

Honorary Freedom of the Township

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Ripley Town Council

Honorary Freedom of the Town Policy

Policy Statement

The Town Council wishes to recognise the efforts of members of the Council who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the well-being of the Ripley township. The Council will do this, in special circumstances that meet the criteria of this policy, by awarding a Councillor the title of Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of Ripley. This honour will be awarded to committed Councillors who have served for 39 years and more. At any one time a Councillor, unless otherwise decided by the Council, may hold the title Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of Ripley township for life.

Criteria

Any Councillor who has served the council for more than 39 years will be eligible following for consideration of being granted the honour of Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of Ripley township:

Procedure

1. If Councillors agree that the nominee should be made an Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of Ripley township, the nominee will be invited to accept the honour. If agreed, the nomination will then be put before the Council and a formal vote taken, in confidence.
2. No fewer than two-thirds of the Town Councillors must agree the nomination.
3. The decisions of the Council on all nominations are final.

Entitlement

Any Councillor nominated may hold the Honorary Freeman/Freewoman of Ripley township for life.

The award may be made at any time as the Council see fit. A medal and scroll will be presented to the recipient.

Withdrawal

Any person nominated who is deemed by the Council to have brought the office into disrepute, may have the designation withdrawn. No fewer than two-thirds of the Council, at a formal vote, must agree the withdrawal.