

DRAFT POLICY – FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF JOONDALUP

STATUS: *Council Policy - A strategic policy that sets governing principles and guides the direction of the organisation to align with community values and aspirations.*

Council policies are developed by the Policy Committee for approval by Council.

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTORATE:** **Governance and Strategy**

OBJECTIVE: *To enable the City to honour exceptional individuals as: “Freemen of the City of Joondalup” who, through their personal endeavours and commitment, have made an outstanding contribution to the community, Australia and humanity.*

STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to institute an award, entitled “Freeman of the City of Joondalup” so that from time to time, the City may honour exceptional individuals, who through their personal endeavours and commitment, have made an outstanding contribution to the community, Australia and humanity.

AWARD CRITERIA:

A person may be nominated for the honorary award ‘Freeman of the City of Joondalup’ under the following circumstances:

- Their exceptional service is a matter of public record
- They will have lived in, worked or served the City of Joondalup or its former entity for a significant number of years (20 or more)
- They will have identifiable and long-standing connections with the community in the City of Joondalup or its former entity
- Their endeavours will have benefited the community, Australia and humanity

ENTITLEMENTS:

- Any person declared a “Freeman of the City of Joondalup” may designate themselves “Freeman of the City of Joondalup.”
- A “Freeman of the City of Joondalup” will be invited to all civic events and functions
- A “Freeman of the City of Joondalup” will be provided with a plaque to commemorate receipt of their award.
- A portrait of the Freeman will be hung in the Civic Centre

PROCESS OF NOMINATION:

Nominations will be considered infrequently or as the need is identified by Council

- A nomination must be sponsored by an elected member and supported in writing by at least 3 other elected members
- A nomination may be submitted by any person at any time, provided that nomination is in writing and addresses the criteria for the award
- A nominee must not be made aware of their nomination
- Any nominations received will be validated and the findings presented at a meeting of Council behind closed doors, with recommendations to approve/not approve a nominee for the award. The decision will be based on a simple majority vote.
- Acceptance of the award must be determined prior to being conferred

Conferring the award upon an individual will take place at a meeting of Council or at a special event to be determined by Council.

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