

Council Policy CP054 Australia Day Awards Policy			
Officer	Manager Arts, Culture and Events	Owner	Director of Creative Communities
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OBJECTIVE

This purpose of this policy is to establish principles that underpin the Australia Day Awards Program. Specifically, this policy establishes:

1. The names of the Awards (i.e. "Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award"); and
2. The eligibility, nomination requirements, and selection criteria for the Awards.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the Mayor and Councillors, members of Council committees, and employees of the City of Greater Geraldton.

DEFINITIONS

Mayor means a person elected by the electors to hold the office of Mayor.

Councillor means a person who holds the office of Councillor for the City of Greater Geraldton.

Australia Day Advisory Committee means the Council committee that supports the delivery of Australia Day Celebrations and recommends recipients for the Australia Day Awards to the Mayor.

Community Group means a non-profit organisation or association of persons where open membership and participation in activities is encouraged.

Community Event means an accessible, inclusive event open to all community members which contributes to building a stronger vibrant community; and any and all profits generated are invested back into the community.

POLICY PRINCIPLES

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

The Australia Day Awards are an integral part of Australia Day celebrations in Greater Geraldton. The Awards recognise and honour outstanding achievements by Greater Geraldton residents, and celebrate excellence in the Greater Geraldton community. In addition, they profile leading citizens who are role models for others. Through their achievements, these citizens inspire others to make their own contribution to creating a better Australia.

AWARDS

Four awards are offered in Geraldton and Mullewa separately (for a total of eight awards across Greater Geraldton). They are as follows:

1. Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award (for a person of any age);
2. Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award (for a person under 26 years of age);
3. Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award (for a community group or event); and
4. City of Greater Geraldton's Young Achiever Award (for a person under 21 years of age);

ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility criteria for nominations are as follows:

1. Nominees must reside or work principally within the City of Greater Geraldton;
2. Nominees must not be sitting members of State, Federal or Local Government;
3. Officers of a Federal, State or Local government would not be eligible in their working capacity. However, they may be nominated for volunteer work outside their paid position;
4. Nominees must be nominated by someone other than self;
5. Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years;
6. Nominated couples and groups must meet the criteria for a Community Group (as defined in the Definitions section);
7. Individuals and groups cannot receive the same award twice, but can be considered for another award;
8. Awards may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Nominations must include the names and contact details of the nominee, nominator and another individual who supports the nomination. The call for nominations opens in mid-September and closes in early December.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations are assessed in accordance with selection criteria, which are as follows:

1. Nominee has made a significant contribution to the local community;
2. Nominee has demonstrated leadership in addressing a community issue;
3. Nominee has initiated positive change in the community; and
4. Nominee has demonstrated abilities and/or qualities that could inspire others in the community.

PRESENTATION

The Awards are to be presented at the Australia Day Celebrations in Geraldton and Mullewa.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Local Government Act 1995

Freedom of Information Act 1992, including associated regulations
City of Greater Geraldton's Code of Conduct

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager Arts, Culture & Events is responsible for the implementation and review of this Policy.