



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD POLICY

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1. Introduction

The Flinders Municipality has the highest volunteer participation rate in Australia. The 2011 Census identified Flinders' volunteer participation rate at 39% while the Australian average is less than 18% and Tasmania less than 20%. Many community members volunteer their time to assist organisations and individuals for the overall benefit of the Furneaux Community.

2. Objective

Council wishes to recognise the outstanding voluntary contribution made by community members and to honour one worthy community member as Citizen of the Year on an annual basis.

3. Procedural Guidelines

- 3.1. Advertising for nominations will be undertaken at least twice in the Island News.
- 3.2. Nominations are to be submitted on the prescribed form.
- 3.3. Nominations will be considered and the Citizen of the Year determined by Full Council in Closed Council.
- 3.4. The Award will be presented at the Flinders Island Show by the Mayor or the Mayor's nominee.
- 3.5. A framed Citizen of the Year Award certificate will be presented to the recipient.
- 3.6. The name of the Citizen of the Year will be added to the Citizens Honour Board which is displayed in the Flinders Art & Entertainment Centre, Whitemark.
- 3.7. Council may, at its discretion, grant a Special Council Award for outstanding contribution to the community. The recipient does not have to come from the pool of Citizen of the Year nominations but can be selected by Council.
- 3.8. In the event of there being no public nominations and no previous nominations, Council may select an appropriate recipient.
- 3.9. Nominations are to be considered prior to consent being sought from nominees, but consent must be sought from the nominee chosen as Citizen of the Year before any announcement of that individual as recipient is made. Should the nominee not agree to being named Citizen of the Year, Council will reconsider other nominations, if any.
- 3.10. Nominations will remain on the table for consideration for 3 years after which time a new nomination is required.

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4. Criteria for selection

- 4.1. Only individuals are eligible to be nominated, not organisations.
- 4.2. Nominees must be over sixteen (16) years of age as of the 1st day of July in the year of the nomination.
- 4.3. The award will be given to the person who has made the most significant voluntary contribution for the benefit of the Furneaux Community, organisations or individuals.
- 4.4. Recipients can receive only one Citizen of the Year Award during their lifetime.
- 4.5. Selection should be based on the quality of the contribution along with the quantity of the contribution.

5. Related Legislation, Regulations and Policies

Local Government Act 1993

6. Responsibilities

The responsibility of this policy rests with the General Manager.