



Purpose

Life Membership is the highest honour that Fishcare Victoria can bestow on a current, past or retiring individual. As such, it is awarded in recognition of those who have made an outstanding contribution and in doing so have made an extremely positive impact on our organisation.

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 with others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made for example against the types of achievements of past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.

Granting Life Membership is a balancing exercise. Criteria are provided for guidance, but it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in granting of Life membership. Nominee's strengths against various criteria will vary. Some nominees will be extremely strong in some criteria but weaker against others, others will be more rounded. Life membership is reserved for those whose contributions go beyond the ordinary or even the excellent for an extended period of time, not just a few years.

Policy Document

LIFE MEMBER NOMINATION CRITERIA

The individual must have made an outstanding contribution to Fishcare Victoria and, as a result, has enhanced sustainable fishing State level and advances the cause of the recreational fishing community.

An outstanding contribution to Fishcare Victoria is one which:

- *Occurs over a significant period of time*
- *Results in the organisation and recreational fishing community being substantially, demonstrably and positively changed by that contribution*
- *Required substantial and commendable personal input*
- *Contributes positively to the reputation and standing of the organisation – an ambassador or role model*

Procedure

Nominations together with a history of service for Life Membership shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee may, accept the recommendation, or decline the recommendation, or request further evidence be provided and a new recommendation presented.

Any such proposal for Life Membership shall be placed on the Agenda of the next following Annual General Meeting.

Such nominations to the Annual General Meeting for Life Membership shall set out the full details of the Nominee's service to Fisheries Victoria.

Not more than two (2) nominations shall be placed on the Annual General Meeting Agenda in any one year.

A person whose nomination for Life Membership has been rejected has no right of appeal.

Review

