

SHIRE POSITION STATEMENT 4.2 Elected Member Recognition of Service

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STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Shire of Chittering acknowledges and values the significant contribution made by Elected Members who serve the community through local government.

Council recognises that service as an Elected Member represents a substantial commitment of time, leadership and responsibility in supporting the governance, advocacy and development of the district.

Council is committed to recognising the service of Elected Members in a respectful and appropriate manner that reflects the importance of civic leadership and public service within the Chittering community.

Recognition of service will be determined by the Shire and may consider length of service, leadership roles held, and the overall contribution made to the community.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Elected Members play a critical role in representing community interests, setting strategic direction and ensuring effective governance of the Shire.

Recognition of service acknowledges the dedication and contribution of individuals who have served the community, particularly those with extended or significant tenure.

Historically, recognition of service included participation in external certificate programs and prescribed recognition processes. This Position Statement replaces that approach and establishes Council's commitment to recognising service in a manner determined by the Shire, consistent with contemporary governance practices.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This Position Statement applies to:

- Current Elected Members
- Retiring Elected Members
- Former Elected Members where recognition of service is considered appropriate

This Statement establishes Council's position on recognising Elected Member service and provides a guiding framework for future decisions.

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IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION

Council will recognise Elected Member service in a manner that:

- Reflects the significance of public service and civic leadership
- Is appropriate, equitable and consistent across the organisation
- Aligns with the Shire’s governance framework and community values

The method and form of recognition will be determined administratively by the Chief Executive Officer and may be informed by Council direction where appropriate

COMPLIANCE

Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995 (WA)</i>
Industry	Local Government governance best practice
Organisational Documents	Code of Conduct (Elected Members)
Strategic Alignment	

ADMINISTRATION

Review Cycle	Every 3 years	Next Review Due	October 2027
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1.0			Initial adoption
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