

Council Policy

Council Protocols Policy

Objective

This Policy is to provide guidance in respect to matters of protocol pertaining to Council Official documentation, functions and regalia.

Strategy

Use of the Mayoral Chain

The Mayoral Chain may be worn to enhance the dignity of the office of Mayor of the Town of Bassendean to recognise the special position bestowed upon the incumbent.

Occasions upon which the Mayoral Chain may be worn are –

- At Council meetings and on civic occasions in the Administration Centre;
- On occasions when the Mayor is officiating at ceremonies within the municipality such as the official opening of a Council facility; and
- On other major civic occasions at the discretion of the Mayor in office.

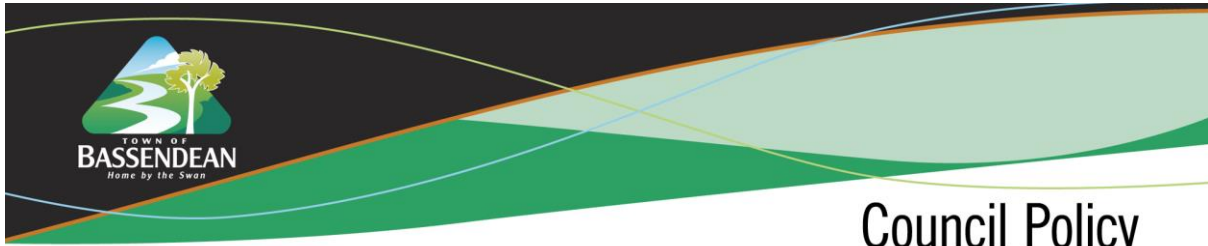
The Deputy Mayor may wear the Mayoral chain in accordance with this policy when acting on behalf of the Mayor.

The Mayor shall ensure the safe keeping of the Chain of Office and make it available to the Deputy Mayor under this policy.

Use of the Council Logo

The Council Logo is to be used for authorised purposes only. Council's logo is copyright and its use is restricted to bona fide Council situations. The logo is to be used in administrative situations as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

Candidates at elections are to be expressly advised that the Town's logo is not authorised to be used for electoral purposes.



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Order of Councillors on Printed Material

To provide consistency in the presentation of printed Council material the following order is to be utilised –

- Mayor;
- Deputy Mayor; and
- All other Councillors in order of length of continuous service.

Where length of continuous service is the same, then by alphabetical sequence of surname.

Media Releases and Comments on Behalf of Council

The Local Government Act 1995 places responsibility for speaking on behalf of Council with the Mayor, or the Chief Executive Officer if the Mayor agrees.

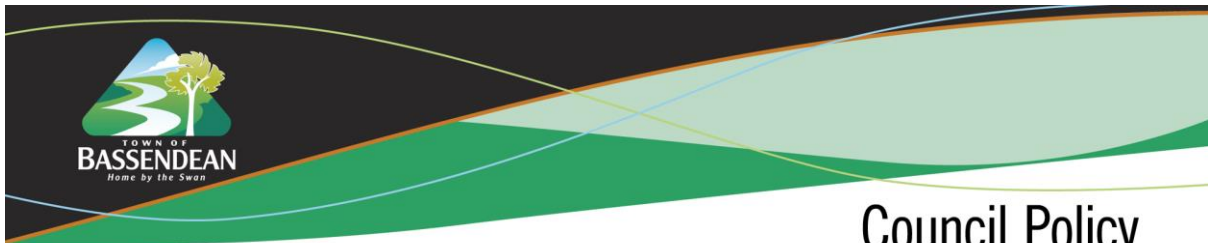
The Mayor, or the Chief Executive Officer if the Mayor agrees, may respond to questions from journalists but media releases should only be issued with the prior approval of the Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer. If the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to speak on behalf of the Town by the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer may on-delegate this power to other staff members as required by the situation.

The Presiding Member and members of Council committees are to refrain from speaking publicly on behalf of the committee or Council, or to issue any form of written material purporting to speak on behalf of the committee or Council without the prior approval of the Mayor.

Citizenship Ceremonies

Council will present citizenship certificates to applicants in a way that recognises both the solemnity and celebratory aspects of the occasion, each person becoming a citizen will receive a small suitable gift from Council to commemorate the occasion. The type of gift to be at the discretion of the Mayor.

Council will adopt the protocol outlined in the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code issued by the relevant Government Department, and invited guests will be allowed to speak in accordance with those guidelines. but the speeches are to be evenly distributed throughout the ceremony.



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Wherever practical Invite representatives of Federal and State Parliament, local religious groups as well as a representative of the local Police Emergency Service shall be invited to attend public citizenship ceremonies.

Civic Functions

Council will hold civic receptions during the year if suitable occasions are identified.

The number and size of major civic receptions to be held will be established during budget deliberations. Minor functions may be authorised by the Mayor during the year as part of the Mayor’s ceremonial function under the Local Government Act.

Acknowledgement Functions

An appropriate function to acknowledge the contribution of Councillors, Executive Staff, Business Unit Managers and partners over the term of the Council prior to the Local Government Election will be held every two years immediately prior to the Local Government Election at a venue within or close to the Town of Bassendean.

The arrangements are to be finalised by the Chief Executive Officer in liaison with the Mayor, and sufficient funds included in the budget for the purpose.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rest with the Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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