



Community Recognition

1. Intent of Policy

To provide formal recognition for individuals, groups or organisations whose outstanding service has enriched the community of Oberon, or who have attained outstanding achievements in their field of endeavour in a managed and consistent and meaningful way.

2. Scope of Policy

Oberon Council's Community Recognition Program will acknowledge contributions to the community and the achievements of individuals, groups or organisations associated with the Council area.

3. Guidelines

At an organisation-wide level, recognition will be acknowledged through the following categories.

1. Citizen of the Year Awards

The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards are Oberon Council's primary mechanism for recognising outstanding community contribution.

The awards are presented each Australia Day in the categories of:

- Citizen of the Year for persons over twenty-five (25) years,
- Young Citizenship for persons up to twenty-five years,
- Sportsperson of the Year, and
- Sports team of the Year.

Nominations are received each year and must be lodged on a form obtained from Council's offices. Any person residing within the Council area, or any organisation, is at liberty to nominate one (1) person in each of the categories.

The selection in each category will be made on the basis of service to the community or excellence in sport. Nominations are judged by the elected Council. Council reserves the right to refrain from making any award if it considers such action appropriate.

The awards will be presented on Australia Day.

Certificates will be issued through Council's Corporate Services Department to ensure consistency.

2. Certificates of Appreciation/Achievement

In the case of individuals who have given a particularly high level of long-term service and contribution to the community of Oberon, Council may bestow particular recognition in the form of a certificate of appreciation/achievement.

A written nomination must be submitted to Council’s General Manager demonstrating that the individual has performed the following:

- More than twenty years of service to the community
- Had a positive impact on the lives of people in the Oberon Council area
- Been considered an appropriate role model
- Made a significant contribution, for example by creating opportunities through new facilities and programs

A selection group comprising of the Mayor, General Manager and Director of Corporate Services will review nominations and, where necessary, refer to the relevant department of council for further investigation and advice. If it is deemed appropriate for the submission to proceed, a recommendation will be put to full Council on an appropriate level of recognition.

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3. Naming of Features - Roads/Reserves/Community Halls and Facilities/Tree Planting/Memorials

On occasions Council will invite nomination submission for features.

The Geographic Names Board of NSW strongly recommends that Councils do not prepare proposals to name features and places to honour living persons, but reserve such recognition for those who are deceased. In line with the Board’s advice, recognition in this manner of those still living will only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances.

Nomination submissions must be in writing and include a list of contributions and written endorsements from community members along with supporting documentation. In the case of a deceased person, the submission must include the written permission of the person’s immediate family.

The General Manager will put a recommendation to Council. Council’s recommendation would be forwarded to the Geographic Names Board and be subject to the Board’s consultation and decision making processes.

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