

# **Guidelines for induction into the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame – Policy and Selection Criteria**

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## **Introduction**

The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame celebrates individuals and families who have a strong association with the City and who have attained significant prominence at a state, national or international level in their field of endeavour. People inducted into the Hall of Fame will be from all spheres of the community, and will be recognised and celebrated for their outstanding achievements.

## **Objectives**

The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame is being established to meet the following objectives –

1. To recognise the achievements and contributions of those people who have or have had a strong association with the City of Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA) and who have achieved significant prominence in their field of endeavour.
2. To provide a resource which will easily assist the communities of the City of Cessnock LGA to locate information about the LGA's high achievers.
3. To be a source of civic pride which can inspire current and future generations of residents of the area to strive and meet their aspirations.
4. To promote to the achievements and contributions of citizens of the City of Cessnock LGA to the broader national and international community.
5. To establish the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame consistent with the Cessnock City Council's Strategic Plan, Social and Community Plan, Cultural Development Principles and Actions and any other relevant planning tools.

## **Categories**

The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame will recognise those individuals who have achieved significant prominence in the following categories:-

### **Arts**

*(including Culture, Entertainment)*

### **Business**

*(including Agriculture)*

### **Public Service**

*(including Politics, Unionism, Religion, Education, Welfare, Defence, Bravery, Gallantry)*

### **Science**

### **Sport**

The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame will also recognise those families associated with the City of Cessnock LGA across several generations, and which have achieved significant prominence. Such families will have achieved that significance at a level commensurate with the examples listed below for the other categories, and have been associated with the City of Cessnock LGA for three or more generations. These families will be recognised in the following category:-

### **Meritorious Families**

## Selection Criteria

### 1. Association with the City of Cessnock LGA

To be eligible for consideration for induction into the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame the nominated individual or family must –

- Have been born in the LGA and/or
- Have spent a substantial period of their childhood/adolescence in the LGA and/or
- Have been resident in the LGA for a substantial period of time during their period of high achievement.

Organisations, groups and business entities are not eligible for nomination/induction, and are recognised for their achievements through other programs.

### 2. Scale of Achievement

Fame or celebrity per se will not be used as a measure of achievement. Some high achievers will have attained a status of fame or celebrity, and be a household name. Others might have achieved high accolade and recognition within their sphere of endeavour, but not be well known to the broader community. The criteria for consideration for the various categories are as follows:-

#### Arts

Examples of achievements which might establish eligibility for induction into the Arts category of City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are –

- Receipt of an award at a state, national or international level in recognition of artistic endeavour, eg NSW Premier's Literary Awards, *The Australian Vogel* Literary Award, Commonwealth Writers' Prize, Booker Prize, the Wynne Prize, the Archibald Prize
- Publication of a work of literary significance, eg a major bestseller, a work recognised by peers as being of significant merit
- Exhibition of work at a gallery of state or national status
- Membership of a national company or a company of national status, eg Opera Australia, the Australian Ballet, Sydney Dance Company, Bell Shakespeare Company, Sydney Theatre Company, Sydney Symphony Orchestra
- Significant contribution to the production of a nationally or internationally released/broadcast film or television program, eg acting, presentation, direction, cinematography
- Receipt of an award at a state, national or international level in recognition of journalism, eg Walkley Award

#### Business

Examples of achievements which might establish eligibility for induction into the Business category of City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are –

- Establishment of a business which has developed into an undertaking of state, national or international proportions
- Appointment to a position of leadership at the head of a business or industry organisation of state, national or international status
- Major contribution to the development of an industry or sector of national or international significance through innovation, invention or outstanding commitment

- Receipt of an award at a state, national or international level in recognition of business practice, eg Australian Business Excellence Prize, Telstra Business Awards, Telstra Businesswoman of the Year

### **Public Service**

Examples of achievements which might establish eligibility for induction into the Public Services category of City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are –

- Appointment to a position of leadership at the head of a prominent State or Federal government organisation, department or instrumentality
- Appointment to a State or Federal government ministerial position
- Appointment to a position of leadership at the head of a prominent, state or national non-government or not for profit organisation, eg union, church, educational establishment
- Appointment to a position of leadership at the head of a national military or defence organisation
- Appointment to a prominent or unique position in and of the public service examples listed above
- Major contribution to one of the public service examples listed above through outstanding commitment or service
- Recognition through the award of a Companion or Officer in the Order of Australia

### **Science**

Examples of achievements which might establish eligibility for induction into the Science category of City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are –

- Establishment of a scientific organisation which has developed into an undertaking of State, National or International proportions
- Appointment to a position of leadership at the head of a scientific organisation of State, National or International status
- Major contribution to the development of science, research or understanding of national or international significance through innovation, invention or outstanding commitment
- Receipt of an award at a State, National or International level in recognition of scientific endeavour eg Australian Academy of Science Awards, Australian Museum Eureka Prizes, Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

### **Sport**

Examples of achievements which might establish eligibility for induction into the Sport category of City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are –

- Representation of Australia in international competition in an individual or team sport (for the sport to be acknowledged in the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame, the sport must be represented by a national sporting organisation recognised by the Australian Sports Commission – see <http://www.ausport.gov.au/sportdirectory/ascstatus.asp> )
- Representation of Australia in an international boardgame competition, eg chess
- Participation in a significant sport at the highest level of competition, if it is not played at an international level
- Major contribution to the development of sport of national or international significance through innovation, invention or outstanding commitment

## **Nomination and Induction Process**

- The establishment of the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame saw the induction of the inaugural list of approved nominees. This list was compiled by the Cultural Planning & Development Committee of Cessnock City Council and then submitted to Council for ratification.
- The initial list will be expanded on an annual basis by calling for public submissions which will be formally considered by the Cultural Planning & Development Committee.
- Nominations must propose the induction of an individual or family, and can be made by any person or organisation. Any individual or family meeting the criteria relating to association with the City of Cessnock and the scale of achievement is eligible for nomination. Self-nominations from individuals or families, however, will not be accepted.
- Nominations from members of the public will be required to be submitted on Council's City of Cessnock Hall of Fame Nomination Form.
- Documentary evidence supporting the nomination will also need to be submitted with the Nomination Form. It is the responsibility of the nominator to conduct any necessary research and obtain documentation to substantiate the nomination. The supporting documentation must include supporting statements from authoritative sources, and/or appropriate historical documentation. This documentation will be necessary to assist with the verification of credentials for induction into the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame.

## **Format of recognition**

New inductees will be recognised at an annual induction event.

The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame will be located on the Cessnock City Council website in order to maximise the opportunities to promote the Hall of Fame and its content to the wider community.

A physical dimension of the Hall of Fame will be created with the establishment of "Walks of Fame" in various localities throughout the LGA. The Walks of Fame will incorporate a series of simple commemorative plaques in acknowledgement of those who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The website for Hall of Fame will remain the principle location containing and displaying the detailed information relating to each person in the Hall of Fame.