

## 5.10 Freeman of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu

<b>Policy Owner</b>	<b>Administration and Financial Services</b>
<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
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### OBJECTIVE

To provide a policy on the awarding of the title of Honorary Freeman of Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, including how, why and to whom it should be awarded.

### POLICY

The Shire recognises that from time to time members of the community demonstrate outstanding commitment and contribution to the Shire and that this contribution should be recognised. It will do this by in special circumstances that meet the criteria of this policy, award an individual the title of "Honorary Freeman of the Shire".

This honour will not be awarded annually but only on rare and exceptional occasions.

#### Residency Eligibility

Nominees should have lived within the Shire for a significant number of years (significant would usually mean at least 20 years) and had a long and close association and identification with the Shire.

#### Service

The nominee should have given extensive and distinguished service to the community that goes beyond the local government concerns (eg: service to other organisations, voluntary and community groups) in a largely voluntary capacity. The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to the Shire such that the nominee's contribution can be seen to stand above the contributions made by most other people.

#### Outcome

The nominee's specific achievement must be of a nature, which would encourage the Shire to nominate that person for an honour under Australian honours system.

#### Nomination Procedure

Nominations must be made in the strictest confidence without the nominee's knowledge.

Any resident or elector of the Shire may make a nomination, but an elected member must sponsor it.

Nominations must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer. On receipt of a nomination, the nomination shall be circulated to all elected member for a confidential, informal discussion. If an elected member expresses an objection to the nomination, that elected member must give reasons for the objection. If no elected member objects, it shall be assumed that all agree to the nomination.

If the elected members agree that the nominee should be made an Honorary Freeman of the Shire, then the nomination shall be put before Council and a formal vote taken.

### **Entitlements**

Any person declared an Honorary Freeman of the Shire may designate him/herself "Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu".

The award shall be made at a ceremony, which will be decided by the President. The recipient shall be awarded a plaque to commemorate receiving the award.

Any Honorary Freeman of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu shall be invited to all subsequent civic events and functions.

A photograph of the recipient will be displayed in the Shire Administration Centre.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for implementing this policy.

### **Freeman of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu:**

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