

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**‘Citizen of the Year’, ‘Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years)’
‘Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years)’ & Active Citizenship –
Group or Event**

(1) BACKGROUND

Council holds an annual Australia Day function on 26 January in conjunction with the Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove. Included in the format are Citizenship Ceremonies and presentation of awards for ‘Citizen of the Year’, ‘Citizen of the Year – Youth’ Citizen of the Year - Senior and Active Citizenship – Group or Event .

(2) OBJECTIVES

- (a) To provide guidelines:
 - (i) to local groups and individuals who are nominating candidates for selection; and
 - (ii) to the selection panel for assessment of those nominated for the awards.
- (b) Encourage local groups and individuals to nominate candidates for the awards.
- (c) Foster a sense of community.

(3) SELECTION PANEL

The members of the Selection Panel are nominated by Council and may comprise the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and one previous “Citizen of the Year’ winner and/or another citizen.

(4) NOMINATIONS

- (1) Nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination forms.
- (2) No late entries will be accepted.
- (3) Judging will be undertaken by a Committee appointed by Council.
- (4) Winners will be notified prior to the event to allow recipients to invite friends and family to the presentation at the Australia Day Barbecue Breakfast.
 - (a) Citizen of the Year Award
Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals.

TOWN OF COTTESLOE POLICY

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and resident within the Town of Cottesloe, or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district.

- (b) Citizen of the Year Award – Youth (under 25 years)
Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals under the age of 25 years.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen, under 25 years of age and resident within the Town of Cottesloe or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district. In addition to the usual gifts/certificates provided to award winners, Council will contribute to a maximum of \$2,000 to this award winner for a personal or professional development program that will benefit the winners long term career aspirations i.e. a trip on the STS Leeuwin or a contribution to study fees..

- (c) Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years)
Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals over the age of 65 years.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen, over 65 years of age and resident within the Town of Cottesloe or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district.

- (d) Active Citizenship – Group or Event
Presented to a community group which has staged the most outstanding local community event during the preceding year or recognises the achievements of a group within Cottesloe and may be a specific community project which deserves recognition, or the continuous work of a local organisation.

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