

COMMUNITY POLICIES

Australia Day Awards



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POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To ensure there is a clear process available to guide decision-making in relation to Australia Day Awards.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy relates to all official awards made as part of the Australia Day celebrations.

POLICY STATEMENT:

INTRODUCTION

Australia Day is held annually on 26 January and each local government holds a formal ceremony as part of the celebrations. The AUSPIRE – Australia Day Council WA Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards provides for individuals and one community group in each local government area to receive awards. Eligibility criteria and the process are specified by the Western Australia state government but the selection itself is carried under the auspices of the local government. There is discretion available to the local government as to whether a community committee will assist in making the final selection of award recipients.

In addition, the local community, via the local government, may make other awards, adding or changing awards as it sees fit.

This policy sets out the Shire of York's approach to Australia Day awards.

PRINCIPLES

- (a) Australia Day activities and events are a significant way of celebrating Australian culture, history and nationhood and the Shire of York will conduct ceremonies and events in a way that is inclusive and takes the opportunity to honour local achievements.
- (b) Selecting the Awards recipients will involve a community reference group.
- (c) Opportunities for locally initiated awards will be supported where appropriate by the Shire of York.

PROVISIONS

1. AWARD TYPES, NOMINATIONS AND CRITERIA

- 1.1 The Shire of York will make the following awards each year at the formal Australia Day ceremony:
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- AUSPIRE – Australia Day Council WA Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards.
 - York & Districts Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank – Senior Sports Star of the Year Award.
 - York & Districts Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank – Junior Sports Star of the Year Award.
 - Any other locally initiated awards formally approved from time to time by the Council.

1.2 The nomination process and criteria to be used in selecting award recipients will be:

- as set out for the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year by the AUSPIRE - Australia Day Council of Western Australia.
- for locally initiated awards, as approved by the Council and set out the reverse side of the Junior and Senior Sport Star of the Year Awards Nomination Form.

2. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

2.1 Proposed recipients of the AUSPIRE – Australia Day Council WA Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards, York & Districts Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank Awards and any other locally initiated awards will be identified by Council and referred to the Shire of York Honours Reference Group who will:

- review nominations against selection criteria.
- make a recommendation in a timely manner on proposed recipients for Australia Day awards to Council, along with a brief summary of the reasons for making the recommendations.

3. ADVICE ON AWARDS CATEGORIES, CRITERIA AND AWARDS PROCESSES

3.1 The York Honours Reference Group may from time to time make recommendations to Council on:

- the type of locally initiated awards and recognition it believes should be conferred at the formal Australia Day ceremony.
- relevant criteria.
- awards nomination processes.

3.2 After consideration, the Council will make a decision on the preferred approach.

PENALTIES:

Not applicable.

KEY TERMS/DEFINITIONS:

Not applicable.

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