

FREEMAN OF THE SHIRE OF WENTWORTH

1. STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT

The intent of this policy is to present a system to bestow the title of “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth”.

2. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Act	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
GM	General Manager
Regulations	Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 (NSW)

3. POLICY

The Wentworth Shire Council has previously agreed to set up a system of awarding the title of “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth” based on an individual’s contribution to the life of the community and works done outside of those provided for Australia Day and the Federal Award System.

The system provides the Awardees with an appropriate scroll or similar award and would automatically involve them in invitations to formal Council functions and recognition at all those functions.

“Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth” is an honour of distinction that carries no privileges other than those named above.

A resolution of Council is required before the title “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth” can be bestowed.

Consideration of bestowing such a title should stem only from either a recommendation from the community or Council.

Bestowment of “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth” is a significant honour and the number of recipients should be limited in number to maintain the prestigious nature of the title.

Presentation of “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth” is to be made at an appropriate Civic Reception for the purpose of bestowing this title.

The following selection criteria should be considered:-

- Personal integrity
- Demonstrated public spirit

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- Contribution made to and/or benefit to the community
- Level of community service (for example impact, duration etc.)

The cost of recognising this honour is limited to the cost of a presentation scroll or similar award and conducting a civic reception.

1. RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

The Mayor is the responsible officer for bringing an application or request to the Council for “Freeman of the Shire of Wentworth”.

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

2.1. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

Nil

2.2. ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT POLICY PROVISIONS

Nil

2.3. ASSOCIATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Nil

3. POLICY STATUS

This policy was formally adopted by Council on 21 October 2009 and commenced operation on 21 October 2009. This policy replaces the previous version adopted on 15 February 2006 and includes new information relating to selection criteria, preferred number of “Freemen of the Shire of Wentworth” and the process of recognition.

4. POLICY REVIEW

This policy may be amended at any time and must be reviewed at least two years since its adoption (or latest amendment).

5. AUTHORISATION

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 Position: General Manager
 Date: /...../.....

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