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BACKGROUND:

Each year, Council hosts a luncheon on the Friday immediately before the Foundation Day public holiday, in honour of local pioneers of the City of Cockburn.

This event has been conducted in the Cockburn Civic Centre.

Prior to 2001, a person needed to be a continuous resident of the City of Cockburn for 50 years to be eligible to attend the luncheon.

From 2000 onwards, the guest list had grown substantially and it was noted that many guests on the list were second generation residents who had turned 50 and had lived in the district for 50 years, however, were not true pioneers of the district. They were either descendants of those that were or persons whose families had settled in the district after its establishment.

Prior to the 2001 Foundation Day Luncheon, steps were taken to reduce the number of guests reaching eligibility by increasing the number of years that a guest had to be living in the district to 52 years and stipulated that each subsequent year this eligibility would increase by one year (i.e. 2003, required 53 years in the district and so on).

PURPOSE:

To recognise the pioneering families of the district by hosting an annual function for guests who are eligible to attend by meeting the criteria established by this policy.

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POLICY:

- (1) Council will conduct an annual luncheon on the Friday prior to Foundation Day in June each year, to acknowledge current residents of the City of Cockburn who are recognised as Pioneers of the District, in accordance with the criteria established by this policy.
- (2) Each year, the City will place an advertisement in the “Cockburn Herald” and “Cockburn Gazette” newspapers inviting those residents of the City of Cockburn who meet the criteria to nominate themselves for inclusion on the guest list for the luncheon.
- (3) Following the advertised closing date for the receipt of applications, those residents who respond and satisfy the eligibility criteria will be sent an invitation to attend the function.
- (4) Persons who satisfy the following criteria will be eligible to be included on the guest list for the annual function:-
 1. current residents of the District for a period of at least 60 years;
 2. Current elected members and executive staff members of the City of Cockburn.
- (5) The luncheon will be conducted at a suitable venue capable of accommodating the number of persons attending the function each year. Any expenses associated with the hiring of the venue will be charged to the overall cost of the function.