

1 Policy History

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1		0	Before 24/04/1990
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2 Policy Objective

The conferring of the honour of Freedom of the City is a means of acknowledging the contribution made by an individual to the City of Griffith. This policy will allow the consideration of potential criteria, and process, for future nominations and applications for the Freedom of the City of Griffith.

2 Policy Scope

Successful nominations should meet the following criteria:

- (a) Resident of Griffith Local Government Area who has had predominant and lengthy service and residency within Griffith
- (b) An individual of outstanding and acknowledged merit with close links to the City of Griffith
- (c) An individual who has made an outstanding and acknowledged contribution to the development of Griffith
- (d) An individual who demonstrates outstanding and acknowledged achievements on the international stage that have served to benefit the international community

3 Policy Statement

3.1 The following procedure is to apply in the consideration and awarding of the Freeman or Freedom of the City of Griffith:

- (a) the proposal is to be initiated by a councillor or an organisation;
- (b) all proposals are to be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration by Council. The nomination must be accompanied by a resume / list of achievements / reason for qualification of the individual;

- (c) the matter is to be discussed at a Closed Meeting of Council and allowed to lay on the table for a period of at least two months;
- (d) Council will resolve to accept or reject the recommendation at an Ordinary Meeting of Council as an item in Closed Council. The acceptance or rejection of the recommendation made by Council **does not require unanimous consent**;
- (e) where the nominee(s) is an existing Councillor, that Councillor must be absent from the meeting during action on 1(b), (c), and (d).

3.2 Conferring of an Award

- 3.2.1 The conferring of a Freeman of the City Award will be undertaken at either a relevant Civic Event or as a Mayoral Reception.
- 3.2.2 The following entitlements apply to the recipient of the Freeman of the City Award:
 - 3.2.2.1 The Award recipient's name and portrait will be added to the Freeman of the City of Griffith City Council's Honour Board within the Council Chamber; and
 - 3.2.2.2 A Freeman of the City of Griffith City Council will be invited to relevant civic events and functions.
- 3.2.3 The title of Freeman of the City of Griffith City Council does not confer on that individual any special privileges, rights or any exemption from duties or obligations under the law.

4 Definitions

Freedom of the City: an honour bestowed by a municipality upon a valued member of the community

5 Exceptions

None

6 Legislation

None

7 Related Documents

Community Recognition Policy – GOV-CP-304

8 Directorate

Economic & Organisational Development