

Policy P104 Community Awards

Responsible Business Unit/s	Community, Culture and Recreation
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Affected Business Unit/s	Community, Culture and Recreation Library Services

Policy Objectives

This policy provides for relevant community awards which recognise the outstanding achievements of members of the local community and contribute towards fostering a strong sense of community.

Policy Scope

This Policy applies to the wider community to recognise individuals and community groups who make contributions to the community.

Policy Statement

The City recognises the important contribution that an individual's achievements can make towards community development. The City has a number of annual community awards that acknowledge such achievements. They are the:

- Community Citizen of the Year Awards
- Volunteer of the Year Awards
- Dr Ted Maslen Memorial University Exhibition Award
- Primary School Book Awards
- High School Scholarship Awards
- Speak with Confidence Awards
- South Perth Young Writer Awards

The City may decide that any of these awards will not be presented in a year. Conditions for all the Awards are stated in the Management Practice.

COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Award Focus

The City partners with Auspire (Australia Day Council of Western Australia) to present the Community Citizen of the Year Awards across four categories. These awards aim to recognise, reward and celebrate the achievements of residents.

Selection

A panel of officers from the City will choose the recommended award recipients from nominations received from the community. A report will be submitted to Council recommending that these people receive the awards.

Prize

Award recipients will receive a certificate and plaque.

CATEGORIES

Citizen of the Year

This award is open to individuals (residents and/or ratepayers) of the City of South Perth who are aged 25 years or older (on 26 January on the year the event is being held), to recognise their notable contribution to the local community in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the local community.

Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years)

This award is open to individuals (residents and/or ratepayers) of the City of South Perth who are aged under 25 years (on 26 January on the year the event is being held), to recognise their notable contribution to the local community in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the local community.

Citizen of the Year - Senior (65 years or over)

This award is open to individuals (residents and/or ratepayers) of the City of South Perth who are aged 65 years or older (on 26 January on the year the event is being held), to recognise their notable contribution to the local community in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the local community.

Active Citizenship Award (for a community group or event)

This award is open to community groups/clubs based in the City of South Perth or events held in the City of South Perth to recognise active citizenship in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the local community.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Award Focus

The Volunteer of the Year Awards aim to recognise, reward and celebrate the achievements of residents and others making a contribution to the local community.

Selection

A panel of officers from the City will choose the recommended award recipients from nominations received from the community. A report will be submitted to Council recommending that these people receive the awards.

Prize

Award recipients will receive a certificate and/or trophy.

CATEGORIES

Adult Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is open to individuals who reside or volunteer within the City of South Perth and are aged 25 years and over.

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is open to individuals who reside or volunteer within the City of South Perth and are aged between 18 and 25 years.

Junior Volunteer of the Year Award

This award is open to individuals who reside or volunteer within the City of South Perth and are aged less than 18 years.

DR TED MASLEN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION AWARD

Award Focus

The Dr Ted Maslen University Exhibition Award aims to recognise outstanding achievement in secondary study.

Eligibility

This award is open to all residents of the City of South Perth who have completed secondary studies in that year.

Selection

The award is presented to the student gaining the highest overall score assessed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority in that year.

Prizes

The award recipient will receive a cash contribution for the first three years of their tertiary studies.

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOK AWARDS

Award Focus

The City sponsors two book awards for local primary schools' graduation and awards ceremonies.

Eligibility

The primary school must be located within the City's boundaries.

Selection

The award recipients will be chosen by the school.

Prizes

The City provides a cash amount for the purchase of up to two books per primary school. The school is invited to purchase books considered the most appropriate for the award and for the students.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Award Focus

A scholarship is offered to each High School in the City of South Perth to provide to a nominated worthy Year 10 student who is progressing onto Year 11 the following year at the respective school.

Eligibility

The nominated student must be a resident in the City of South Perth.

Selection

The student will be nominated by the School Principal for demonstrating sound personal character; and consistent achievement (such as academic, sporting, cultural achievement, etc).

Prizes

A cash contribution will be paid to the School to keep in trust for the nominated student to purchase school books, pay school fees; or associated student costs.

SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE AWARDS

Award Focus

The annual Speak with Confidence Awards are aimed at building the confidence, clarity of thought and expression of young people within the City of South Perth

Eligibility

The primary school must be within the City's boundaries.

Selection

Each school within the City may nominate two students from either year 5 or 6 to participate in the competition.

Prizes

Award recipients will receive a certificate and/or trophy.

SOUTH PERTH YOUNG WRITER AWARDS

Award Focus

The South Perth Young Writers Award encourages excellence in creative writing.

Eligibility

This award is open to all students from Year one through to Year 12 who live in or attend school within the City of South Perth.

Selection

The entries are judged by a panel of librarians, writers and children's literature enthusiasts.

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

- Lower Primary Years 1-2
- Middle Primary Years 3-4
- Upper Primary Years 5-6
- Lower Secondary Years 7-9
- Upper Secondary Years 10-12

Prizes

The Christobel Mattingley Bronze Medallion is awarded to the entry judged to be the most outstanding.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

Not Applicable

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

Not Applicable