

<b>Policy number</b>	<b>Policy 111</b>
<b>Policy title</b>	Commemorative recognition
<b>Strategic outcomes supported</b>	S3 – Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity S4 – Improving access to arts, history, culture and education CL2 – Communication and engagement with community

### Policy objective:

To provide consistent and effective administration of requests by members of the public for the installation of commemorative recognition items on property invested in, managed or owned by the Town of Victoria Park which honour individuals, organisations or events that have made a significant contribution to the Town or the development of Western Australia.

### Policy scope:

This policy applies to the recognition of individuals or organisations within the Town.

### Policy definitions:

**Commemorative Recognition means** to honour individuals, cultures, organisations, groups or events that have made a significant contribution to the Town or the development of Western Australia, in a form that is readily seen or referred to and interacted with potentially on a daily basis, such as the naming of community buildings, streets, lanes, roads, memorial trees, plaques, fountains and statuary.

**Cultures** include the diverse traditions, histories, and identities of all people in the Town. This encompasses Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as the First Peoples and original custodians of the land, as recognised in the Town's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). All cultures are valued for their contribution to our inclusive and vibrant heritage.

**Memorials** means commemorative recognition items.

### Policy statement:

1. Council is committed to honouring individuals, organisations, cultures, groups or events that have made a significant contribution to the Town of Victoria Park or the development of Western Australia.

2. The Chief Executive Officer will ensure a clear, open and equitable process through a comprehensive assessment of applications for the creation, selection and placement of commemorative memorials through a management practice.
3. Commemorative memorials within the Town should avoid duplicating the memorial facilities and services provided by the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board.
4. Any cost associated with a request for commemorative recognition will be included in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.
5. Applications for large memorials initially approved by the Town, may be put out to community consultation, where relevant, according to Policy 103 Communication and Engagement, to provide information, to enable feedback and advice on a large memorial. The Town's recognised advisory groups will also be engaged.

#### Types of memorials:

6. This policy covers commemorative recognition in the form of:
  - a. Small memorials:
    - i. plaques on park/street furniture,
    - ii. planting of trees with plaque,
    - iii. entry into the Victoria Park Dictionary of Biography
  - b. Large memorials:
    - i. monuments, such as fountains, trees, statues or public art works (of a commemorative nature), etc.,
    - ii. naming of roads, lanes and rights-of-way.

#### Criteria for memorials:

7. Applications for small memorials must meet one or more of criteria a. and b. and must meet criterium c. and d.
  - a. The subject of the memorial (as defined in this policy) contributed 10 years or more of their life towards the development of the Town of Victoria Park.
  - b. The subject of the memorial (as defined in this policy) contributed to one or more sectors of a community, e.g. sport, education, arts, culture, youth etc.

- c. That no other memorial to the same subject exists at the proposed location or other area of the Town of Victoria Park unless there are exceptional circumstances approved by Council.
  - d. Other than under exceptional circumstances approved by Council, the subject of the memorial (i.e. person nominated) shall be deceased. [Apart from those applications received for inclusion in the Victoria Park Dictionary of Biography where the nominated subject may be living but the remaining criteria for small memorials apply.]
8. Applications for large memorials must meet one or more of the following criteria and must meet criteria f. and g.
- a. The subject of the memorial (as defined in this policy) contributed 20 years or more of their life towards the development of the Town of Victoria Park.
  - b. The subject of the memorial (as defined in this policy) contributed to one or more sectors of a community, e.g. sport, education, arts, culture, youth etc.
  - c. The subject achieved role-model status in the wider community or achieved national or international recognition.
  - d. The subject demonstrated outstanding levels of civic service for more than 20 years.
  - e. The subject donated significant property or funds for community benefit.
  - f. That no other memorial to the same subject exists at the proposed location or other area of the Town of Victoria Park unless there are exceptional circumstances approved by Council.
  - g. Other than under exceptional circumstances approved by Council, the subject of the memorial (i.e. person nominated) shall be deceased [or where the subject nominated is a culture, organisation, group, or event].

### **Related documents**

Policy and Standards for Geographic Naming in Western Australia (Landgate)  
Australia/New Zealand Standard for Rural and Urban Addressing AS/NZS 4819:2011

<b>Responsible officers</b>	<b>Local History Coordinator</b> <b>Library Services Manager</b>
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