

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HONOURS PROGRAM 2024

POLICY

Recognising Local Government leaders for outstanding achievements.

The 2024 Local Government Honours Program will recognise WA Local Government officers and Elected Members for their individual service to WALGA and the Local Government sector by the award of the following Honours:

- Local Government Medal
- Life Membership
- Eminent Service Award
- Merit Award
- Local Government Distinguished Officers Award
- Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday, 31 May 2024.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDAL

For exceptional service, outstanding achievements and significant contributions to WALGA, Local Government and the Local Government sector.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be or have been:

- President of WALGA; or
- A State Councillor; or
- A Mayor or President; or
- An Elected Member

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Exceptional service which advances the goals of WALGA and the Local Government sector;
- Exemplary character and ongoing championing of the Local Government sector;
- Significant contributions to the community through Local Government;
- Outstanding achievements and significant contributions in the advancement of the position and value of WALGA and/or Local Government within the wider community.



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PRIVILEGES

- Local Government medal, certificate and lapel pin.
- Complimentary registration at all future WA Local Government Conventions (not including travel, accommodation, meals or functions).
- Automatic nomination for Australian Honours / Western Australia Week Awards.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

For outstanding service to WALGA and / or the Local Government sector and distinguished contributions to the community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be or have been:

- President of WALGA; or
- A State Councillor; or
- A Mayor or President; or
- An Elected Member

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Outstanding service to WALGA and / or the Local Government sector over a significant* period of time.
- Outstanding character and commitment to Local Government.
- Distinguished contributions to the community through Local Government.

Please note: "significant" in the above criteria is intended to mean "sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention".

PRIVILEGES

- Life Membership certificate and lapel pin.
- Complimentary registration at all future WA Local Government Conventions (not including travel, accommodation, meals or functions).
- Complimentary subscription to Western Councillor.



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EMINENT SERVICE AWARD

For eminent service and distinguished contributions to WALGA, Local Government and / or the Local Government sector.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be or have been:

- President of WALGA; or
- A State Councillor; or
- A Mayor or President; or
- An Elected Member; or
- A Local Government officer; or
- An employee of WALGA or a Government Agency.

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Distinguished contributions to WALGA, Local Government and / or the Local Government sector.
- Demonstrated leadership and commitment to Local Government.

PRIVILEGES

- Eminent Service Award certificate.



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MERIT AWARD

For notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and / or the Local Government sector.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be or have been:

- President of WALGA; or
- A State Councillor; or
- A Mayor or President; or
- An Elected Member; or
- A Local Government officer; or
- An employee of WALGA or a Government Agency.

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and / or the Local Government sector.
- Loyal service to WALGA, Local Government and / or the Local Government sector.
- Distinguished service and commitment to the community.

PRIVILEGES

- Merit Award certificate.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AWARD

For outstanding contributions to the Local Government sector by officers of member Local Governments or Employees of WALGA.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be or have been:

- A Local Government officer; or
- An employee of WALGA or a Government Agency.

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Outstanding contributions to the Local Government sector.
- Demonstrated leadership.
- Outstanding achievements in the advancement of the Local Government sector.

PRIVILEGES

- Local Government Distinguished Officer Award certificate.

Please note: if the Nominee is the CEO, the signature of the Mayor / President is required on nominations as a co-Nominator (i.e. the signature of the CEO is not required).



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TROY PICKARD YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

For notable contributions and commitment to Local Government and demonstrated potential for professional success.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Nominee must be:

- An Elected Member;
- A Local Government officer; or
- An employee of WALGA or a Government Agency; and
- Aged 35 years or younger as of 31 December 2024.

AWARD CRITERIA

Presented in recognition of:

- Notable contributions to Local Government, and / or the Local Government sector.
- Commitment to Local Government.
- Demonstrated leadership.
- Commitment to continual self-development and professional learning.

PRIVILEGES

- Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award certificate.
- Complimentary registration at the 2024 WA Local Government Convention (not including travel, accommodation, meals or functions).

Please note: due to the strict age requirement for this award, the Panel's decision to present an award to a Nominee is conditional upon verification of the Nominee's date of birth by the Secretariat. Successful Nominees may be contacted directly by the Secretariat and asked to provide a copy of their ID.



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WHO CAN NOMINATE FOR AWARDS?

Nominations for all awards within the Honours Program can be made by either a Member Local Government or a State Councillor.

All forms must be signed by the person nominating (the Nominator). For nominations by Member Local Governments, the Nominator must be an Elected Member.

Nominations by Member Local Governments require the signature of the CEO (except the Local Government Distinguished Officer award which requires the signature of the Mayor / President), along with two co-nominators. Nominations submitted by State Councillors do not require any supporting signatures.

Where co-nominators are required, they must be Elected Members.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

The eligibility requirements differ for each award. Please refer to the eligibility section within this Policy.

Nominations will not be accepted for persons who have retired or ceased working for Local Government at or before 31 December 2021.

Nominations will not be accepted for Elected Members who have had a finding made against them by the Standards Panel.



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THE NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination process is confidential. Nominees will only be notified if they are successful. Nominators will also be notified of the outcome of their nomination, whether successful or unsuccessful. All correspondence will be done primarily via the email address provided on the nomination form.

Nominations will close at 5:00pm on Friday, 31 May 2024. Any nominations or supporting information received after this date will not be accepted or considered by the Honours Panel.

Nominators are welcome to submit as part of their nomination any documents which they consider provides support to the substance of the nomination (that is, goes towards the award criteria). This may include newspaper clippings, certificates, or letters of recommendation.

The Honours Panel will meet after the nominations closing date to adjudicate in the selection of Honours recipients.

The criteria listed for each award forms the basis for the selection of recipients and will be applied in the selection process. When deliberating, the Honours Panel considers the nomination in its entirety, with reference to the eligibility and criteria for each award. The Panel also has the discretion to give a different award to the Nominee than the award for which they were nominated.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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