



TOWN OF

# Bassendean

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY INFORMATION

### WHAT TO BRING TO THE CEREMONY

You are required to bring official photographic identification such as a passport to the ceremony to assist with identification. Identification is not required for children who are under 16 years.

### DRESS CODE

Smart-casual attire is suitable for the ceremony, and National or traditional dress is welcomed.

### GUESTS

Your invitation email will advise how many guests are permitted. This number includes any attendee other than those receiving citizenship, regardless of their age or relationship to you. You may request additional guests under some circumstances but please be aware that we may need to refuse if we're unable to accommodate.

### TAKING OF PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT

Following an address by the Mayor/Presiding Officer you will be asked to stand and make your Citizenship pledge. It is a legal requirement for most conferees to make this pledge.

Pledge 1 includes the words "under God" and Pledge 2 does not refer to God. **Should you wish to make the Australian Citizenship Pledge on a holy book of your choice, then you must bring it to the ceremony. The Town does not supply copies of holy books.**

The Mayor/Presiding Officer will conduct and assist you throughout the ceremony and provide prompts for you to follow. You will be called to the stage to collect your certificate.

## **ELECTORAL ENROLMENT**

Following your Citizenship Ceremony, you will be required to enrol to vote. An information sheet will be included with your Citizenship Certificate to guide you through online enrolment.

## **CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16**

Children under the age of 16 whose names were included on your citizenship application are welcome to participate in the ceremony and pledge but it is not a requirement. If they do not attend you will be given their certificate when you receive yours.

## **CORRECTIONS TO CERTIFICATES**

After you receive your Certificate, please check the spelling of your name and your date of birth. If there is incorrect information shown, please bring it to the attention of Council staff after the ceremony.

## **TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

The taking of photographs/videos during the ceremony is welcomed. If a professional photographer is in attendance you will be given access to the digital copies the week following the ceremony.

