

Honours Program 2020

Policy



WALGA recognises service to Local Government by the award of the following Honours:

- Local Government Medal
- Life Membership
- Eminent Service Award (previously Certificate of Appreciation)
- Long and Loyal Service Award
- Merit Award (previously Distinguished Service Award)
- Local Government Distinguished Officers Award

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDAL

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR / WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ELIGIBILITY:

- President of the Association
- As a State Councillor
- As an Elected Member

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- Exceptional service which advances the goals of WALGA and / or the Local Government sector;
- Exemplary character and ongoing championing of the Local Government sector;
- The personal contribution given in pursuit of benefits for the community within the concept of Local Government;
- Outstanding achievements and/or significant contributions, both professionally and personally, in the advancement of the position and value of the Western Australian Local Government Association and/or Local Government within the wider community; and,

These key factors form the basis for the selection of recipients and will be applied in the nomination and selection process.

PRIVILEGES

- Local Government Medal, Certificate and Lapel Pin
- Complimentary registration at Association Conferences, but not including travelling, accommodation, meals or functions
- Automatic nomination for Australian Honours/Western Australia Week Awards

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

FOR LONG AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION AND TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

ELIGIBILITY:

- As a State Councillor
- Years of service to the Association and to Local Government for a minimum of two election terms (i.e. 8 years).
- As an employee of the Association or a Member Local Government for a minimum of 15 years.

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- For long and outstanding service to the Association and to the Local Government sector.
- For significant achievement and/or active involvement in intergovernmental relations as a State Councillor.

PRIVILEGES

- Certificate of Life Membership and Lapel Pin
- Complimentary registration at Association Conference, but not including travelling, accommodation, meals or functions
- Complimentary subscription to Local Government News and Western Councillor.

EMINENT SERVICE AWARD (Previously Known As Certificate Of Appreciation)

FOR PERSONAL COMMITMENT, EMINENT SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR OR THE ASSOCIATION:

ELIGIBILITY:

- As a President or Mayor
- As a State Councillor
- As an Elected Member or employee of the Association or a Member Local Government
- As an employee of a Government Agency

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- Notable contribution to the Association and/or the Local Government sector.

PRIVILEGES

- Eminent Service Award - Certificate

LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE AWARD

FOR LONG SERVICE OF A HIGH DEGREE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR OR THE ASSOCIATION:

ELIGIBILITY:

- As a State Councillor for 8 or more years
- As an Elected Member for 12 or more years

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- Outstanding service to the Association, Local Government, and/or the Local Government sector.
- Long and loyal service to the Association, Local Government, and/or the Local Government sector.

NB: *This award is for outstanding long and loyal service from Elected Members that have at least served 12 years.*

PRIVILEGES

- Long and Loyal Service Award – Certificate

MERIT AWARD (Previously Known As The Distinguished Service Award)

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY/SHIRE/TOWN OF _____

ELIGIBILITY:

- As an Elected Member
- Must have served for 4 years or more

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- Committed and dedicated to the pursuit of achievement for the community of a Local Government.

PRIVILEGES

- Local Government Merit Award – Certificate

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY EMPLOYEES OF MEMBER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR:

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

- Demonstrating outstanding contributions to the Local Government sector.
- Leading by example, sustainable performance and highlights best practice operations for the sector
- Outstanding achievements, both professionally and personally, in the advancement of the Local Government sector.

PRIVILEGES

- Local Government Officer Award - Certificate

State Councillors, Zones and Member Local Governments are eligible to nominate officers for this category.

WHO CAN NOMINATE FOR AWARDS?

Nominations for awards within the WALGA Honours program can be made by the following nominators:

- **Local Government Medal** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments with a co-sign by a State Councillor.
- **Life Membership** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments
- **Eminent Service Award** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments
- **Long and Loyal Service Award** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments
- **Merit Award** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments
- **Local Government Distinguished Officer Award** - Available for nomination by State Council Members and Member Local Governments

PLEASE NOTE:

State Council Members are those individuals elected to the State Council of WALGA and that nominations submitted by State Council Members do not require supporting signatures.

Eligibility to nominate persons for Honours varies between award categories. Reference should be made to the nominating authority section of the 2020 nomination forms to ensure that an eligible nominator has been identified to support the nomination.

Nominations by Member Local Governments require that the Local Government is a Member of the WA Local Government Association (WALGA). The support of the nominator (who must be an Elected Member) plus two other Elected Members is required and the nomination must be forwarded through the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government for sign-off prior to submission to the Association.

In the case of the Local Government Distinguished Officer Award the final sign-off should be performed by the Mayor or President of the Local Government.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD?

Nominations will not be accepted for persons who have retired or ceased working for Local Government before 1 July 2017.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations will be invited and will close in May of each year.

Additional copies of Nomination forms are available by visiting: <http://www.walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Governance-and-Strategy/Local-Government-Honours.aspx>

The Nomination form, and any attachments, should be submitted to the Association's Secretariat either by hand, post, email or facsimile. **Emailed Nominations Must Be Dated And Digitally Signed.**

The WA Local Government Association Honours Panel will meet after the closing date for nominations and undertake to adjudicate in the selection of recipients.

Successful Honours nominees will be notified of their nomination, and arrangements will be made as appropriate in respect of the award presentation.

Nominating bodies will be advised of any unsuccessful nominations in due course.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Executive Officer Governance

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