has also committed to a democratic process to seek the views of the community through a plebiscite after the next election. The Prime Minister's personal view is to support changing the definition of marriage

in the *Marriage Act 1961* to allow for same sex marriage. Whether or not you share that view, he hopes this debate will be undertaken thoughtfully and with respect for different views.

Yours sincerely
s 22

Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
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9 March 2016



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Reference: MC16-011907

s 22

Dear s 22

Thank you for your email received 10 February 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards and your previous email to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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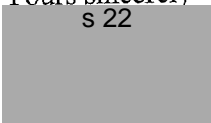
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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write with your views.

Yours sincerely
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16 March 2016

10/02/2016 07:22:48 AM

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Australian of the Year; s 22

Dear Malcolm, s 22

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However, I have two points I would like to draw your attention to: (1) the choice of Australian of the Year (David Morrison). Bad choice - difficult for the average person, and even the average Liberal voter as I am, to see the extraordinary effort this person has made to (what?!!!!) What a waste of this award to such an ordinary person. The award should go to someone who has made extraordinary contributions over a lifetime...not just doing their job. Looks like to me Malcolm, that this award was designed to bring attention to someone who was more than willing to push the "Republic bandwagon"this being your effort sideways, to get that point across. Sorry..failed again. as this guy could not be successful on that front either.

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s 22

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Reference: MC16-006056

s 22

Dear s 22

Thank you for your email dated 24 January 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the award of Australian of the Year in the UK and our national Australian of the Year Awards. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

The Australia Day Foundation Limited in the UK, established in 2003 to develop Australia Day celebrations and events in the UK, is a not-for-profit UK Foundation governed by a Board of Directors. Each year the Foundation invites members of the public to submit nominations for the award of Australian of the Year in the UK and the award is judged by the Foundation's Awards Selection Committee. High Commissioner Downer is not a member of the Foundation's Awards Selection Committee and was not involved in the selection of Sir Lynton Crosby AO as Australian of the Year in the UK.

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25 February 2016

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UK Australian of the Year

Lynton Crosby - That choice says it all - to be a great Australian you need to work to get the Coalition elected and be successful. What a corruption of the award. Another old white male - mate of Downer. On a par with Joe for US Ambassador. I guess Australians just have to suck up all the bankrupt and embarrassing decisions so you can hold power. Can't wait to see the choices made for Australian of the Year - my confidence is not high that it will be a person we can all be proud of.



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February 2016

26/01/2016 02:42:43 PM

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Australian Of The Year Award

Dear Prime Minister

I wrote to your predecessors on this subject and I will continue to write to whoever the elected PM is until this inequality/farce is addressed.

Every year an Australian of the Year is chosen and the award given. Just like last year, the award this year has been given to a person whom in the course of the terms of their employment have a responsibility to do or accomplish what they have done. They were paid very handsomely to do this and that is their reward, the same as any other person under employment.

In my opinion this is totally wrong. We have many Australians that serve the community, many for no financial reward. Some even regularly put their lives at risk such as our volunteer fire-fighters. Some travel to foreign countries to volunteer to assist in dealing with poverty, sickness, orphaned children. Others teach third world country people trades and skills. These people I refer to do this without reward, they do this simply because they want to make a difference.

Sure, if I was head of the AIF I could also make significant changes, that would be my job and I would have the authority and power to do that. it is also what is expected of me and I am paid to do.

But what of those that help in situations where they only have their intelligence, goodwill and care to for welfare of people and animals, and physical health to offer? Those that cannot order change but bring it about through their selfless attitude?

We now have a society where it is pretty much a given that both parents will have to work to raise, house and educate a family. What of those unsung heroes that step up to the plate willingly to look after their grandchildren when what they should be doing is enjoying rest and retirement. What of those people that turn their homes into wildlife and animal rescue shelters and elect to live off the grace and care of other members of the public?

I am sick and tired of hearing already prominent, well paid people, or persons being rewarded handsomely through sporting sponsorship etc, being recognised as an Australian of the year when what they do they have done so for reward!

What about having the opposite? recognise an ultra rich Australian for not paying Tax, ripping off their employees and for uncontrolled greed, self serving attitude, and lack of care and responsibility for people in need? A certain woman whom I believe is the richest women in the world, does nothing that she does not benefit from.

So PM, every year on Australia day, I will be looking for an outcome that actually recognises the unsung heroes. And every year I will write a similar letter of disgust to the PM about this consistently blinkered approach to selecting people for recognition.



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Reference: MC16-006519

s 22

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Thank you for your email dated 26 January 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards and the achievements of Ms Michelle Payne. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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Yours sincerely,
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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
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18 February 2016

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Australia Awards

As an Australian s 22 Check if you like.

I am very concerned for my families future and our country
Watching TV about Australia Day and concerned about our the country that
our parents and great grand parents paved for this great country and what
is the governments future

project. First about Australian of the year, who nominates them and in
what order how are they nominated, by whom, are all great Australians
consider?.

Why was Michelle Payne if she is a Australian citizen not consider or
mentioned as the first female jockey winner of one of the most Australian
events not even mentioned? s 22

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Regards

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Reference: MC16-006616

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25 February 2016

27/01/2016 10:12:16 AM

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Australian of the Year unsuitable for the job

Sir,

Showing his true colours

Well may David Morrison be Australian of the Year but he does not seem to understand his duties. His duty would be to bring Australians together, instead, he is causing division with his dictatorial spruiking about an Australian Republic. He cannot tell me what to think, say or do! "A mind, changed against its will, is of the same opinion still". He is not a sympathetic man! This must have been a political decision as Michelle Payne would have made a much better AotY.....

Thank you.

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Thank you for your email dated 27 January 2016 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding the Australian of the Year Awards and the Australia Day honours list. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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the community and are considered by the Council for the Order of Australia, an independent body, which makes recommendations for awards direct to the Governor-General. Awards in the Order of Australia are generally announced by Government House on Australia Day (26 January) and The Queen's Birthday public holiday (June).

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As you know, the Coalition Party Room decided to maintain the Government's support for the traditional definition of marriage during this Parliament. The Coalition has also committed to a democratic process to seek the views of the community through a plebiscite after the next election. The Prime Minister's personal view is to support changing the definition of marriage in the *Marriage Act 1961* to allow for same sex marriage. Whether or not you share that view, he hopes this debate will be undertaken thoughtfully and with respect for different views.

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As a democratic society, Australians are free to express their opinions through peaceful and constructive methods. The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that Australians of all cultures and religions are able to express their beliefs and practise their religion without intimidation and without interference, as long as they comply with Australian law. The Government will continue to ensure strong protection of liberal democratic rights and freedoms in Australia.

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Australia Day List

Now that the "Australia Day Honours" recipients have become a forum for political agendas yet again, they have also become irrelevant. How about getting rid of Australia Day "Honours". It has become a laughing stock since it was given to Adam Goodes to satisfy Indigenous Australians. He spent his speech telling us we are all racist. That's why he is unpopular. Not for the colour of his skin. It's his attitude. Now the "honour" has been given to David Morrison who wants to ram down our throats about Muslims and gay marriage. Give us a break!!!! Another farcical man who served in the Army, presumably under the Commonwealth, swore allegiance etc and now says he didn't believe in that and wants a Republic.. Smacks of Quentin Bryce! Same thing. So why do we want to keep the Queen?? Because she rams nothing down our throats. Because she doesn't voice her opinions daily and have the BBC push them as will the ABC for Morrison. He is now classed as "esteem" and would no doubt be classed as a possible President if we became a Republic! Get my drift? That's what we would get. Each one would push their own barrow. The likes of Rosie Batty should be given a forum and it shouldn't have needed "Australian of the Year" to get her on the front pages. No doubt we will have a Muslim "Australian of the Year" shortly to prove we are not racist. And an African. We keep trying to prove something. It's time to close it down when Coutts gets a gong for transport and twelve months ago his truck fleet was taken off the road for being unsafe. Who chooses these people??? Then Michael Rann. Wasn't he involved in something a couple of years ago? Just remember Rolf Harris. You have to be very careful who you chose to award and elevate. We know what the Monarchy stands for and we want to keep it. Aussies see thru these perks for the mates. You're flogging a dead horse and it won't do you any favours in the electorate. You've been given the message yet again in the polls the last few days. Thought we were going broke? How much does this parade cost us? Don't keep talking taxes and go on spending sprees. Make up your mind. Can we afford these things when cancer patients have to pay for their medications? Forget the frills and fancies, Malcolm, make some hard decisions.



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Like many other countries in the world who actively promote innovation (eg. UK, US and Germany), the Government's \$1.1 billion National Innovation and Science Agenda will help to create a modern, dynamic, 21st century economy for Australia. The Agenda will incentivise innovation and entrepreneurship, reward risk taking, and promote science, maths and computing in schools. This package of measures builds on the Government's commitment to nurturing a healthy innovation system. The Government will make innovation central to all major policies. Further information can be accessed at www.innovation.gov.au.

You may be interested to know that the Government supports Australian arts and culture in a number of ways. This includes through grants and other programmes delivered by the Australia Council, philanthropic initiatives facilitated by Creative Partnerships Australia, and projects administered by the Ministry for the Arts. The recently established Catalyst programme complements these support mechanisms by offering assistance to innovative gallery, library, archive, museum, arts education and infrastructure projects that may otherwise find it difficult to access funding.

The Australian Government is also a strong supporter of participation in sport and physical activity from grassroots to the elite level, as it provides a vehicle to ensure Australians live active and healthy lives. The primary method used by the Government to support sporting participation is by providing funding to recognised National Sporting Organisations to develop and support sport in Australia. The Government is investing approximately \$304 million in sport in 2015-16.

Once again, thank you for writing with your views.

Yours sincerely
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26/01/2016 08:29:54 AM

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Australians of the Year

Dear Prime Minister,

It was very inspiring to see all of the finalists for the Australians of the Year awards. I would also like to see the ambition articulated at the awards that every Australian should have the opportunity to achieve her or his full potential and to make a tangible contribution to this country realised.

These awards demonstrate that at least a few Australians have been able to do this. It is more difficult, however, to see how your claim that every Australian has made this country great, as it were, merely by breathing, is true. It also depends upon what ambitions each Australian actually has, whether or not these are fulfilled. In numerous cases, however, Australians achieve something notable despite the lack of support available to them, not because their country supports them as much as it could. We might choose to see something commendable even in this, but I do not believe that we ought to be making it difficult for one another to achieve our potential.

Sport and the Arts are two areas in which many Australians make notable achievements, and yet both of these areas have been chronically under-funded, and that lack of adequate funding has arguably also prevented others from achieving their potential. Our Olympic teams, from whom we expect so much, have frequently suffered from insufficient funding, while the pay for the national women's soccer team is a national disgrace – and another instance of gender inequality.

It is equally difficult to see how any of the ca. 800,000 unemployed Australians is being assisted to achieve their potential; on the contrary, not merely the fact of their unemployment but also the current legislation governing the treatment of the unemployed, the disgraceful lack of services and funding support and training opportunities all effectively prevent the unemployed from achieving very much at all. It is similarly difficult to see how any of the ca. 105,000 homeless is being enabled to make any contribution to the country. Again, if an estimated 50% of university graduates are being denied employment and career opportunities in their chosen fields, then while the completion of their studies might in itself be considered an achievement of potential, that achievement also assumes that they can then use their qualifications in suitable paid employment. This is not available to hundreds of thousands of Australians. This situation has now become so deplorable that even medical, legal and other graduates are not assured practical placements in order to complete their qualifications. Medical research in Australia has an impressive international reputation, but it, too, suffers from chronic under-funding, so that in this area as well, Australians are not always able to make the contribution that they would otherwise make. Continuing academic job cuts,

loss of career opportunities, and discouragement to aspiring academics and researchers because of lack of opportunities at our universities also means that thousands of Australians are being denied any opportunity to achieve their potential or to benefit the country within our university sector.

Since the immediate post-war period, Australia has created a brain drain which continues to the present, more than sixty years later. Due to the inability or unwillingness of the country to ensure that every single Australian has had suitable career opportunities – in the Arts, in science and technology, in business, and in other academic disciplines – within their own country, they have been forced to seek opportunities in other countries around the world. In doing so, they have often achieved their potential and have made contributions to other countries, yet they have been denied by Australia the opportunity to contribute to their own country. This is frustrating to them personally, but it has also resulted in incalculable loss to the country. No other developed country in the world has behaved in this manner over such a long period of time, despite having had the financial resources to have supported all of those citizens had it chosen to do so.

In any properly functioning and economically developed country, it should not have been necessary for a prime minister to have sponsored innovation, because this is something that the country ought to have been doing as something so obvious as to warrant no discussion; other countries are much more advanced in this respect. Australia is therefore not a properly functioning and economically developed society. In the same way, a surprising number of finalists for this year's awards were engaged in activities with the under-privileged, but if we were already a society that properly supported all of our citizens, then these activities would not be necessary. We are therefore far from being as caring and egalitarian a society as we like to think we are.

I would therefore suggest that we are deluding ourselves if we think that many Australians are being enabled to achieve their potential and to make a tangible contribution to the country, and that we need to make far-reaching changes to our culture and funding – to say nothing of our education – if we are to maximise our potential as a society. Without much better funding and institutionalised support and opportunities, and stronger and more effective political leadership in the economy, a majority of Australians will never achieve their potential or make the contribution to this country that they might otherwise make. The country will remain so much the poorer for that.

Sincerely,

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Hi s 22

Please find below some arts input you may wish to consider for inclusion.

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Cheers

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I would be grateful for any text that your team may have on-hand for inclusion in our response, or any other views that you may wish to provide on addressing these aspects.

Many thanks and kind regards

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Please see below words to consider using in the response to this corro.

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The primary method used by the Government to support sporting participation is by providing funding to recognised National Sporting Organisations to develop and support sport in Australia. The Government is investing approximately \$304 million in sport in 2015-16. This includes \$100 million over 3 years for the *Sporting Schools initiative* to provide school aged children with access to free, structured sporting activities before, during or after school.

To address gender inequity in the sports sector the Government runs a number of programmes assisting women to participate in sport, as well as to take on leadership roles. A condition of investment by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in the country's top-funded sporting organisations is to make gender-neutral travel policies for senior major championships. This is another important step towards fair and equitable recognition and reward for female athletes.

The Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) programme is an initiative managed by the ASC in partnership with the Office for Women. The objective of the WLIS programme is to provide female administrators, coaches and officials with opportunities to undertake intermediate or advanced training within an existing pathway in the sports industry to reach their leadership potential. In addition, the ASC established the Women in Sport Leadership Register, which is designed to assist in the placement of women on boards within sport. Increasing the number of women in leadership and sports administration roles will create a more 'female-friendly' environment and address barriers to participation for women and girls.

Regards

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Many thanks

I am grateful for everyone's views.

I very much like the innovation text and will include in our response.

Any standard paragraphs that other teams may happen to have on-hand, that wouldn't take much work to send through, would be appreciated.

Kind regards

s 22

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Hi s 22

I share you views.

Rather than responding to every issue, it may be more appropriate to do a thanks for your views they have been noted type response?

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Hi s 22

Happy to help, though I do wonder if this warrants a reply – its more of a monologue than seeking anything of the PM.

Should you need it here is a suggested line on innovation in response to the paragraph in the letter extracted below:

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Extract from letter

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Yours sincerely
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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch

25 February 2016

ps. Professor Gordon Fiddie, Director of Emergency at St Vincent's Hospital was the recipient of the Senior Australian of the Year.

Dr Catherine Keenan is Australia's Local Hero.

See set up the Spring Story Factory to get school kids to improve their creative writing and reading skills.

All the best

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Australian of the year

I would like to voice my disapproval of the choice of Australian of The Year. There must have someone a bit more deriving , maybe some Doctors or Scientist doing world class research that is going to help all Australians.
Your sincerely s 22



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Peter Amadio
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal Policy Branch

19 February 2016

18/01/2016 04:47:38 PM

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Australians of the year

Ken and Joyce Elliott should be made Australians of the year for their 40 yrs of dedication to the people of Africa.



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Reference: MC16-002356

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Assistant Secretary
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18 February 2016

10/01/2016 11:06:07 AM

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Dr barry kirby

Can you pls add dr barry kirby to the contendrrs for some special
recognition under australian of the year (see iview for today sunday 10th
internatuonal correspondent)

Tks

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18 February 2016

09/01/2016 01:43:29 PM

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Nomination for Australian of Year

Id love to nominate the oraganiser of the hay convoy to qld, as Australian of the Year, what a huge and very benifical thing he has done for our drought stricken farmers. Makes me proud to be aussie. Thanks



SENATOR THE HON JAMES MCGRATH
ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION

Reference: MC16-002731

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The National Australia Day Council is a Commonwealth company in the Prime Minister's portfolio responsible for coordinating the celebration of Australia Day nationally, including the Australia Day Ambassador Program. I have asked the Council to consider your proposal and I expect that the Council will write to you soon regarding your proposal.

Thank you once again for bringing your proposal to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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JAMES MCGRATH

17 / 3 / 2016

*Please send to PM's
office 7/1*

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From: s 22
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2015 9:31 AM
To: s 22
Subject: FW: Enquiry From Website

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2015 11:51 AM
 Subject: Enquiry From Website

The enquiry as shown below was sent by s 22

Name: s 22
 Address: s 22
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 Telephone: s 22
 Message Type: Suggestion
 Subject: National Issue
 Subject - Other: Australia Day Ambassadors
 Comments: Subject: Australia Day Ambassadors

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What a delight it is to be here today with Alan Joyce and the QANTAS team to launch the 2016 G'Day USA Program in the presence of Ambassador John Berry, United States Ambassador to Canberra, and Ambassador-designate Joe Hockey, Australia's Ambassador to Washington, and I'm delighted to confirm that Joe will actually be in the United States in time for G'Day USA 2016. I also acknowledge the sponsors and supporters here for what is a very important event and that is the launch of the 2016 Program.

As you would know, since 2004 the Australian Government and QANTAS have been delivering G'Day USA which is an outstanding example of Australia's soft power diplomacy at its very best. G'Day USA is the premier cultural, economic, public diplomacy initiative that we have with the United States.

Of course, the person behind it all, John Olsen, is here today. When he was Consul-General in Los Angeles, he conceived of an idea where Australia would have a week of events showcasing our very best talent across a range of fields. Today, John is still supporting G'Day USA, and I thank him so much for his dynamism, his energy and his commitment to this cause. It is now a year-long initiative - West Coast and East Coast - bringing together corporate leaders, policy makers, our creative talent and academia from the United States and from Australia.

It is an unparalleled opportunity for us to show American audiences how sophisticated and dynamic our Australian economy is and it is also an opportunity for us to showcase our greatest natural resource - our people, and our greatest natural asset - their creativity, their talent, their innovative flair. G'Day USA is a way to show the United States more of the very best in our film, food, wine, fashion, music, education, defence technology, water and drought management - a whole range of areas where Australia excels.

The United States is the largest foreign investor in our nation, one of our largest trading partners and 10 years ago we signed a Free Trade Agreement with the United States and so our economies have grown even closer. Now we are partners in the Trans Pacific Partnership, an historic free trade agreement covering 12 nations and two of the founding members - the United States and Australia.

I want to mention the business sector, because the private sector is an indispensable part of the success of G'Day USA over the past 11 years. Since its beginnings about 1000 Australian companies and about 3000 US companies have taken part in G'Day USA and I think that is extraordinary.

I want to thank all of the sponsors over the years, particularly the sponsors of 2016. We are very excited about the depth of our relationship with the US Study Centre and Robert Hill is here today, with the Australian-American Association, with Wine Australia and also Ausfilm, thank you so much for being part of this amazing event.

The centrepiece of course for G'Day USA is the Gala in Los Angeles, held every year in January. It is always fabulous - 2016 promises to be absolutely fabulous - as QANTAS, as host, highlights the impact of the Australian film industry and how we excel in the film and entertainment business.

You will be aware that the Australian Government is very keen to promote Australia's excellence in film and entertainment because we have such a pool of creative, talented actors and crew and technicians, special effects people and they really are world class. We have encouraged Hollywood producers to film their blockbusters here in Australia. Recently our Minister for Communications and I were able to announce that Sir Ridley Scott's next Alien movie, and the next in the Thor series starring our very own Chris Hemsworth, will be filmed in Australia in 2016. This means about \$300 million in additional foreign investment, about 3000 jobs for Australian actors and crew and supporters and about 6000 contracts for Australian businesses. This is an enormous boost to Australia's economic growth and particularly for jobs in our country.

At the Gala event in Los Angeles next January we will be honouring two outstanding Australians of immense talent in the film industry and they will receive honorary awards to highlight the breadth and depth of our talent in film. I want to thank QANTAS for making the Gala event possible because it really does become a fixture on the US awards season agenda with the backing that we have from QANTAS and other supporters.

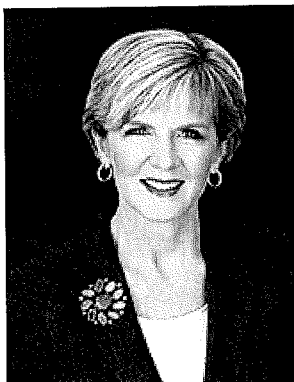
So I'm delighted to announce today that at the Gala event in Los Angeles on the 28th of January Dr George Miller will receive the G'Day USA Lifetime Achievement award for his commitment, over many years, to the creative industries in Australia and particularly his renowned reputation as a filmmaker through the Mad Max franchise.

Secondly, Joel Edgerton will receive the G'Day USA Excellence in Film award for his role as an actor, writer, director and, most recently, with a brilliant film - 'The Gift'. So these two immensely talented Australians will rightly be recognised by G'Day USA for their contribution not only to Australia's industries in the creative field, but also to our reputation as a nation that is able to hold its own in the very competitive world of entertainment.

So ladies and gentlemen I'm absolutely delighted to launch the 2016 G'Day USA program. Congratulations to QANTAS and what a great year you've had!

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G'Day USA 2016

28 January 2016

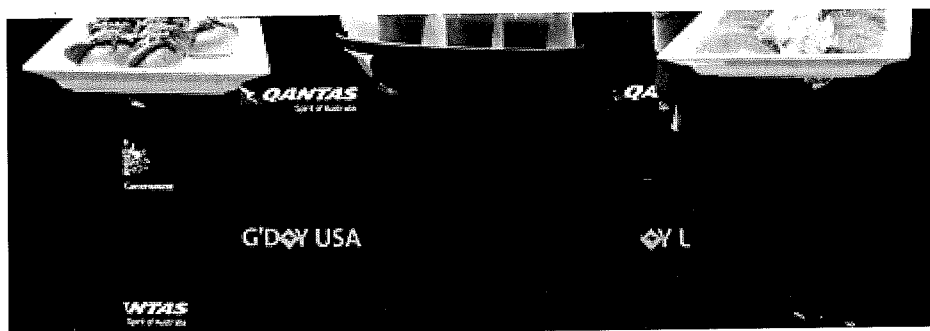
The 2016 G'Day USA program, Australia's premier public and economic diplomacy program in the United States, has begun its series of events in New York, Washington DC, Los Angeles and Houston featuring attendance by Minister for Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP.

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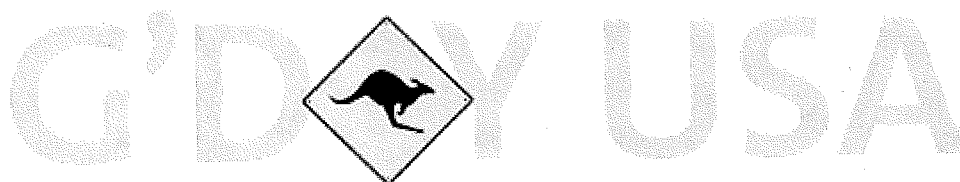


Qantas CEO Alan Joyce speaks to guests at the 2016 G'Day USA launch in Sydney.





Chief Neil Perry showcases Australian food at the G'Day USA launch in Sydney. Credit: Lauren Hernandez, DFAT.



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, launches G'Day USA 2016 – the premier public and economic diplomacy program promoting Australia in the United States.



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Reference: C15/72702

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As you know, the 2014 Australian of the Year was Mr Adam Goodes. He was recognised for his contribution and commitment to fairness and equality both on and off the field.

Further information about the Australian of the Year Awards and the nomination process is available from www.australianoftheyear.org.au.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write with your views.

Yours sincerely
s 22

Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Legal Policy Branch

6 October 2015

C15-72702 PM Email 1373660-1

30 Jul 15 07:15:36

s 22



RE: Australian of the Year

I have just voted for Adam Goodes as Australian of the Year for the second time for his courage in facing a stream of racial vilification. Premiers Andrews, Baird, Barnett and Weatherall have all come out strongly in support of Goodes and good sportsmanship but there has been a deafening silence from your office. As Prime Minister you should show national moral leadership do you lack the courage to possibly offend the racist yobos responsible or do you agree with the disgusting comments by Alan Jones? No wonder Mike Baird finds politics sickening!



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Reference: C15/111772

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 16 December 2015

C15-111772 PM Email 1451524-1

07 Oct 15 15:41:00

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RE: Impressive Australian = Australian of the Year or similar award

Re: Nic Vujicic

I have been observing this man for several years and have been impressed by the quality of his life and his presentation. He has been living in America for several years but is very Australian and a citizen of the world.

I would like to draw your attention to a man who has some physical difficulties (he has no limbs), yet he is doing remarkable things in speaking tours around the world. Because he is not doing anything attention-grabbing or political, he is receiving no recognition in the Australian popular media. He has a number of presentations on Youtube, Facebook and Internet, etc. Thus he is becoming more well-known on a popular level.

It is unlikely that people who move in your particular levels of community life will be aware of him, so that is why I draw your attention to him. He is a genuine Australian, who does not play any sport, but is spreading a good humanitarian influence in many places. He deserves the recognition of the wider population. He can be a good influence for Australia before he is overcome by his American influences.

It is for these reasons that I draw your attention to him and I hope you can find a little time to pursue some information seeking about a man who is doing so much good in the world.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference: C15/131792

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As you know, Rosie Batty was awarded Australian of the Year 2015 for championing efforts to fight domestic violence, her many media and public speaking appearances to shine a spotlight on the issue and calling for systemic changes.

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22 December 2015

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 December 2015 4:05 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

Hi s 22

Thank you for the email.

The Australian of the Year Awards eligibility criteria on our website states:

- At the national level a person cannot receive a second award in the same award category, but can be considered for recognition in a separate category in following years, for example Young Australian of the Year and then Australian of the Year

The criteria can be found here <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/the-awards/criteria/>

Please let me know if you need any more information.

Many thanks

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Australian of the Year Awards

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To: s 22
Subject: RE: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

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Hi s 22

We have received Ministerial correspondence asking whether Rosie Batty can be Australian of the Year twice in a row.

We expect to respond by providing information about how to nominate someone for the award, noting that nominations for the 2016 award have closed.

I would be grateful for some brief information about NADC's position on whether someone can be Australian of the Year twice in a row.

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Adviser

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 December 2015 9:20 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

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Hi s 22

I am pleased to confirm that an adjusted message is about to be sent to the Prime Minister's office, and we expect to deliver an approved message to you before 24 December.

Many thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 December 2015 5:45 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

Hi s 22

I hope you are well.

I just thought I would check in and see how the message from the Prime Minister was coming along and whether it was on track to be back to us by 24 December.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks
s 22

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Australian of the Year Awards

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Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 1:01 PM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22; honours
Subject: RE: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program ~~{SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}~~

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Many thanks s 22

I am pleased to confirm that we are making arrangements for an approved message from the Prime Minister, along with a high res photo and electronic signature, by **24 December 2015**.

In the meantime, we can be contacted for any assistance with arrangements.

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Sent: Wednesday, 2 December 2015 10:28 AM
To: s 22
Cc:
Subject: Message from PM for Australian of the Year Awards program ~~{SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}~~
Importance: High

Good morning s 22

I hope you are well.

Each year the Prime Minister will include a message in the program for the Australian of the Year Awards. I am sending through a draft message for you to forward through to the PMO for any changes or approval.

For their information I am also sending through the following:

- copy of program artwork from last year for context to see where the message from the Prime Minister will sit
- copy of media release with details of all 33 national finalists and their bios

I will need an approved message back from the Prime Minister, along with a high res photo and electronic signature by **24 December 2015**.

Let me know if you have any questions or if they need any more information.

Many thanks

s 22

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Criteria

In choosing the recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the Australian community and nation.

An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

The selection criteria are:

- › Demonstrated excellence in their field
- › Significant contribution to the Australian community and nation
- › An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- › The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level

Selection panels will also give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- › Personal, academic and professional achievements
- › Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee 'put back' into their field to benefit others)
- › Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity
- › Personal interests and community involvement
- › Contribution to development of regional community and/or economy
- › Future goals and likely impact
- › Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made
- › Country of residence
- › Previous awards and recognition
- › Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- › Nature and length of activity or service
- › Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- › Availability and commitment to promote national pride and active citizenship through the year of the recipient's appointment

In ensuring that the Australian of the Year Awards recipients are representative of our diverse nation consideration may be given to:

- › Gender
- › Age
- › Remote, regional, city locations (particularly in relation to the Local Hero Award)
- › Ethnicity
- › Field of endeavour

Eligibility Criteria

- › Nominees must be Australian citizens
- › Awards will not be granted posthumously

Nominate now



Being nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards is a great honour. This is your opportunity to nominate someone who is worthy of attention.

Nominate →

*"Being surrounded
by such seriously
good people was
an experience that
I will treasure
forever. I have
come away feeling
very grateful to
have been part of
it all." Suzy
Wilson,
Queensland's
Local Hero 2014*

- Self nominations will not be accepted
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age on 26 January of the Awards year.
- Sitting state and federal politicians and current vice-regal officers are not eligible
- Retired politicians and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties
- At the national level a person cannot receive a second award in the same award category, but can be considered for recognition in a separate category in following years, for example Young Australian of the Year and then Australian of the Year
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Individuals can be nominated in only one state or territory, for example a person who has recently moved interstate will be eligible for consideration in only one location. Selection panels may choose to contact the nominee for them to determine which jurisdiction is most appropriate
- Groups of people or couples will not normally be eligible though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations
- Current members of the NADC Board are not eligible
- Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated

Category Eligibility

- All nominees will be considered for the Australian of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 16 to 30 years will also be considered for the Young Australian of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 65 years and over will also be considered for the Senior Australian of the Year Award
- All nominees will be considered for Australia's Local Hero Award
- Ages are as at 26 January of the Awards year.

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C15-131792 PM Email 1479651-1

12 Dec 15 18:45:46

s 22



RE: Domestic violence

Dear Prime Minister,
Can Rosie Batty be Australian of the Year twice in a row? There is still
much to be done.....
Thanks and kind regards,

s 22



s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 10:34 AM
To: s 22
Cc:
Subject: Proposed response to s 22 corro [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi s 22

I have examined these pieces of corro and suggest the following responses:

1. MC16-006679 from s 22
 s 22 has actually just copied and pasted an entire article by Paul Zanetti (a cartoonist and blogger) into her letter, with no comment of her own. Suggest NFA.

2. MC16-007812 from s 22
 To address the Defence-related content, we suggest a brief statement regarding Defence workforce inclusion, such as:

The ADF must best reflect the society it serves and must uphold national values. As such the Department of Defence is committed to having a diverse and inclusive workplace. The more our Defence Forces know about their communities and the people in them, the better they can understand and serve them. Defence also supports a culture free from bullying, discrimination, bias and inappropriate behaviour. A key objective of Defence's cultural change strategy is to position it as an employer of choice and as an organisation that respects and supports the inclusion of all Australians.

Happy to discuss.

Cheers
 s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2016 2:30 PM
To: s 22
Subject: Seeking your views -Defence-related Ministerial correspondence [DLM=For Official Use Only]

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Hi s 22

We have received the enclosed two items of Defence-related Ministerial correspondence regarding the Australian of the Year Awards:

1. MC16-006679 from s 22
2. MC16-007812 from s 22

It would appear that the correspondence also raises Defence Force matters.

I would be grateful for any text that you may have on-hand regarding the Defence Force matters for inclusion in our responses, or any other views that you may wish to provide on addressing this aspect.

Many thanks and kind regards

Kind regards

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Australia Day Award

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA WHERE?

- PAUL ZANETTI, 26/1/16.

Sadly, the Australian Of The Year award has lost all meaning to millions of Australians.

It's become a disconnected, politically correct tool existing only for one purpose; to advance progressive grandstanders and social causes, instead of reflecting the best in quiet achievers, the real heroes of our country.

The Australian Of The Year award has become a caricature, a parody, an exercise in hypocrisy, diminishing its own worth.

It used to mean something, but instead of rewarding the best of us, the Aussie gong is now a means for promotion of social engineers and fringe attention seekers who don't practise what they preach.

Politicians will jump on board to be seen to be hip, but someone should tell them that hipsters are a laughing stock to most of us. People without self identity, who leap onto the latest cause or fad to be accepted by, or popular to, other empty shells.

While real Australians go about their lives, serving their community, getting kids to school, heading to work, producing, creating, serving, fixing, building, manu-facturing, inventing, caring, life saving, fire fighting, volunteering, transporting, loading, packing, mowing, cleaning, selling, buying, cooking, painting, welding, trimming, lifting, accounting, measuring, grading, driving, drilling, hammering, joining, engineering, drafting; in short, living in a real Australian society with meaning and purpose, we now have an empty underclass fixated with themselves.

The rest of us actually have to be productive to make a quid. We create, we make, we fix, we serve, we do.

The underclass believes its purpose is to be "progressive", to fiddle with "social" issues. Their purpose in life is to "seem" to be advancing.

As they produce nothing they make stuff up, trying to make it look like they're actually doing something.

We have whole government departments and agencies funded by your taxes, devoted to inventing lots of nothing.

It might even be excusable if we were swimming in surplus, but we're not.

The latest charade is the Australia Day Council's most recent example, the 2016 Australian Of The Year recipient, David Morrison, the former Chief of the Army (June 2011 until retirement in May 2015).

I'm sure David Morrison means well, trying his best to be all things to all people; well most people.

During his time, Morrison admitted, the army became notorious for its systematic culture of sexual abuse and misconduct.

Instead of dealing with it properly from within, using the proper criminal and military resources at Defence's disposal, Morrison decided to read a speech written by some-one else, record it and upload it online.

Morrison judged that the inner conflicts and disciplinary measures required to deal with misconduct within the army was everyone else's business. It was an orchestrated PR assault, launched with military precision, to get him and the army off the hook after another public report of soldiers sharing offensive and private material online. Morrison, the man at the top, was under pressure to be seen to do something.

Morrison's video demanded that anyone who wanted to treat women unequally should get out of the army. The video, which went viral, made Morrison a hero.

The person who wrote the speech is a man who dresses and identifies as a woman, complete with lipply and makeup. He admits he is still a man, used to be called Malcolm McGregor but now prefers to be called "Catherine".

In an interview in The Women's Weekly, Malcolm/Catherine told the magazine he isn't a woman, but lives as one. He admits he is still attracted to women.

The Army has a reputed 15 trans-genders (men who identify as women) all of whom are entitled to gender reassignment surgery funded by the Army, or more precisely, by you and me.

In 2010, the Australian Defence Force announced it will pay for sex change operations for soldiers costing \$30k and up per operation.

One can only wonder how this assists fighting the likes of ISIS. Let's hope none of them end up on the front line and get themselves nabbed by jihadists near a tall building.

The army's generosity doesn't just extend to sex change operations, it also allows men like Malcolm/Catherine who admit they're attracted to women to have free access to the ladies' showers even before they've had any re-assignment surgery.

Is it just me, or does that come across to you, too, as creepy? Or sleazy?

In the proper world, the politically incorrect one, men who still have the hardware and are attracted to women would get arrested if they were reported loitering outside or inside the ladies' showers or toilets.

But not in the Army.

Onya, David Morrison. Here's a gong.

If there were ever an over-reach in politically correct madness you'd be hard pressed to find a more extreme institutional practitioner than the Australian Defence Force.

Unsurprisingly, the Army has become the preferred employer of choice for men who want to be ladies. The ladies showers bonus would be a real deal sealer.

But back to Malcolm/Catherine who's still more Malcolm than Catherine, if hardware is your gauge.

Malcolm still hasn't had the nip and tuck, telling the Women's Weekly, "I'm pretty sure that I will (have the operation). Let's say I'm 80-20 leaning towards it...I would like to feel whole."

But it's not only sex-change costs where Malcolm/Catherine is exposing the taxpayer to fists full of dollars for his/her personal indulgences.

See, Malcolm/Catherine doesn't mind a bit of biffa at our expense.

Once involved in ALP politics, Malcolm/Catherine described a NSW labor faction as, "like the rest of the NSW Right. They're all hard men in the way that a teenage gang kicking a wino are hard men. And I said there's not one of 'em I wouldn't mind going down a dark alley way with, unless Tom Domican was in tow with them."

Being opinionated and outspoken, and not without a bit of extra bravado with his/her new found media fame, Malcolm/Catherine has engaged in a bit of online character sledging, resulting in the Army making a \$25,000

settlement offer to a senior soldier who served for 40 years in east Timor and Afghanistan after Malcolm/Catherine publicly abused the person, without any provocation.

Malcolm/Catherine accused the person of having "defective DNA", apparently unaware how ironic that sounds coming from someone born a man, but wanting to be a woman.

What adds to the irony is that David Morrison's award as Australian Of The Year was for a speech on unacceptable abuse, written by a person whose own online abuse has led to the army itself making a \$25,000 settlement offer to the victim.

And that's why this year's gong is a farce. Malcolm/Catherine was Morrison's personal adviser and speech writer, which could go a long way to explaining the cultural dysfunction at the top.

But that's not all.

Unbelievably, Malcolm/Catherine was also a finalist for Australian Of The Year 2016, pipped at the post by his/her boss.

Why was he/she nominated?

Officially, it was for being a "Diversity Champion".

In other words, for expressing his desire to live as woman, and making sure everyone knows about it. That seems to be the qualification.

Yet, there are plenty of men who want to be women, and women who want to be men who fund their own sex re-assignment, who don't draw the limelight to themselves and who aren't media tarts.

They're doing it wrong.

The noisiest wheel gets the money, the gong, and the fame.

Once it was: Join The Army. Learn A Trade. See The World.

Now it's: Join The Army. Get A Sex Change. Charge The Taxpayer. Tell The World. Get In Line For A Gong.

I've no issue with transsexuals, trans-genders or gays. I have friends and acquaintances in all sexual orientation categories. They're no different to you and me. They love, they hate, they hurt, they feel. They want to be accepted in society, and so they must.

My issue is that the farcical Australian Of The Year gong rewards grandstanding and hypocrisy.

This year's recipient, David Morrison, received the award for "commitment to gender equality, diversity and inclusion".

Since retiring from the army last year, Morrison has been appointed Diversity Council of Australia chairman.

There's another one of those government agencies I mentioned off the top, invented for no reason other than to cost you and me lots of money we can't afford, to pay people to produce nothing, but spend their time imagining ways to seem to be doing something.

But is David Morrison really the great "diversity and inclusion" warrior we're led to believe? Not on face value.

On June 30, 2014, the Australian Defence Force sacked a Major Bernard Gaynor for his views based on his conservative Catholic faith and pro-family stance.

Gaynor had served three tours of duty in Iraq while serving in Army intelligence.

Gaynor, a reserve soldier, did not voice his views while on duty, but in his capacity as an off-duty civilian, on his private blog.

Among other issues and problems, Gaynor believes the Army should not be marching in the gay Mardi Gras, and believes crippling political correctness about Islam has cost Australian lives in the armed forces.

As an on-ground intelligence officer, he's someone you'd pay attention to. In a speech around early 2014, Gaynor warned, "It is my unpleasant duty to inform you that the Australian Defence Force has a fundamentally broken approach to religion, an approach shaped partly by

the triumph of bureaucratic administration over battlefield considerations, but mostly by plain old political correctness.

"Political correctness has cost lives on the battlefield and resulted in completely flawed campaign strategies. The ADF has spent the last decade at war with people who fight for their religious beliefs. And part of the problem that comes with fighting people who are motivated by religious belief is that you need to have soldiers equally motivated to oppose them.

"As a Catholic, I understand why people are motivated to do things based on religious belief, rather than what would seem to be rational on a purely secular level.

As an intelligence officer, it is a valuable insight to have, but the ADF has a fundamentally flawed understanding of Islam.

"Just look at Iraq. I was one of the last Australians to serve there. All the politicians and military hierarchy were saying the withdrawal of Western military forces was based on success, and yet al-Qaeda today controls more of Iraq than it ever did while Western forces were in the country, or while Saddam Hussein was in power.

"The Iraq war was a failure because no-one can say why we were there, who the enemy was or what the mission was. This has cost lives and wasted a decade and a half of war.

In a strategic sense, Iraq and Afghanistan are no better for the blood shed by Australian soldiers.

"In Afghanistan, the government has a constitution based on Islamic law and teaching, just as the Taliban's regime was. So the efforts of the last decade to remove the threat in Afghanistan from Islamic groups has directly led to the creation of an Islamic state."

That was in early 2014, before the rise of ISIS in Iraq.

Instead of heeding the informed words of an intelligence officer, the Army chose to try to shut him up.

But what really got up their nose is his firm view that the army should not be engaging in political and social campaigns, frolics or causes. The army is there to fight and defend, not to pay for sex changes, not to become a beacon or magnet for social and gender engineering, and not to march for political or social causes, as worthy as they may seem to the activists. For his diverse beliefs, also held by many Australians, Gaynor had his commission terminated.

So much for inclusion and diversity.

Gaynor told Paul Sheehan of the Sydney Morning Herald in 2014,

"Defence issued a policy that if any uniformed personnel participated in an event that vilified Islam they would be severely dealt with. We now have the absurd situation where the ADF protects the religious beliefs of Islam, while tolerating the vilification of Christianity, the religion that most soldiers identify with."

40% of Australian soldiers are Christian.

Gaynor says, "There were 88 Muslims in uniform in mid-2013. That means that, while there is one Australian in uniform in every 400, there is only one Muslim in uniform for about every 6000 Muslims in this country."

Gaynor appealed his Army Reserve termination and won, last December. The Federal Court ruled that the termination decision was unlawful because it violated the implied constitutional right to express private political opinions.

It was an important win for freedom and diversity of faith and opinion in Australia, something The Australian Defence Force still continues to have a problem with, despite all the PR rubbish with David Morrison's speech and Oz Day gong.

Just before Christmas, 2015, the Chief of Defence Force launched an appeal against this decision, further undermining any claim of diversity and

inclusion in the Australian Defence Force.

The clear message being sent to all Australians is, the Australian Defence Force will only tolerate your view as long as you agree with it. Catholic views are not welcome.

Now, I'm an atheist and I don't always agree with Bernard Gaynor, but I do believe in his right to express his opinion as a conservative Catholic, whose moral and family values have been shaped by his faith.

If diversity, tolerance and inclusion is extended to Muslims in the Army, why are Catholics being discriminated against?

The Australian Defence Force cannot win this appeal, and it knows it can't. It's another waste of our hard-earned dollars for the ego and pride of the Defence Force Chief, David Hurley.

I, for one, would prefer the Defence Force bosses practise what they preach. Exercise real diversity instead of throwing money at trying to shut it down.

Perhaps Bernard Gaynor could appeal to our new Australian Of The Year recipient, David Morrison, chairman of the Diversity Council of Australia. Or maybe this diversity is just about the show.

Just like the Australian of The Year Award.

***** A brilliant piece by Paul Zanetti!!!*****

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PDR: MC16-011998

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C
Secretary
Ms Kelly
Ms Lynch
Mr Arnaudo

To: Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (for signature by 4 March 2016)

PMO
Mr Clarke
s 22

AMO
s 22

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Recommendation - that you:

1. Sign the reply to s 22 informing him that the Department of Defence has publicly addressed the matters he has raised regarding s 22 and s 22 (Attachment A).

s 22

Signed / Not Signed

JAMES MCGRATH

Date: 1-3-16

Comments:

Key Points:

1. s 22 wrote to the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care, on 4 February 2015 about the announcement of Mr David Morrison AO as Australian of the Year and raising matters regarding s 22 and s 22 (Attachment B).
2. The Department of Defence has previously examined the matters raised regarding s 22 and s 22 and publicly addressed the matters raised.
 - a. With regard to s 22 s 22
 - b. With regard to s 22 the Department of Defence is aware of recent media reporting and social media commentary regarding the manner in which Defence, and in particular, the former Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison AO, managed the so-called Jedi Council investigation. Defence released a media release (Attachment C) on 5 February 2016 addressing the matter and considers the matter to be closed.
3. The Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, will also write addressing the matters raised by s 22

Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal policy Branch
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29 February 2016

Policy Officer: s 22
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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A DRAFT LETTER TO s 22

ATTACHMENT B INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE FROM s 22

ATTACHMENT C DEFENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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SENATOR THE HON JAMES MCGRATH
 ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION

Reference: MC16-011998

s 22

Dear s 22

Thank you for your email dated 4 February 2015 to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, about the announcement of Mr David Morrison AO as Australian of the Year and raising matters regarding s 22 and s 22. I am responsible for honours policy and oversight of the National Australia Day Council within the Prime Minister's portfolio and your email has been referred to me for reply.

I am advised that the Department of Defence has examined the matters raised regarding s 22

In relation to s 22 I am advised that the Department of Defence is aware of recent media social media commentary about this matter. The matter involved an intensive and long running investigation with a number of civilian and military inquiries. The subsequent disciplinary and administrative actions concluded in mid-2014. The Government is confident that these matters have been appropriately investigated. I understand that the Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, will also write to you regarding the matters raised.

In relation to the selection of Mr Morrison as Australian of the Year, while the Prime Minister presents the Australian of the Year Awards each year, he is not involved in the selection process. The National Australia Day Council manages the Awards.

Each year, members of the public are invited to submit nominations for the Awards based on a number of eligibility and selection criteria, for example, whether the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community and nation and is an inspirational role model.

State and Territory Australia Day Councils select an Australian of the Year finalist for each State and Territory. The national Australian of the Year recipient is chosen from the pool of finalists by the National Australia Day Council,

Once again, thank you for writing with your views.

I have copied this letter to the Assistant Minister for Defence.

Yours sincerely

s 22

JAMES MCGRATH

1 / 3 / 2016

s 22

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 10 February 2016 9:15 AM
To: s 22 (K. Wyatt, MP)
Cc: s 22 Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: RE: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Ken.Wyatt.MP@aph.gov.au - Australian of the Year ~~[DLM=For Official Use Only]~~

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Many thanks s 22

I am pleased to confirm that we will give careful consideration to the matters raised by s 22 and make arrangements for Assistant Minister McGrath to write to s 22 accordingly.

Kind regards

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From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 9 February 2016 7:27 PM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Ken.Wyatt.MP@aph.gov.au - Australian of the Year
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Thanks for your prompt response s 22 - sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

Ken would appreciate your referring s 22 correspondence through to PM&C for a response please.

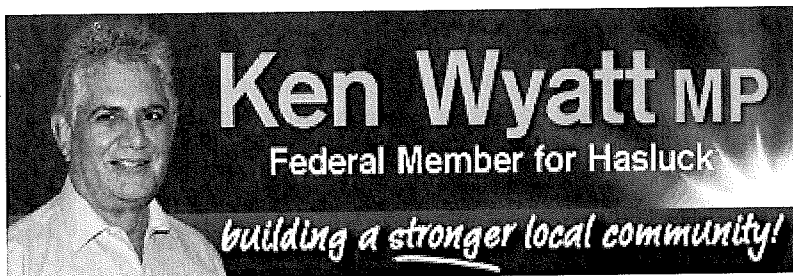
Thanks again for your help.

Kind regards, s 22

s 22

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Hi s 22

Many thanks for your email regarding correspondence from Ken's constituent, s 22

You'll be interested to know that the Prime Minister has received several items of correspondence regarding the Australian of the Year Awards, and we are preparing responses accordingly.

I would be grateful for your guidance on whether Ken would wish to refer the correspondence from s 22 to PM&C for response?

The following information about arrangements for the Australian of the Year Awards may be of assistance.

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) is a Commonwealth company in the Prime Minister's portfolio with responsibility for coordinating Australia Day celebrations across the nation and the Australian of the Year Awards. The Prime Minister has asked Assistant Minister McGrath to have Ministerial responsibility for NADC matters.

The Prime Minister announces Australian of the Year Award recipients on the evening of 25 January but has no role in their selection.

Kind regards

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From: s 22
Sent: Monday, 8 February 2016 2:18 PM

To: s 22

Subject: FW: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Ken.Wyatt.MP@aph.gov.au - Australian of the Year

Dear s 22

I've spoken to s 22 who has advised me to contact you about the following email from Ken's constituent, s 22
s 22

"Dear Mr Wyatt,

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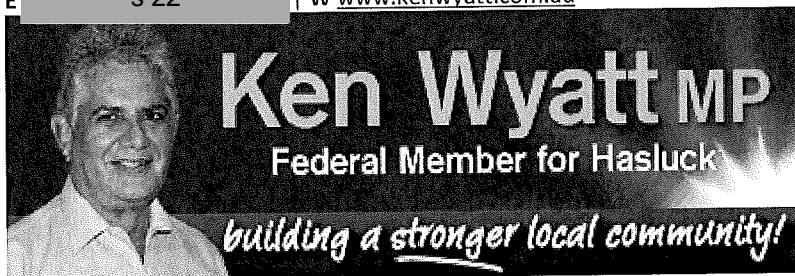
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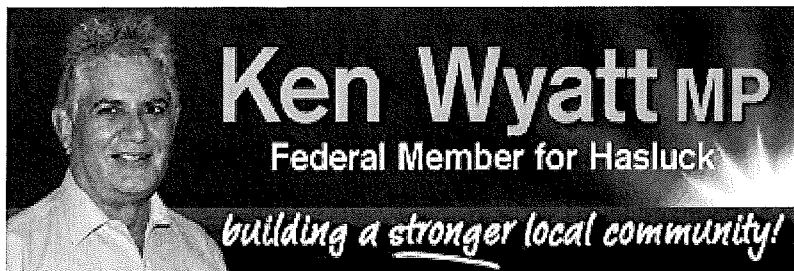
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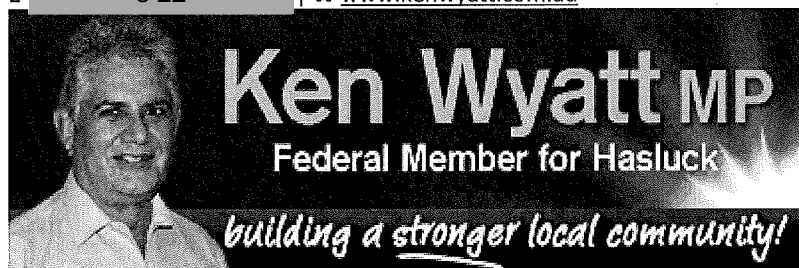
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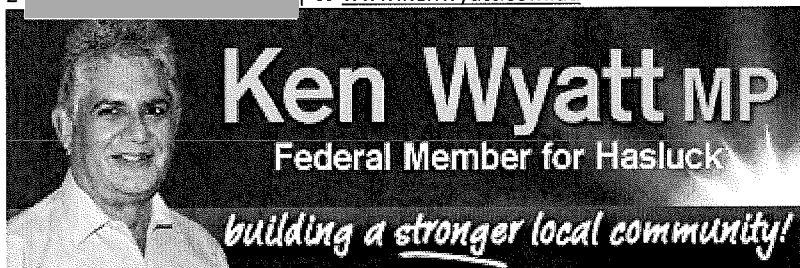
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Ken has also received a number of phone calls from constituents who are dissatisfied with the choice of Australian of the Year 2016. We have advised that it is a separate Board which makes the decision, however as the webpage shows this Board comes under the cover of Prime Minister and Cabinet, we would appreciate an appropriate response please.

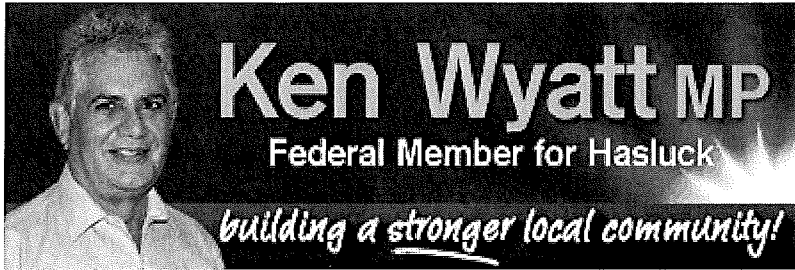
Thanks so much for your help. Kind regards, s 22

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Parliamentarian Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP

Name s 22

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Question

Dear Mr Wyatt,

I am writing to express my disgust at the appointment of the latest Australian of the year, it seems that he has been involved first of the cover up of matters relating to June,

2011 – David Morrison appointed Chief of Army.

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From: Arnaudo, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, 3 February 2016 2:10 PM
To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: Query from AMO McGrath Qld of the Year selection ~~{SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}~~

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This seems to vary across states and territories.

In Queensland, there is committee for commemorative events and celebrations within the Qld Premier's Department. NADC (as the Cth company that leads the national network) works with that committee for the celebrations etc.

In relation to the consideration of AOTY, the agreement is that NADC and the Qld committee set up a selection process which has representatives of the community and representatives of sponsors (in some cases they are government departments – eg Immigration sponsors the Local Hero award).

Process is similar in other states but in some states, rather than the process being hosted in a government department there is a more independent council (eg in WA linked to Government House).

Ultimately the state / territory based AOTY process puts forward people who are then considered by the National NADC.

Happy to discuss.

Peter

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 3 February 2016 8:17 AM
To: Arnaudo, Peter; s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: Query from AMO McGrath Qld of the Year selection ~~{SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}~~

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Thanks Peter,

A further questions.

Who nominates then approves the members of the state based panel members?

Is the process and set up outlined below the same or similar in each state and territory?

Cheers

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From: Arnaudo, Peter
Sent: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 4:58 PM

To: s 22
Cc: s 22
Subject: RE: Query from AMO McGrath Qld of the Year selection [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

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Hi s 22

Information is set out below:

Peter

1. Shortlisting of the nominations is undertaken by staff within the Strategic Engagement and Protocol area within the QLD Department of the Premier and Cabinet.
2. The NADC aims to reflect Australia's diversity in the state based selection panels and endeavors to include representatives with varying cultural and professional backgrounds.
 - a. Each panel consists of sponsor representatives, community leaders and a representative from the NADC and the state Australia Day affiliate. The state based Australia Day organisation will also generally chair the meeting.
 - b. The National Manager of the Awards Program or the National Australia Day Council Chief Executive Officer also provide direction to the selection committee about technical aspects of the selection process, criteria and the like, as well as provide a national perspective on the selection process.
 - c. See attached for the panel members (**NOTE – the members are volunteers and if we propose to disclose their names we will need to contact them if we proposed to disclose their identities**).
3. The Chair of the selection panel, Pat Vidgen has chaired the meeting for a number of years – except for the 2014 meeting, when he was in a different role, and Phil de Bella chaired the meeting.
4. Each nomination is assessed against the following selection criteria:
 - Demonstrated excellence in their fields
 - Contribution to their community locally, nationally and globally
 - Being an inspirational role model
 - The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level.

More information and guidelines for the awards is outlined on the NADC website: <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/the-awards/criteria/> and I've also set it out below.

In choosing the recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the Australian community and nation.

An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

The selection criteria are:

- Demonstrated excellence in their field
- Significant contribution to the Australian community and nation
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level

Selection panels will also give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Personal, academic and professional achievements
- Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee 'put back' into their field to benefit others)
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity
- Personal interests and community involvement
- Contribution to development of regional community and/or economy
- Future goals and likely impact
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made
- Country of residence
- Previous awards and recognition
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- Nature and length of activity or service
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- Availability and commitment to promote national pride and active citizenship through the year of the recipient's appointment

In ensuring that the Australian of the Year Awards recipients are representative of our diverse nation consideration may be given to:

- Gender
- Age
- Remote, regional, city locations (particularly in relation to the Local Hero Award)
- Ethnicity
- Field of endeavour

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must be Australian citizens
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Self nominations will not be accepted
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age on 26 January of the Awards year.
- Sitting state and federal politicians and current vice-regal officers are not eligible
- Retired politicians and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties
- At the national level a person cannot receive a second award in the same award category, but can be considered for recognition in a separate category in following years, for example Young Australian of the Year and then Australian of the Year
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years

- Individuals can be nominated in only one state or territory, for example a person who has recently moved interstate will be eligible for consideration in only one location. Selection panels may choose to contact the nominee for them to determine which jurisdiction is most appropriate
- Groups of people or couples will not normally be eligible though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations
- Current members of the NADC Board are not eligible
- Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated

Category Eligibility

- All nominees will be considered for the Australian of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 16 to 30 years will also be considered for the Young Australian of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 65 years and over will also be considered for the Senior Australian of the Year Award
- All nominees will be considered for Australia's Local Hero Award
- Ages are as at 26 January of the Awards year.

From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 8:37 AM
To: Arnaudo, Peter
Cc: s 22
Subject: re: Query from AMO McGrath Qld of the Year selection [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

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Good morning Peter,

Please see below for questions from Assistant Minister McGrath regarding the selection process for the Queensland Australian of the Year 2016.

Please provide a response by **COB today**.

Thank you and give me a call if you'd like to discuss further.

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The Department acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.

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From: s 22

Sent: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 8:12 AM

To: s 22

Subject: FW: AOTY enquiry {SEC=UNCLASSIFIED}

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Hi s 22

Please see below an email from the NADC CEO to the Assistant Minister regarding the selection process for the Qld of the Year.

Could you please gather the answers to the following follow up questions for the Assistant Minister:

1. Who in the Qld Premiers Dept shortlists?
2. Names of all the people on the panel mentioned, along with which community group or sponsors they represent and how long they have been on the panel?
3. Who was the Snr Premiers Dept staff member who chaired the panel, how long have they (and/or that position) been the chair of the panel?
4. Is there guidelines a person has to meet in order to be considered for Qld of the Year?

Cheers

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-----Original Message-----

From: McGrath, James (Private) [mailto:s 47F]

Sent: Monday, 1 February 2016 5:12 PM

To: s 22

Subject: FW: AOTY enquiry

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Kind regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeremy Lasek [mailto:Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au]

Sent: Monday, 1 February 2016 5:14 PM

To: McGrath, James (Private)

Subject: AOTY enquiry

Dear Senator

As discussed, the following is the process which saw Catherine McGregor selected as the Queensland Australian of the Year for 2016.

Nominations received for the Qld section of the awards were shortlisted by Qld Premiers Dept and a panel was convened, chaired by a senior officer in Qld Premiers.

The other panel members included community reps, sponsors and the National Australia Day Council. Catherine's nomination identified her as an ACT resident but clearly identified the state she should be considered in as Qld.

After Catherine had progressed through the process, the NADC contacted Catherine to check that she was comfortable being considered for the award in Qld, even though she had not lived there for some time. Catherine said she always identified herself as a proud Queenslander. She also said this on the night she was presented with her award by the Premier when Catherine said she had Qld blood coursing through her veins and always barracked for the maroons at State of Origin time.

The NADC reviews all of our processes around the operation of the Australian of the Year awards each year and we will do so again this year, including a review of eligibility criteria for states and territories.

As we discussed Senator, the situation with Catherine is not dissimilar to some rugby league players who might have played their junior football in Queensland but risen to prominence playing in Sydney. In the vast majority of these cases they opt to play for Qld in State of Origin as it is the place they consider home.

I hope this is helpful Senator and I can be contacted at any time on [REDACTED] s 22 if you require any more information.

Again, many thanks for your support of the Awards and particularly during the events in Canberra last week. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely
Jeremy Lasek
CEO

Sent from my iPhone

Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	Organization	
Mr	Steven	Biddle	Director WA (Taking up QLD Position)	Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Sponsor
Ms	Claire	Bunkum	Assistant Director, Aged and Community Care	QSO Department of Social Services	Sponsor
Mr	Les	Collins		QLD Selection Panel Member	Indigenous Representative
Mr	Peter	Collyns	Regional Manager	Qantas	Sponsor
Ms	Kylie	Hall	Regional General Manager Service and Sales	Commonwealth Bank	Sponsor
Mr	Jeremy	Lasek	Chief Executive Officer	National Australia Day Council	
Ms	Carolyn	Ludovici	National Manager, Awards	National Australia Day Council	
Mrs	Victoria	Peterson	Marketing Manager	Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise	Sponsor
Mr	Ben	Roberts-Smith	Chair	National Australia Day Council Board Member	
Ms	Lauren	Stephenson	Office of the Chief Scientist	Director	Community Representative
Mr	Patrick	Vidgen	Deputy-Chair	Queensland Commemorative Events and Celebrations Committee	Selection Panel Chairman

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From: s 22
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2015 5:02 PM
To: s 22
Cc: honours; s 22 Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: Meeting brief for Senator McGrath's meeting with Ben Roberts-Smith from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 November ~~[DLM=For Official Use Only]~~
Attachments: pmc2253_24-11-2015_16-56-02.pdf

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We are pleased to **enclose** a meeting brief for Senator McGrath's meeting with Ben Roberts-Smith from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 November.

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From: s 22
Sent: Monday, 23 November 2015 4:27 PM
To: Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: RE: Meeting between NADC and Assistant Minister McGrath ~~[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]~~

Hi Peter

Senator McGrath is very happy to meet with Ben Roberts-Smith from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 November.

Kind regards

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

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Peter Arnaudo

To: Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister McGrath (for meeting)**MEETING WITH CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL (NADC) BOARD, MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG**

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Purpose:

You are meeting with Mr Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chair of the NADC Board, and the CEO, Mr Jeremy Lasek, for an introduction to the NADC.

Timing and Venue:

Wednesday 26 November 2015
5:30pm-6:30pm at your Parliament House office

Our Proposed Objectives:

- To introduce you to Mr Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chair of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) Board, and discuss the activities of the NADC in general.

Their Objective(Biography is at Attachment A)

- Provide an overview of the NADC's work but also raise NADC Board appointments, tax deductibility status of donations to NADC and NADC's aspirations for Australia Day 2016 and beyond.

Key Points:

- The NADC is a Commonwealth company in the Prime Minister's portfolio that promotes the meaning of and participation in Australia Day and the Australian of the Year Awards.
- NADC will receive core Government funding of \$3.8 million in 2015-16 and raises a similar amount of revenue through sponsorship (principally Commonwealth Bank) as well as in kind assistance (eg from Qantas and the ABC).
- It's in the process of undertaking a strategic planning process of its operations to ensure that they remain current and viable into the future.

Board members

- The operations of the company are overseen by a Board of Directors appointed by the Commonwealth (Attachments B and C). A quorum of five Council members are required for it to make decisions, there are currently eight Council members.
 - Appointments to the Council Board are made by the Prime Minister under the Constitution of the Council. The board meets four or more times a year to discuss past award review, strategy for the year ahead and private sector sponsorship.
 - Two Director positions are vacant on the Board. The appointment of additional board members is under consideration.
- While there is a good gender and geographic balance on the Board, the current vacancies provide an opportunity to strengthen the commercial background and strategic skills of the Council. This would assist the Council in better understanding the needs and perspectives of commercial sponsors who provide support for many of the Australia Day celebrations. Of the current members, only Dr Alberti, Mr Schueler and Ms Sefton have backgrounds in commerce and business.

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Funding and Gift Recipient Status

- Mr Roberts-Smith's letter to the then Prime Minister of 8 May 2015 sought Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status for NADC and the matter was referred to The Treasury.
 - On 9 September 2015 the then Assistant Treasurer wrote to the then Prime Minister requesting agreement to specifically list the NADC as a DGR recipient from 1 January 2016, and to include this measure in MYEFO. Offsets costed at \$200,000 over the forward estimates are required from the PM&C portfolio. PM&C is considering the matter in consultation with the NADC.

Other matters

- Mr Roberts-Smith wrote to the Prime Minister on 29 September 2015 congratulating him on his appointment and inviting him to continue the tradition of the Prime Minister participating in national Australia Day events (refer B15/2175 at Attachment D).
 - The Prime Minister has accepted the invitation. In due course, we will provide you with a copy of detailed briefing to the Prime Minister to assist his participation in each of the events.
- Australian of the Year Award recipients are selected from nominations received from the public, with national award recipients selected by the NADC Board from state and territory finalists.
 - The Australian of the Year Awards are different to the Australia Day honours lists announced by the Governor-General each Australia Day which includes awards in the Order of Australia.
 - The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way for Australians to recognise achievement and service. They are considered by the Council of the Order of Australia and recommended to the Governor-General.

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Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH

**ATTACHMENT B BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD**

ATTACHMENT C DETAILS OF BOARD MEMBERS' TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

ATTACHMENT D LETTER FROM MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH

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ATTACHMENT A

BIOGRAPHIES INFORMATION ON MR BENJAMIN ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG, NADC CHAIR

Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG *Chair*

Appointed as Chair during November 2014, Ben is Australia's most highly decorated soldier, awarded Australia's highest military honour for bravery in wartime, the Victoria Cross, and the Medal for Gallantry, for his service during the war in Afghanistan.

Since his retirement from the Army, Ben has continued to serve his community, including as Deputy Chair of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Veterans' Mental Health.

This is a fitting way for Ben to continue his exemplary service to the nation. As Chair of the National Australia Council, he is helping to inspire national pride and lead the community's celebrations of Australia Day.

He follows another outstanding Australian, cricket legend Mr Adam Gilchrist AM. Adam successfully led the National Australia Day Council, encouraging all Australians to reflect on the meaning of Australia Day and being Australian.

ATTACHMENT B

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL (NADC) BOARD

Currently, there are three male and five female members and a geographic representation of two from VIC, two from NSW, one from WA, one from SA, one from ACT and one from QLD.

Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG (Chairman)	QLD
5 Nov 2014 – 4 Nov 2017	
Victoria Cross recipient in 2011 for the most conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of extreme peril in Afghanistan and awarded the Medal for Gallantry in 2006 and the Commendation for Distinguished Service in 2013. Since retiring from the armed forces, Mr Roberts-Smith has been a leading strategic adviser to government and industry on a broad range of defence, security and personnel issues	

Ms Robbie Sefton – (Deputy Chair)	NSW
09 June 2010 – 04 Nov 2017	
Managing Director, Sefton and Associates. Ms Sefton operates a national communication organisation that develops public relations and marketing campaigns for large corporate and government organisations focusing on people living and working in rural, regional and remote Australia.	

Mr Jason Glanville	NSW
4 June 2013 – 3 June 2016	
A Wiradjuri man from south western New South Wales, the CEO of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and former Director of Programs and Strategy at Reconciliation Australia.	

Mr Norman Schueler	SA
05 Nov 2014 – 04 Nov 2017	
A businessman and prominent member of the Jewish community, Mr Schueler is a member of the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission and a member of the Australia Day Council of SA.	

Ms Janet Whiting	VIC
9 June 2010 – 3 June 2016	
Partner, Corrs Chamber Westgarth Lawyers. Ms Whiting has extensive experience in competition, corporate and regulatory law and is one of the pre-eminent commercial litigators in Australia. She is highly regarded for providing strategic advice, detailed analysis and obtaining commercial solutions.	

Professor Samina Yasmeen	WA
9 June 2010 – 3 June 2016	
Director, Centre for Muslim States and Societies, School of Social and Cultural Studies, and Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Western Australia. Dr Yasmeen is a specialist in political and strategic developments in South Asia (particularly Pakistan), the role of Islam in world politics, and citizenship among women immigrants.	

Dr Susan Alberti AO	VIC
21 Aug 2015 – 21 Aug 2018	
Co-founder and Managing Director of the DANSU Group based in Melbourne's east. Dr Alberti is National President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Australia and International Patron of the International Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.	

Ms Elizabeth Kelly

ACT

21 Oct 2013 – 20 Oct 2016

Deputy Secretary of the Governance Group in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, responsible for machinery of government, legal policy, governance issues across the APS, Cabinet and the coordination of support to the Prime Minister and Portfolio Ministers. Ms Kelly also has the role of Chief Operating Officer, responsible for financial management, ICT and corporate services.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL: as at November 2015

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FT/PT</u>	<u>STATE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u> <i>(previous terms in italics)</i>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u> <i>(previous terms in italics)</i>
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1. Current members:

Mr Benjamin ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG	M	Chairman	PT	QLD	05.11.14	04.11.17
Ms Robbie SEFTON	F	Deputy Chairman <i>Director</i> "	PT	NSW	05.11.14 04.06.13 09.06.10	04.11.17 03.06.16 03.06.13
Mr Jason GLANVILLE	M	Director	PT	NSW	04.06.13	03.06.16
Ms Elizabeth KELLY	F	Director	PT	ACT	21.10.13	20.10.16
Mr Norman SCHUELER	M	Director	PT	SA	05.11.14	04.11.17
Ms Janet WHITING	F	Director "	PT	VIC	04.06.13 09.06.10	03.06.16 03.06.13
Prof Samina YASMEEN	F	Director "	PT	WA	04.06.13 09.06.10	03.06.16 03.06.13
Dr Susan ALBERTI AO	F	Director	PT	VIC	21.08.15	21.08.18

<u>Gender balance</u>	
Males: 3 (38%)	
Females: 5 (62%)	

<u>Geographic balance</u>	
NSW: 2	WA: 1
VIC: 2	QLD: 1
SA: 1	TAS: 0
NT: 0	ACT: 1

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Routine/Low Complexity**DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**PM&C
Secretary
Ms LynchPMO
Drew Clarke
File**To: Prime Minister (for decision and signature)****NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY 2016 EVENTS****Recommendation(s) - that you:**

1. Participate in national Australia Day events in Canberra by:
 - a. hosting a morning tea for Australian of the Year Award finalists on 25 January 2016;
Agreed / Not Agreed
 - b. announcing the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards on 25 January 2016; and
Agreed / Not Agreed
 - c. officiating the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January 2016.
Agreed / Not Agreed
2. Sign the attached letter to Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chairman of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) Board, advising of your participation in national Australia Day events (Attachment A).
Signed / Not Signed

MALCOLM TURNBULL

Date:

Comments:

1. Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chairman of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) Board, wrote to you on 29 September 2015 (Attachment B) inviting you to participate in national Australia Day events in Canberra (as past Prime Ministers have) by:
 - a. hosting a morning tea for the 32 Australian of the Year Award finalists at 10.30am on 25 January 2016;
 - b. announcing the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards at 6.00pm on 25 January 2016, which the ABC will televise live; and
 - c. officiating the citizenship ceremony as part of the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony at 10.00am on 26 January 2016, also televised live by the ABC (the Governor-General is invited to be host officer for the flag-raising ceremony).
2. NADC is a Commonwealth Company in your portfolio with responsibility for coordinating Australia Day celebrations across the nation and the Australian of the Year Awards.
3. The Prime Minister announces the Australian of the Year Award recipients but has no role in their selection.

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- a. The Australian of the Year Awards are managed by the NADC.
- b. There are four categories in the Australian of the Year Awards: Australian of the Year; Young Australian of the Year; Senior Australian of the Year; and, Australia's Local Hero.
 - i. Each year, members of the public are invited to submit nominations for the awards based on a number of eligibility and selection criteria, for example, whether the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community and nation and is an inspirational role model.
 - ii. State and territory judging panels select finalists for each of the four categories and the NADC Board chooses the national recipients from those finalists in December. Board deliberations are confidential.
4. The Australian of the Year Awards are different to the Australia Day honours list announced by the Governor-General each Australia Day, which includes awards in the Order of Australia.
 - a. The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way for Australians to recognise achievement and service. They are considered by the Council of the Order of Australia and recommended to the Governor-General.

Background

5. NADC is a Commonwealth Company subject to the reporting and accountability requirements in Chapter 3 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*. Ms Elizabeth Kelly is a Director of the Company.
6. The operations of the company are overseen by a board of Directors appointed by the Commonwealth (Attachment C).
7. NADC received Government funding of \$3.8 million in 2015-16 and raises a similar amount of revenue through sponsorship.

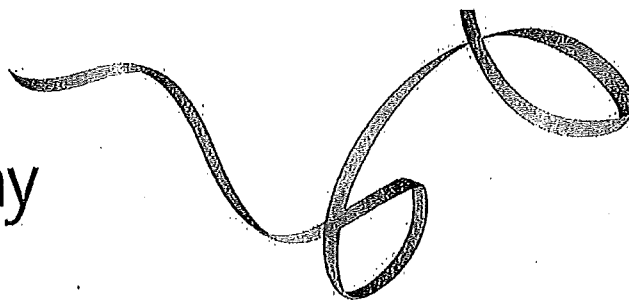
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The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
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29 September 2015

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Australia's 29th Prime Minister. As Chairman of the National Australia Day Council (NADC), I look forward to working with you to build pride and spirit across our nation through the Australian of the Year Awards and our annual Australia Day celebrations.

The NADC is a not-for-profit Commonwealth-owned company which leads the celebrations of our national day, including the Australian of the Year Awards. It is a pleasure and a privilege for me and my fellow board members to be involved in this important endeavour. We take seriously our responsibility to encourage celebrations which are both vibrant and inclusive and which bring the Australian community together and highlight the importance of active citizenship in the life of our nation.

We are now well advanced in the planning for the announcement of the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards and, as with previous years, we invite you to formally announce our Australian of the Year in Canberra on the evening of 25 January 2016.

In addition, previous Prime Ministers have traditionally hosted a morning tea at The Lodge or Parliament House on 25 January, as a way of celebrating and acknowledging the achievements of the 32 outstanding Australians who come to Canberra for the Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero for 2016. We hope you will be happy to host this event again early next year.

On Australia Day itself, we would be pleased if you would maintain a wonderful tradition by officiating at the citizenship ceremony during the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony in Canberra. As in the past, we have invited the Governor-General to be the host officer for the flag raising ceremony. Both the Australian of the Year Awards and the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony are broadcast live to the nation on ABC-TV.

While I recognise the huge demands on your time as Prime Minister, I would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you at a time that is convenient to share some of our vision and future aspirations for the NADC. My staff will be in contact with your office shortly to confirm your participation in what will be a truly memorable program of events to celebrate our national day in our nation's capital next year. In closing, I wish you well in your new role.

Yours sincerely

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Ben Roberts-Smith VC, MG
Chairman
National Australia Day Council

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To: Secretary (for meeting)

MEETING WITH BEN ROBERTS-SMITH – CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL

Purpose: to meet, by phone, Mr Ben Roberts-Smith Chair of the National Australia Day Council.

Timing and Venue: 9.00am
Friday, 3 September 2015
By phone.

Our Proposed Objectives:

- There is no agenda for the meeting, the purpose of which is to meet Mr Ben Roberts-Smith, Chair of the National Australia Day Council (NADC), and discuss activities of the NADC in general.

Their Objectives:

(Biography is at Attachment A)

- Mr Roberts-Smith may wish to discuss further appointments to the NADC and gift status of donations to the NADC. The topic of the location or date of the next awards announcement may be raised.

Key Points:

Board members

(at Attachment B)

- There are currently seven Board members. The NADC Constitution does not set a maximum number of members for the Board and the quorum is five members. NADC has recently been likely to have issues with achieving quorums at Board meetings.
 - Appointments to the NADC Board go through Cabinet for approval. The most recent appointment was Dr Susan Alberti on 21 August 2015 for a three-year term.
- Two final appointments to the Board are currently being considered.

Deductible Gift Recipient Status

- Mr Roberts-Smith sent a letter to the Prime Minister on 8 May 2015 requesting that NADC obtain Deductible Gift Recipient Status. This request is with The Treasury who will be briefing their Minister shortly, after receiving requested information from NADC.

Other matters

- PM&C has just finalised the funding agreement for 2015-16 of \$3.803m, a reduction in funding of \$11,000 based on a Treasury indexation rate for funding.
- Consideration is being given to the awards being announced in Sydney. They have been held in Canberra for the past 12 years. There are calls, particularly from NT and WA to rotate the location of the announcement.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister Christian Porter has recently requested the Council for the Order of Australia to move the announcements from Australia Day citing concerns that there is confusion between the Australia Day awards and Order of Australia awards. This was raised at the recent Council for the Order of Australia meeting (25-26 August 2015) and is being discussed further.

Sensitivities:

- Nil for this meeting.

Background:

- NADC is responsible for promoting the meaning of and participating in Australia Day nationally and for choosing the recipients of the four Australian of the Year Awards – Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.
 - Nominations for the 2016 Australian of the Year (AOTY) Awards were launched on 4 June 2015 at Parliament House, Canberra, by NADC Chair Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG, along with the 2015 Australian of the Year award recipients.
- The Board meets four times a year – to discuss past award review, strategy for year ahead, private sector sponsorship; preparing briefing and financial statement for next financial year; Board strategy and planning day and the approach for nomination launch; audits sign-off.
- NADC is a Commonwealth company in the Prime Minister's portfolio that receives annual government funding. The Council is subject to the reporting and accountability requirements in Chapter 3 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 that commenced on 1 July 2014.
 - The Government's decision to combine Department of Education (Education) sponsorship funding with PM&C core Government funding was announced in MYEFO on 15 December 2014 and in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2015-16 on 12 May 2015.
 - The Young Australian of the Year Awards has previously been sponsored by Education in the amount of \$366,000. The Government has decided to cease or dissolve a number of youth-related programmes in the education portfolio and this funding has been transferred to PM&C as an add-on to our core 2015-16 Funding Agreement with the NADC.
 - PM&C's Financial Management Branch, Education and NADC advise that the funding is no longer tied to Education's deliverables and there is no expectation that the Education portfolio will have any further involvement with the Council.

Peter Arnaudo
Assistant Secretary
Honours, Symbols and Legal
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3 September 2015

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ATTACHMENT A: BIOGRAPHIES

Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG *Chair*

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Since his retirement from the Army, Ben has continued to serve his community, including as Deputy Chair of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Veterans' Mental Health.

This is a fitting way for Ben to continue his exemplary service to the nation. As Chair of the National Australia Council, he will help to inspire national pride and lead the community's celebrations of Australia Day.

He follows another outstanding Australian, cricket legend Mr Adam Gilchrist AM. I thank Adam for his service over the last six years. Adam successfully led the National Australia Day Council, encouraging all Australians to reflect on the meaning of Australia Day and being Australian.

Mr Jeremy Lasek *Chief Executive Officer*

CEO Jeremy Lasek has a background in media and the Commonwealth and ACT Governments, where he has played leadership roles in communications, events, the arts, heritage and protocol.

Appointed as CEO in September 2013, Jeremy's experience in the media, government, large-scale events and community engagement is considered to be a great asset to the organisation and its programs.

Jeremy was previously the executive leading the planning and delivery of Canberra's ambitious 12-month centenary celebrations. In 2008 he helped organise a successful Beijing Olympic Torch Relay for the nation and he currently represents the ACT on a national government group tasked with planning the commemorations for 100 Years of ANZAC in 2015.

For many years, Jeremy has worked closely with the NADC and in fact he played a significant role in bringing the Australian of the Year Awards to the nation's capital nearly a decade ago.

ATTACHMENT B: NADC BOARD**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL as at 3 September 2015**

	NAME	GENDER	POSITION	STATE OF RESIDENCE	DATE APPOINTED	TERM EXPIRES
<i>Current members</i>						
1	Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith	M	Chair	QLD	5 November 2014	4 November 2017
2	Ms Robbie Sefton	F	Deputy Chair	NSW	9 June 2010	4 November 2017
3	Mr Norman Schueler	M	Part-time Director	SA	5 November 2014	4 November 2017
4	Mr Jason Glanville	M	Part-time Director	NSW	4 June 2013	3 June 2016
5	Ms Janet Whiting	F	Part-time Director	VIC	9 June 2010	3 June 2016
6	Professor Samina Yasmeen	F	Part-time Director	WA	9 June 2010	3 June 2016
7	Ms Elizabeth Kelly	F	Deputy Secretary (honours, PM&C)	ACT	20 October 2013	20 October 2019
8	Dr Susan Alberti AO	F	Part-time Director	VIC	21 August 2015	20 August 2018
9	Vacant					
10	Vacant					
<i>Proposed members:</i>						

Gender and sector balance	
Males: 3 (37.5%)	
Females: 5 (62.5%)	
2 vacancies	
Public sector: %	
Private sector: %	

Geographic balance	
NSW: 2	WA: 1
VIC: 2	QLD: 1
SA: 1	TAS:
NT:	ACT: 1

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

M&C
Secretary
via Kelly
via Lynch
Peter Arnaudo

To: Prime Minister (for meeting)

**MEETING WITH CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL
(NADC) BOARD, MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG**

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Purpose:

You are calling Mr Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chair of the NADC Board at his request.

Timing and Venue:

Monday 21 December 11:30am (Sydney time) by phone

Our Proposed Objectives:

- To introduce you to Mr Ben Roberts-Smith VC MG, Chair of the National Australia Day Council (NADC) Board, and discuss the NADC plans for Australia Day 2016 and the Australians of the Year announcements.

Their Objective(Biography is at Attachment A)

- Update you on NADC's plans for Australia Day the selection process for the 2016 Australians of the Year. Mr Roberts-Smith may also raise NADC Board appointments.

Key Points:*Australian of the Year Award*

- Australian of the Year Award recipients are selected from nominations received from the public, with national award recipients selected by the NADC Board from state and territory finalists (current finalists are at Attachment B).
 - The Australian of the Year Awards are different to the Australia Day honours lists announced by the Governor-General on Australia Day. The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way for Australians to recognise achievement and service. They are considered by the Council of the Order of Australia and recommended to the Governor-General.

Australia Day events

- Mr Roberts-Smith wrote to you on 29 September 2015 congratulating you on your appointment and inviting you to continue the tradition of the Prime Minister participating in national Australia Day events (your response is at Attachment C).
- The planned NADC Australia Day events involving you are (we are working with your office on these):
 - host the traditional morning tea for the Australian of the Year finalists (The Lodge or in Parliament House) on 25 January.
 - present the Australian of the Year Awards at Parliament House on the evening of 25 January (broadcast live on ABC TV).
 - officiate at the National Citizenship Ceremony on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin on the morning of Australia Day (broadcast live on ABCTV).

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NADC Board

- The NADC is a Commonwealth company in the Prime Minister's portfolio. It operations are overseen by a Board of Directors appointed by the Prime Minister (Attachments D and E). A quorum of five Council members are required for it to make decisions, there are currently eight Council members.
- NADC receives \$3.8 million in funding from this Department for 2015-16 and raises a similar amount of revenue through sponsorship (principally Commonwealth Bank) as well as in kind assistance (eg from Qantas and the ABC).
- A key need for the Council are Board members with commercial and strategic planning expertise to help the NADC find new and innovative ways of working and new sources of non-Government funding. This would assist the Council in better understanding the needs and perspectives of commercial sponsors who provide support for many of the Australia Day celebrations.
- Two Director positions are vacant on the Board. The appointment of an additional board member (Mr Richard Rolfe OAM – dealer principal of Canberra Audi) has been raised by the Department with the Cabinet Secretary Senator Sinodinos and Assistant Minister McGrath. Further names will be proposed for consideration in the New Year. //

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH

ATTACHMENT B STATE AND TERRITORY AWARD FINALISTS

ATTACHMENT C LETTER TO MR BEN ROBERTS-SMITH

**ATTACHMENT D BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD**

ATTACHMENT E DETAILS OF BOARD MEMBERS' TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

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ATTACHMENT A

BIOGRAPHIES INFORMATION ON MR BENJAMIN ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG, NADC CHAIR

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Australian of the Year

FINALISTS

Elizabeth Broderick
NEW SOUTH WALES
Social change innovator

It takes a special person to bring together captains of industry and Defence Force chiefs to address gender inequality. But that's exactly what Elizabeth Broderick has done. As Sex Discrimination Commissioner from 2007 to 2015, Elizabeth was single-minded in her determination to break down the structural and social barriers preventing women from reaching their potential. A key advocate for Australia's national paid parental leave scheme, Elizabeth fought for changes to the ASX Corporate Governance Principles to increase the number of women at decision-making level.

She developed the Male Champions of Change strategy, enlisting a 'who's who' of powerful businessmen to tackle sex discrimination in the workplace and her review into the treatment of women in the Australian Defence Force led to large-scale cultural change. Elizabeth has advised the United Nations and NATO, established mentoring programs for women and is a loud voice in the struggle against gender-based violence. Elizabeth continues to speak out and strive for gender equality.

Julian McMahon
VICTORIA
Barrister and human rights advocate

A human rights advocate and fierce opponent of the death penalty, barrister Julian McMahon has a personal and passionate commitment to represent Australians in capital punishment cases abroad. Admitted to the Victorian Bar in 1998, for more than 13 years Julian has worked without payment for Australians facing the death penalty. Julian's clients include Van Tuong Nguyen in Singapore, George Forbes in Sudan and members of the Bali Nine. Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran.

In the months leading up to the executions of Chan and Sukumaran in April 2015, the overwhelming demands of their case required Julian and other lawyers on the case to make many personal sacrifices and, in Julian's case, to exclude all other work. Instead, he remained wholly focused on his clients. Julian is on the board of Jesuit Social Services and is now President of Reprive Australia. Articulate and measured, with longstanding community involvement, Julian speaks publicly about the death penalty and justice issues.

Catherine McGregor AM
QUEENSLAND
Diversity champion

A Group Captain in the RAAF and former Lieutenant Colonel in the Army seeing operational service in East Timor three times, Catherine McGregor announced that she was changing her gender in 2012, moving from Malcolim to Catherine. Since then, Catherine has told the stories of thousands of hidden transgender Australians through her own lived experience, speaking at forums such as the National Press Club in Canberra and at capital city writers' festivals.

Her story as a leader for the transgender community has been documented in the *Australian Women's Weekly* and national newspapers and she's featured in the ABC's *Australian Story*. A well-known cricket commentator, author and political columnist, Catherine's remarkably brave journey has not been without its challenges but it has brought her great personal contentment and inspired others to be true to themselves. With large stocks of courage, eloquence and confronting candour, Catherine has become a leading figure in the transgender community and as a result Australians have gained a greater understanding and acceptance of the transgender community.

Anne Carey
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Medical warrior

A nurse, midwife and medical warrior, Anne Carey has spent her life helping others—even when it has been at great personal risk. Anne has provided health care for remote communities in hospitals and clinics across Papua New Guinea, Northern Territory and Western Australia. As an Australian Red Cross aid worker in some of the world's hotspots including Sudan, Kenya and most recently Sierra Leone, Anne leaves an impact on everyone she meets. During her time in Sudan, Anne and her colleagues came under attack, but while others left, they courageously stayed put to help the local residents. In Sierra Leone, she spent three assignments battling on the frontline against the deadly Ebola virus and was amongst the first volunteers to assist. Every day, she was taped into a personal protection suit, and while she may have looked inhuman in her all-white sterilised suit, thick rubber gloves and perspex goggles, Anne extended humanity with a simple touch and professional care that helped people understand they were not alone. Despite the death, fear and despair felt during the Ebola outbreak, Anne was a beacon of hope and continues the desperate fight to save the lives of people most in need.

FINALISTS

Australian of the Year

Dr John Greenwood AM
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Burns surgeon

Looking after 450 acute burns patients each year might seem like a full time job, but Dr John Greenwood has set his sights on excellent and affordable burn care for every patient around the world. A plastic surgeon and Medical Director of the Adult Burn Centre at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, John cares for all adults sustaining burn injury in South Australia, Northern Territory, western New South Wales and western Victoria – an area covering some 2.4 million square kilometres.

John runs state-wide education services, heads the nation's only mobile burn response unit for burn injuries in disaster scenarios and he was dispatched to Darwin in the aftermath of the 2002 Bali bombings. Since 2003, John has been developing a suite of innovative burn care and skin substitute products based on a biodegradable polyurethane platform that replace the skin graft.

John's selfless service to burn patients is improving survival rates and making life better for people around the world.

Jane Hutchinson
TASMANIA
Conservationist

A committed conservationist, Jane Hutchinson was one of a handful of volunteers who started the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) in 2001. Since then, TLC has grown from a \$50 bank account to a \$30 million organisation which protects 65,000 hectares of habitat for threatened flora and fauna. Jane has steered TLC from a humble not-for-profit to a highly-regarded organisation acknowledged for its important and innovative conservation work. Jane has devoted countless hours to her cause. While practicing law, Jane helped establish TLC's constitutional and financial frameworks in her spare time. She sat on the TLC Board for five years, including three years as President, before stepping into the role of Chief Executive Officer in 2011.

Jane's persistence has paid off and she now leads science-driven conservation projects which safeguard the habitat of threatened species, including the Tasmanian devil, wedge-tailed eagle and Clarence Galaxias native fish.

Under Jane's watchful eye, TLC now protects more than two per cent of Tasmania's private land.

David Morrison AO
GRIFFITH, ACT
Equality advocate

Few would expect a tough-as-nails Chief of Army to be recognised internationally for his commitment to gender equality, diversity and inclusion. But when former Lieutenant-General David Morrison ordered misbehaving troops to 'get out' if they couldn't accept women as equals, his video went viral and he started a cultural shift that has changed Australia's armed forces forever. Since then, the number of women joining the army has grown by two per cent and the culture is more accepting of racial, ethnic and sexual diversity. In 2014, David was invited to speak at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, sharing the stage with US Secretary of State John Kerry and activist Angelina Jolie, and arguing that militaries that exclude women 'do nothing to distinguish the soldier from the brute'.

David retired in 2015 after 36 years in the Australian Army, and four years as its Chief, but he continues his commitment as a champion of human rights in his new role as the Chair of the Diversity Council Australia.

Will MacGregor
ALICE SPRINGS, NORTHERN TERRITORY
Youth worker

Having experienced severe drug and alcohol problems in his youth, Will MacGregor understands the challenges facing many young people in the Northern Territory. After getting help for his addictions – and remaining sober for more than three decades – Will wanted to help others. Following consultation with Aboriginal elders and community leaders from across the Territory, Will started taking young people into the bush for days at a time to help them dry out and detox. After several years of operating from the back of a 4WD, Will gained funding in 2009 and BushMob was born.

Now a 20-bed facility with 28 staff, BushMob takes marginalised young people 'out bush' to build their self-esteem and respect for each other. The participants tackle problems like alcohol and drug abuse, violence and suicide and can remain in the program for up to two months.

Will is focused on natural healing, cultural respect and empowerment to help young people make positive choices and rebuild their lives.

FINALISTS

Dr Catherine Keenan
NEW SOUTH WALES
Youth educator

A former journalist, arts writer and literary editor, Catherine Keenan turned her back on her career in 2012 to help nurture the talent and creativity of marginalised young Australians. As the co-founder and executive director of the Sydney Story Factory, Catherine has helped thousands of primary and high school students express themselves through writing and storytelling.

Catherine, who has a doctorate in English literature from Oxford University, is focused on helping people from Indigenous and non-English speaking backgrounds, but everyone is welcome to attend the Sydney Story Factory and all classes are free. With energy, enthusiasm and sheer hard work, Catherine has raised funds, established partnerships and trained more than 1,200 volunteers who work with students one-on-one or in small groups to teach them writing skills, cultivate their creativity and help them find their own voice.

Catherine's passion for language, literature and creative writing is building self-esteem and academic achievement, opening pathways to higher education and improving the life choices of many young Australians.

Rebecca Scott
VICTORIA
Social entrepreneur

Travelling the globe, Rebecca Scott created a vision to combine the best street-eating with a program to help young people living on the streets. With a social enterprise business model and initial funding in place, STREAT started operations in Melbourne's Federation Square in 2010, providing young people with life skills, work experience and training.

From two small food carts, three staff and nine homeless teenagers, STREAT has grown to provide training for 400 youth at risk while serving tasty food and coffee to more than a million customers.

With drive, intelligence, relentless hard work and the support of her co-founder and life partner, Kate Barrella, Rebecca has raised upwards of \$6 million in philanthropic support. Despite immense challenges – training young people dealing with chronic homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, family violence, mental health issues and learning difficulties is no easy task – Rebecca now runs five cafes and catering and coffee roasting businesses that help vulnerable youths kick-start their lives.

Michael Ross
QUEENSLAND
Land rights activist

At the forefront of land rights for his people, Michael Ross commands respect wherever he goes – from the corridors of Parliament House in Canberra to the cattle yards of Cape York. An Oikola man, Michael was appointed by his elders to lead his people in the emerging era of land rights.

Since then, Michael has dedicated his life to securing land rights, protection of culture and country for his people and the people of Cape York, first as Director and Chairperson of the Cape York Land Council and now as Chairperson of the Oikola Aboriginal Corporation. After years of negotiations with the Queensland Government, Michael successfully secured one of the largest transfers of Aboriginal freehold land in Australia's history. More than 700,000 hectares of land was handed back to the Oikola People in 2014.

Michael is now leading his people in the next step towards self-determination, progressing sustainable economic development, land management and eco-tourism and supporting his people to come back home to country.

Dr Stephen Langford
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Flying doctor

During his 32-year career with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), Dr Stephen Langford has saved countless lives and eased tremendous suffering. Starting at the front line in 1983, Stephen was astounded to discover the limited resources available within the RFDS.

Working tirelessly over many years, Stephen introduced dozens of innovations, from treatment preventing premature birth to ultrasound diagnostic capabilities, special transfer equipment for heavy patients, and blood clot-busting drugs for heart patients. Tackling the tyranny of distance, Stephen campaigned for a fast Hawker 800 jet, transforming how emergency medical teams could respond to remote incidents – some of which were 2,000 kilometres from the nearest hospital. Now the Medical Director of the RFDS in Western Australia, Stephen has made a tremendous impact on health in remote Indigenous communities.

A recent study confirms that patients who are badly injured in remote Western Australia have significantly higher chances of survival if they receive early medical care from Stephen's team.

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Claire Foord
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Stillbirth educator

Stillbirth is a devastation that no one should endure, but sadly it is something that will live with Claire Foord forever. In February 2014, Claire and her husband had to say goodbye to their daughter Alfie who was stillborn at full term.

Alfie was a perfect baby, with no illness or issue, but without breath. In the aftermath of this tragedy, Claire established Still Aware to bring attention to the fact that 5,000 babies are stillborn each year in Australia – that's one baby every four hours. With awareness, Claire hopes to bring about prevention. Since then, Claire has bravely told her story to the media and driven a campaign to help people understand how stillbirth can be prevented by 'counting the kids'.

She has opened the doors for other people suffering from the same heartbreak to share their stories and has turned up the dial on a long-silent subject in the community.

Raymond Arnold
TASMANIA
Artist and entrepreneur

An outstanding printmaker whose work can be found in the Imperial War Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris and the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra, Raymond Arnold has almost single-handedly transformed the remote mining town of Queenstown into an arts hub.

Raymond established Landscape Art Research Queenstown (LARQ) in 2006 with a dream to develop a wilderness art space as a 'nest' for incubation and a supporter of artists' in residence. LARQ has put Queenstown – a place previously defined by a moonscape created from over a century of mining – on the cultural map, attracting visiting artists from Paris, London, New York and Newfoundland. LARQ was also the catalyst for the Biennial Queenstown Heritage & Arts Festival, which contributes more than half a million dollars towards the local economy.

Raymond's dedication to the region and his craft has taken the community on a journey, sparked change and reshaped the image and future of Queenstown.

Peter Cursley
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
Newborn care champion

After enduring the tragic loss of his baby daughter, and soon after his wife, Peter Cursley responded to his personal heartbreak by dedicating his life to helping others. In 1993, he established the Newborn Intensive Care Foundation and has since raised more than \$4 million for the Canberra Hospital and its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Through Peter's hard work and dedication, vital equipment – from breast pumps and recliner chairs for nursing mums to state-of-the-art medical equipment – has been purchased. The Foundation also contributes to nurse education and training to ensure staff remain at the cutting-edge of neonatal care.

NICU cares for around 700 babies each year, with 40 per cent coming from New South Wales. Combining his retirement jobs with his voluntary work as chairman of the Foundation, Peter's motto, "Life should not be a struggle when you are a few hours old" has driven the Foundation's agenda for two decades. Peter's never-ending generosity makes life better for so many babies and families.

David Taylor
NORTHERN TERRITORY
Homeless mentor and arts advocate

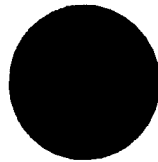
For the past six years, David Taylor has provided 200 meals a day for Darwin's homeless people. David runs the St Vincent de Paul Society's Knobbout Chiefs program, training and mentoring homeless and at-risk people, refugees and those with learning difficulties, in commercial cookery.

Some participants go on to work in commercial kitchens, while others learn valuable life skills, improve their English or build their self-esteem. With patience, love and care, David builds up people who are experiencing extreme hardship and disadvantage, and changes their lives, one at a time. While he's a passionate 'foodie', David also devotes much time to Tracks Dance, a local dance organisation committed to developing people from diverse backgrounds.

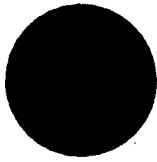
A committee member since 1999, David volunteers on stage as a performer, in wardrobe and prop production, or front-of-house management to support Tracks Dance in celebrating the stories, truths and diverse heritage of people in the Northern Territory.

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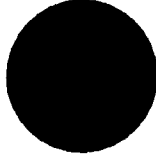
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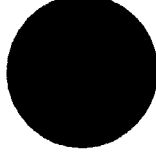
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NEW SOUTH WALES
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Social enterprise founder



Nic Marchesi, 21 and
Lucas Patchett, 21
QUEENSLAND
Social entrepreneurs



Catherine Hughes, 28
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Immunisation champion

Tired of seeing young men painted as drunk and violent nopers, Melissa Abu-Gazaleh established the youth-led Top Blokes Foundation when she was just 19. As Chief Executive Officer of the New South Wales organisation, Melissa is helping Australia combat anti-social and risk-taking behaviours among young men and busting many negative stereotypes along the way. Reaching thousands of 14 to 24 year olds each year, the Top Blokes Foundation fosters young men's social inclusion, resilience and mental health, while empowering them to contribute to their community through volunteering.

Melissa's Junior Top Blokes Mentoring Program, for example, uses social education to challenge boys to address issues like alcohol, drugs, mental health, anger, masculinity and pornography.

What started off as a "thing to do in her spare time" now occupies her every waking moment, and Melissa sits on boards, chairs committees and manages a team of 14 people who are passionate about youth leadership and empowering people to be agents of change.

Undertaking three university degrees simultaneously, leading an orchestra and playing for a number of sporting clubs would leave most people exhausted. But not Robert Gillies.

He's also found the time to devote himself to social enterprises that make a difference to some of our most vulnerable citizens. When he's not studying for his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, his Masters' in Public Health or Diploma in Philosophy, Robert can be found helping those experiencing homelessness.

A Co-Founder of Conscious Creature Incorporated, Robert is determined to change negative attitudes towards homelessness through his charity clothing store 'HoMie'. As Executive Director of Yarra Swim Co, Robert is reviving the historic 'Race to Princes Bridge' and leading the push for a swimmable Yarra River. He's worked as an HIV researcher and served as a director for charities preventing poverty overseas and in remote indigenous communities. Enthusiastic and determined, Robert is a role model for young Australians wanting to make the world a better place.

Best mates Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett built a free mobile laundry in their old van to help the homeless and Orange Sky Laundry began. Aiming to connect the community and spark conversations, Orange Sky Laundry started helping people in September 2014. Since then, this world first idea has rapidly grown to four vans in Brisbane, Melbourne, south-east Victoria and the Gold Coast – and they plan to expand their services Australia-wide.

With the help of 250-plus volunteers, the custom fitted vans – each with two commercial washing machines and two dryers – service 22 locations and wash more than 200 loads each week. Orange Sky encourages people of all walks of life to come together. In February 2015, they took their mobile laundry to North Queensland to wash clothes in cyclone-ravaged communities.

Nic and Lucas have found a way to treat others the way they want to be treated by restoring respect, while raising health standards and reducing the strain on resources.

After her youngest child Riley died from whooping cough, Catherine Hughes became an ardent campaigner for vaccination. One month old Riley was too young to be immunised against the deadly respiratory bacteria, also known as pertussis. Rather than allow her grief to overwhelm her, Catherine has channelled her energy into immunisation awareness. Within days of Riley's death, she established the "Light for Riley" Facebook page which now reaches more than 70,000 people.

As a direct result of Riley's death, every State and Territory in Australia has implemented free booster shots for pregnant women to provide the best defence against whooping cough in newborn babies.

With no thought of reward, Catherine has met with politicians, attended parenting expos, raised over 270,000 for whooping cough research, instigated a viral campaign for the donation of over 45,000 vaccines to UNICEF and shared her story to ensure no other family has to live without their child due to a preventable disease.

FINALISTS

Arman Abrahimzadeh, 28
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Domestic violence campaigner

Domestic violence was a normal part of childhood for Arman Abrahimzadeh and his sisters. The Adelaide siblings lived in fear of their domineering father, who, in 2010, would eventually murder their mother Zahra in front of 300 people on a dance floor at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Arman and his sister were left to parent their 12-year-old sister and continue their mother's battles in court. A gentle young man, Arman vowed to never follow his father's footsteps into a cycle of abuse. Now a White Ribbon Ambassador, Arman works with various organisations to support victims and raise awareness.

A passionate advocate for better legislation to protect women and children, Arman speaks to schools, sporting clubs and police cadet training. In 2015, he established the Zahra Foundation Australia to assist women in crisis and empower them with education and financial independence. While his life has been scarred, Arman is reaching out to help the half a million Australian women experiencing domestic violence each year.

Zac Lockhart, 20
TASMANIA
Mental health advocate

At just 16, Zac Lockhart became one of the 26,000 young Australians who are homeless after circumstances at home forced him into a youth shelter. Determined to promote a positive message and reduce the stigma attached to homelessness, Zac has become an ambassador for homeless youth in Tasmania. With homelessness and mental health often deeply connected, Zac has since stepped up efforts to help people experiencing mental illness.

Zac's film, *The Flourish A-B-C of Mental Health*, shares successful strategies that support good mental health, and encourages people to 'act, belong and commit'. Studying full-time, working a casual job, establishing his own video production business while living in supported accommodation, Zac inspires everyone he meets with his passion, bravery and generosity in sharing his own lived experience of mental illness.

Zac is shining a light on the mental health challenges faced by one in four Australians, while working hard to achieve his own personal goal of having a home and family of his own.

Nipuni Wijewickrema, 22
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
Social entrepreneur

A young woman trying to change the world "one flower at a time", Nipuni Wijewickrema runs a floristry business designed to create employment opportunities for people with special needs. Nip, as she is affectionately known, first established CG's Florist with her family to ensure her 16-year-old younger sister Gayana would have fulfilling work after graduating from high school. Gayana, who has was born with Down Syndrome, is now famous around Canberra for her floral deliveries that always come with a big hug.

From a backyard garden shed, Nip has shown other local organisations how to create safe working environments for people with disabilities. As well as working full-time and managing the family floristry business, Nip is a volunteer counsellor with Lifeline and contributes regularly to community initiatives, assisting many young people through her work with the ACT Youth Advisory Council.

Passionate, dedicated, driven and incredibly sleep deprived, Nip has developed a socially sustainable business model which is changing the way Canberraans think about inclusion.

Benjamin Masters, 19
NORTHERN TERRITORY
Musician and impresario

The drive of this young Darwin drummer is making opportunities for up-and-coming performers in the Top End. Benjamin Masters is passionately engaged in his local music scene, performing, mentoring and supporting local talent. Ben's all-ages, drug and alcohol free music gigs have grown in size and create opportunities for Darwin bands to play to a big crowd.

The driving force behind the Terrorfest music festival, Ben coordinates an event which attracts a line-up of more than 10 bands and receives a rapturous response from the crowd. Ben's heavy metal band, I, The Burden, has won awards, produced EPs and music videos and toured nationally.

A drumming tutor for high school musicians and mentor for MusiCt, Ben also established his own booking agency to give beginner bands a shot at jumping on stage with some of their national idols. A shining example of a young leader, Ben is using his passion for music to help others and strengthen his community.

Young
Australian
of the Year

FINALISTS

Professor Gordian Fulde, 67
NEWSOUTH WALES
Doctor

From midnight to dawn, while most people are in bed, Professor Gordian Fulde is presiding over one of Australia's busiest emergency departments. The Director of Emergency at St Vincent's Hospital and Sydney Hospital for more than three decades, Gordian is the longest serving emergency department director in Australia. The doctor on call when disaster strikes, Gordian has seen it all and is passionately outspoken about the scourge of 'ice' and alcohol-fuelled violence which delivers a flood of people into Australian hospitals each weekend.

While you will occasionally see him appear on *Kings Cross EX*, Gordian is also actively involved in teaching and training students and staff in many facets of emergency medicine.

A member of the Board of the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation, Gordian also supports many schools and community organisations, sharing his stories of working in an urban warzone, and warning of the dangers of a binge drinking culture, which is overwhelmingly the main cause of injury in Australia's emergency departments.

Jack Charles, 72
VICTORIA
Indigenous elder and role model

One of the nation's most respected and enduring actors, Jack Charles is a member of Australia's stolen generation. Removed from his mother as a baby and raised in a Salvation Army boys' home, Jack knew nothing of his Indigenous heritage as a child. At 19 he began a career as an actor, but his life was plagued by personal demons. His addiction to heroin and a life of crime saw him jailed.

Despite his struggles, he co-founded Australia's first Indigenous theatre group, Nindethana, meaning 'place of corroboree', at Melbourne's Pram Factory in 1971. His first play, *Jack Charles is Up and Fighting*, was a runaway hit.

Jack has appeared in several movies, including the landmark film, *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, and more recently Pan alongside Hugh Jackman. He has also toured his own one-man stage show locally and internationally. Now calm and centred, Jack is a strong role model for a new generation of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Tim Fairfax AC, 69
QUEENSLAND
Philanthropist

One of the country's most successful businessmen, Tim Fairfax is also one of the most generous. With pastoral interests in Queensland and New South Wales, Tim is passionate about supporting rural, remote and regional communities. The founder of the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, Tim has gifted more than \$16 million since 2008 to community-based arts, music and sporting projects in regional Australia.

Tim also chairs the board of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, named after his father, which has donated more than \$200 million. A keen supporter of The Ekka, Tim is also Chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology and promotes higher educational opportunities, particularly to students in struggling rural communities.

A founding benefactor of the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, Tim is one of its largest donors. Sitting on numerous boards and trusts for the arts, including the National Gallery of Australia, Tim is a keen collector and donor of art and is making an extraordinary philanthropic contribution to Australia's arts community.

The Hon Graham Edwards AM
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Veterans' advocate

While serving in Vietnam in 1970, Graham Edwards was hit by an exploding mine. Both his legs had to be amputated, but he never let his disability get the better of him. Returning to civilian life, he battled the aftershocks of war and fought discrimination before moving into public affairs and politics. Spending 14 years of service in the WA Legislative Council, including as a senior minister and nine years in the federal parliament, Graham actively contributed to defence, disability services and veterans' policy. While juggling his parliamentary responsibilities, Graham devoted many hours to his twin passions: the Paralympic movement and veterans' rights.

Today, as State President of the Returned & Services League of Australia, Graham oversees a membership base of 10,000 people, sits by bedside, lobbies government for funding and organises large events to commemorate the sacrifice made by many, particularly for the 2015 Centenary of Gallipoli. A board member of the Australian War Memorial, Graham is ensuring that the nation's war heroes gain the recognition they deserve.

Senior
Australian
of the Year

FINALISTS

Monica Oliphant 75
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Scientist

An inspiring advocate for science and sustainability, Monica Oliphant has influenced the future of energy consumption around the world. Starting out as a laser physicist, she is now recognised internationally as a pioneer in the use of solar photovoltaics and renewable energy. Monica has devoted her long career – much in her own time and without financial reward – to the promotion of renewable energy both in Australia and overseas.

As a senior research scientist with the Electricity Trust of South Australia for two decades, Monica undertook research into renewable energy, with her work enabling grid-connected solar and wind power. Globally-recognised as a leader in her field, Monica has shared her knowledge at conferences in many countries and her work has facilitated development of clean energy policies around the world. Volunteering her time on boards and energy associations culminated in the presidency of the International Solar Energy Society.

Monica has maintained a lifelong commitment to improving all people's access, particularly those of lower socio-economic status, to environmentally and economically sustainable energy.

Professor Ian Allison 70
TASMANIA
Glaciologist

A pioneer of Australia's glaciological research program since the 1960s, Professor Ian Allison is acclaimed internationally as a glaciologist, making a significant contribution to climate science. An outstanding contributor to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Reports on Climate Change, Ian has worked tirelessly to synthesise global research results. He spent many years with the Australian Antarctic Division, ultimately leading the Ice, Oceans, Atmosphere and Climate program.

As co-chair of the International Polar Year in 2007-08, Ian drove a coordinated, intense period of observational research activity in the Polar Regions. Ian's enduring contribution to Antarctic affairs and the Antarctic community has been recognised with awards and accolades, such as the naming of Allison Glacier on Heard Island. Ian's legacy also includes the work of the many PhD students he has supervised who have, themselves, made significant contributions to science. Ian's community-mindedness and willingness to push ahead with fresh ideas has helped Australia build an internationally-respected scientific community.

Professor Greg Tegtart 86
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
Scientist and technology advocate

Professor Greg Tegtart is a leading advocate for smart assistive technologies that give aged and disabled people independence and a better quality of life. Greg's distinguished career spans research in metallurgy and materials and high level executive and policy positions in industry, the CSIRO and the federal government.

The extent of Greg's contribution to Australian science and technology policy over four decades is substantial. He led Australia's initial participation in climate change assessment through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and was recognised for his contribution to the awarding of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize to the IPCC.

He has been a leader in studies linking technology to the future of society. In recent years, Greg's world-leading work to promote smart assistive technologies for aged and disability care has enabled many Australians to lead more empowered and independent lives. Greg provides a real-world example of the contribution that older people can make to the Australian community.

Bob Shewring, 69
NORTHERN TERRITORY
Repatriation campaigner

Twenty five Australian soldiers killed in the Vietnam War never returned home to Australia. Vietnam veteran, Bob Shewring has spent years lobbying governments to bring home the bodies of these soldiers buried overseas after they were killed in the line of duty. Bob established Operation "Bring Them Home" in 2014 and spent countless hours researching war history and legislation.

He garnered more than 40,000 signatures through an online petition before the Australian Government announced in May 2015 it would repatriate the bodies from cemeteries in Malaysia and Singapore back home to Australia, providing the next of kin's agree. Until February 1966, the government required soldiers' families to pay for their bodies to be repatriated back to Australia. For Bob, this campaign is personal.

Twenty five of the 521 Australians killed in the Vietnam War didn't make it home and Bob's mate Reg Hillier is one of them. Bob is determined to see those soldiers finally welcomed home, receive full military honours at "one of the biggest ramp ceremonies in Australia's history" and to right a terrible wrong from the Vietnam War.

Senior
Australian
of the Year



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: C15/102954

23 OCT 2015

Mr Ben Roberts-Smith VC, MC
Chairman
National Australia Day Council Limited
Old Parliament House
King George Terrace
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Mr Roberts-Smith *Ben*

Thank you for your very kind message of congratulations.

The responsibility of this office is both humbling and inspiring.

This is the most exciting time to be an Australian; the opportunities for our nation, its people and its businesses have never been so numerous and diverse.

But to succeed in a rapidly expanding global market and to remain a high wage, generous social welfare net first world economy we need to be more agile, creative, productive and innovative.

The keen focus of my Government will be on achieving this and by doing so secure the jobs and the prosperity of our children and grandchildren.

Thanks again for writing to me and I look forward to your help and good counsel in the future.

Yours sincerely
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MALCOLM TURNBULL

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keen to be with
you on Australia Day
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29 September 2015

The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Australia's 29th Prime Minister. As Chairman of the National Australia Day Council (NADC), I look forward to working with you to build pride and spirit across our nation through the Australian of the Year Awards and our annual Australia Day celebrations.

The NADC is a not-for-profit Commonwealth-owned company which leads the celebrations of our national day, including the Australian of the Year Awards. It is a pleasure and a privilege for me and my fellow board members to be involved in this important endeavour. We take seriously our responsibility to encourage celebrations which are both vibrant and inclusive and which bring the Australian community together and highlight the importance of active citizenship in the life of our nation.

We are now well advanced in the planning for the announcement of the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards and, as with previous years, we invite you to formally announce our Australian of the Year in Canberra on the evening of 25 January 2016.

In addition, previous Prime Ministers have traditionally hosted a morning tea at The Lodge or Parliament House on 25 January, as a way of celebrating and acknowledging the achievements of the 32 outstanding Australians who come to Canberra for the Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero for 2016. We hope you will be happy to host this event again early next year.

On Australia Day itself, we would be pleased if you would maintain a wonderful tradition by officiating at the citizenship ceremony during the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony in Canberra. As in the past, we have invited the Governor-General to be the host officer for the flag raising ceremony. Both the Australian of the Year Awards and the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony are broadcast live to the nation on ABC-TV.

While I recognise the huge demands on your time as Prime Minister, I would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you at a time that is convenient to share some of our vision and future aspirations for the NADC. My staff will be in contact with your office shortly to confirm your participation in what will be a truly memorable program of events to celebrate our national day in our nation's capital next year. In closing, I wish you well in your new role.

Yours sincerely

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Ben Roberts-Smith VC, MG
Chairman
National Australia Day Council

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NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL (NADC) BOARD

Currently, there are three male and five female members and a geographic representation of two from VIC, two from NSW, one from WA, one from SA, one from ACT and one from QLD.

Mr Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG (Chairman)	QLD
5 Nov 2014 – 4 Nov 2017	
Victoria Cross recipient in 2011 for the most conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of extreme peril in Afghanistan and awarded the Medal for Gallantry in 2006 and the Commendation for Distinguished Service in 2013. Since retiring from the armed forces, Mr Roberts-Smith has been a leading strategic adviser to government and industry on a broad range of defence, security and personnel issues	

Ms Robbie Sefton – (Deputy Chair)	NSW
09 June 2010 – 04 Nov 2017	
Managing Director, Sefton and Associates. Ms Sefton operates a national communication organisation that develops public relations and marketing campaigns for large corporate and government organisations focusing on people living and working in rural, regional and remote Australia.	

Mr Jason Glanville	NSW
4 June 2013 – 3 June 2016	
A Wiradjuri man from south western New South Wales, the CEO of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence and former Director of Programs and Strategy at Reconciliation Australia.	

Mr Norman Schueler	SA
05 Nov 2014 – 04 Nov 2017	
A businessman and prominent member of the Jewish community, Mr Schueler is a member of the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission and a member of the Australia Day Council of SA.	

Ms Janet Whiting	VIC
9 June 2010 – 3 June 2016	
Partner, Corrs Chamber Westgarth Lawyers. Ms Whiting has extensive experience in competition, corporate and regulatory law and is one of the pre-eminent commercial litigators in Australia. She is highly regarded for providing strategic advice, detailed analysis and obtaining commercial solutions.	

Professor Samina Yasmeen	WA
9 June 2010 – 3 June 2016	
Director, Centre for Muslim States and Societies, School of Social and Cultural Studies, and Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Western Australia. Dr Yasmeen is a specialist in political and strategic developments in South Asia (particularly Pakistan), the role of Islam in world politics, and citizenship among women immigrants.	

Dr Susan Alberti AO	VIC
21 Aug 2015 – 21 Aug 2018	
Co-founder and Managing Director of the DANSU Group based in Melbourne's east. Dr Alberti is National President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Australia and International Patron of the International Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.	

Ms Elizabeth Kelly

ACT

21 Oct 2013 – 20 Oct 2016

Deputy Secretary of the Governance Group in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, responsible for machinery of government, legal policy, governance issues across the APS, Cabinet and the coordination of support to the Prime Minister and Portfolio Ministers. Ms Kelly also has the role of Chief Operating Officer, responsible for financial management, ICT and corporate services.

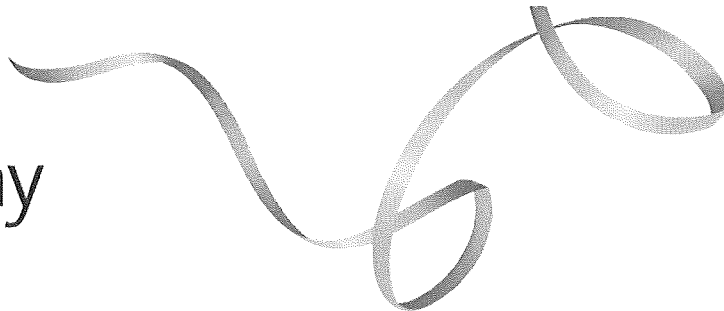
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL: as at December 2015

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<i>1. Current members:</i>						
Mr Benjamin ROBERTS-SMITH VC MG	M	Chairman	PT	QLD	05.11.14	04.11.17
Ms Robbie SEFTON	F	Deputy Chairman Director	PT	NSW	05.11.14 04.06.13 09.06.10	04.11.17 03.06.16 03.06.13
Mr Jason GLANVILLE	M	Director	PT	NSW	04.06.13	03.06.16
Ms Elizabeth KELLY	F	Director	PT	ACT	21.10.13	20.10.16
Mr Norman SCHUELER	M	Director	PT	SA	05.11.14	04.11.17
Ms Janet WHITING	F	Director	PT	VIC	04.06.13 09.06.10	03.06.16 03.06.13
Prof Samina YASMEEN	F	Director	PT	WA	04.06.13 09.06.10	03.06.16 03.06.13
Dr Susan ALBERTI AO	F	Director	PT	VIC	21.08.15	21.08.18

<u>Gender balance</u>	
Males: 3 (38%)	
Females: 5 (62%)	

<u>Geographic balance</u>	
NSW: 2	WA: 1
VIC: 2	QLD: 1
SA: 1	TAS: 0
NT: 0	ACT: 1

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12 February 2016

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to thank you for your support of our Australia Day celebrations and the Australian of the Year Awards which are now in their 56th year.

The Australian of the Year Awards are an iconic part of our national celebrations each year and continue to honour extraordinary Australians who make our great nation even better.

The 2016 Australian of the Year Awards attracted a record number of nominations, an extremely strong field of state/territory national finalists, and despite the inclement weather in Canberra on the evening of the national presentation, the ABC-TV broadcast was a huge success and delivered a significant increase in viewers across the nation. Thank you again for braving the elements to present our five national recipients, David Morrison AO, Professor Gordian Fulde, Dr Catherine Keenan, Lucas Patchett and Nic Marchesi with their awards. I am confident they will do the Awards and our nation proud.

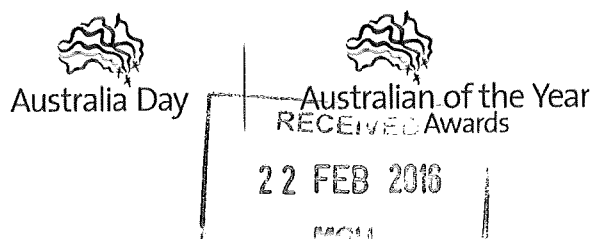
You will be aware David's selection has generated some healthy debate which isn't unusual for someone who wants to challenge conventional thinking. This has happened many times in the history of the awards and I believe it simply reflects the significance of the program and that everyone seems to have an opinion on who should take the honour. Our goal will be to convert this discussion into even more nominations in the future and to factor it into our annual review of the program.

Thank you to Mrs Turnbull and yourself for hosting our finalists and their guests at The Lodge on 25 January for morning tea, which was certainly a highlight for all who attended. I am grateful for the time and energy that your staff put into making the occasion so special, particularly given you had just moved in.

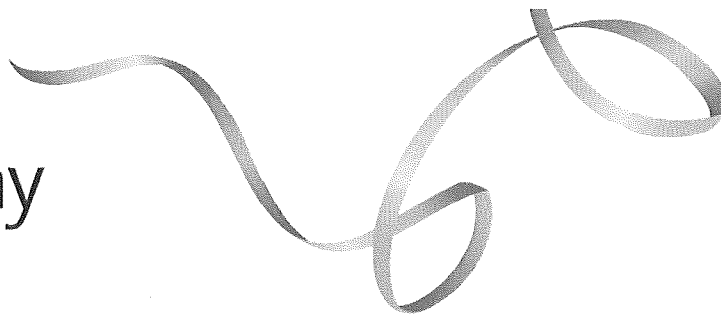
The National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin on Australia Day was made more special by your participation and the attendance of Mrs Turnbull. In 2016, the NADC will strive to promote greater mutual respect and understanding amongst Australians and there's no better way to demonstrate this than by warmly welcoming new members of the Australian family. Thank you again for carrying out the official duties at this very special citizenship ceremony on our national day.

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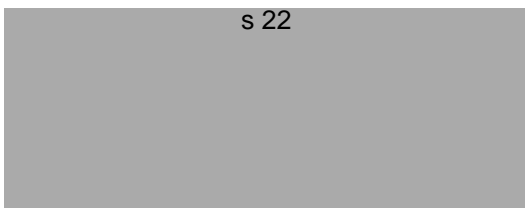
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Together with my fellow board members and the staff of the National Australia Day Council, we count it as a great privilege to be custodians of the Australian of the Year Awards and our national day, and it is a responsibility we take very seriously. I wish you and your government a successful 2016 and I look forward to working with you with a view to a bigger and better Australia Day in 2017.

Yours sincerely

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Ben Roberts-Smith VC, MG
Chairman

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Arnaudo, Peter

From: Arnaudo, Peter
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2016 11:29 AM
To: Kelly, Elizabeth
Cc: Lynch, Philippa
Subject: FW: request for clarification ~~{DLM=For Official Use Only}~~

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Australian of the Year: travel, hotels paid for by taxpayers

- SHARRI MARKSON
- THE AUSTRALIAN
- FEBRUARY 5, 2016 12:00AM

SENIOR WRITER
 SYDNEY

On top of the \$15,000 going rate David Morrison will earn for numerous speaking engagements this year, the Australian of the Year's travel and accommodation as he tours the country for official functions will be funded by taxpayers.

The cost of travel and accommodation for the National Australia Day Council, which is mostly funded by the federal government, was \$128,000 last year.

"On occasions when award recipients take part in events at the invitation of the NADC, the travel and accommodation costs associated with the invitation are covered by the National Australia Day Council," its chief executive, Jeremy Lasek, said.

"The award does not place any restrictions on the business activities or personal choices of award recipients."

Mr Lasek said the travel and accommodation costs listed in the annual report also covered costs of staff who worked for the Australia Day Council. "It's much broader than Australian of the Year. We have a staff of 12 and a board of eight people," he said.

Mr Morrison declined to speak to *The Australian* yesterday, leaving his manager, Robert Joske, to defend his commercial arrangements.

Mr Joske said Mr Morrison supported numerous charities, including Legacy, and had been offered a car for the 12 months he was Australian of The Year, which he had chosen to donate to an "unmarried pregnant women's refuge in Canberra".

"He's doing a lot of work for charity," Mr Joske said.

“There are some corporate organisations that are paying him and he is then sending that to worthy organisations.”

The Australian shed light yesterday on the money that can be made from gender-diversity advocacy — the growth of the “equity for equity” industry.

Mr Morrison charges \$15,000 a speaking engagement — triple the figure commanded by last year’s Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, who spoke about domestic violence at official functions for a \$5000 fee.

If Mr Morrison gave only one speech a week, it would total \$780,000 a year.

The former lieutenant general, who is on the books of six speaking agencies, also receives an army pension and earns a salary from Deloitte, where he is a gender-diversity adviser.

Transgender champion Catherine McGregor speaks at corporate functions for about \$5000 while former sex discrimination commissioner Elizabeth Broderick charges about \$10,000.

Mr Morrison, Group Captain McGregor and Ms Broderick all have professional managers who negotiate their high fees for speaking engagements.

From: Jeremy Lasek [mailto:Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au]
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2016 10:14 AM
To: Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: FW: request for clarification

Hi Peter
See below our request for The Oz to clarify an article today.
Cheers
Jeremy

Jeremy Lasek
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From: Nicole Browne
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2016 10:01 AM
To: 'Markson, Sharri' <sharri.markson@news.com.au>
Subject: request for clarification

Hi Sharri,

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) requests The Australian publicly clarify information relating to the travel and accommodation budget for the Australian of the Year Awards as reported in your article of 5 February 2016.

As laid out in the email below, provided to you on 4 February 2016, in response to your request for information, it was made very clear travel and accommodation costs in the 2014-2015 program:

- Covered the year-round program for the Australian of the Year Awards, not just the individual who is named Australian of the Year
- Covered 128 State & Territory finalists who are honoured at events around the nation and the 32 national finalists attending the national Awards announcement
- Covered the four Australian of the Year Award recipients (not just the Australian of the Year as an individual) for community visits and other events throughout the year

The article in The Australian today does not include this information and creates a perception that travel and accommodation expenses relate only to the Australian of the Year and NADC staff involved in the Australian of the Year's appearances.

As you would have seen in the 2014-2015 Annual Report, the NADC and the Awards receive both government and corporate support, whereas the article states the NADC is 'mostly funded by the federal government.'

This is not accurate as the National Australia Day Council also receives generous funding from corporate sponsors to enable it to deliver programs.

As the NADC was more than happy to provide you with the relevant information to your enquiry yesterday, it would be appreciated if you could update the article to note:

- The travel and accommodation costs represent the year-round Australian of the Year Awards program,
- The travel and accommodation costs also cover requirements for 128 State and Territory finalists, 32 national finalists and all the Australian of the Year recipients (Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero)

An update to the article would be appreciated to ensure readers have the detailed information relating to this matter. It would also be appreciated if the update was made available to readers as soon as possible.

Should you need further clarification on the details provided, please contact me on 0414 673 762

Regards
Nicole Browne
On behalf National Australia Day Council

From: Nicole Browne
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2016 6:22 PM
To: 'Markson, Sharri' <sharri.markson@news.com.au>
Subject: RE: Media query as discussed earlier with Jeremy

Hi Sharri

Thanks for your enquiry – and for putting up with the traffic noise on the call.

Firstly, in answer to your question re the Annual Report timing – the report works to the Australian Financial Year ending 30 June 2015 but the programs for Australia Day and Australian of the Year run to a calendar year – nominations formally open in June and close in August, state and territory events are held around the nation usually across October and November and then the national Awards are held in Canberra in January.

The \$441,309 costs listed for travel and accommodation in the annual report of 2014-2015 cover all business activities and programs conducted the National Australia Day Council, not just the Australian of the Year Awards program.

Of that total amount, travel and accommodation related only to the year-round Australian of the Year Awards program totals \$233,000 and \$105,000 of that amount is covered by contra from our airline and accommodation sponsors.

So the total cash amount spent by NADC on the year-round Australian of the Year Awards program activity is \$128,000.

The Australian of the Year Awards program involves the following activities with travel and accommodation requirements:

- Travel and accommodation for the approx. 128 State and Territory finalists to attend Award announcement events in their capital cities (this often includes finalists who come from remote or rural areas to be honoured at the State and Territory events)
- Bringing the national finalists (generally 32 people but as in the case of 2016 there were 33 people as the QLD Young Australian of the Year went to 2 people) to Canberra for the national Awards 24-26 January (again it's often the case that some national finalists travel from remote and rural communities and may require an additional night of accommodation due to flight schedules)
- Australian of the Year Award recipients attending Australia Day events (for example, in the past they have appeared at Sydney Australia Day celebrations, this year they appeared at Adelaide events on Australia Day)
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- NADC staff organising and co-ordinating Awards events, appearances and community visits
- Participation of Award recipients in call for nominations for the next Awards (eg launch event in Canberra 2015 or Sydney 2014)

I hope this helps – please let me know if there's anything else we might be able to assist with.

Regards
Nicole

Nicole Browne

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From: Markson, Sharri [<mailto:sharri.markson@news.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2016 5:26 PM
To: Nicole Browne <nicole@mediaapps.com.au>
Subject: Media query as discussed earlier with Jeremy

Hi Nicole,

On page 55 of 64 of this report it says travel and accommodation expenses come to around \$441,000.

<http://www.australiaday.org.au/storage/nadc-annual-report-for-web.pdf>

As I asked Jeremy earlier, what proportion of this relates to travel and accommodation for the Australian of the Year?

What time period does this relate to?

Kind regards,

Sharri

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Sent: Thursday, 28 January 2016 3:52 PM
To: s 22
Subject: FW: NADC statement FINAL ~~[SEC=UNOFFICIAL]~~

~~Unofficial~~

FYI – I alerted s 22 in McGrath's office last night also.
 Peter

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From: Jeremy Lasek <Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au>
Sent: Saturday, 30 January 2016 9:59 AM
Subject: Fwd: going out now - Statement from David Morrison AO, 2016 Australian of the Year
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; Statement from David Morrison 30 January 2016.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Good morning, this an FYI.

David will not be doing media on this.

David, Gordian, Rosie and Pat McGorry are appearing on ABC Q+A Monday night 9.30pm.

Hope everyone had a great Australia Day and almost recovered.

Cheers

Jeremy

Statement from David Morrison AO, 2016 Australian of the Year



30 JANUARY 2016

STATEMENT FROM DAVID MORRISON AO, 2016 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

As the grandson and son of Veterans and a Veteran myself, I care deeply about issues affecting the Veteran community.

I have always supported the Veteran community and I will continue to do so in my role as Australian of the Year.

ENDS.

Arnaudo, Peter

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Sent: Monday, 1 February 2016 4:56 PM
To: Arnaudo, Peter; Kelly, Elizabeth
Subject: Sen McGrath enquiry

Good afternoon

Sen McGrath just called me direct in mobile.

He says there is some concern in his home state about the Qld AOTY not having lived in the state for many years and how Cate McGregor came to be AOTY there.

I explained the situation and he asked me to send him an email outlining the process.

I will do that this evening and send you a copy Jeremy Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Monday, 1 February 2016 5:15 PM
To: Kelly, Elizabeth; Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: Fwd: AOTY enquiry

FYI my note to Sen McGrath

Sent from my iPhone

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From: <Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au>
Date: 1 February 2016 5:11:10 pm AEDT
To: [REDACTED] s 47F
Subject: AOTY enquiry

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From: Kelly, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, 1 February 2016 5:25 PM
To: Jeremy Lasek; Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: RE: AOTY enquiry [~~SEC=UNCLASSIFIED~~]

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

Dear Jeremy

I think it would be useful to emphasise to Sen McGrath that it was the Queensland panel that selected Cate as Queensland AOTY – not the NADC. The NADC dealt with her as just one of the 8 finalists nominated by the states and territories. I'm not sure that this has been made clear so far.

thanks

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Sent: Friday, 26 February 2016 5:55 AM
To: Arnaudo, Peter
Subject: Re: QON and FOI request

Thanks Peter

Sent from my iPhone

On 25 Feb 2016, at 11:07 pm, Arnaudo, Peter <Peter.Arnaudo@pmc.gov.au> wrote:

Thanks Jeremy.

On the QON the test in FOI is different to the test in estimates. Nadc may still be required to answer.

Am seeking some advice.

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Feb 2016, at 2:59 PM, Jeremy Lasek <Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au> wrote:

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Cheers

Jeremy

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Chief Executive Officer

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 To: Arnaudo, Peter; [REDACTED] s 22
 Subject: RE: FOI request [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Advice- stepped out

- Under section 11 of the FOI Act every person has a right to obtain access to a document of an agency.
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- The National Australia Day Council is a Commonwealth company, being a Corporations Act 2001 company that the Commonwealth controls.
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- here are no regulations declaring the NADC to be a prescribed authority for the purposes of the FOI Act.

Happy to discuss.

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Morning--I've had [REDACTED] S looking at how the committee is exempt from the Act. Will send some advice through shortly. I haven't talked with Jeremy--let me know if you would like me to.

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Elizabeth - I can meet with Jeremy tomorrow to discuss this if that would assist.
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Sent: Wednesday, 3 February 2016 6:30 PM
To: s 22
Subject: Application of the FOI Act [ME-ME.FID3089368]

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Arnaudo, Peter

From: Arnaudo, Peter
Sent: Thursday, 25 February 2016 11:04 PM
To: Jeremy Lasek
Cc: s 22
Subject: Re: QON and FOI request

Thanks Jeremy.

On the QON the test in FOI is different to the test in estimates. Nadc may still be required to answer. Am seeking some advice.

Sent from my iPad

On 25 Feb 2016, at 2:59 PM, Jeremy Lasek <Jeremy.Lasek@australiaday.org.au> wrote:

Hi Peter

1. I have just spoken to Hedley Thomas, a journalist with The Australian who put in an FOI request about three weeks ago. I explained to him that we do not come under the FOI Act as per advice from our lawyers and PM+C. Hedley wasn't happy and he's asked me to explain in writing. I will provide the advice below. He said he'll get advice from his lawyers also.
2. Looking at the advice below. This could be all that is required in terms of our current QON request...(i.e. we are not deemed to be an 'agency' and our staff are not public servants). Hence, we would fall out of QON requests to departments and agencies. I hope this might be helpful.

I am providing the journo with Selection Panel Meeting briefing material and our 2016 Australian of the Year Awards Business Plan...but nothing else.

Cheers

Jeremy

Jeremy Lasek

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From: s 22
Sent: Thursday, 4 February 2016 9:21 AM
To: s 22
Subject: RE: National Australia Day Council ~~[DLM=For Official Use Only]~~

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Legend- thank you

From: s 22
Sent: Wednesday, 3 February 2016 3:27 PM
To: s 22
Subject: National Australia Day Council ~~[DLM=For Official Use Only]~~

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I think this is the reason.

Under section 11 of the FOI Act every person has a right to obtain access to a document of an agency. An 'agency' is defined in section 4 of the FOI Act as a Department or prescribed authority. The National Australia Day Council is a Commonwealth company, being a *Corporations Act 2001* company that the Commonwealth controls. The National Australia Day Council is not an agency for the purposes of the FOI Act because it is not a Department or a prescribed authority.

The definition of a prescribed authority in section 4(a)(i) and (b)(ii) of the FOI Act makes it clear that a prescribed authority does not include an incorporated company, unless it is a incorporated company over which the Commonwealth has control that has been declared in the regulations to be a prescribed authority for the purposes of the FOI Act. There are no regulations declaring the NADC to be a prescribed authority for the purposes of the FOI Act.