

# Grey District Council

## Commemoration of Notable Community Input Posthumously on Public Land Policy

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This Policy operates alongside Council's Civic Awards Scheme and Wall of Remembrance Policy.

## 1. Purpose:

To provide for, on public land, the posthumous commemoration of individuals having made a worthy contribution to community life.

## 2. Principles:

The following principles underpin this Policy:

1. The Civic Awards remains Council's primary form of recognition of community contribution.
2. This Policy introduces a parallel form of recognition but will be available posthumously only.
3. Even though the Policy can only apply on public land being land in ownership of or under control of Council, Council would prefer for acknowledgement on land/assets other than public land, to comply with the same principles as outlined herein. Obviously, Council cannot enforce this on private land.
4. With the focus on acknowledging outstanding community contribution posthumously, controversy has to be avoided.

The following further principles will apply:

1. Given the focus on posthumous individual community contribution acknowledgement, it is necessary to ensure that the value and 'sanctity' of the acknowledgement be maintained. On that basis, this Policy provides for principles like quality and uniformity in respect of both the bench/seat used and the plaque affixed.
2. Once installed, the ownership of the bench/seat will revert to council. Given the fact that it becomes a public asset, this Policy provides for requirements relating to quality and aesthetics.
3. The immediate family of the person to be acknowledged must make the application for acknowledgement or must confirm written support for the application being made.

Council invites family members to make use of this Form of Individual Acknowledgement, which is aimed to acknowledge outstanding individuals and their contribution with dignity, compassion and respect.

## 3. Conditions

1. No individual acknowledgement on public land/assets may occur other than in terms of this Policy.
2. Acknowledgement will be in the form of a plaque on a community bench or seat provided and installed by the applicant. The bench or seat to be used must be of a design and colour acceptable to Council and it must be of sound construction and durable material with longevity and aesthetic integrity in mind. The plaque may not exceed 200 mm X 150 mm in size and must display the following wording:  
  
"This bench commemorates the life and community contribution of ....."
3. Acknowledgement under this Policy involves an application to Council being made and approved. Such application must outline:
  - Details of the person to be acknowledged, when this person passed away and why this person deserves to be acknowledged. It must highlight any potential controversy that may be involved.

- Confirmation of the design, construction, colour and finish of the bench to be installed, including location, design/size, construction and finish, as well as how it will be installed.
  - Confirmation of the size of the plaque, the wording on it and the material used and its colour.
4. The cost of acknowledgement under this Policy will be borne by the applicant.

## 4. Applications

Applications should be made to Council using the Form of Individual Acknowledgement. No application fees will be payable.

## 5. Related Council Policies

This Policy also relates to the following:

- Protocol for Acceptance of Special Assets
- Wall of Remembrance Policy