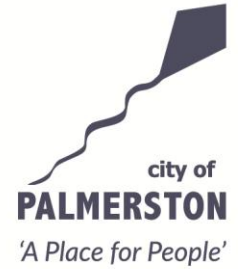


RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



COUNCIL POLICY

PURPOSE

To provide consistency and an official forum in recognising the contribution of community members, Council staff and Elected Members to the people of Palmerston.

PRINCIPLES

Palmerston is a “Place for People” and this is because of the contribution made by members of the community and Council’s workforce to making it a desirable place to live and work. Council will publicly recognise members of our community and workforce who display Council’s Municipal Plan values of commitment and teamwork. Members of the community who perform outstanding actions of selflessness, bravery and/or service either as part of a community organisation or individually will be recognised as will staff who have displayed loyalty and service to City of Palmerston over an extended period.

DEFINITIONS

Nil

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Recognising Members of the Community

1.1. Australia Day Awards

- 1.1.1. Council uses Australia Day as an opportunity to reward members of the community for making a valuable contribution to City of Palmerston. The awards are provided by the Australia Day Council NT and are administered by Council. The criteria for the awards are established and maintained by the Australia Day Council NT for which Council adhere to.
- 1.1.2. The Australia Day Awards nominations will be assessed by a judging panel consisting of the Mayor, one Elected Member and the previous year’s Citizen of the Year recipient. Should the previous Citizen of the Year not be available, a Palmerston community member approved by the Chief Executive Officer will be selected.
- 1.1.3. Winners are publicly acknowledged at a ceremony held annually on Australia day and through Council’s media communications.



2. Mayor's Commendation

The Mayor may at his/her discretion award an individual or a community organisation a Mayoral Commendation on behalf of City of Palmerston. Actions or achievements that could be considered include:

- Acts of bravery regardless of whether recognised by an external agency.
 - Selection in a national sporting team or significant sporting feat e.g. Olympic Games medallist
 - Longstanding service to the community
 - Protection of the environment
 - Cultural excellence
 - Significant academic or extra-curricular achievement
 - Recognition of contribution or achievement through the receiving of external awards that benefit the image of Palmerston e.g. Good Sports Award, Young Achiever Award; or
 - Any action or achievement that assists an individual or the broader community.
- 2.1. To be eligible for the Mayoral Commendation, the recipient or the act/achievement being recognised must have a demonstrated connection to the Palmerston community and bring credit to or raise the profile of Palmerston. This can include Council staff.
 - 2.2. Any individual or organisation is eligible to make a nomination to Council and self-nominations will be accepted. The Mayor also reserves the right toward a Mayoral Commendation without nomination when Council becomes aware of significant actions or achievements.
 - 2.3. The Mayor in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer will assess applications, however the Mayor retains absolute discretion to award a Mayoral Commendation.
 - 2.4. Recipients will be awarded a certificate by the Mayor or his/her delegate in a ceremony to be held at Civic Plaza.

Recognising Long Serving Council Staff and Elected Members

Long serving Council staff and Elected Members may be recognised in line with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Elected Member Service Awards guidelines, presented by Council.

REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- Local Government Elected Member Service Awards Guidelines

POLICY DETAILS

OWNER	Chief Executive Officer	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	General Manager People and Place
APPROVAL DATE	19 May 2026		19 May 2030



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401334

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