

CEO's Report

23 November 2021

Delivering the Australia Day Council NT's programmes and events to our community is always a lot of fun and this year was no exception.

The year started off with a celebration on Australia Day Eve in Canberra as well known and loved Territorian, Dr Miriam Ungunmerr-Baumann AM was named National Senior Australian of the Year.

Australia Day was celebrated across the Territory with many councils and not-for-profits receiving additional funding through the National Australia Day Council's grants programme, ensuring that events were being delivered in a COVIDSafe manner whilst highlighting the key messages of *"Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story"*.

Our volunteer Australia Day Ambassadors once again travelled to remote parts of the Territory speaking at local council events, sharing their personal stories and inspiring others.

In March we partnered with City of Palmerston Library to celebrate International Women's Week, with three of our Alumni speaking at a forum event titled *"A Challenged World is an Alert World"*. The panel discussed the triumphs and tragedies that they have faced throughout life that led them to where they are now and was attended by an audience of 80. There were lots of tears and plenty of laughs too.

In June we hosted Young Australian of the Year Isobel Marshall for the annual Tour of Honour, meeting with school students and community groups in Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala and across the Top End.

We partnered with the Northern Territory Library once again to hold this year's OZ Forum where our panel explored the topic *"Australia. The Lucky Country?"*. There were 55 attendees and a very high level of audience participation.

Australia Day Council Northern Territory are very fortunate to have the continued support of the National Australia Day Council and the Northern Territory Government, enabling us to continue to deliver our programmes far and wide across the Territory.

I would like to recognise and thank the Australia Day Council Northern Territory board for their tireless support throughout the year.

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

Lastly, the Australia Day Council Northern Territory would like to thank the following organisations for their support and generosity: Thank you Airnorth, ABC Darwin, Athletics NT, Darwin Waterfront Corporation, Darwin Convention Centre, NT Library, Rebel Sport Darwin, Shane Eecen TFE Hotels. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.



Anna McDonald

Chief Executive Officer



2020-2021 Snapshot

Awards

- 151 Students were recognised through the **Student Citizen of the Year Awards**
- 43 individuals and 14 community groups were recognised through the **Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards**
- 16 individuals were recognised through the **2021 NT Australian of the Year Awards**

Events

- 280 guests attended the **2021 NT Australian of the Year Awards** at the Darwin Convention Centre
- 2500 people participated in **OZ Run** on the morning of Australia Day
- 55 people attended OZ Forum at the NT Library
- 48 people attended a lunchtime event in Alice Springs with 2021 Young Australian of the Year Isobel Marshall as the keynote speaker.
- 32 community events were held across the Territory on Australia Day 2021

Programs

- 33 sporting clubs and associations participated in the Australia Day **OZ Sports** programme
- 20 councils and not-for-profits received grants totalling \$47,000 to ensure the spirit of Australia Day was enjoyed by all Territorians
- 21 people from across 16 regional councils attended the **Australia Day Regional Conference** in Darwin.

Ambassadors

Seven high achieving Australians travelled across the Northern Territory to inspire and unite communities on Australia Day. Thank you to: Matthew Axten, Margaret Chamberlain, Nicole Civitarese, Adam Drake, Bob Shewring, Helen Summers and David Taylor.