

## **Life Membership By-Law**

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### **1.1 Criteria for Life Members**

(a) i) The Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished voluntary service to the Association and lifesaving, where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of the Association and lifesaving in Wye River and/or Separation Creek be appointed as a Life Member.

ii) For service to be considered as distinguished, it must be both sustained (15 years minimum) and a positive contribution.

(b) A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer Life Membership will be required on the recommendation of the Board. This must be a Special Resolution.

(c) The Board will delegate the responsibility of evaluating nominations for Life Membership to the Life Membership Committee, comprising:

- Current President (Chair)
- Vice President (Deputy Chair)
- Immediate Past President or their nominee
- Club Captain
- A current senior club Patrol Captain elected at the previous AGM
- A Life Member elected to this committee at the previous AGM

This year, and only this year, the Board will appoint a senior club Patrol Captain and a Life Member to fill the fifth and sixth positions on the Life Membership Committee as none were elected at the previous AGM.

For this committee's decision of the nomination to be accepted by the Board, there must be a majority in favour of the nomination as having been successful according to the criteria. There should be a quorum of at least 5 at the Life Member Committee meeting, with the Chairperson holding a casting vote.

### **1.2 Nominations for Life Membership**

(a) Nominations shall be called for Life Membership no later than the last day of January in each year. All nominations must be received by the Wye River SLSC President by 5.00pm on the day of:

- i) 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current season; or
- ii) if the 31<sup>st</sup> January is not a business day, the last business day prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January

(b) Notices calling for nominations shall be published to the members of Wye River SLSC by club publications and posted on the club website by 12th December in each season.

(c) Nominations for Life Membership must be in writing and on the nomination form prescribed by the club Life Members Committee. The nomination forms and criteria can be found on the Club website. The proposer and seconder must both be financial members of the Wye River Surf Lifesaving Club.

(d) Nominations must address the criteria in **By-Law 1.1 (a)** in sufficient detail to support the nomination.

(e) Unsuccessful or incomplete nominations may be resubmitted for consideration in a subsequent year but will not automatically be carried forward.

### **1.3 Consideration for Life Membership**

(a) Upon establishment, the Life Members Committee will review all nominations to ensure that:

- i) the information supplied in the nominations is factually correct;  
and
- ii) the criteria for Life Membership in **By-Law 1.1 (a)** is satisfied.

(b) The Life Members Committee will assess all applications objectively and fairly.

(c) If a nomination satisfies the conditions of **By-Law 1.3 (a)**, the Life Members Committee will forward a recommendation for Life Membership to the Board.

(d) The Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting to accept a resolution to confer Life Membership on the nominated person.

(e) Those persons elected as Life Members by the Annual General Meeting shall be presented with a Life Membership Medallion by the President at an appropriate function befitting the honour.