

This year's celebrations represented Tumbulgum's 17th Australia Day event.

The national theme for Australia day in 2020 was "This is our Story". Our local stories reflect Australia's story and add to our understanding of its history. We help write the story as we go forward – Indigenous peoples, early European settlers and more recently newcomers to our village.

The popularity of this event continues, with around 150 people attending across the day, including the supportive cricket spectators.



The morning started early for the set-up crew, luckily with some intermittent showers not significantly interrupting preparations.

Once the basics were in place, the traditional Tumbulgum Australia Day breakfast fare was prepared by our "co-ordinated" BBQ Chefs and then enjoyed by all comers.



During breakfast, Melissa Black entertained us with a mix of her original songs, and others - assisted at times by Tumbulgum School students prior to the formal proceedings.



Attendees were also able to peruse a snapshot of our local history in the photographic display prepared by Brian Breckenridge.

Formal proceedings were shorter this year, as the Tweed Shire Council moved its Main event to the earlier time of 9am, and hence we were not joined by any Council Officials, nor local state member Geoff Provest, who was particularly disappointed as he says this is his favourite community Australia day event.

Formalities included:



local Children coming forward to make the “**Acknowledgement of Country**”

- **Flag raising and National Anthem** - Brian Breckenridge raised the Australian flag while Melissa and the children from Tumbulgum Public School led the singing of the first verse of the national anthem.
- **Presentation of our local Tumbulgum Awards**

The TCA would like to acknowledge the community involvement in nomination of candidates. The stories told on the nomination forms reflect who we are. The character, hard work and generosity of many is reflected in the nominations and a reminder that it is the people that make Tumbulgum such a great community.

The winners this year were:



TUMBULGUM JUNIOR CITIZEN AWARD - Jorja Morgan

Our Junior Citizen is a talented and courteous young member of our community. In 2019, her leadership skills were clearly on display in the position of School Captain of Tumbulgum Public School



CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Zoe McCarthy

Awards are based on voluntary work rather than paid work, i.e. contribution above and beyond. This year’s Citizen Achievement Award recognises someone committed to developing their knowledge, is very obliging and adaptive in applying what they learnt. During 2019, you may have seen some villagers walking taller and more easily as they benefitted from the research and care taken in her Pilates classes.



SENIOR SPORTSPERSON - Tumbulgum Rangers Sports Club Men's 3rd Division Football Team

This year the senior sportsperson award was made to a team. After a 10-year absence, Rangers Sports Club fielded a team in the men's competition, 3rd division. Having a full complement of players was a challenge some weeks, due to the scheduling moving across Fri nights, Saturday and Sunday and involving travel across the region. Nevertheless, the team just missed out on the finals, finishing 7th of 12 teams. 2020 will be a challenge as the team has been promoted to 2nd division. The team has attracted sponsorship from Husk Distillers in 2020.



ADULT CITIZEN AWARD - Di Stenfors and David Kidd

This year we have joint winners of the Adult Citizen award..

Our first recipient is a committed and diligent member of the TCA committee, giving her time generously to helping with community events. She also is mindful and supportive of community members who need assistance.

Our second recipient is a genuine quiet achiever. He is a "behind the scene" helper and generously shares his technical skills and keeping our community focused on the tasks at hand.

- **SCHOOL ART COMPETITION AWARDS**

This was the fourth year of our Tumbulgum Public School Art Competition.

The theme for this year was "Australian Flowers". Entries from the school students were on display for all to see.



A big thank you to local artist Emmie Sloof who judged the works.

Our winners for 2020 were,

1st Prize – Mata’afa Robbie, Vibrant bottlebrush painting celebrating the natural beauty of Australian Native flora (Accepted by Jenni McKeon, School Principal)

2nd Prize - Layla Galley, Creative design capturing the Australian landscape

3rd Prize - Jorja Morgan, Good choice of colours and leaf shape.



Winner of the Best Decorated Bike

The decorated bikes were then paraded for all attending to see, including the main judge Pim Van Vliet.



And the winners were presented with their prizes, with all contestants also receiving a “treat”.



This marked the end of official proceedings, with morning tea available, the start of various activities and the Cricket Challenge.



This year, the North side Cavaliers were again the victors in the Cricket Challenge.

The cricketers retired to the Tavern after the match for the trophy presentation, supported by “refreshing ales and tales” and sustenance for the cricketers after their time in the field – Thanks to Aaron and team.

A full report on the cricket match can be found [here](#).

Thank you to the many volunteers, led by Donna Martin, who assisted with planning and delivering the event this year, **Paul Close** for the organising the cricket and in particular **Luke** for preparation of the pitch.

Thank you to Melissa Black for her magnificent and heart-warming sounds of Australia.

Thank you also to the sponsors and community organisations who have assisted the TCA in again staging this event:

Tweed Shire Council,

Tumbulgum Rangers Sports Club,

Tumbulgum Public School and

The businesses in Tumbulgum.