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Scope

This policy applies to all elected Councillors.

Objective

This Policy aims to officially recognise the service given to the community by an elected member.

Policy Statement

Mackay Regional Council (MRC) endeavours to pursue and encourage an environment of honesty and integrity from its elected members and recognises the dedication, service and commitment of those elected members to the general community.

MRC considers that to the extent this policy engages and limits, or potentially limits, any human rights, that limitation is reasonable in that it is proportionate and justified.

This process to remain in force until otherwise determined
by Mackay Regional Council

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1.0 Principles

MRC recognises the community service of an individual Councillor of Mackay Regional Council as follows:

1.1 Recognition of Service for Elected Term

- Framed certificate of recognition of service for the elected term.

Presentations shall take place to all the Councillors at the last Council meeting of the term prior to the election.

1.2 Recognition of Completion of 10 years total service

- Framed certificate of recognition to be presented by the Mayor (Deputy Mayor or Chief Executive Officer if the recipient is the Mayor) at a full Council meeting.

Presentations are to be scheduled for the first Council meeting after which the 10 years' service is achieved, subject to availability of the Recipient Councillor/s.

1.3 Recognition of Completion of 20 years total service

- Watch and framed certificate of recognition to be presented by the Mayor (Deputy Mayor or Chief Executive Officer if the recipient is the Mayor) at a full Council meeting.

Presentations are to be scheduled for the first Council meeting after which the 20 years' service is achieved, subject to availability of the Recipient Councillor/s.

In the event that the former Councillor passes away prior to the presentations referred to in this policy, then the presentation is to be subject to the preference of the relative or representative.

Any Councillor who is disqualified from office under the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* shall not be eligible for recognition.

2.0 Definitions

To assist in interpretation the following definitions shall apply:

Council shall mean all elected representatives of Mackay Regional Council.

Councillor shall mean an elected representative of Mackay Regional Council.

MRC shall mean Mackay Regional Council.

Total Service shall mean a total of all terms of office served by an individual Councillor with Mackay Regional Council (MRC) (or pre-amalgamation Councils) commencing for

each term from the date first elected to office as a result of an election outcome and concluding with the departure from office as a result of an election outcome, resignation or death.

3.0 Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

- The related documents are amended or replaced.
- Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.

Notwithstanding the above, this policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than three (3) years.

4.0 Reference

- *Local Government Act 2009*

Version Control:

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2	Review of Policy		Council	22.03.17
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