



G18 Recognition of Volunteers

Policy Objective

The policy aims to assist the Shire to strengthen community wellbeing by inspiring, valuing and celebrating volunteering.

Policy

The Shire of Ravensthorpe recognises that volunteering provides a number of wellbeing benefits to both the volunteers and the community including:

- Connectedness and reduced isolation through participation and engagement with others;
- Personal development of skills and self-esteem;
- Greater life meaning and purpose;
- Increase positive perceptions around community safety;
- Access to community resources and information; and
- Improvement to the quality of life for the community at large.

The Shire will provide support for volunteers to enhance and underpin their valuable role.

The Shire recognises all volunteers within the district by way of a function held annually. The Shire will be endeavour to hold the event in February of each year to account for seeding and harvesting.

The event is to be coordinated with any State or Federal supported activities and funding.

DOCUMENT CONTROL BOX		
Custodian: Chief Executive Officer		Decision Maker: Council
Compliance Requirements: DA 1.2.15 – Waiving of Fees for Not For Profit / Community / Sporting Organisations. Appropriate Annual Budget Allocations Compliance Calendar (March)		
Legislation:		
Industry:	National Standards for Involving Volunteers in Not-for-Profit Organisations https://volunteeringaustralia.org/wp-content/uploads/VA-National-Standards-for-involving-volunteers-in-not-for-profit-organisations.pdf National Volunteer Week https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/training-and-events/events/national-volunteer-week	
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Version #	Decision Reference:	Description:
a	OCM 21/07/2020 Item 13.2	Comprehensive Policy Register Review
b	OCM 18/08/2021 Item 13.1	G18 – Recognition of Volunteers
c	OCM 19/07/2022 Item 12.1.2	Comprehensive Policy Register Review
d	OCM 17/12/2024 Item 12.1.2	Policy Reconfirmed – No Amendments