

# SPORTING WALL OF FAME POLICY

<b>Responsible Department:</b>	Planning and Sustainability
<b>Responsible Section:</b>	Tourism and Cultural Services
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## Objective

- To provide clear guidance on the Eligibility Criteria by which new nominations for the Sporting Wall of Fame will be assessed, and determined;
- To provide timeframes for accepting new nominations and upgrading the honour wall in Tibbereena Street, Narrabri; and
- Provide guidelines on the Panel who will assess the new nominations for inclusion.

## Introduction

In 2001, Narrabri was named in an Australia-wide competition run by the Nine Television Network as Australia's Sportiest Town. The award was made in recognition of the number of outstanding sportsmen and women who had been born in or who had lived in the Narrabri Shire.

In 2011, Narrabri Shire Council, in co-operation with Channel 9, constructed Narrabri Shire Sporting Wall of Fame to make a permanent record of the achievements of the town and district sportsmen and women including those who were part of the original honour bestowed upon the town in 2001. The Sporting Wall of Fame was erected at Leitch Oval in Tibbereena Street, Narrabri and listed 94 sportspeople who were successful in their chosen sport prior to 2002.

In August 2012, Council resolved to add a further 10 names to the Sporting Wall of Fame of sportspeople who were successful in their chosen sport between 2002 and 2012. These nominations were widely advertised including in the Namoi Valley Independent, The Courier, the Wee Waa News and online.

This Policy outlines the Eligibility according to four criteria; timeframes for new nominations; and the assessment of the nominations for inclusion on the Narrabri Shire Sporting Wall of Fame.

## Policy

### 1. Eligibility Criteria

#### 1.1. Residential Status

Candidates must be able to prove

- (a) That they are a current resident of the Narrabri Shire, or previously resided in the Shire, during which time they learnt, developed or refined their acclaimed sporting talent.
- (b) Provide a letter, or some other form of evidence, from a local Narrabri Shire sporting association to prove clause 1.2.

## 1.2. Sporting Selection

Candidates must be able to prove

- (a) That they have been formally selected as a National / Australian representative, or
- (b) That they have been a National / Australian or World Champion or Olympic representative.

## 1.3. Recognition of Sport

Candidates must be able to show that the sport in which they have acclaimed performance is a sport which

- (a) Is recognised at a National / Australian level; and
- (b) It is a Sport that is currently listed on the Australian Sports Directory that is not obscure or novel and is longstanding and established.  
(refer [https://www.sportaus.gov.au/australian\\_sports\\_directory](https://www.sportaus.gov.au/australian_sports_directory)) see Annexure 1

## 1.4. Recognition of Sporting Achievement (s)

Candidates must be able to provide to the Assessment Panel / Council the following two documents:

- (a) A resume setting out the sporting representation / level of performance of the applicant; and
- (b) A formal letter, on official letterhead, signed by a delegate / authority from the National / Australian / World or Olympic association certifying the representation and / or level of performance of the nominee.

## 2. Timeframes for New Nominations

- 2.1. Council will call for nominations once every twelve (12) months and nominations will be collated for consideration and formal assessment by the panel who will convene every four (4) years, following the Summer Olympics. The nominating period will be open for a period of four (4) months to allow sufficient time for nominators to obtain supporting documentation. Nominations to open 1 March and close 30 June of the same year.

## 3. Nomination Process

- 3.1. Advertising for nominations for the Sporting Wall of Fame to begin late February and be widespread across the Shire and into neighbouring Shires and the local Radio Stations.
- 3.2. Nominations open from 1 March – 30 June of the same year.
- 3.3. Nominators to submit a nomination form and ensure all eligibility criteria is met.
- 3.4. Nominators to submit accompanying supporting documentation with the nomination form.
- 3.5. Late nominations will not be accepted. Nominators will need to apply next time nominations are called.
- 3.6. All nominations will be forwarded to the Assessment Panel for consideration.

## 4. Assessment Panel

- 4.1. An assessment panel will be formed in July to review and determine if the new nominations meet the four (4) Eligibility Criteria. The Assessment Panel will comprise five (5) panellists:
  - (a) One (1) Councillor
  - (b) One (1) representative from a multi-discipline sporting association
  - (c) One (1) The General Manager (or delegate)
  - (d) Two (2) Principals from local High Schools ie. One each from Narrabri High School and Wee Waa High School (or a delegate).
- 4.2. Only those nominations deemed to meet the full Eligibility Criteria will be recommended for inclusion on the Sporting Wall of Fame in the August Report to Council.
- 4.3. The delegated Council Officer will arrange for purchasing the plaques with the new inclusions and notify relevant nominees as to success or the grounds for which their nomination was declined. Unveiling of

the new nominees for inclusion will take place as part of the Australia Day awards ceremony the following year the nominations are called for.

## References

- *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

## History

Minute Number	Meeting Date	Description of Change
093/2020	May 26, 2020	Draft Policy endorsed for Exhibition
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