

LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members whose exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time. It should be recognised as the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

Processes and Criteria

Nomination

- a) As per the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club's Constitution, potential Life Members can be nominated by present Life Members and Senior Members. Although the Constitution does not stipulate a nomination be seconded, The Executive Committee recommend that a nomination be seconded by one Life Member or Senior Member.
- b) Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the nominee and should set out the achievements and activities of the nominee and must show that the award criteria, as set out below, is met.
- c) The Executive Committee is informed in writing of the nomination of a potential Life Member, at the first Executive meeting in February of each year.
- d) Although under the Constitution a nomination can be put directly to a General Meeting, the Executive Committee recommend that the following procedure is followed.
- e) Once having received a nomination, a simple majority of a quorum of the Executive Committee is sufficient for the nomination to be pursued. A sub-committee, which may be made up of Executive members and/or long time members, or an individual, may be appointed to further research the nomination and report back to the Executive Committee.
- f) If an existing Executive Committee member is the nominee, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
- g) In the event that the Executive Committee believes that the nominee is worthy of Life Membership, the Executive Committee will present the nomination to the March/April General Meeting for ratification.
- h) In the event that the Executive Committee believes that the nominee is not worthy at this stage of Life Membership, the Executive Committee will inform the nominators and they can decide whether or not to proceed with the nomination in accordance with the Constitution.
- i) The nominated Member may be elected a Life Member of the Club on receiving a majority vote of over 75% in favour of the motion.
- j) The voting at this meeting will be by secret ballot.

Criteria

To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered.

For any of the relevant criteria, the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.

- a) Minimum of 15 years club membership.
- b) Minimum of 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club. These roles may include, but not be restricted to – service on committees, fund raising activities, participation in Class Associations, boat duties, maintenance, scoring, coaching or any activities that promote and benefit the club and/or the sport of sailing.
- c) Regular participation in the running of club regattas and State and National Titles.
- d) Demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club including good sportsmanship.
- e) Other specific achievement may be taken into account.

SPECIAL NOTES

- a) Life Membership is not automatically given to a spouse. A spouse must be nominated in their own right.
- b) All nominations should be treated with the strictest of confidence until such time as being presented for ratification at a General Meeting.