

Local Government Honours Program 2022



Policy

Recognising Local Government leaders for outstanding achievements

The Local Government Honours Program for 2022 will recognise individual service to WALGA and Local Government by the award of the following Honours:

- Local Government Medal
- Life Membership
- Eminent Service Award
- Merit Award (**new for 2022**)
- Local Government Distinguished Officers Award
- Young Achievers Award (**new for 2022**)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDAL

FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO WALGA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND / OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

ELIGIBILITY:

- As President of WALGA; or
- As a State Councillor; or
- As an Elected Member; or
- As an employee of WALGA or a Member Local Government.

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;
- Significant contributions to the community through Local Government;
- Outstanding achievements and / or significant contributions in the advancement of the position and value of WALGA and / or Local Government within the wider community.

PRIVILEGES

- Local Government medal, certificate and lapel pin.
- Complimentary registration at all Association Conferences (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:

- As President of WALGA; or
- As a State Councillor; or
- As an Elected Member; or
- As an employee of WALGA or a Member Local Government.

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 Association Conference (not including travel, accommodation, meals or functions).
- Complimentary subscription to Local Government News and Western Councillor.

EMINENT SERVICE AWARD**FOR EMINENT SERVICE AND DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO WALGA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND / OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR****ELIGIBILITY:**

- As a President or Mayor; or
- As a State Councillor; or
- As an Elected Member; or
- As an employee of WALGA, a Member Local Government or a Government Agency.

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.

MERIT AWARD (new for 2022)**FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY BY AN ELECTED MEMBER****ELIGIBILITY:**

- As a President or Mayor; or
- As a State Councillor; or
- As an Elected Member; or
- As an employee of WALGA, a Member Local Government or a Government Agency.

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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AWARD

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY OFFICERS OF MEMBER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR EMPLOYEES OF WALGA TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

ELIGIBILITY:

- As an officer employed by a Member Local Government; or
- As an employee of WALGA.

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.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD *(new for 2022)*

FOR NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND DEMONSTRATED POTENTIAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

ELIGIBILITY:

- As an Elected Member; or
- As an employee of WALGA, a member Local Government or a Government Agency; and
- Aged 35 years or younger as of 31 December 2022.

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF:

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

PRIVILEGES

- Young Achievers Award certificate.

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 on the nomination form or within this Policy.

Nominations will not be accepted for persons who have retired or ceased working for Local Government at or before 31 December 2019.

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 on **Friday, 24 June 2022**. Any nominations received after this date will not be accepted or considered by the Honours Panel.

Nominators are welcome to submit along with the nomination form 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 WALGA 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 ENQUIRIES

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