

# STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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<b>POLICY: <u>CITIZENS' AWARDS</u></b>	
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Community Services	<b>RESPONSIBILITY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Director Community Services</li><li>• Executive Administration Officer</li></ul>
<b>SECTION:</b> Community Development	
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## **PURPOSE**

The Stratford District Council recognises that members of the community, through their activities, help develop the community and provide a direct social benefit to the region. This policy provides a mechanism to publically recognise these people and thank them for their contribution to the community.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The Stratford District Council will, through the Citizens' Awards, Youth Citizens' Awards, and the Outstanding Citizen Award acknowledge the contribution made by residents who have contributed positively to the district.
2. The Stratford District Council shall annually call for nominations for Citizens' and Youth Citizens' Awards and make a decision on those they deem warrant an award.
3. This policy outlines the criteria on who shall receive Citizens' Awards, Youth Citizens' Awards and the Outstanding Citizen Award..

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO THE POLICY**

### ***Citizens' Awards General Guidelines***

1. Nominations may be received from individuals or organisations.
2. Citizens' Awards Committee members may nominate residents they believe may be eligible for an Award.
3. Nominators may not be direct family members of the nominee and must reside in the Stratford District.
4. Successful nominees will have by personal leadership, inspiration, sacrifice or devotion to a cause, made a significant and positive contribution to the well-being of the Stratford District and its citizens.
5. Successful nominees will have demonstrated a broad community based influence.

6. Successful Citizens' Awards nominees will hold, or have held, positions in community groups, have community involvement, and have longevity of community services.
7. Current elected members of the Council are ineligible for a Citizens' Award.
8. The decision of the Committee is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into or reasons given for any unsuccessful nomination.

#### ***Youth Citizens' Awards General Guidelines***

1. Nominations may be received from individuals or organisations.
2. Youth Citizens' Awards Committee members may nominate residents they believe may be eligible for an Award.
3. Nominators may not be direct family members of the nominee and must reside in the Stratford District.
4. Specific criteria for decision making will include:
  - consideration of outstanding academic successes;
  - sporting achievements;
  - community involvement. and
  - arts or cultural achievements.
5. Successful nominees will be aged between 12 and 24
6. Current members of the Youth Council are eligible for a Youth Citizens' Award, excluding those on the Youth Citizens' Awards Committee.
7. The decision of the Committee is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into or reasons given for any unsuccessful nomination.

#### ***Outstanding Citizen Award General Guidelines***

1. Nominations for this award will not be received.
2. This award will be made at the sole discretion of the Citizens' Award Committee.
3. The award recipient does not have to currently reside in the Stratford District.
4. Successful recipients will be any individual who has displayed leadership and made a positive contribution to the Stratford District. They may be past Citizens' Award recipients.