

Conferral of the Honour of 'Keys to the City'

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

To outline the nomination, selection and awarding of the prestigious honour to receive the 'Keys to the City', to recognise meritorious service of an individual to the community of the City of Wanneroo.

2. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

Objective

Subject to the eligibility and selection criteria of the Policy, the Council may by resolution confer the honour of the 'Keys to the City of Wanneroo' to an endorsed nominee.

Purpose

This honour is reserved to recognise members of the community who demonstrate outstanding commitment and contribution to the community. This honour will not be awarded annually but only on rare and exceptional occasions.

3. KEY DEFINITIONS

Nil

4. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all Council Members of the City of Wanneroo.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Priority 1.1 Value the contribution of all people:-

Wanneroo will have opportunities for all ages, abilities, cultures and genders to be included and to contribute to the wider community. People in Wanneroo will have access to a wide variety of programs and services that assist with mental and physical health, and personal wellbeing. Volunteers will also provide highly valued contributions in the community.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Eligibility Criteria

Nominations for the honour of Holder of the Keys must address all of the following eligibility criteria:

a) *Residency*

Nominees will have lived within the City of Wanneroo for a significant number of years (significant would usually mean at least 20 years) and have had a long and close association and identification with the district.

b) *Service*

The nominee should have given extensive and distinguished service to the community that goes beyond the local government concerned (e.g. service to other organisations, voluntary and community groups) in a largely voluntary capacity. The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the City of Wanneroo such that the nominee's contribution can be seen to stand above the contributions made by most other people.

c) *Outcomes*

The nominee's community endeavour will have demonstrable benefits to both the community of the City of Wanneroo and the wider community of WA.

d) *Specific Achievements*

The nominee's specific achievement(s) must be of a nature which would encourage the City to nominate that person for an honour under the Australian honours system.

6.2 Nomination Procedure

a) Nominations must be made in the strictest confidence without the nominee's knowledge.

b) A nominee's acceptance of the honour is to be confirmed prior to any public announcement.

c) Any resident or elector of the City of Wanneroo may make a nomination but it must be sponsored by a minimum of two Council Members.

d) Nominations must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

6.3 Entitlements and Presentation

a) Any person who is awarded the honour to receive the 'Keys to the City' may designate him/herself a 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo'.

b) The presentation of the awarding of the 'Keys to the City' shall be made at a small ceremony, which may take place at a Council meeting. The recipient shall be awarded a plaque to commemorate receiving the award.

- c) A portrait of the 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo' shall be hung in the Council Chambers. The cost of commissioning and framing a portrait for any new 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo' is a substantial cost for which provision must be made in advance during the budget preparation process. Portraits of former Holders of the Keys shall be placed in a suitable location within the Civic Centre.
- d) Any 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo' shall be invited to all subsequent Civic events and functions.

6.4 Limitation on Holders of the Keys to the City

- a) At any one time, up to fifteen living persons only may be designated the title 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo'.

6.5 Process to consider proposed conferral

- a) Any proposed conferral of the Award of the title 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo' is to be brought before Council Members via a confidential report presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

7. AUTHORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

- a) The Office of the Mayor is responsible for ensuring any new plaques and portraits are commissioned in accordance with the policy.
- b) The Civic Events Officer is responsible for ensuring that any 'Holder of the Keys to the City of Wanneroo' is invited to Civic events and functions.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Legal & Governance Services is responsible for the management and oversight of this Policy.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION (if applicable)

All disputes in regard to this policy will be referred to the General Counsel in the first instance. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer.

10. EVALUATION AND REVIEW PROVISIONS

This policy is to be reviewed every two years but may be reviewed at any other time.

11. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Australia Day Awards Policy
- Civic Events Policy

12. REFERENCES

Nil

13. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Legal & Governance Services

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