

# **BY-LAW NO. 9**

**SUBJECT: LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND LIFE GOVERNOR CONFERRAL**

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## **1. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND LIFE GOVERNOR CONFERRAL**

This By-Law sets out the role of the Life Membership Nomination Committee and process for conferral of Life Membership and appointment of Life Governor.

## **2. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Eligibility for granting of Life Membership**

- (a) The Board of Management will present to the Annual General Meeting any Member(s) who have been nominated for Life Membership;
- (b) Member(s) eligible to be granted Life Membership will have displayed exemplary conduct and rendered long and distinguished service to the Club and Surf Life Saving and have demonstrated such service in an active and/or administrative capacity for a minimum period of fifteen (15) non-consecutive years;
- (c) Distinguished service is defined as service to the Club and Life Saving that is notable and outstanding in nature and will include meritorious service at Club level and may include service at Branch, State or Australian level, and service beyond that expected of a typical Long Service Club Member;
- (d) The member nominated to be granted Life Membership will have provided significant valued leadership and role modelling that reflects the virtuous reputation of the Club;
- (e) A member under consideration for Life Membership will have no debt with the Club, or any other affiliated Club, Branch, State or Australian associations.

### **2.2 Nominating a Member for Life Membership**

Nominations for Life Membership shall be conducted each year in the following way:

- (a) Nominations for Life Membership shall be initially considered each year by a Life Member Nomination Committee of at least three (3) members appointed for the purpose by the Board of Management. The Life Member Nomination Committee shall consist of at least one
  - (1) Life Governor and two (2) Life Members;
- (b) The Life Member Research Advisor shall be appointed by the Board of Management and shall be an appointed Life Member and a member of the Life Member Nomination Committee;

(c) The Life Member Nomination Committee shall formulate a list of candidates eligible for election as a Life Member in accordance with the criteria set out in Rule 11.2(d)(iii) and review of the Club Membership database;

(d) The Life Member Nomination Committee shall present a list of eligible nominees for discussion at a meeting of Life Members convened no less than six (6) weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The Life Member Nomination Committee may propose its own recommendations i.e., a "short list" for discussion by the Life Members;

(e) A ballot must be conducted in relation to each nominee recommended to the meeting of Life Members by the Life Member Nomination Committee, after each recommendation has been fully discussed;

(f) The meeting of Life Members may require the Life Member Nomination Committee to consider other candidates for Life Membership not recommended by the Life Member Nomination Committee or to delete a recommendation from the Committee, before the Life Member Nomination Committee makes its final submission of recommendations to the Board of Management;

(g) The Life Member Nomination Committee may, in its complete discretion, accept or reject any request of the meeting of Life Members;

(h) The Life Member Nomination Committee shall submit the recommendations, if any, that arise from (e) and (f) to the Board of Administration and Membership for final presentation to the Board of Management.

### **2.3 Recommendations to the Board of Management and Club Council**

(a) Final recommendations, if any, shall be made by the Board of Management at a meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting;

(b) The Board of Management must take into account the recommendations arising from 2.2 (e) and 2.2 (f) and must formulate its own final agreement on nominees to be presented to the Annual General Meeting;

(c) The Board of Management must present nominee(s) for Life Membership to the Club Council at the Annual General Meeting.

### **2.4 Rights and Privileges of Life Membership**

(a) A Life Member shall receive a Life Membership Badge and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Club for life without payment of any subscription;

(b) One (1) Life Member will be entitled to be elected as the "Life Member Representative" on each of the Boards, except the Board of Management;

(c) A Life Member is otherwise entitled to be present, to debate and to vote at General, Special General and Annual General Meetings of the Club;

(d) A Life Member shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Club; however, is not entitled to a vote unless he/she is an elected Officer of the relevant Board or Committee.

### **3. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF LIFE GOVERNOR**

#### **3.1 Appointment of Life Governor**

- (a) Up to two (2) Life Governors shall be appointed by the Club Council at any one time;
- (b) A Life Governor shall only be appointed from among the duly elected Life Members of the Club.

#### **3.2 Qualifications of Life Governor**

- (a) To be eligible for appointment as Life Governor a member shall:
  - (i) be a Senior Life Member;
  - (i) have developed extensive business, surf lifesaving and/or community links on behalf of Maroochydore SLSC;
  - (ii) be prepared to represent Maroochydore SLSC in special capacities as required by the Club; and
- (b) In all other respects, a Life Governor has the same Rights and Privileges as Life Members.

#### **3.2 Duties and Functions of Life Governor**

- (a) To mentor and support the elected Officers of the Club;
- (b) To give advice to Officers of the Club, through the President, and where the Life Governor considers the advice to be in the best interests of the Club and its Members;
- (c) To consider and provide advice to the Board of Management annually on the list of Honorary Vice-Presidents in accordance with Rule 11.2(d)(ii) of the Constitution;
- (d) To be available to serve annually on the Life Member Nomination Committee in accordance with Clause 2.2(a) of this By-Law.

#### **3.3 Selection of Life Governor**

- (a) Selection of a new or extra Life Governor, for recommendation to the Club Council for appointment, shall be made by the Life Members, in the following way:
  - (i) The Life Member Nomination Committee will compile a list of suitable candidates in consultation with the President;
  - (ii) Life Members shall be advised in writing of the requirement to select a replacement or new Life Governor for recommendation to the Club Council for appointment;
  - (iii) Selection shall be by confidential postal ballot amongst Life Members. Each Life Member shall cast their vote on the prescribed ballot paper by numbering each square with their preference;
  - (iv) The scrutineers for the selection process will be the non-retiring Life Governor and the President of the day.

- (b) The Life Member who receives the highest number of votes by the specified due date will be asked confidentially by the scrutineers if he/she wishes to accept the nomination of the Life Members to be a Club Life Governor;
- (c) Should the candidate decline, the Life Member with the next highest number of votes shall be deemed selected and shall be approached in a like manner;
- (d) The Ballot papers shall immediately be destroyed by the scrutineers, upon the scrutineer reporting to the Club Council the recommendation of the Life Members;
- (e) The ballot count shall not be revealed by the scrutineers;
- (f) The Life Governor nomination shall be presented to the Club Council for endorsement.

### **3.4 Retirement as Life Governor**

- (a) A Life Governor must retire at age 80 years of age;
- (b) A Life Governor shall advise the President of their intention to retire in writing;
- (c) Upon acceptance of the retirement of the Life Governor, Maroochydore SLSC will acknowledge their status as Life Governor (Retired).

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### **HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

26 May 2019: Draft discussed at Special General Meeting

Motion: AGM will not vote on Life Membership.

30 November 2019: Draft for consideration by Club Council at Special General Meeting

Endorsed with the amendment to 3.4(a)