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CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

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For Council meeting to be held on

Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7.00 pm

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11.9 2023 NAIDOC Youth Award

Manager Community Services & Social Development, Tracy Johnstone's Report

Purpose of Report

To select the 2023 NAIDOC Youth Award winner and invite the winner to the 4 July 2023 Council meeting to receive their Award.

Strategic Plan Link

Focus Area 1.3.3 Promote local identity and local history

Focus Area 1.5.3 A welcoming Community where everyone is respected and can participate

Previous Council/Committee Resolution

Nil.

Background

NAIDOC Week is held 2-9 July 2023 to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of First Nations people. Campbelltown City Council has traditionally recognised NAIDOC Week through its annual NAIDOC Youth Award which highlights the skills, talents and strengths of local young First Nations People in the Council area. Council has supported the Campbelltown NAIDOC Youth Award since 2007. The NAIDOC Youth Award eligibility criteria includes:

- the nominee must live, work or study in the City of Campbelltown (historically Council have considered Rostrevor College to be a school attached to the area)
- the nominee must be aged 12-25 years old at the time of nominating
- the Award recognises achievement in sport, education, music, art, culture or Community service
- persons cannot nominate themselves
- the nominee must be of First Nations descent.

The winner of the NAIDOC Youth Award is then automatically nominated for Young Citizen of the Year at the next Council Australia Day Awards.

Discussion

Members received the detail of the nominations via a separate memo. Members of the RAC (Reconciliation Advisory Committee) have reviewed the applications via email and of the votes received, the preferred nominee is Cooper Plummer, however RAC Members acknowledged the quality of both applications and recommend providing a certificate of commendation to the runner up, Jasch Davis.

Social Implications

Recognising achievements of First Nations Peoples is an important part of Reconciliation. The NAIDOC Youth Awards, a strength based program, challenge the stereotypes and myths that are prevalent for First Nation young people by highlighting, celebrating and recognising the contribution young people make to the local Community.

Environmental / Climate Change Implications

There are no environmental / climate change implications in relation to this report.

Asset Management Implications

There are no asset management implications in relation to this report.

Governance / Risk Management

There are no governance / risk management implications in relation to this report.

Community Engagement

The NAIDOC Youth Awards were promoted through direct email promotion to local contacts and networks and via social media.

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications in relation to this report.

Economic Development Implications

There are no economic development implications in relation to this report.

Financial Implications

The $500 awarded to the Youth NAIDOC Winner is funded in the 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Recommendation

That the 2023 NAIDOC Youth Award be awarded to …….``…… and he be invited to a future Council meeting (eg 4 July 2023) to receive his Award and provide a certificate of commendation to the runner up.