



FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY POLICY

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1.1 Objectives:

The objectives of this policy are to:

- a) Provide guidance for the approval of Freedom of Entry to the City on military units.
- b) Provide professional ceremonial functions for Freedom of Entry to the City.
- c) Manage appropriate protocols and ceremonial functions befitting Freedom of Entry to the City.

1.2 Regulatory Authorities:

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- Ipswich City Council Long Term Community Plan (i2031)
- Ipswich City Council Corporate Plan 2017-2022

1.3 Policy Statement:

The right of ***Freedom of Entry to the City*** is a symbolic honour, demonstrating trust, loyalty and sense of community between a city and a military unit. Freedom of Entry to the City is restricted to Australian military units which have, through their command, a significant attachment to the City of Ipswich.

Eligibility to grant Freedom of Entry to the City requires a military unit to demonstrate a significant attachment to the City of Ipswich and is presented in recognition of the unit's achievement while on active service.

Council may on its own, or following receipt of an application, award the Freedom of Entry to the City to any eligible organisation.

Granting of Freedom of Entry to the City may only be made by prior resolution of Council.

Nominations are to be discussed formally by the Mayor and Councillors and a report must be tabled at Committee or Council.

1.4 Role and Responsibilities:

The Marketing Services Branch, shall be responsible for ensuring applications for Freedom of Entry to the City meet the requirements of this policy, and shall be responsible for

reviewing this policy and providing advice to Council on the application of this policy.

1.5 Definitions:

Freedom of Entry to the City of Ipswich is a ceremonial honour. The honour draws inspiration from medieval history. A military unit accorded this privilege is granted the right of entry to the city '*with bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating*'. This award is restricted to Australian military units which have, through their command, a significant attachment to the City of Ipswich.

It is conferred in recognition of the unit's achievement while on active service and overseas duty or as a mark of respect and gratitude for their efforts in the defence of Australia.

1.6 Policy Author: The Corporate Governance Branch is responsible for reviewing this Policy.

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