

1. Preamble

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual members who's exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to RAAus over an extended period of time.

Life Membership is recognized by RAAus 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.

2. Nomination

- Any member can be nominated by any current member with the nomination seconded by at least ten other members.
- Nominations should include the nominator's reasons for putting forward the candidate with the support of favourable applications demonstrating minimum service requirements and examples meeting the criteria.
- This should be a written document and signed by the nominating members and passed to the CEO to be tabled at the next meeting of directors.
- Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
- In the event that the nominee is serving as a Director at the time of nomination, that person must be disqualified from any deliberation on the nomination.
- A simple majority of a quorum of Directors is sufficient for the nomination to be pursued. At this time the Board shall appoint an individual or subcommittee to further research the nomination and report back to the Board.
- In the event that the committee believes the nomination is worthy of life membership a simple majority of the full board is required to formalise the nomination.
- Life Membership will be recorded in RAAus' official records.
- The granting of life membership and the recipients service to RAAus should be publicised in RAAus media and any relevant communication tool considered appropriate.

3. Criteria

Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided as guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominees strengths against the various criteria will vary.

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 RAAus and its membership.

- Minimum 15 years continuous membership.
- Minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of RAAus, these roles may include but not be restricted to – service on a committee, active role in an aero club, promotional and marketing role for RAAus or an associated aero club, committee and/or event coordinator roles, committee and/or event support roles.
- Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of RAAus?
- Has the nominee provided valued leadership around RAAus and associated aero clubs and is considered a role model?

4. Objections and Retractions of Honorary Life Membership

In the case of an objection, the objecting member has to provide strong reasons and/or evidence that counteracts the fundamentals of the Life Membership selection criteria. The Board needs to provide and document evidence the final decision was based on.

Retraction of Life Membership may occur where the recipient has conducted him/herself in a manner that reflects directly and adversely on the image or activities of RAAus. This provision will only be exercised in exceptional circumstances. As part of the deliberation the Life Member in question is also to be given an opportunity to present his/her case for retention of his/her status.

A simple majority of the board is required to overturn life membership or dismiss the claim.

There is no appeal process and the majority decision of the board is final.

5. Honorary Life Membership – Benefits

Full membership for life with no fees