



**POLICY NO. CP 3.2.8**

**NEIGHBOUR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**PURPOSE**

To establish the City's approach to determining recipients of the Neighbour of the Year Award.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Neighbour of the Year Award recognises and celebrates local people who dedicate time to helping and supporting their neighbours and/or local neighbourhood.

**1. SELECTION CRITERIA**

- a) The Neighbour of the Year Award recognises individuals who demonstrate the following:
  - i. A sense of pride in their local neighbourhood and a commitment to making them better through simple neighbourly actions;
  - ii. A willingness to help their neighbours and build supportive relationships with people who live around them, particularly vulnerable people;
  - iii. Initiate activities that increase social connections between neighbours and in local neighbourhoods.
- b) In assessing the nominations, the following will be considered:
  - i. The impact and benefit of the activities for neighbours and the local neighbourhood.
  - ii. How often the support has been provided.

**2. NOMINATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

Nominations will be called for annually in November and will close early February.

To be eligible for nomination, individuals:

- a) must have demonstrated support and care for people within their local neighbourhoods over the past year;
- b) must reside in the City of Gosnells.

**3. DECISION MAKING**

Nominations will be assessed against the selection criteria with an evaluation matrix of eligible nominations and staff recommendations presented to Council in March for its determination of recipients.

**GOVERNANCE REFERENCES**

<b>Statutory Compliance</b>	Nil
<b>Industry Compliance</b>	Nil
<b>Organisational Compliance</b>	Nil
<b>Process Links</b>	Nil

**POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Directorate</b>		<b>Officer Title</b>		<b>Contact:</b>	
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<b>Risk Rating</b>	Low	<b>Review Cycle</b>	Triennial	<b>Next Due:</b>	2026
<b>Version</b>	<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>			
1.	OCM 304/22/11/2022	Adoption of new policy.			
2.	OCM 226/10/10/2023	Reviewed and amended to reflect the intent of the award.			