



COUNCIL POLICY

Title: Freeman of the Shire of Kellerberrin

Shire of
Kellerberrin

Responsible Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Version: Current

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency in the appointment of Freeman of the Shire and uphold the honour of the position.

2. SCOPE

This policy is applied to the Shire of Kellerberrin and its elected members and employees.

3. DEFINITIONS

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This policy links to core drivers:

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Guidelines for Appointment

The award of Freeman is intended to recognise outstanding community service over a significant period of time and in a diversity of activities within the Shire of Kellerberrin. The award would not usually be presented for excellence of service in only one activity.

Residency Eligibility

Nominees should have lived within the Shire of Kellerberrin 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 award is intended to recognise service within the local community that goes beyond the particular local government concerns (e.g. service to other organisations, voluntary and community groups) in a largely voluntary capacity. The nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the Shire of Kellerberrin such that the nominee's contribution can be seen to stand above the contributions made by most other people.

The award of Freeman is to be seen as independent of any other award.

This award is to be recognised as the highest honour that the local community, through its elected Shire Council, can confer on one of its citizens. It therefore follows that the award will be conferred sparingly.

For the award to have the desired standing within the community, it should only be conferred where there is a great assurance of public approval.

It is suggested that the Minister for Local Government be consulted with regard to each candidate, prior to Council's formal resolution conferring the award.

Nomination Procedure

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

Any resident or elector of the Shire of Kellerberrin 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 members for a confidential, information 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 of Kellerberrin, the nomination shall be put before Council and a formal vote taken.

It is not seen as desirable that the award of Freeman be presented to a sitting member of Council. The title of Freeman confers upon the holder an invitation to attend any function conducted by the Shire of Kellerberrin.

The award shall be made at a ceremony, decided by the President.

6. RELATED LEGISLATION/ DOCUMENTATION

7. REVIEW DETAILS

Council Adoption	Date	February 2020	Resolution #	MIN009/20
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