

Subject CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Description: The purpose of this policy is to outline the manner in which the Council is to recognise outstanding citizens of the Council area.

Objective: To ensure that outstanding citizens are acknowledged by Council.

PART 1 - POLICY

1. Outstanding citizens are to be presented with a certificate which includes:
 - (a) The Council name.
 - (b) The Recipient's name.
 - (c) Details of why the citizen was recognised.
 - (d) Signature of the Mayor and the General Manager.
2. Achievements to be recognised include:
 - (a) Academic excellence.
 - (b) Sporting accomplishments.
 - (c) Citizenship contributions.
3. The Award is to be authorised by the whole Council.
4. Any Councillor, staff member, ratepayer or resident of the Council area may be nominated to the Council, through the General Manager, for such recognition.
5. The Council shall decide, by resolution, to acknowledge the achievements.
6. The presentation of the certificate will be made during the “Have Your Say”/ presentation section of the ordinary Council meeting.

PART 2 - EXEMPTIONS

Nil

PART 3 - CRITERIA

Council, being the level of Government closest to the people, should be the first to officially recognise the outstanding achievements of its citizens. Criteria include:

1. Identification of such persons.
2. A suitable public recognition of those outstanding achievements.
3. A process to highlight and acknowledge such achievements.
4. A tangible recognition authorised by Council.
5. The presentation of these certificates is to be limited, to ensure it remains a prestigious award.
6. A guide to assessing the eligibility of nominees for these awards is as follows:

- (a) Academic excellence - achievement at levels equivalent to University Medals, Prestige Scholarships, Top 1% of the State in examinations or competitions, Apprentice of the Year or placing at State Level Events.
- (b) Sporting accomplishments - achievement at a level of State Representation or equivalent, at any age.
- (c) Citizenship Contributions - outstanding work, beyond the requirements of a person's job, either over extended periods of time, or in many fields or at peak organisation level.

PART 4 - OTHER MATTERS

Nil

Review: This policy is to be reviewed as necessary or every four (4) years in accordance with Section 165, Local Government Act, 1993.

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