

Introduction

The Council is committed to recognising members of the community and community groups who have made significant contribution to the Shire.

Purpose

- To ensure that Community groups and individuals are recognised and thanked for their work in the community annually and,
- The Council's recognition programs are encouraged throughout the Shire to promote the continued commitment of the Council in supporting volunteers and community groups.

Policy statement

Volunteers play an integral role in our Shire lending their time and talents to support, encourage, and enhance the lives of others in the community.

To pay tribute to volunteers who help make our community stronger, the Shire of Capel holds recognition events (events) to recognise these critical contributions.

These events are at the Council's discretion, with the following considerations:

- The relevant budget,
- venue availability, and
- staffing requirements/availability.

Key recognition events may include the following:

1. **Volunteers breakfast**
That dignitaries and other persons in accordance with Policy 1.11 Councillor Functions and Events, plus two representatives from local volunteer-based organisations, be invited to an event held in a suitable venue each year.
2. **Community awards**
The Community Awards (Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Active Citizenship Award) will be presented at the Australia Day Citizenship event. Eligibility for the awards is set by the State Government and can be confirmed on the awards website. <https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au>
Selection for this award will be completed by the Community Awards Selection Panel.
3. **Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, Library Volunteers and Land Care Volunteers Event**
That local volunteers of these Shire service areas be invited to an annual thankyou event to be held in a suitable venue and date each year in recognition of their voluntary contributions directly to the Shire.

Application

Individual volunteers and community groups within the Shire of Capel.

Procedure

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