

## **1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the appointment and role of a City Chaplain.

## **2 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this policy is to make available the services of Chaplain to the Mayor and Aldermen, to the community during periods of community recovery; and to provide representation at civic events by request.

## **3 SCOPE**

The policy applies to the person appointed as City Chaplain, and the role is limited to the functions outlined below under Services to Aldermen, Involvement at Functions, Community Recovery and Other Services.

## **4 POLICY**

### **4.1 Appointment and Term of Appointment**

The Mayor may appoint a City Chaplain of his or her selection at the commencement of the Mayor's term of office.

The appointment of City Chaplain will be for a term expiring at the next local government election. Immediately following elections, the newly elected Mayor may re-appoint the Chaplain or appoint a new City Chaplain.

The Mayor may at his or her discretion, end the term of City Chaplain at any time by advising in writing.

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### **4.2 Services to Aldermen**

The City Chaplain will be available to provide chaplaincy or counsel to the Mayor and Aldermen as requested.

### **4.3 Involvement at Functions**

The City Chaplain may attend civic events including Australia Day, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and Citizenship Ceremonies. The City Chaplain may also be invited to attend any civic functions, receptions or other events at the request of the Mayor.

#### 4.4 Community Recovery

Where appropriate, Council or its nominated Community Recovery Coordinator may request the services of the City Chaplain in incident recovery, subject to the current endorsed Emergency Management Plan and those charged with responsibilities to implement the Plan.

The area of chaplaincy support is to be in the area of psycho-social elements as listed under Community Recovery within the Emergency Management Plan, where in addition local church groups may be asked to provide personal support services to affected people.

#### 4.5 Other Services

From time to time the Mayor may request the chaplaincy services of the City Chaplain to assist in community events. The City Chaplain will also be included in the Prayer Roster to commence monthly Council Meetings.

#### 4.6 Nature of Role

The role of City Chaplain is a voluntary role.

### 5 LEGISLATION

There is no relevant legislation impacting this policy.

### 6 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Emergency Management Plan

Policy Endorsement	
Responsibility:	It is the responsibility of the Mayor to appoint a City Chaplain at the commencement of each mayoral term of office. It is the responsibility of the Governance Unit to maintain this policy.
Minute Reference:	AO088/14
Council Meeting Date:	15 April 2014
Strategic Plan Reference:	Strategy 2.3.5 Assist those who assist the community.
Previous Policies Replaced:	This policy replaces the previous policy <i>C03 Appointment of a City Chaplain</i> version 2 dated 20 March 2007 (Minute 330, 20 March 2007).
Date of Commencement:	16 April 2014
Publication of policy:	Members of the public may inspect this policy at the City Offices where copies can be obtained free of charge. Alternatively it can be accessed on Council's website ( <a href="http://www.burnie.net">www.burnie.net</a> )