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Diamantina Shire Council

MEDIA RELEASE

Diamantina residents honoured on Australia Day

A large crowd gathered at ANZAC Park in Bedourie on Saturday January 26 for the Diamantina Shire Council's official Australia Day Awards.

Mayor Geoff Morton said Australia Day was a special day for all Australians to come together and celebrate our communities and what we love about the country we call home.

"It's a day we not only celebrate what it means to be Australian, but a day to celebrate and recognise those people within the region who had given selflessly of themselves to our community," Mayor Morton said.

It was this commitment to the Diamantina Community which earned Australia Day Awards for some of the Shire's most self-sacrificing citizens with the Diamantina Shire Council's own CEO, Scott Mason, taking out Citizen of the Year.

Other award winners included:

Young Citizen of the Year – Jenna Brook
Community Event of the Year – Bedourie Bikekhana and Dress the Desert Pink (joint winners)
Australia Day Senior Cultural Award – Joyce Crombie and Jean Barr (joint winners)
Australia Day Senior Sports Award – James Smith
Australia Day Junior Sports Award – Sam Mason
Australia Day Sports Administrator Award – Beverly Morton

This year the Diamantina Shire Council hosted Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Ross McKinnon AM, the Curator-in-Charge of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha, who presented the Australia Day Address. During his stay in the Diamantina, Mr McKinnon presented two workshops on gardening to the local community.

The Australia Day Ambassador Program sends high achieving Australians to over 300 community celebrations nationwide every Australia Day. Ambassadors are sportspeople, scientists, business people, actors and community workers who provide added inspiration and pride to Australia Day events and activities.

The Australia Day Ambassador Program is coordinated by Australia Day Councils and Committees in each state and territory. It has been proudly sponsored by Woolworths for the past ten years.

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