**Payments to Employees in Addition to Contract or Award**

**Status** Council

**Responsible**

**division** Corporate and Strategy

**Objective** This policy is to set the broad framework for payments to employees in addition to contract or award.

**Statement**

**Recognition of Service – Retirement or Resignation**

Upon retirement or resignation of a staff member, the appropriate Division will organise a City funded morning tea and if the employee has more than 12 months’ service, a gift.

The value of the gift should be calculated at $10 per year of service. The gift must not be in the form of a cash or cheque payment but may include a gift voucher or a direct payment to a retailer.

A gift may not be given if the employee has been recognised for long and continuous employment.

**Recognition of Service – Long and Continuous Employment**

Recognition will be given after the completion of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40 years of continuous service.

At the time of being recognised, an employee must be in active service on their anniversary date (staff on leave of absence will receive recognition upon return to active employment).

Recognition will be given at a City funded morning tea (or similar) organised by the relevant division.

If a staff member is eligible for a gift, then the gift must not be in the form of a cash payment or cheque, but a gift voucher may be given, or a payment made directly to a retailer.

After 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 40 years of continuous service, the staff member will be recognised with a gift, the value of which shall be calculated at the following rates:

* 5 years service - $50
* 10 years service - $100
* 15 years service - $150
* 20 years service - $200 + dinner for two to a maximum of $200.
* 30 years - $300 + dinner for two to a maximum of $200
* 40 years - $400 + dinner for two to a maximum of $200.

**Recognition of Extraordinary Service**

Where it is believed that the service of any retiring or terminating employee has been extraordinary, then a recommendation by the CEO for the payment of a gratuity may be made to Council.

**Payment on Compassionate Grounds**

The CEO is authorised to provide flowers and a card to staff to the value of up to $120 in the follow circumstances:

* Death of an immediate family member; or
* Birth of a child.

**Link to administration protocol**

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**Related documentation**

Nil.

**Related Local Law/legislation**

Section 5.50 of the *Local Government Act 1995*

**Related delegation**

Nil.

**Review History**

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